



Auxiliary Notes

► by Nancy Jo Sullivan, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Louisville activities set the stage for 2003

"Without enthusiasm there is no progress in the world."

— Woodrow Wilson

New beginnings

I love January and the enthusiasm it brings for the new year. We're planning and preparing to help build that enthusiasm. So, while you are planning, please mark your calendars for these upcoming events in 2003:

- The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is in Denver, Colo., in January. The American Angus Auxiliary will host a joint meeting with the American Hereford Women and the National Organization of Poll-ettes at the Renaissance Hotel at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16. Please RSVP to Joyce Mumphrey, chairman of the National Organization of Poll-ettes, at jmumphrey@yahoo.com, or call her at (318) 386-7578.
- Anita Becky is coordinating the Come-and-Go Angus Gathering Breakfast Buffet, which will be Friday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 8 a.m. in the National Western Club located in the Hall of Education. Watch for the flyers and footsteps leading you to the buffet.
- The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will be in Louisville, Ky., in July.

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We can always use help with Ways and Means. We will have our midyear meeting at the NJAS. It will also mark the 20th anniversary of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. Details will follow in upcoming *Angus Journal* columns.

- The American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville in November.
- The 52nd Annual Breakfast is a must to put on your calendar for November during the 2003 NAILE in Louisville. More details will follow in late summer.

Louisville recap

If you weren't in Louisville this year, here are some of the things you missed.

Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas, was crowned Miss American Angus.

Koupal Angus donated a "Tribute to the Youth" painting, which was auctioned off at the Angus Reception Sunday evening. The original acrylic framed art featuring the late Richard Spader and Pat Grote was purchased by a group of Angus enthusiasts. Proceeds are being split among the Spader and Grote memorials and the Auxiliary scholarship program. The print will be displayed at the American Angus Association.

The American Angus Auxiliary celebrated 50 years of service to the Angus industry Saturday with great hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). The program included a flashback of the past 50 years. Betty Votaw modeled an outfit from the 50s and amazed us that it fit beautifully. Ardyce O'Neill recapped some of the highlights in American history since the formation of the American Angus Auxiliary. Linda Brost gave us updates on past trends, including music, and Cheryl Oxley gave us the American Angus Association updates. For many of us it was like walking down memory lane. Thanks, gals.

The Annual Breakfast was hosted by the

Texas Angus Association, the Texas Angus Auxiliary, the Texas Junior Angus Association and the Angus breeders of Texas. The room was filled with yellow roses, beautiful vases and great jars for table favors. We were entertained with wonderful music by Margaret Brost.

The American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting is where we elect our new officers and hear committee reports. In November, the membership approved the Advisory on Trust guidelines so we can move forward with contributing our scholarship funds to the Angus Foundation in 2003.

Join our team

I hope you will become more involved with the Auxiliary in 2003. I have highlighted just a few of the ways to do so.

If you aren't a member yet, please join by filling out the membership form on the Web site or contacting our membership chairwoman, Mary McCurry, at (620) 463-7752. Membership dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a lifetime membership.

As of Nov. 1, 2003, our Auxiliary year-end dues will change to \$10 for active members and \$25 for nonactive members. Nonactive members are those who wish to support the Auxiliary financially, but are too busy to contribute their time now. Lifetime membership dues will increase to \$200. This year may be the time to get your lifetime membership if you haven't already.

On behalf of the entire American Angus Auxiliary, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the generous support we receive from the American Angus Association, the *Angus Journal* and from CAB.

Our organization will be progressive and productive in 2003, and we will grow our membership, grow our scholarship fund and stay a viable and visible element of the Angus family.

Happy New Year, and thank you for all you do to support this great breed, industry and the greatest youth in America.

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Celebrating 50 Years



► The 2003 officer team, elected at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting, includes (seated) President Nancy Jo Sullivan, Marietta, Ohio; (standing, from left) Advisor Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C.; Secretary-Treasurer Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Ark.; and Vice President Amy Iman Bellis, Orrick, Mo.



► Past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary gathered for a photo after the Annual Breakfast.



► Above: At the Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary Reception, members (from left) Yvonne Hinman, Mary McCurry, Bette Votaw and Nancy Jo Sullivan model clothing styles of the decades.



► Christy Page (left) and 2002 Miss American Angus Cortney Hill-Dukehart browse through Auxiliary scrapbooks that were on display during the 50th Anniversary Reception.



► Left: Five young ladies competed for the title of Miss American Angus. From left, candidates Kristi Wilson, Orleans, Ind.; Alicia Kramer, Farina, Ill.; Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas; Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; and Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo., are shown with 2002 Miss American Angus Cortney Hill-Dukehart.

Remembering Pat Grote

Less than a year ago Pat Grote became the president of the American Angus Auxiliary, and I and so many others in the Auxiliary and Angus family were excited about the coming year. Although Pat was only president for three months, she made an impact on the American Angus Auxiliary and on many others.

As you know, Pat had great plans for her year as president of the Auxiliary. She wanted the Auxiliary to make more money, involve more members and be more fun. She was on track! Trying to follow in her footsteps has been very hard. No one will ever replace her.

One of the many qualities I admired and loved about her was how good she made me feel. No matter what time I called or how silly the question, Pat always had time for me and answered with a smile and enthusiasm. She made everyone feel good about themselves! That goodness, the wonderful smile and "great salesmanship" are just some of the benchmarks she has set for the American Angus Auxiliary for the next 50 years.

When we lost Pat in February, the American Angus Auxiliary held tight. Because Pat had put her committees together with much forethought, the Auxiliary was able to continue in the direction she had set. The Executive Committee and I want to thank all the committees for holding the course and taking care of business. I wish I had room to mention everyone who pitched in and helped the American Angus Auxiliary finish out this year in a great fashion.

Auxiliary Going Nuts is the new logo name for the sugarcoated nuts that are being prepared and sold by the Auxiliary membership. The Grote family donated Pat's nut sugarcoating machine to the Auxiliary for the purpose of perpetuating the growth of the Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship fund that has been established in her memory. This fund will promote the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

The debut of the sugarcoating machine was made at the National Angus Junior Show (NJAS) in Milwaukee. Sales from the pecans, cashews and almonds netted more than \$1,200 for the Pat Grote Memorial Fund. The memorial needs to be thought out and truly made a celebration and tribute to Pat. A task force of four — along with Glen and Will Grote, and Shannon Grote Worrell — will meet in Louisville and plans to announce details of the memorial in 2003.



— Nancy Jo Sullivan

► The "Tribute to the Youth" was purchased by a group of Angus enthusiasts. Douglas Dalton (far left) spoke on behalf of the group who purchased the artwork. Proceeds will be split among the Spader and Grote memorial funds and the Auxiliary scholarship program. The original painting will be displayed at the American Angus Association. Dalton announced that arrangements had been made to present prints of the artwork to the families of Richard Spader and Pat Grote, represented at the reception by (continuing front row, from left) Betty Boegner (Pat's mother), Sheri Spader, Shannon Grote Worrell and Glen Grote. In back are Linda Brost and Jerry Lehmann, auctioneer.



► This year's Annual Breakfast was hosted by the Texas group. The room was filled with yellow roses, beautiful vases and great jars for table favors.



► Martha Holshouser, Gold Hill, N.C., makes a batch of sugarcoated nuts. Sales from the sugarcoated pecans, cashews and almonds in the Holiday Room at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville totaled more than \$800 for the Pat Grote Memorial Fund.



► Angus enthusiasts bid on silent auction items in the Holiday Room at the Executive West Hotel. \$1,492 was raised to support the Auxiliary's junior awards.



► Brian Howell NJAA communications director, and Cortney Hill-Dukehart, 2002 Miss American Angus, stand by the "Tribute to the Youth" original acrylic framed art featuring the late Richard Spader and Pat Grote. The artwork is the creation of Joe Flannery, Mankato, Minn. It was donated by Koupal Angus to be auctioned at the Annual Reception Sunday evening.



► At the backdrop, 2002 Miss American Angus Cortney Hill-Dukehart (right) pins the 2003 Miss American Angus Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas.

