

# Auxiliary Action

by Mary McCurry, president, American Angus Auxiliary



## Louisville bound!

The American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Executive Inn West during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Many of you are now trying to decide whether you can go or are already planning your trip. We hope you will include the Auxiliary functions on your itinerary. If you've never been a part of the Auxiliary, we urge you to attend and to "check us out." This is an awesome, professional, energetic group that focuses on supporting the activities of our junior members and promoting Angus cattle. We can do that only with members who are willing to serve.

This year's new format features a fabulous morning brunch starting at 10 a.m. It's open to women and men. You will have the opportunity to meet the 2000 Miss American Angus candidates; see some outstanding entertainment, including a winning cook-off team from the 1999 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa; win one-of-a-kind door prizes; and take home a custom-designed piece of Angus jewelry. Only by attending will you get all this! Reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$10/person.

Hospitality/Program Chairwoman Sandra McCurry has put together an outstanding program. You'll want to be there. Contact her at (316) 667-2418 or fax (316) 667-2274 for reservations.

## Miss American Angus

Plans for the 2000 Miss American Angus competition are well underway. We have an outstanding group of candidates for the contest this year. The girls competing for the Miss American Angus title are the top five girls' American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winners.

I hope you will take the time to meet

these young ladies at the NAILE in November.

Ann Bell and Christy (Bell) Page will be entering their second year of chairing this program. They put a tremendous amount of effort into making this a top-notch contest that is meaningful to the participants and that results in the selection of our breed's ambassador for the following year. Christy is a former Miss American Angus and brings with her much knowledge of the role.

I would like to send my best wishes and good luck to all the contestants. They are Jessica Sawyer, Nebraska; Whitney Trospen, Missouri; Laura Kay Hooper, Idaho; Rebecca Penner, Oklahoma; and Emily Hartzell, Wisconsin.

## Auxiliary accomplishments for '99

As our year comes to a conclusion, I want to take this moment to thank my committee chairwomen and officer team for a wonderful year that has resulted in many accomplishments for the Auxiliary. Some of those highlights include:

- 50th Anniversary print being developed by famous Angus artist Frank Murphy;
- Auxiliary Web site developed and online (Thanks, Scott Johnson!);
- New Ways & Means Chairwoman Marjorie Perkins, Smiley, Texas (a NEW Auxiliary member who jumped right in and wanted to offer her resources);
- New Janet Castle Crystal Award presented to high-point boy and girl in educational competitions at the 1999 NJAS;
- Review of 503(c)(5) status with attorneys, which will remain the same;
- Review of finances and investment opportunities;
- Scholarship application put online; and
- Achievement Award application put online (NEW!!!).

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

### "Everyday Survival Kit"

**Toothpick** — to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.

*Matthew 7:1*

**Rubber band** — to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. *Romans 8:28*

**Bandage** — to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. *Colossians 3:12-14*

**Pencil** — to remind you to list your blessings every day. *Ephesians 1:3*

**Eraser** — to remind you that everyone makes mistakes — and it's OK. *Genesis 50:15-21*

**Chewing gum** — to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything. *Philippians 4:13*

**Mint** — to remind you that you are worth a mint to your heavenly Father. *John 3:16-17*

**Candy kiss** — to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day. *1 John 4:7*

**Tea bag** — to remind you to relax daily and to review that list of God's blessings.

Plans for discussion in Louisville will be focused on:

- Long-range planning (year 2000);
- Financial- and investment-planning opportunities and recommendations;
- Membership recruitment and reaching new Angus families;
- Improved communication; and
- Committee work.

As always, your input is welcome.

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