

Auxiliary Action

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It's been a productive year thanks to officers, volunteers

What an exciting year 2000 has been for the Auxiliary as we continue to grow and to advance. We have such a progressive team of officers and chairwomen willing to give countless hours of their time, talent and energy to the improvement of our organization.

It is rewarding to work with a group of ladies who have the foresight to better our organization and to follow things through until ideas become realities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who has generously worked for the Auxiliary this year. We are off to a wonderful start in the new millennium, and I know that with dedicated people such as you, we can only improve with each year.

Membership aids

Vicki Meiburg from Michigan has organized and computerized our membership list, and for the first time, we will have a published list that includes all Auxiliary membership and leadership information. The listing will be printed in a booklet we will have available at the November meeting in Louisville, Ky.

In the February issue, the *Angus Journal* will publish the *2001 Auxiliary Yearbook*, which will list all committee members, state scholarship contacts and presidents, and the minutes from our Annual Meeting. The yearbook will be an insert, so you can remove it from your February issue for use throughout the year.

These two booklets should provide every member with contact and committee information for 2001. If you need a copy of either publication, please request them when you pay your dues. They will be mailed at no charge.

Publications assist Auxiliary

During the year the *Angus Journal* staff works with our organization to provide for our printing needs, and they publish our monthly column at no charge. For these services we are sincerely appreciative.

There are two other publications that provide us with excellent coverage and that publish our monthly column. A heartfelt thank-you to Price Harrison, *Angus News*, and Ernie Bingman, *Angus Topics*, for their continued support of the Auxiliary. Price and Ernie are great people with whom to work and are always at our events with their cameras and notepads. Thanks, gentlemen!

Forming an auxiliary?

Our Extension Committee will be sending packets to any group interested in receiving assistance in organizing a new auxiliary or in need of help establishing bylaws or guidelines. Contact Annie Viator at (337) 276-7451 or Claudia Dilbeck at (918) 733-4958 if you would like to have information mailed to you.

Committees

Committees are almost finalized, but if you would like to serve in some capacity in the upcoming year, please contact Jane Ebert or me as soon as possible. Please remember that if you need assistance and do not know whom to call, you can visit the Auxiliary section of the Association Web site (www.angus.org). You will find names and addresses for Auxiliary officers listed there.

Shop at home

While at the Association home page, check out the Ways and Means gift list and do some of your Christmas shopping. Marjorie Perkins has made shopping easy —

you can select gifts, pay with a major credit card, and have your gifts shipped directly to you or to someone on your Christmas list.

Marjorie is stocking a wide variety of items embellished with Angus, including the Montana Silversmith collection. The Frank Murphy prints featuring a collage of 50 years of Auxiliary service are also available from our gift list. Each print is signed by Murphy and would make a memorable gift. You may purchase a particular number if it is still available. Call Marjorie for this information.

Shop online with our Auxiliary to support our scholarship program for junior Angus members. What better justification for a shopping spree could there be?

Another thought

We all probably are guilty of complaining about our government, particularly in an election year, but occasionally we need to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we can live and work as we choose.

We take for granted many things that some people would consider riches. We regard our homes and abundant food source as everyday basics, yet many in the world do not share these blessings. At this time of thanksgiving, let us concentrate on what we have and not on what we want. When we are counting our blessings, remember that sometimes the simplest blessings we forget to count are the ones that count the most.

I wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving Day shared with one of the greatest blessings — the people you love.

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