



Auxiliary Notes

► by **Jane Ebert**, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Twelve-course delight

This year as president of the American Angus Auxiliary I have been provided a 12-course meal. Each month was one of those dinner courses. Now we are about to enjoy the 12th course, dessert.

In my childhood, I was blessed to have a wonderful, Christian family that worked hard, tilled the soil and always had yummy food. I grew up knowing that Mama always saved the best (dessert) 'til last. This month brings me to the last of my visits with you via the Angus Journal. And I have saved the best 'til last. Whet your appetite and enjoy!

The recipe

My dessert recipe is called *gratitude*, which represents the Auxiliary and its structure. When I received the recipe in November 2000, gratitude was described as being composed of many ingredients: the Auxiliary members.

Surveying the membership, I found ladies who represented all walks of life, but the common thread among them was Angus cattle. This united group strives to meet the goals and objectives of the Auxiliary.

The recipe further indicated that 19 key ingredients, comprising leadership, would be needed to provide success in the organization's overall plan of action. These ingredients would provide flavor, with each blended together in measurable proportions.

Let's measure the 19 ingredients.

Add standing committees

1. The Awards Committee was active all year long as it planned activities for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Renee Driscoll served as overall chairwoman of the Awards Committee and chairwoman of the Achievement awards. Cathy Watkins chaired the Crystal Award and Sherri Grappe provided the Silver Pitcher leadership.

2. The Beef Education Committee, chaired by Anne Patton Schubert, is probably the most aromatic of the committees. Participants prepared and presented their award-winning, Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off dishes at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

3 & 4. Remember the old gospel song, "Where Could I Go...?" Linda Brost provided a 24-hour emergency service

network to the Auxiliary in both capacities as chairwoman of the Finance Committee and the Legislative & By-laws Committee.

5. A very talented lady, Lois Foster, designed and compiled the yearly scrapbook and chaired the Historian Committee.

6. Vicki Meiburg fine-tuned the Membership Committee by compiling membership, committee and leadership information on a computer database program that will provide instant organizational access.

7. An ingredient that can't be overlooked is the Nominating Committee. It supplies leadership renewal, and Yvonne Hinman sprinkled in the committee touch.

8. The Program & Hospitality Committee will share the spotlight at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., as Sandra McCurry chairs the Auxiliary events and activities.

9. As far west as I am east, Kelli Toledo sprinkled her seasonings in our recipe as she served as the Public Relations Committee chairwoman. The leadership conference, "Excellence, No Exception," depicted her tasteful touch.

10. Pat Grote skillfully added the stabilizer to this recipe on the Scholarship committee when 10 junior Angus members received college scholarships.

11. The combination of all the ingredients in this recipe depends on a bonding ingredient, the Ways and Means Committee, as it supports the financing of the Auxiliary. The chairwoman who skillfully gave leadership was Marjorie Perkins.

12. The Liaison and Yearbook committees were both chaired by Jane Ebert.

Add ad hoc committees

13. The advisory on trust committee provided focus on a proposed by-law change and guideline revisions under the leadership of Nellie Meinders and Susan Quam.

14. The audit 2001 committee welcomed a new chairwoman, Jackie Witte, to assist in financial accountability.

15. Annie Viator gave direction to the Auxiliary extension committee. The committee's outreach efforts founded a new auxiliary at the Atlantic National.

16. Ann Bell and Christy Page chaired the ingredient Miss American Angus, and guidelines were revised for the Miss American Angus program.

17. This year we added a new committee, computer technicians. Anne Lampe kept her committee busy with "to dos" for the Executive Committee and committees that needed assistance.

18. The distinguished woman committee, chaired by Jane Ebert, functioned this year as a secret ingredient that has been selected and

2001 AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY OFFICERS



► Officers of the 2001 American Angus Auxiliary are (seated) Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C., president; (standing, from left) Nancy Jo Sullivan, Marietta, Ohio, secretary-treasurer; Pat Grote, Bennington, Okla., vice president; and Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont., advisor.

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will be announced at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting.

19. This recipe has historical significance, as Linda Brost and Sandra McCurry researched the past 50 years of the Auxiliary and will be sharing the 50th Anniversary happenings for the next two years.

Blend

With the 19 measurements assembled, the recipe for gratitude requires one-step mixing. Your Executive Committee — president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer and advisor — represent the mixing team. This team worked together to make sure that all ingredients were blended to yield a flavorful and attractive finished product. The quality-control technician on the mixing team was advisor Yvonne Hinman. Yvonne skillfully advised the team on standards and procedures.

Serves a multitude

Whet your appetites! In a few short days, we'll be dishing out this gratitude at the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary. In order to sample, you will need a ticket to the Auxiliary Brunch, Sunday, Nov. 11. **Tickets need to be purchased before you arrive in Louisville.** Contact Sandra McCurry at (620) 667-2418 for reservations.

I have enjoyed each food course for the past 11 months, and treating myself to the dessert this month is a dream come true in serving as your president.

A new mixing team

Looking forward to 2002, a capable team of officers and committee chairwomen will

American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Louisville, Ky. (*tentative schedule*)

Saturday, Nov. 10

3-5 p.m. Executive Board meeting,
Executive West Edinborough Room

Sunday, Nov. 11

8:30-8:50 a.m. Brunch Registration,
Executive West Queen & Scotts Room

9-10:30 a.m. Brunch

11 a.m.-noon Annual Meeting,
*Executive West Edinborough &
Aberdeen Rooms*

2-4 p.m. 50th Anniversary Tea and
Reception, *Executive West Queen &
Scotts Room*

6 p.m. Live and silent auction special
feature: Items to be announced.

Monday, Nov. 12

morning Miss American Angus
crowning — *livestock arena*

provide a new dining experience. Pat Grote, serving as president, will add pizzazz and untiring energy to the Auxiliary. She walks and talks the Angus industry and you can be assured of her commitment.

President-elect Nancy Sullivan brings a visionary, gracious leadership style that is contagious and accountable. This year, she demonstrated her leadership and programming abilities serving as facilitator for the "Excellence, No Exception" conference.

Joining the Executive Committee will be a new officer, the secretary-treasurer, who will be nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting. The committee chairwomen will also be announced at the Annual Meeting.

I extend my gratitude to all who have served and supported the Auxiliary. I smell the aroma of a fresh pumpkin pie and cup of hot tea. It's time to relax, view the setting sun, and share an evening with my family, Bill and Betsie. The harvest has been bountiful. Godspeed!



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