## **AUXILIARY NOTES**

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## Thank YOU!

This issue brings a year of challenges and accomplishments to a close. What better timing than a theme recognizing "Angus Partners" to say thank you.

## Our members

The Auxiliary offers our growing membership a partnership that opens doors of opportunities to grow. We offer 21 committees to join and become an active advocate. These committees are the very core of your Angus Auxiliary. Nothing is stronger than the heart of a volunteer. Thank you Auxiliary membership.

## Our association

Through transparent, precise and respectful communication with Angus Media, we identified a mutual understanding of each other's roles. Continuous web updates, this column and advertising have kept our audience up to date. Thank you Angus Media.

Ever heard the warning about not messing with a mama bear? That same humorous but steadfast warning helped the Angus Foundation and the Auxiliary identify terms of financial investment and management and are now documented for the years that follow. We are in good hands and our mutual understanding is concrete. Thank you Angus Foundation.

We have many partners, including the CEO and Board of Directors who are willing to listen and understand our history. The Events and Education department are the ying to our yang. They have an immeasurable willingness to orchestrate our meetings, contests, awards and annual breakfast just to list a few. And the Finance department, who keep a watchful eye over our endowments. Thank you American Angus Association.

Certified Angus Beef ® (CAB®) continues to be our annual partner by supporting the All-American Certified Angus Beef ® Cookoff at the National Junior Angus Show. Our CAB® partner also sends the new secretary/treasurer to Building Blocks and our president to the CAB® Annual Conference. Their level of vision and expertise is unmatched. Thank you Certified Angus Beef ®.

Lastly, thanks to all of you for electing me to lead the American Angus Auxiliary this year. In my effort to bring clarity and continue tradition, General Colin Powell said it best — "Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand."

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ. "From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another." John 1:16

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