

Auxiliary Action

by Yvonne Hinman, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Wishes for a joyous holiday season

The torch is passed. Congratulations to our new president, Jane Ebert, and president-elect, Pat Grote. These progressive, professional women will lead our organization to new heights. The American Angus Auxiliary could not be in better hands.

This past year I've tried to encourage communication among all Auxiliary members. Pulling together, exchanging ideas and working as a team strengthens our programs and energizes our minds. My sincere thanks to the chairwomen and committee members who worked to bring about the accomplishments of the past year.

Louisville

Congratulations to Nancy Jo Sullivan, who was elected our new secretary-treasurer. Nancy is from Pella, Iowa, but she is in the process of moving to Cartersville, Ga., where her husband, Steve, recently accepted a position. She is a consultant with the Dale Carnegie courses. The Sullivans' cattle involvement began in their 4-H years, and Steve's family has raised Angus for three generations. Welcome aboard, Nancy.

Everyone who attended the Auxiliary breakfast in Louisville was treated to a memorable program honoring Dean Hurlbut. Thanks to Sandra McCurry and the Program Committee for orchestrating the surprise parade of beauty queens and to all those brave cowboys who volunteered to walk the runway. I have a feeling that, after the past two years, the Auxiliary breakfast will be a "must attend" event at Louisville.

The Annual Meeting book that was available at the breakfast is intended as a reference for Auxiliary members. Thanks to Kelli Toledo, our publicity chairwoman; Cheryl Oxley, Angus Productions Inc. (API) advertising/production manager; and

members of the API staff, including Monica Ford and Jacque McGinness, for a wonderful publication.

The membership list that Vickie Meiburg compiled this year is included in the book. If we have missed someone, please notify Vickie or an officer. If you were not at Louisville, you may request a book when you pay your dues of \$10/year or \$100 for a life membership.

Sharon Sommers is retiring as membership chairwoman. She has been a longtime supporter of the Auxiliary and of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). She and her family were featured in Christy (Bell) Page's article in the September *Angus Journal*. Our sincere thanks to Sharon for her years of dedication.

Shop the Auxiliary online

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for someone? Browse the Auxiliary section of the American Angus Association Web site (www.angus.org). The Auxiliary gift catalog includes pictures. You may purchase online or call Marjorie Perkins at (830) 236-5897 to place your order. Your gift can be shipped directly to the recipient.

Denver

The fall-winter calendar at our house reads: Louisville, holidays, Denver, calving. The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) isn't far away. Be sure to mark Friday, Jan. 12, 7 a.m. on your calendar for the Denver Angus Breakfast. Anita Becky and her family do a superb job of organizing that event. Each year more Angus enthusiasts join us before the bull show.

The Association has asked for our assistance at the Angus booth in Denver from Wednesday, Jan. 10, to Saturday, Jan. 13.

The work is scheduled in two-hour increments beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me.

Scholarship applications available soon

Scholarship applications and information should be available in January. We have revised the applications and instructions and feel the new version is easy to understand. Applications may be obtained from your state scholarship chairwoman or downloaded from the Auxiliary section of the Association Web site.

Scholarship forms are no longer available on floppy disk. Students must return their applications to individual state associations. Each state association may submit applications from one male and one female to the national level.

The Auxiliary will present scholarships to five ladies and five gentlemen graduating from high school in spring 2001. The five young ladies will be invited to participate in the Miss American Angus 2002 contest. We encourage high-school seniors to check with their state scholarship committee for state deadlines. Please contact Pat Grote, national scholarship chairwoman, if you have any questions regarding the scholarships.

A great year

As I finish my term as president, I am reminded of four small silver boxes my sister gave me a year ago. She said they represent the honor, work, friendship and fun this office would bring. She was right — it has been all of that and more.

My heartfelt thanks to Angus friends, both old and new, adult and junior, for the generous support and friendship shown to me these past three years.

I leave you with one of my favorite verses, Numbers 6:24-26: "May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."

Until we meet again ...



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