

# Auxiliary Action

by Mary McCurry, president, American Angus Auxiliary



## Louisville recap

Talent the caliber of winning an Academy Award, customized Angus jewelry (a free gift!), a fabulous brunch, the motivating winning national junior speech, one-of-a-kind door prizes and lots of fellowship. Put that all together in a room full of Angus enthusiasts and you have the makings of a successful 48th Annual Meeting and Brunch in Louisville, Ky. It was truly a memorable experience for all those in attendance.

A special thanks goes to Program/Hospitality Chairwoman Sandra McCurry who organized and coordinated the affair with her committees. Also, the Kansas Angus Auxiliary brunch committee of Shelly Janssen, Anne Lampe, Sandra McCurry, Phyllis Hager and Sharee Sankey are to be thanked for the gorgeous "Kansas" theme and, more importantly, for giving to each person in attendance a piece of sterling silver customized Angus jewelry (pin/necklace). Look for them in all the right places! They made the conclusion of my year as president of the Auxiliary very memorable. The centerpieces were donated by more than 20 ranches in Kansas on our behalf. Thank you!

### ■ Committees for 2000 forming now!

Webster defines *volunteer* as:

1. A person who performs or gives his services of his own free will.
2. A person who renders aid, performs a service, or assumes an obligation voluntarily.
3. To give or offer to give of one's own initiative.

Without volunteers, our organization cannot perform our services nor work to support the various junior programs. With this in mind, President-Elect Yvonne Hinman is working to finalize committee assignments for 2000.

We realize time is a precious commodity these days, but I assure you that working with this organization is indeed a pleasure. These committees do not demand extraordinary amounts of time and are typically focused on single events. As you are aware, you usually get out of an

organization what you put into it.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact:

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These committees need to be **finalized by Dec. 20** to be published in the February 2000 *Angus Journal* with the Auxiliary's Annual Report.

### ■ Welcome aboard, new members

Membership Chairwoman Sharon Sommers of Indiana shares with us new annual Auxiliary members:

**From Washington:** Mary Kay Vejraska.

**From Texas:** Minnie Lou Bradley, Kathy Grote, Toni Bruner, Pat Grote, Paula Carpenter, Sheena Grote, Geri Clark, Janet Riola Hale, Barbie Dekoker, Mary Lee Herrington, Jan Echols, Nancy Holt, Norma Ehrig, Dianne Jaster, Cathy Foshea, Donna Jenkins, Caren Foster, Betty Jones, Connie Geeslin, Mary Dawn Kendrick, Rose Mary Kendrick, LeeAnn Lust, Eve Maxwell, Nancy Montgomery, Ginger Olson, Nadene Petty, Lucien Richardson, Paula Richter, Nita Rizzo, Betty Lou Roberts, Joyce Salyer, Mary Shelton, Betty Stone, Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Patty Warren, and Dotty Watson.

Texas – welcome aboard! We are so pleased to have such a large representation from your state.

### ■ Denver Angus Breakfast

Plans are underway for another great Angus gathering — the rebirth of the Auxiliary-hosted "Angus Breakfast" for all Angus friends.

Tentative plans are to hold it Friday, Jan. 14, as a "come-and-go" buffet breakfast bar from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. just before the Angus bull show. It's very handy — right there in the barn — and easy to move on to ringside.

Larry Cotton promised last year to deliver the invocation for the breakfast in 2000, and we look forward to it! It is for anyone — exhibitors, Angus visitors from the United States and from abroad. Anita

and Joe Becky will graciously welcome you with open arms.

### ■ Thought for the month

This will be my last column as president of the American Angus Auxiliary. I am comforted by the fact many of you indicated you read my column and particularly enjoyed my "thoughts for the month." I will leave you with one last thought that is especially appropriate at this season of the year.

### My Christmas Gift to You

I would give you **LOVE**, but you have had it since the day our paths first crossed.

I would give you **FRIENDSHIP** if I weren't offering it to you daily and if you did not have it so abundantly in each other.

I would give you **FAITH**, but it is not mine to give; each must find his/her own.

I would give you **SMOOTH SAILING** if we were not promised that it is through adversity that we develop strength.

I would make life **EASY** had God not said the task was not to make life easy but to make us great! I would make you **GREAT**.

I would give you **LIGHT**, but it has already come.

Instead I will give you ...

**ENCOURAGEMENT** when you stumble, as we all do.

An **EXAMPLE** of what to be — and what not to be.

A **DREAM** for your life, for what I know you can make it!

**HOPE** for a bigger and brighter tomorrow.

A **GLIMPSE** into unparalleled opportunity for you and your family.

A **BLUEPRINT**, tailored to suit your circumstances, to reach your goals.

And a **WISH FOR CHRISTMAS** and every day —

That you might have life and have it more abundantly!

God bless you and your family. May you have a happy and blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

— Mary Kay Ash

I couldn't have said it any better. Farewell till we meet again!

Mary