



# Auxiliary Notes

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## Opportunity calls

*“Many do with opportunities as children do at the seashore; they fill their little hands with sand, and then let the grains fall through, one by one, until all are gone.”*

— Thomas Jones

### Auxiliary opportunities

April brings spring showers and many opportunities.

As I write this article, it is Feb. 20, and I am in Marietta, Ohio, looking out of my office at more than 23 inches (in.) of snow! It is comforting to know April will bring flowers and many great opportunities. Oops, I shouldn't have mentioned snow because, as I look out, it has started to snow again. ... Oh well, back to dreaming.

While preparing for spring and summer, I decided it would be fun to share with all you Angus enthusiasts how to become even more involved in the American Angus Auxiliary. The Auxiliary offers individuals just like you opportunities to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities.

A survey was taken in 2001 to estimate the number of hours volunteered. Thirty-three state auxiliary presidents and 81 auxiliary committee chairs and members received the survey, and 57 responded. Anyone want to guess the number of hours volunteered, miles traveled and contacts made? (I will give you the answer later in this article.)

As I read the report and reflected on the

past three years as an Auxiliary officer, I am even more appreciative of the volunteers who serve as voices and representatives for the Angus industry, family and youth through organizational programming, leadership and evaluation. It just seems we are getting busier and busier every year, and it is harder and harder to find time to volunteer like I know many of you wish you could. The more volunteers we have, the more the Auxiliary can accomplish, and the more we can contribute to the welfare of the Angus breed.

Many women tell me they would like to help but haven't been asked, so I am asking. In the March 2003 *Angus Journal* article I explained the new dues program that was adopted by the American Angus Auxiliary Executive Committee last November. It gives members the option of joining the Auxiliary as an active or as a nonactive member. The new dues structure goes into effect Nov. 1, 2003.

### The Auxiliary needs you

Now that we have given you that choice, I want to convince you to join as an active member and to stay active. We have found that it takes more than 15,810 hours; with 122,943 miles traveled, and more than 9,967 visual and 4,844 nonvisual contacts made, to accomplish the American Angus Auxiliary goals. As you can see, the Auxiliary is in need of you.

Now, for all of you who want to be active, let's explore the options:

**Scholarships** — Serve on a panel of judges responsible for scoring national applicants. This process is done via conference call, so there is no need to attend events in order to serve on the judging team.

**Miss American Angus contest** — Share your leadership skills with us. Assist with the

contest that takes place each fall in Louisville, Ky. The top female scholarship applicants have the opportunity to compete for the title.

**Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off** — Volunteers, judges and scorekeepers are needed each year for this contest held during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This will be the 20th year for the Cook-Off. Anne Patton Schubert and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) are already preparing for the event.

**Ways & Means** — Do you plan to attend a show or sale? We have a super selection of Ways & Means items, and the sale of these items will assist in funding a number of programs. Why not volunteer an hour or two at the NJAS this July in Louisville? In fact, this year we will be asking each state in attendance to man the Ways & Means booth for a day.

**Computer technicians** — Assistance is needed by officer and committee team members with computer skills to extend our communications with members. Do you find the information superhighway exciting? If so, we'd like your assistance in keeping our Web site up-to-date with the latest news. This committee works closely with the publicity committee.

**Achievement awards** — Do you know active juniors in your state or region deserving of recognition? Be on the lookout and assist us in recognizing our youth for their outstanding achievements.

**Special awards** — Crystal, Silver Pitcher, Showmanship and Black Kettle awards are presented each year at the NJAS to deserving junior members. Assistance in coordinating these awards is welcomed.

**Photography** — Each year the historian, Lois Foster, keeps an account of activities and events. Whether you only participate at the state level or attend regional or national events, your assistance with photography is always welcomed. We need to capture our activities on film, not only for the history books, but also for the year-end report.

**Publicity** — Are you interested in advertising, writing or public relations? We do what we can to promote the Angus breed by issuing news releases, running advertisements and publishing a year-end report with the assistance of the *Angus Journal*.

As you can see by these examples, we are a very busy organization, and one team of

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officers alone cannot get the job done. We welcome your assistance with open arms and look forward to *your* joining our organization as an active member.

The American Angus Auxiliary has entered its 51st year, and our longevity speaks for itself! Why not become an active member and volunteer in the American Angus Auxiliary? We need you — whether you are a junior's mom, entrepreneur, youth leader, retired Angus breeder or educator.

Angus cattle is the common factor that brings us together. Don't let those sands of opportunity pass through your hands.

For more information, contact an officer, or visit our Web site at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and click the "Auxiliary" icon. You are welcome to contact me at (740) 373-3270 or [sjscartersville@aol.com](mailto:sjscartersville@aol.com).

### **Correction**

I owe an apology to Renée Thelen and to her family for a misprint in the February American Angus Auxiliary annual report. On page 7 it is Renée Thelen of Saline, Mich., who came to Louisville and

competed for Miss American Angus, not Alicia Kramer of Farina, Ill. Each year the top scholarship applicants are invited to compete for the Miss American Angus title. Applicants are not required to compete and may decline by August. Alicia declined and Renée accepted. Renée, thank you for accepting and for representing Michigan with class!



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