

## Auxiliary hosts annual events in conjunction with Angus Convention.

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This year, the American Angus Auxiliary celebrated 65 years of bringing together likeminded women, and fostering connections through a love and passion for the Angus business. The Auxiliary women pour their hearts into the breed's future by connecting women, providing opportunities and guidance to Angus youth through scholarships, and educating consumers about the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand.

Women from across the country and Angus breed gathered for the Auxiliary's annual events, hosted in conjunction with the Angus Convention Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, Ind. The organization hosted its Annual Meeting, Annual Auxiliary Breakfast, Miss American Angus competition, executive

meeting, exclusive brunch and other social events.

The Auxiliary's Annual Meeting on Nov. 6 saw the election of the organization's 2016-2017 officers and regional directors.

Members of the newly elected officer team are President Julie Murnin, Huntley, Mont.; President-elect Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis.; Secretary-treasurer Cindy Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas; and Advisor Shally Rogen, Brandon, S.D.

Auxiliary members welcomed Murnin as their new president. She is a past regional director for the Auxiliary and vice president of the Montana Angus Auxiliary. She and her husband, Jared, who serves as general manager for ORigen, are advisors for the

Montana Junior Angus Association.

"This year, I'm looking forward to working with the team we have," Murnin said. "It's a great bunch of ladies."

Selected to serve as the organization's president-elect, Mindemann previously served as secretary-treasurer and has been a junior advisor, Region 5 director, leader in both the Wisconsin Angus Association and the Wisconsin Auxiliary Association and chair for the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Milwaukee.

Elected to serve as secretary-treasurer, Ahearn is a member of the Texas Angus Association and the Texas Angus Auxiliary. She previously served as Region 2 director for the American Angus Auxiliary. Ahearn and



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► American Angus Association CEO Allen Moczygemba stopped in on the Auxiliary's annual meeting to thank Auxiliary members for their hard work and dedication to the Angus breed and Association.



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► Anne Lampe was honored as a Distinguished Woman during the Auxiliary Breakfast.



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► Miss American Angus Jera Pipkin gave an emotional retirement farewell address during the Auxiliary Breakfast.



PHOTO BY SHAUNA ROSE HERMEL

► Shally Rogen presided over the American Angus Auxiliary's 65th Annual Meeting during the 2016 Angus Convention.



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► Sixteen past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary were on hand for a photo Sunday morning after the Auxiliary breakfast.

# Celebrates 65 Years



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► **Above:** Jeff Gore, cowboy minister and musician, and his wife, Donna, provided uplifting entertainment Sunday morning during the Auxiliary Breakfast.

► **Left:** Contestants for Miss American Angus took a break from the competition for introductions during the Auxiliary Breakfast.

her husband, Mark, own and operate Turner Meadow Ranch of Wills Point.

Retiring President Shally Rogen has been active in the American Angus Auxiliary for nearly 20 years. She and her family raise registered-Angus cattle in southeastern South Dakota. Rogen has served as an Auxiliary regional director for five years and has been an advisor to the South Dakota Junior Angus Association for 17 years.

The Auxiliary's 2016-2017 Regional Directors are:

- Region 1, Cara Ayres, Rogue River, Ore.;
- Region 2, Vivian Wolf, Windthorst,

- Texas;
- Region 3, Karla Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa;
- Region 4, Melanie Kiani, Morton, Miss.;
- Region 5, Deanna Hofing, Coatesville, Ind.; and
- Region 6, Gina Hope, Berryville, Va.

Regional directors are a source of information for interested members throughout the country. Ayres, Wolf and Knapp were elected this year to serve three-year terms.

## Annual traditions



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► **Above:** Distinguished Women present at the Auxiliary Breakfast included Lois Foster, Jane Ebert, Yvonne Hinmann, Anne Lampe and Anne Patton Schubert.

► **Right:** Angus Convention attendees shopped the Angus Gift Barn for Angus-inspired clothing, jewelry, household items, framed prints and more.



The Auxiliary hosted its Annual Auxiliary Breakfast Nov. 6 at the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown, preceding the Angus Convention's Angus University. Jeff Gore, cowboy minister and musician, and his wife, Donna, provided uplifting entertainment.

Anne Lampe of Scott City, Kan., received the Distinguished Woman Award in recognition of her dedication and service to the Auxiliary. This award is not presented every year, but only when an outstanding nominee is presented to the committee.

Miss American Angus Jera Pipkin gave an emotional address to the audience as she recounted her year as an ambassador to the breed and role model to Angus youth.

Angus Convention attendees enjoyed the Angus Gift Barn, perhaps the Auxiliary's most favored fundraiser. Angus-inspired clothing, jewelry, household items, framed prints and much more were available for purchase in the trade show. To shop online, visit [www.angusgiftbarn.com](http://www.angusgiftbarn.com).

## 2016 highlights

The Auxiliary celebrated the inaugural year for its mentorship program, an effort developed to match veteran Auxiliary members with young women or National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members who have aged out of their junior status. The program made more than 20 matches between young women and their mentors in its first year.

Another high point for the Auxiliary was the Full Circle Online Auction, hosted through [AngusLive.com](http://AngusLive.com). Nearly 60 bidders participated in the auction, with several bidders participating from outside the Angus business, Rogen noted. The auction helped the organization raise more than \$11,000, and Rogen said the Auxiliary plans to host the event again next year.

Interested consignors can contact committee members Julie Murnin at [juliemurnin@cattledesign.com](mailto:juliemurnin@cattledesign.com), Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates at [cortneyhd@gmail.com](mailto:cortneyhd@gmail.com), or Jena Wagner at [jenalee.wagner@gmail.com](mailto:jenalee.wagner@gmail.com).

For more information about the American Angus Auxiliary, visit [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

For more news from the Angus Convention — including summaries, speaker presentations, photos, videos and much more — visit the convention newsroom at [www.angus.media/news/Angus-Convention](http://www.angus.media/news/Angus-Convention).

