



# Auxiliary Notes

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## Celebrate your God-given gifts ...

*It is amazing to me that I have a child who can sing beautifully. It is not like any of her ancestors could.*

### ... and the gifts of others

I know for a fact that she did not get this talent from my dad. I spent countless hours in the van traveling to auctions with him. Believe me, he had a gorgeous, deep voice, but he couldn't sing.

Holly did not receive her singing gift from her dad either. Don't get me wrong; my husband, Kirk, is a talented man, but I don't think he could make a living with his singing ability. Then there is me. I am so tone-deaf that I didn't even know I couldn't sing until junior high sextet tryouts. Since then, countless people have reconfirmed my lack of singing talent when they have heard me sing along with the car radio.

My daughter's singing ability cannot be explained by genetics, but her lack of fear in front of crowds definitely came from my side of the family. It has been said that making a presentation in front of a crowd causes greater fear in people than the thought of death. Those of us who come from a long line of bull sellers just don't get this — the larger the crowd, the better. In fact, there is a rush you can only get from having an audience listen to you speak. And this is especially true if you are speaking on

something you believe in, like Angus cattle, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), beef nutrition or bull selection.

I had the distinct honor of sitting in on many of the public speaking presentations and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off skits



at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) last summer.

It is obvious that many of our Angus juniors do not have a fear of public speaking. They are a very polished group, and I encourage you to listen to some

of them at the NJAS in Kansas City, Mo., next month. The Auxiliary will be awarding the champion senior division extemporaneous speaker with the Richard L. Spader Memorial Belt Buckle for the second year. This is our first year to reward the intermediate extemporaneous speaking champion with the Pat Grote Memorial Belt Buckle.

And, speaking of the Grote family, rumor has it they are going to delight us all at the NJAS with another one of their famous Texas barbecues. This will be one of the most fun activities of the week, as well as one of the best meals ever — so don't dare miss it.

### Volunteers needed

The Angus Sale Barn will have many new and exciting items for sale at the NJAS. Make sure you come by and check out our new Montana Silversmith items and Angus wear. Remember, volunteers in the Angus Sale Barn booth earn a discount off their purchases. The first 10 members who call Revonda Ratledge at (336) 699-4108 or e-mail her at angussale@yadtel.net to sign up for a time spot during the NJAS will be rewarded. They will receive a free cherry-red-colored Angus flying disc at the Angus Sale Barn. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity.

Also, the Cook-Off could use Auxiliary members to help keep performance room doors closed during presentations and to hand out CAB T-shirts. Volunteers will get to sample delicious CAB recipes that juniors have prepared and see their creative skits. Make a point to find Anne Patton Schubert at the NJAS to help with the Cook-Off.

### Midyear meeting approaching

We have a great meeting planned, with some fun thrown in as well. Auxiliary members, grab a show mom out of the barns at the NJAS and bring her with you to the Auxiliary midyear meeting on Thursday, July 15 at 11:30 a.m. Following our business meeting, we will have a dietitian from the Missouri Beef Council inform us about the latest beef nutrition and diet information. Also, Tammy Campbell, a Green City, Mo., Angus producer, will be tempting our taste buds with quick, easy recipes. Tammy assures me that there will be great food items to sample and everything is designed for all of us busy women.

We have been missing you at meetings, so join us in Kansas City for "Angus and All That Jazz."

### Attention, committee chairs:

Remember, you need to get committee reports to me for the midyear meeting. The chairwomen have been doing a great job running their committees, and we will have updates for everyone at the meeting.

### In appreciation

A heartfelt thanks needs to go out to Cheryl Oxley, Angus Productions Inc. (API) production/advertising manager, and Darla Eggers, Mexico, Mo., for getting our Web site

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updated despite adverse conditions. These two busy women give the Auxiliary countless hours of their time, and it is much appreciated. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all the committee chairs, too.

Our Auxiliary is blessed with so many capable women that some of these committees seem to run themselves. We know that they don't, but it seems like it when things go so well and happen on time.

You all are dedicated women, and the junior members of the American Angus

Association are better off because of all of you.

Everyone knows why we are in Auxiliary — we are here to help Angus juniors excel. We are not in this for personal gain or self-satisfaction. We have one group of beneficiaries of all the many programs and committees and scholarships and awards we support and coordinate — our Angus juniors. I can't wait to see them compete here in Kansas City.

In closing, I hope none of you are disappointed that your Auxiliary president can't carry a tune. Hopefully, I bring other

talents to the table. I know one thing, I have met some pretty amazing women in the American Angus Auxiliary. It is easy to see why we have such a rich history. It is because of our members. I know there are big footsteps in which to follow, and I encourage anyone who wants to make a difference to join us. You'll never know how much you can affect an Angus junior's life until you try.



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