



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Cortney Holshouser, American Angus Auxiliary*

Unstoppable

If someone had told me 10 years ago that I would be raising Angus cattle and serving in a national organization that serves that particular industry, I wouldn't have believed it. I did not grow up in the cattle industry, but sort of fell into it. I met my husband, Karl, 11 years ago. I was quickly introduced to the Angus world, and I was hooked instantly.

Belonging

I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging and passion — a passion for the breed, a passion for the cattle, and a passion for the Angus family. It didn't take me long to know that I wanted to get involved somehow. I began noticing the strong presence of the American Angus Auxiliary at the different events I attended. From the awards and

scholarships given during the National Junior Angus Show to the Miss American Angus program, the Auxiliary was everywhere, and they were getting things done! It quickly became a goal of mine to serve this organization, and I could not be prouder to serve as the new American Angus Auxiliary president.

I am excited for the opportunity to

encourage people to become involved in and take advantage of the programs we have to offer. I am honored to serve with the newly elected officers and regional directors chosen during the American Angus Auxiliary's Annual Meeting hosted in November in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

The new officer team consists of Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, advisor; Cortney Holshouser, president; Lynne Hinrichsen, president-elect, and Carla Malson, secretary-treasurer. The new Region 4 Director is Melanie Kiani of Morton, Miss., and the new Region 5 director is Rachel Frost of Tallulah, Ill. Kathy Dubs of Billings, Mont., will



► From left, Martha Holshouser and Leslie Mindemann, retiring regional directors, enjoy their time together during the American Angus Auxiliary's Annual Breakfast.



► Auxiliary officers posed with newly crowned Miss American Angus, Catherine Harward of Richfield, N.C. Pictured are (from left) Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Cortney Holshouser, 2014 Miss American Angus Catherine Harward, Lynne Hinrichsen, Carla Malson and 2013 Miss American Angus Esther McCabe.



► Auxiliary officers receive a generous donation from Tom Burke to kick off the partnership between the Auxiliary and the *Angus Legends* books. Pictured are (from left) Martha Holshouser, Carla Malson, Kathy Dubs, Cortney Holshouser, Cindy Ahearn, Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Leslie Mindemann, Anne Lampe, Rachel Frost, Marlene Dukehart, Shally Rogen, Tom Burke and Melanie Kiani.



► American Angus Auxiliary past presidents in attendance at the 2013 annual meeting included (seated, from left) Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Mary McCurry, Renee Driscoll, Nancy Sullivan, Carol Bloom (standing, from left) Michelle Rieff, Yvonne Hinman, Mary Grieman, Nancy Thelen, Anne Paton Schubert, Anne Lampe, Sharee Sankey, Jane Ebert and Linda Brost.

continue to serve as Region 1 director. Cindy Ahearn of Pilot Point, Texas, will continue to serve as Region 2 director. Shally Rogen will continue to serve as Region 3 director, and Marlene Dukehart will continue to serve as Region 6 director.

The Auxiliary continues to grow. We've seen an increase in membership in the past few years. We have new members who are eager to jump in and become involved in committees. When you add to that the continued service and knowledge from current members, the Auxiliary is unstoppable.

Support

The Auxiliary is very fortunate to have support from the American Angus Association, the Angus Foundation, Certified Angus Beef LLC, the *Angus Journal* and the National Junior Angus Association to assist in our programs. We are also fortunate to have producers and industry professionals who have a passion for the Auxiliary and its mission. We have been blessed to offer The Tradition Continues Endowment Heifer in recent years through generous donors.

2014 American Angus Auxiliary Officers

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Special thanks to Tom Burke, Kurt Schaff and Jeremy Hagg with *Angus Legends* for their donation of \$10,000 during the Auxiliary's Annual Breakfast in Louisville, Ky. This contribution was an unexpected surprise and an exciting way to begin our partnership with these folks through the sale of the *Angus Legends* two-volume set.

Looking ahead

There are so many things to look forward to in the year ahead for the Auxiliary. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a second American Angus Auxiliary Women Connected Conference in the Spring of 2014. Be sure to stay up to date on conference details through our website.

'Like' us

If you haven't already, be sure to "like" the American Angus Auxiliary Facebook page to keep up with our activities and schedule, to see feature items of the Angus Gift Barn, and to participate in our social media contests. To see a full list of the items we offer, be sure to visit www.angusgiftbarn.com or find us on Pinterest by searching "Angus Gift Barn." There are many new and exciting items for the Angus enthusiasts in your life.

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▶ 2014 American Angus Auxiliary officers and regional directors are (seated, from left) Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, advisor; Carla Malson, secretary-treasurer; Lynne Hinrichsen, president-elect; Cortney Holshouser, president; (standing, from left) Marlene Dukehart, Region 6 director; Rachel Frost, Region 5 director; Shally Rogen, Region 3 director; Kathy Dubs, Region 1 director; Cindy Ahearn, Region 2 director; and Melanie Kiani, Region 4 director.



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▶ Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates turns the president's gavel over to Cortney Holshouser during the Auxiliary annual meeting Saturday morning.



▶ Taylor Gazda provided musical entertainment during the American Angus Auxiliary breakfast.

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▶ Distinguished Women in attendance at the Auxiliary Breakfast include (from left) Anne Patton Schubert, Linda Brost, Yvonne Hinman and Jane Ebert.



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▶ Whitney Trospen Renfro (far left) introduces the Miss American Angus candidates at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting.