



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Anne Lampe*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

An open door of opportunity

The American Angus Auxiliary completed its 60th Anniversary celebration in Louisville with the election of new officers. Our long history of service to the breed, the membership and especially the juniors has been celebrated during the past year.

Louisville review

The new officer team consists of Anne Lampe, advisor; Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, president; Cortney Holshouser, president-elect; and Lynne Hinrichsen, secretary-treasurer.

Lynne and her husband, Ron, reside in Westmoreland, Kan., where he is employed by Merck Animal Health as a senior territory manager. They own Express Employment Professionals in Manhattan, Kan., where Lynne manages the daily operations. They are also in partnership with Crossroads Real Estate and Auction Services, and own and operate R&L Angus Ranch. They are the parents of Cale and Eva, and are kept busy shuttling them to shows, cattle events and contests, 4-H and school activities.

The new Region 1 director is Kathy Dubs of Billings, Mont. Cindy Ahearn of Wills Point, Texas, will continue as the Region 2 director, and the Region 3 director is Shally Rogen of Brandon, S.D.

My Angus biography

I began my Angus career as a 12-year-

old showing my first Angus steer. I was led to the Angus breed by a family friend who told my parents that, even if I never attended a National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), there were many non-showing activities available. However, I jumped in with both feet and attended my first NJAS in 1998 in Indianapolis; how ironic that I am now living in Indiana after being born and raised in Maryland.



Auxiliary President
Cortney Hill-
Dukehart Cates

I immediately loved all that the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) had to offer and took full advantage

of the contests in and out of the showing. I participated in team sales, public speaking, photography, quiz bowl, graphic design and creative writing. I also exhibited the reserve champion bred-and-owned heifer at the 2002 NJAS.

I enjoyed receiving the Certificate of Achievement awards that were offered by the American Angus Auxiliary, although, at that

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time, I hadn't the slightest idea of what the Auxiliary was or their contribution to the

NJAA. I earned my Bronze and Silver awards and filled out my scholarship application in my senior year.

When I attended the NJAS in Denver in 2001, I was shocked when I was awarded one of the top five scholarships and was offered a chance to participate in the Miss American Angus contest. Being a first-generation

Angus breeder and coming from a small east-coast farm, I was very intimidated by my competition — longtime Angus breeders with herds and histories so much larger than

**"We cannot always
build the future for
our youth, but we
can build our youth
for the future."**

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt*



► **Left:** Several past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary were present at the breakfast, including (front row, from left) Lois Foster, Niles, Mich.; Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont.; June Hagenbuch, Lawrence, Kan.; Bette Votaw, Wellfleet, Neb.; Renee Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa; Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas; Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky.; (back row, from left) Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich.; Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan.; Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C.; Ardyce O'Neill, Logan, Iowa; Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; Nancy Sullivan, Park City, Utah; Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan.; Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; and Susan Quam, Lodi, Wis.

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mine. I decided to compete, although I felt that my chances were about the same as winning a multi-million dollar lottery.

Apparently, my parents felt the same, because they checked out of the hotel, had all of our clothes packed in the truck and were ready to head home immediately after the Association banquet, to which attendance was required of all the Miss American Angus contestants at that time. When my name was called, I was stunned and so proud to be selected to represent the American Angus Association, the American Angus Auxiliary and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB).

We had to check back into the hotel and secure tickets to the banquet for my parents — talk about negativity working for you! During my year, I was the first Miss American Angus to attend Building Blocks for Success at the CAB headquarters in Wooster, Ohio.

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American Angus Auxiliary elects leadership

The American Angus Auxiliary elected officers and regional directors during its Annual Meeting Nov. 10 during Angus events in conjunction with the 2012 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Newly elected officers are Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Modoc, Ind., president; Cortney Holshouser, Castalia, N.C., president-elect; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan., secretary-treasurer; and Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., advisor.

At 29, Hill-Dukehart Cates is the youngest to serve as president of the American Angus Auxiliary. The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) alumnus capped off her junior career as the 2002 Miss American Angus. She has served as an officer or director of the American Angus Auxiliary since 2008. She and her husband, Tyler, manage Cates Farms in Modoc, Ind.

Holshouser has served as an officer of the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for six years. She and her husband, Karl, have been advisors to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. Together, they manage Castalia Cattle Co., where they offer custom flush and embryo-transfer work.

Hinrichsen has served as president of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary and regional director for the American Angus Auxiliary. She is a member of the Kansas Angus Association. Along with her husband, Ron, and children, Cale and Eva, the Hinrichsen family raises Angus cattle on R&L Ranch, Westmoreland, Kan.

Lampe owns and manages a registered Angus herd with her husband, Mark. She is also the manager and secretary of the Kansas Angus Association. As Auxiliary advisor, she is responsible for updating the Auxiliary guidelines for officers and committees and will serve as chairman of the Distinguished Woman and Nomination committees.



►Left: *Angus Journal* Associate Editor Kasey Miller entertained the Auxiliary Breakfast attendees with three selections. She brought several in the crowd to tears with her rendition of “Wind Beneath My Wings.”



►Newly elected officers and directors of the American Angus Auxiliary are (seated, from left) Lynne Hinrichsen, secretary-treasurer; Cortney Holshouser, president-elect; Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, president; Anne Lampe, advisor; (back row, from left) Kathy Dubs, Region 1; Cindy Ahearn, Region 2; Shally Rogan, Region 3; Martha Holshouser, Region 4; Leslie Mindemann, Region 5; and Marlene Dukehart, Region 6.



►American Angus Association President Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., purchased the C.J. Brown Auxiliary 60th Anniversary artist first proof auctioned during the breakfast to fund scholarship efforts for Angus youth. Pictured are (from left) Terry Cotton, general manager, *Angus Journal*; Anne Lampe, 2012 American Angus Auxiliary president; and Annie and Phil Trowbridge, buyers.



►Distinguished Women in attendance at the Auxiliary Breakfast included (from left) Lois Foster, Niles, Mich.; Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont.; Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C.; Bette Votaw, Wellfleet, Neb.; Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky.; and Ardyce O’Neill, Logan, Iowa.

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►Brooke Harward shared memories of her year as the 2012 Miss American Angus.

I was also the first Miss American Angus to attend the Canadian Junior Angus Showdown in Barrie, Canada.

Because of my involvement as Miss American Angus, I realized the contributions that the Auxiliary made to the NJAA, and I felt that it was both my duty and my pleasure to give back to the organization that had given so much to me.

Actually, if I had not had this experience, I may not have become as involved in Angus cattle as I did, and this involvement led me to meeting my husband, Tyler Cates of Modoc, Ind., a Shorthorn and now an Angus breeder. We both work on the family farm managing the Cates Farms show-cattle herd.

Building our youth

To say that my involvement in Angus and especially the Auxiliary has changed my

life is inadequate in its description; it has shaped my life and my future. I am extremely honored, at the age of 29, to be chosen as the youngest American Angus Auxiliary president. In addition, I am excited to be given the opportunity to influence young people to become involved in our programs and take advantage of the opportunities we have to offer.

My goal this year is to involve young women in the Auxiliary who are ending their NJAA careers. When one door closes, I want to provide an open door of opportunity through the American Angus Auxiliary programs, committees and fellowship.

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