



Auxiliary Notes

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Preparing for change

Harvest, Halloween, hayrides and pumpkin picking are all associated with the month of October. It is the time of year to prepare for the winter months, look forward to a bit of a slowdown in our agriculture endeavors, and prepare to travel to Louisville for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The old and the new

This year will be our last year to make this journey for our annual meeting. Next year a new and exciting tradition will begin in Kansas City.

At a recent Auxiliary board meeting, we discussed how this change would affect our Auxiliary events. Our bylaws require us to host our annual meeting in conjunction with the American Angus Association board meeting. Of special concern is the Miss American Angus contest that has been hosted in Louisville, with the crowning taking place before the selection of the grand champion bull. We discussed the various pros and cons of having the contest in Kansas City, or continuing to host the event at the NAILE.

Our major concern is the new annual meeting will take place during the week, as opposed to the majority of the competition that is now on a weekend. This will require our contestants to miss more time from their first year of college. We are seeking your input on this subject, so please contact one of the officers or regional directors with your thoughts.

The Auxiliary plans to continue hosting the annual breakfast in Kansas City, and we hope the fact that it will not interfere with a show will allow more Angus breeders to join us. This year we will continue to

host the breakfast at the NAILE complex on Sunday morning. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Michelle Rieff at michellerieff@aol.com or 479-936-1685. Seating is limited, so please don't wait too long to purchase your tickets. This year's event will be hosted by the Indiana Angus Auxiliary, which will give them practice for all of the duties they will be performing at the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis.

The Angus Gift Barn, under the direction of Christy Paige, has been growing each month with a new line of products. We are very excited to be able to offer so many new and diverse Angus-related giftware items. Besides our presence at various Angus shows, we have increased our online sales through the convenience of offering a wide variety of charge options, including PayPal.

For the first time we are accepting payment of membership dues online through the Angus Gift Barn. This makes it easy to either renew your membership of \$10 per year or become a lifetime member for a onetime payment of \$100.

Make sure you put on your "bucket list" for this November a trip to the Crowne Plaza to visit our Angus Gift Barn and bid in our silent auction for many unique items. Who doesn't know an Angus breeder who would love to receive an Angus-related item for Christmas? If you don't want to carry it home, order online and have it shipped to the recipient's door.

Another wonderful Christmas idea is a selection from our *Gifts That Sizzle™*, which we offer through our partnership with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). Ordering and shipping is just a mouse click, and you will make someone very happy when they open that box and see all of the beautiful, flavorful CAB beef. Besides family

and friends, it makes a very special way to recognize that customer or employee who deserves appreciation.

The constant

This brings me to the subject of fundraising. I know that everyone gets tired of being asked to support various causes, and you often wonder where that money really goes after you do contribute. The American Angus Auxiliary is composed of volunteers who travel to shows, at their own expense, to raise funds and awareness of our organization. The money that we

raise is for the youth of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and distributed through scholarships, awards and programs. Almost every NJAA member, at least one time during their career, will experience a program that is funded through the efforts of the American Angus Auxiliary. When you are supporting the Auxiliary, whether it is by purchasing items from the Angus Gift Barn, paying

membership dues or participating in any of our fundraising activities, you are directly supporting our youth.

The Auxiliary is always seeking members for our various committees and offices. If you are interested in becoming an active participant in any of our programs, please contact one of our officers or directors. New members with fresh ideas are always welcome, and it is a wonderful way to stay involved if your son or daughter is about to "age out" and you are going through NJAA withdrawal.

Some history

The month October was named for the Latin word eighth because it was originally the eighth month on the ancient Roman calendar. King Numa Pompilius reformed the calendar around 700 B.C. by adding the months of January (Ianuarius) and February (Februarius) to the original 10 months, which increased the year's length. That made the eighth month the 10th month, which just goes to show that government was confusing even in those days. One thing that isn't confusing is that November shortly follows, and we hope to see all of you at NAILE in Louisville this November.

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