



Auxiliary Notes

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“No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helps you.” — Althea Gibson

Helping the Auxiliary succeed

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Auxiliary achieve.

Helpers abound

You never achieve anything in a vacuum! There are always people and circumstances that contribute to your success. In the past year the Auxiliary has achieved great things. We are so very proud of our regional directors and the fantastic job they are doing promoting the Auxiliary and our programs. Our newsletter, *The Auxiliary Post*, has been well-received by our members. Our latest cookbook, *25 Years of Winners*, featuring winners of the All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off, has been receiving rave reviews.

We have worked to streamline the process for juniors to apply for Achievement Awards as well as continuing to support our junior members at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) by sponsoring many of the awards. Our team has worked to organize the history of the Auxiliary. Soon you will see that rich history posted on our web site. It is amazing all the lives the Auxiliary has touched.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the Auxiliary officers, regional directors, committee chairs, committee members, Auxiliary members and Auxiliary supporters and friends who have contributed to the Auxiliary's success. You all made my position as Auxiliary president a joyous, memorable experience. I have especially enjoyed working with all the professionals at the American Angus Association, Angus Productions Inc. (API), and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). The support and cooperation of the American Angus Association Board of Directors has contributed greatly to the accomplishments of the American Angus Auxiliary.

Annual meeting reminders

Meetings for the Auxiliary will be Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Crowne Plaza headquarters hotel. The Executive Board Meeting will be at 2 p.m., with the Annual Meeting beginning at 3 p.m. The Auxiliary Breakfast, “Touching Angus Lives ~ Renewing Spirits,” will be Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast can be

purchased at the Angus registration table in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza, at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting or at the breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., please join the Auxiliary for the President's Reception in my suite. This is a new event added to the Auxiliary schedule. We will visit, enjoy each other's company and some homemade refreshments. It will be a relaxing, fun time. Watch for signs in the hotel announcing the exact room number. All Auxiliary members and potential members are invited to attend.

Following the reception at approximately 4:30 p.m. will be the Miss American Angus contestant's speeches and impromptu questions. This phase of the competition is open to the public. You will be very impressed by their speaking abilities.

Say Merry Christmas with gifts from the Auxiliary

Gifts that Sizzle is just another way the American Angus Auxiliary works to extend our educational endeavors. Scavuzzo's Inc. and S&S Meat Co. of Kansas City have teamed up with the Auxiliary to provide CAB gift boxes to meet all your gift-giving needs. Scavuzzo's and S&S Meat Co. will contribute 10% of each purchase toward the educational outreach and scholarship programs sponsored by the Auxiliary. All orders can be placed from our web site, www.angusauxiliary.com, or by calling the toll-free number at S&S Meat Co., 1-800-800-4707. The Angus Sale Barn also offers many one-of-a-kind treasures for your gift-giving needs. Please visit the Auxiliary web site for their many offerings.

A positive attitude and an open mind

You can achieve great things by being willing to learn new things, being able to assimilate new information quickly and being able to get along with and work with other people. An open mind and a positive attitude are your best tools for success. They help you deal with change, work with

others and tackle each moment with positive expectancy, enthusiasm and determination. It has been my goal to keep an open mind and a positive attitude during my year as president of the Auxiliary. I have encouraged my team of officers and regional directors to do the same. This has allowed us to learn so much as we have sifted through the rich history and heritage of the Angus Auxiliary. It has also allowed us to bring enthusiasm, excitement, new members and a new outlook to the Auxiliary.

Friendships for a lifetime

I cherish the many Angus friends and memories I have acquired while being involved in the Auxiliary. My involvement with Angus cattle, the Auxiliary and the Association has taught me much about life and people. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as president of the Auxiliary. I look forward to working with the marvelous team of Auxiliary officers, regional directors and volunteers in the upcoming year in the position of advisor. My Angus experiences and Angus friends have richly blessed my life.

Auxiliary schedule for NAILE

Please join the American Angus Auxiliary at the many activities that take place alongside the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. All activities take place in the Crowne Plaza (formerly The Executive West Hotel).

Saturday, Nov. 14

- 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open
- 2 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
- 3 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 15

- 8 a.m. Annual Auxiliary Breakfast
- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open
- 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Auxiliary President's Reception – in President's suite (watch for signs for exact room)
- 4:30 p.m. Miss American Angus competition speeches and questions (open to public)

Monday, Nov. 16

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open
- Conclusion Crowning of Miss of Bull Show American Angus

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