



Auxiliary Notes

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Looking into the future

Spring is in the air, and it is an exciting time around the farm. Calves are being born, and the first signs of better weather and grazing conditions appear. What an exciting time as we see our mating decisions come to life and make plans for those calves. We look into the future and see some of those calves as herd sires, others as replacements females, and some we can even see in the picture backdrop of our favorite show!

Getting together

Spring is an exciting time for the American Angus Auxiliary, as well. Our spring executive meeting will be in Saint Joseph, Mo., April 11-12. This is always an exciting time as we finalize scholarship amounts, make plans for our activities during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), and look ahead to the future of the Auxiliary.

Even more exciting than our meeting will be the 20 women who will be joining us for the following two days for our second Angus Women Connected Conference. Conference participants will enjoy networking with women from all across the country with similar backgrounds.

Guest presenters during the last conference shared knowledge on such subjects as agriculture advocating, making a mark in today's agriculture industry, recognizing our leadership potential, and working within an organization to accomplish goals. The conference will end with a tour of the American Angus Association's offices and a closer look at

individual departments according to participants' various interests. We are so very thankful to the Angus Foundation for funding this project once again.

Getting to know you

Perhaps my favorite part of the last Women Connected Conference were the women who took a serious interest in becoming involved with the Auxiliary. Nearly half of those participants are now serving in an area of the Auxiliary about which they are passionate.

So why not you? The Auxiliary offers so many opportunities to those involved in the Angus breed. Whether you want to get involved in the selection process of Angus merchandise through the Angus Gift Barn; be a part of the popular All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off through the Beef Education Committee; put your editing and creative skills to use on the Public Relations Committee; or simply support our efforts through a membership, there is something for everyone.

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Our membership is strong and continues to grow. I am sometimes overwhelmed at how many opportunities the Auxiliary offers, and am so thankful that I found my place within this organization.

Summertime fun

While we enjoy spring, we can't help but look ahead with excitement to summer activities. As always, the Auxiliary will have a big presence at the NJAS. Some of our favorite times during the NJAS are when scholarship recipients and Miss American Angus contestants are announced or when the winning Cook-Off teams are revealed.

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our mid-year meeting and activity. There is always fun to be had. Be sure to keep up with us and the latest information on our website www.angusauxiliary.com and on Facebook.

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2014 American Angus Auxiliary Membership Application

(make copies if necessary)

RENEWAL **NEW MEMBER** **GIFT MEMBERSHIP** (purchased by: _____)

Name: _____

Farm/Ranch Name: _____ Email: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Select: _____ Annual Dues \$10 _____ Life Membership \$100 _____ Donation

_____ Non-Active Member (I want to support the AAAX but not serve on a committee at this time) \$25

I would like to serve on a committee (circle your interest):

Angus Gift Barn – Audit – Awards – Beef Education – Finance – Historian – Membership – Miss American Angus – Newsletter Nominating – Program & Hospitality – Public Relations – Rattey Sculpture – Gifts that Sizzle – Scholarship – Ways & Means.

Return with check payable to American Angus Auxiliary to: **Jamie Rutledge, membership chairman, 900 Sharon, Derby, KS 67037**

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