



Auxiliary Notes

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And we'll have fun, fun, fun ...

This line from an old song plays in my head at the beginning of every summer. I don't know if it's because I need to remind myself that we are supposed to have fun in spite of all the work going on, or if I just like the tune.

Busy

I believe it's more of the first thought than the latter because our family goes into overdrive getting ready for the summer run of cattle shows and other events. We have our state preview show, a district show, National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), county fair and then the state fair. In addition to the cattle work, the kids also are preparing for many of the educational contests during NJAS. Throw in a few camps along the way and you have summer fun — rancher style. We know we are not alone in this routine and are grateful to have the support of family and friends to help us get through it all.

The Auxiliary is equally busy preparing for the contests the organization sponsors throughout the NJAS. Events at NJAS include the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off Tuesday, July 14, the Auxiliary Social program and the Mid-Year meeting Wednesday, July 15. Add in a few outside projects, and the ladies are in full swing to make the most of time and resources to support the juniors.

Giving back

This year we have opted to postpone The Tradition Continues female/embryo sale and concentrate on a different opportunity that was presented to us.

In the spirit of giving back, Kerri Votaw

Kliwer has offered her talents as a jewelry designer. Kerri was raised on her family's historic Angus ranch in Nebraska. Her mother, Bette, was a Charter member and president of the American Angus Auxiliary, and Kerri was Miss American Angus in 1977. Kerri's dad, Eli Votaw, was a two-term member of the Association Board of Directors. Her sister Kathy was queen in 1973, and sister Chris was the second-place scholarship winner in 1970. Kathy now serves as the Region 1 Director on the Auxiliary board of directors.

Kerri was approached by several members of the Auxiliary after viewing a sample of her collection during last year's annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. The idea of offering a piece of jewelry through a fundraising venture was presented to the Auxiliary Board of Directors, and it was decided to pursue the project.

The Auxiliary will be selling up to 100 tickets for the chance to win a custom piece of jewelry designed by Kerri. The lucky winner of the Auxiliary's fundraiser will be announced at the Auxiliary Annual Breakfast during the National Angus Convention & Trade Show in Kansas City, Kan., this November. Tickets are just \$50 each, and with the limited number being sold, the chances are in your favor to win. Visit her website, www.kvkjewelrydesign.com, to view some of the beautiful pieces Kerri has created.

The Auxiliary views the project as a way to add a little fun diversion to our busy schedules. It is an exciting opportunity that supports the mission of the Auxiliary, which is to support the Angus breed and our juniors



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through awards and educational venues. Kerri and her family encompass the core values of our mission, and we appreciate her willingness to give back to the organization that her family helped found, in addition to being beneficiaries of its work.

So have fun and lead on, ladies!

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