



# Auxiliary Notes

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## Favorite time of year

*The season of giving is upon us — one of my favorite times of year! There is so much love, magic and awe during the holiday season. Especially with young kids, the joy of spending time together, sharing good meals and spreading good cheer is alive.*

### Angus gifts

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, but I am sure you have already made your Christmas list and are checking it twice. Don't forget, the Auxiliary offers several items perfect for gift giving. Our Angus Gift Barn is stocked and ready with old favorites and new treats. Gift items include options for every cattle enthusiast on your list and are just a click away with online shopping.

For the harder to buy for, or the carnivore in all of us, *Gifts That Sizzle* is a perfect fit. Who wouldn't love *Certified Angus Beef*® delivered right to their door? Plus, for a truly unique and priceless gift, Rattay sculptures from Bridger Bronze are sure to be treasured by the



recipient. These gift ideas are available online and offer convenient shipping. Visit the Auxiliary website for more information. Check items off your list and support the Auxiliary's breed promotion and youth development programs.

Speaking of gift giving, we give gifts to show our love and appreciation. The Auxiliary is grateful for the support we receive to further our mission. From all the Angus entities, American Angus Association, Angus Foundation, Angus Media, Angus Genetics Inc. and Certified Angus Beef LLC, to breeders across the country — we appreciate your support. Our annual Full Circle auction was again a huge success. Thank you to the consignors, bidders and buyers.

Last, but certainly not least, I am grateful for an outstanding year leading the Auxiliary with a tremendous team of officers and regional directors, committee chairs and volunteers, as well as past leadership, who make the Auxiliary work. Together we achieve so many great things supporting the Angus breed and our youth.

### Just one gift

There is one gift I wish to receive and give abundantly — *kindness*. It costs nothing. If practiced, it is habit-



forming. I cannot control a lot, but I can control my actions and my reactions. What if we all chose to be kind? Be kind to everyone we meet, everyone we encounter daily, everyone no matter their differences or similarity to us, everyone rich or poor. *Everyone*. It might be a different world. *Be kind*.

Celebrate this upcoming holiday season! Let's revel in our blessings and accomplishments, show gratitude, and practice kindness. I can't think of a better way to spend my favorite time of year!

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