



# Auxiliary Notes

► by Shirley Williams, president, American Angus Auxiliary

## A New Year

*"The term cowboy is a job title, not a declaration of gender."*

— Trudy Fair

### Meanwhile, back at the ranch

When I travel, my mind seems to turn into a giant "to do" list of chores I think I've left undone. My trip to Louisville, Ky., last November was no exception. Sitting on the plane, I had plenty to think about in preparation for the Auxiliary annual meeting. Still, I could not shake the uneasy feeling that everything at the ranch may not run quite as smoothly in my absence. While I knew I had crossed everything off my list before I left, the care of the cattle back home loomed at the forefront of my thoughts.

Did I remember to tell Uncle John to check that leaky water trough? Let's see, I did move 223K back in with her usual group of cows, didn't I? I hope Elizabeth remembers to walk through the calves every day. And Fred's going to help the girls put out hay over the weekend. That's right, Fred, Elizabeth and Uncle John are back at the ranch, and Katie's not far if any of them need backup.

Oh my gosh, did I forget to pack my black pumps for the suit I'm wearing to the breakfast?

I am an Auxiliary president who happens to be a ranch manager. And I'm a ranch manager who happens to be a woman. So, black cattle and black pumps have to share a place on my list of priorities.

This year, my time at the barn, at the breeding chute and in the pasture will be shared with my time on the phone, on the computer and in meetings. I am a public relations professional turned rancher, and

now I'm proud to have the opportunity to lend my experience and my time to an organization — and a breed of livestock — which has given my family and me so much.

### Louisville review

There was plenty to see and do at the 2004 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Auxiliary officers, committee chairs, committee members and our corps of member volunteers were there in full force to support and conduct our mission of service to the Angus breed.

Chelsey Warfield of Andersonville, Tenn., was crowned Miss American Angus for 2005. She is the daughter of Philip and Darla Warfield. Congratulations to Chelsey and to the other four finalists and their families. Our hard-working committee reports that competition was again exciting and close in one of the Auxiliary's most visible annual projects. These young women are indicative of the future leadership of our organization. You go, girls!

The Auxiliary annual meeting was at a new time this year. It took place Saturday afternoon, rather than after the breakfast on Sunday. While it was nice to have Sunday afternoon freed up to participate in our parent organization's functions, we did not see an increase in attendance with the schedule change. We'd like feedback from you on scheduling future annual meetings. We'd like to see you there next time!

Committee chairs gave reports of the

year's activity, and officer elections were conducted. Our new secretary-treasurer is Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa. Mary has an extensive leadership background and is currently employed as an Extension agent. She will be an outstanding addition to the Auxiliary officer team. Welcome, Mary!

The 53rd Annual Breakfast of the American Angus Auxiliary was coordinated once again by Sandra McCurry and her program and hospitality committee. The breakfast itself was wonderful, and the Missouri Auxiliary did a fantastic job with table decorations. Everyone appreciated the gift of metal picture frame table favors. Our morning started a little sweeter with the lovely voices of Paige Wallace and Holly Bellis of Missouri. Then, we roared with laughter at Dave Cottrell's music and magical antics. The ladies of Missouri sure "showed me" a good time! Thanks to you all.

The Auxiliary honored Lois Foster of Niles, Mich., as a Distinguished Woman and presented her with an engraved plaque and a silver bracelet from Montana Silversmith. Lois was president of the Auxiliary in 1989-90 and now continues to serve as the Auxiliary's historian. She spends countless hours gathering Auxiliary highlights across the nation and personally creates a scrapbook for each outgoing president. We appreciate your time and talent, Lois!

### Live auction

Thank you to all who supported the Auxiliary embryo auction. Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore., and Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan., generously donated embryos to be auctioned. Tommy

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► Officers elected at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting include (from left) Mary Greiman, Sharee Sankey, Shirley Williams and Nancy Jo Sullivan.

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Barnes cried the sale for us. The American Angus Hall of Fame and Jerry Lehmann supplied their expertise, and, as always, the ringmen did an outstanding job taking the bids. The successful bidders were Joan and Blanford Pierce of Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill.; and Russell Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., and Jim McCauley, Burlington, N.C. Thanks also go to James Fisher and the American Angus Association for allowing the Auxiliary to auction the

embryos at the Angus Reception. Your support and generosity assist us in helping the Angus juniors.

### **Heifer donated**

Harvey and Nina Lemmon of Lemmon Cattle Enterprises, Woodbury, Ga., have donated a heifer to the Auxiliary to support our scholarship program. The Auxiliary officers had an opportunity to meet with Harvey in Louisville and learned that his selection for us is certainly no ordinary heifer! Watch for details in the future.

### **Angus legends**

Several hundred copies of *Angus Legends: Volume I* were sold in Louisville. Tom Burke, Kurt Schaff and Rance Long, all of the American Angus Hall of Fame, hosted a book signing before the banquet on Monday night. Don't despair if you weren't one of the lucky people who purchased a book in Louisville; you can order the book online at the Angus Sale Barn, and we will ship it to you. A portion of the proceeds go to benefit the Auxiliary scholarship program. What a great Christmas present!

## **Angus Sale Barn**

We are excited to announce that online credit card purchases are now possible on the Angus Sale Barn Web site. You can go directly to [www.angussalebarn.com](http://www.angussalebarn.com), or just follow the links provided from [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) to the Auxiliary, and then to the Angus Sale Barn. Thank you, Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department. Happy shopping, everyone!

## **Returning to the ranch**

My husband is interested and active in our cattle business. However, he gets up every morning and drives out the front gate,

sure that everything will run smoothly in his absence. He's seen my "to do" lists.

Ranch manager is a role I chose for myself. It's an opportunity for which I am thankful every day. There's so much to do and re-do and learn and re-learn.

My new role as president of the American Angus Auxiliary is much the same. All of us have our own ideas, our own priorities and our own ways of doing what we do. All of us have more than enough to get done on any given day. But it is our time, our values and our shared goals in service to the Angus breed that must always loom at the forefront of what we wish "to do" as a group.

2005 is off and running and the Auxiliary has a lot on its list! We need everyone's time and talent to do all the "chores." Whether you punch a time clock or punch cows, I invite you to join us in support of Angus activities this year. There's much to be done, and "we're burning daylight!"



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