



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Shirley Williams*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

When life gives you lemons ...

Everyone knows how that adage goes, but why does it become positive only when tart meets sweet and some ice cold water? Why do we always cast the kind, gentle lemon in such a negative light? It gets worse. When anything goes wrong with your truck or tractor, it is branded a lemon. It seems so unfair for such a beneficial, versatile, generous fruit to be treated this way!

Lemmon pride

I love lemon on my fish, lemon in my water, lemon-fresh cleansers, and even the color lemon yellow in a bright, clean kitchen! But, more than all that, let's pay homage to the absolutely fabulous "Lemmon" we've been given to raise funds for our Auxiliary scholarships!

Flip to page 247 and take a look at Lemmon Pride P217, which has been generously donated to the American Angus Auxiliary by Harvey and Nina Lemmon of Woodbury, Ga. We sincerely appreciate their support, as well as the help of Tom Burke and Jerry Lehmann in getting this project under way for the auction on Sunday evening, Nov. 13, during the Angus Reception in Louisville, Ky. Chris Mitchell

donated the photograph of "our" heifer, and his work is superb! When life gives the buyer a lemon like *this* one, she'll make their Angus breeding program into a lemon meringue pie!

NAILE activities

Our annual meeting weekend, hosted in conjunction with Angus events at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Nov. 12-15, is packed with activities. Make a copy of the schedule so you won't miss out on any of them!

An important part of our meeting will be the decision on amendments to our by-laws, formally proposed at the mid-year meeting in Denver and published in the September *Angus Journal*. We've had calls and e-mails

regarding these ideas since they were first presented publicly at the meeting in July, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive! Please make a point to attend our annual meeting Saturday evening, Nov. 12, at approximately 7:30 p.m., immediately following the Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event and Fund-raiser. Your input and your vote are important to the future growth of our Auxiliary.

One of the favorite stops for many Angus enthusiasts is the Holiday Room. You'll find unique gifts and Angus collectibles offered by our Angus Sale Barn, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and state auxiliaries. If you've started a collection of Angus china, be first in line this year to get the new dinner plates. You'll love the beautiful line of silver jewelry designed by 3B Silversmiths for Christmas gifts and for yourself. Holiday Room hours are detailed in the schedule.

Linda Brost and Sandra McCurry have organized another Silent Auction to benefit the Auxiliary's operating fund. Look for the display in the hotel lobby. Highlights of the auction are a quilt titled, "Stars and Stripes Forever," created by Patricia Crane Tuckwiller of West Virginia; *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) steaks donated by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB); a John Deere bicycle donated by Eddie Sydenstricker of Missouri; a Todd Helton bat donated by Jot Hartley of Oklahoma; a C.J. Brown print donated by Sankey's 6N Ranch of Kansas; and a set of vintage *Angus Journals* donated by Gary and Linda Brost. Your bids will provide financial support for many behind-the-scenes projects that make life in the Angus business better for all of us!

When does Sandra McCurry sleep? That's the question we will all ask when we arrive at the annual Auxiliary Breakfast on Sunday at 9 a.m.! Sandra tirelessly organizes this social event every year, and we appreciate her work in making it special. You don't want to miss the full breakfast, lively entertainment or the pleasure of seeing longtime Auxiliary friends (notice I didn't say "old" friends!) and the opportunity to welcome new members of our Angus circle. The ladies of the Arkansas Auxiliary have created decorations and favors on a theme you're sure to find amusing. Please secure your advanced reserved tickets for the breakfast soon by

Auxiliary activities in Louisville

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 Executive West Hotel.

Saturday, Nov. 12

- Noon to 6 p.m.: Holiday Room open — Drinkwater room
- 1 p.m.: Executive Board meeting — room TBA
- 7:30 p.m. (Following the Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event and Fund-raiser): American Angus Auxiliary annual meeting — room TBA
- Silent Auction open throughout the day — Executive West lobby

Sunday, Nov. 13

- 9 a.m.: Annual Auxiliary Breakfast
Contact Sandra McCurry for advanced reserved tickets at sandyehill@dtmspeed.net or (316) 667-2418 (please leave a message).
- 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Holiday Room open — Drinkwater room
- 5:45 p.m.: Miss American Angus speeches and questions (open to public)
- 6 p.m.: Angus Reception featuring the auction of Lemmon Pride P217 to benefit the Auxiliary scholarship fund
- Silent Auction open throughout the day — Executive West lobby

Monday, Nov. 14

- 8 a.m.: Holiday Room open (closes following the American Angus Association Annual Banquet) — Drinkwater room
- Silent Auction open throughout the day — Executive West lobby
- 5 p.m.: Closing of Silent Auction

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contacting Sandra through e-mail or by phone. See the detailed schedule for more information.

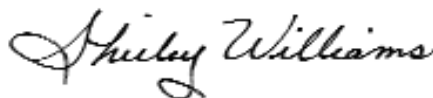
Attire for the breakfast this year will be distinctively dressed down — we're calling it "barn casual." Now, we don't mean the fashions you wear to *your* barn in the morning — you wouldn't recognize me in my ranch uniform! Instead, we invite you to dress comfortably in whatever you'll wear the rest of the day, ready to walk directly to the junior show following the breakfast. This year I'm leaving my black pumps in the closet 'til evening and coming to breakfast in a comfortable outfit suitable for a long day at the show!

On Sunday afternoon, the five outstanding contestants for the title of 2006 Miss American Angus will put their best feet and ideas forward in three phases of competition. Personal interviews are scheduled for early afternoon, and at 5:45 p.m. the public is invited to hear the prepared speeches and answers to impromptu questions. You'll be

impressed by the smiles, smarts and savvy of these top young women of the Angus breed.

Auxiliary refreshments

I invite you to get involved in all the Auxiliary activities in Louisville next month. Whether you're directly involved in caring for the Angus cattle at your place or find yourself always "making lemonade" for hay haulers and herd visitors, there's a role for your time and talents in our organization. I'll admit that as individuals, some of us can be a little "tart" at times, while others always seem to find a way to be "sweet." But, squeeze the best we all have to offer from our hearts and whirl us around together in a worthwhile project, and you've got a never-fail recipe of "good things" that are refreshing for the Angus breed. Come join us!



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Minutes of the July 21, 2005, meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary

Call to order

The midyear meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was called to order by President Shirley Williams, Van Buren, Ark., at 11:35 a.m. Copies of the agenda and treasurer's report were handed out to the members present. There were 39 members in attendance. President Williams welcomed all and introduced American Angus Association Director of Activities and Junior Activities James Fisher, the new liaison to the Auxiliary.

Secretary's report

Christy Crenshaw, Manhattan, Kan., made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Annual meeting and approve them as printed in the February 2005 *Angus Journal*. Wendy Petteway, Zolfo Springs, Fla., seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Secretary-treasurer Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, reviewed the financial handout with the members. Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kathy Dubs, Billings, Mont., seconded, and the motion carried.

Scholarship report

Scholarship Chairwoman Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., reported that the scholarships had all been judged and were to be announced at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) awards program on Friday. There was an excellent field of applicants, and narrowing them down to the top five in each category was difficult. Final entries totaled 16 girls and 12 boys from 20 states.

Excellence — No Exception conference review

The Executive Committee reported on the successful Excellence — No Exception Conference. Williams had a PowerPoint® presentation showing the participants, presenters and activities

that were enjoyed by all. Williams stated that there were many ideas that came from the conference, which generated enthusiasm for conducting proven programs in new ways and exploring new projects that have never been tried. By-law amendments were discussed to not only reflect the current processes taking place, but to more effectively utilize the time and effort given by all volunteers — officers, directors and members — in fulfilling our role.

Amendment discussion

Proposed by-law amendments were distributed to members attending the meeting as is specified in the guidelines of the Legislative and By-Laws Committee. Williams stated that the amendments could be condensed into four categories: 1) formation of a board of directors, which includes the officers, four regional directors and one at-large director; 2) an update of financial sections to reflect our recent alliance with the Angus Foundation and the addition of the executive treasurer position; 3) re-aligning of our fiscal year to that of our parent organization; and 4) introducing gender-neutral language throughout our by-laws so that participation of men, as well as women, is welcome. Discussion of the proposed amendments followed and all questions were addressed and answered.

Announcements

Williams encouraged all to visit the Angus Sale Barn upstairs across from the hospitality area and view new merchandise. Williams invited everyone to come to Louisville, Ky., in November and to watch the *Angus Journal* and Auxiliary Web site for schedules regarding annual meeting events.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

— Respectfully submitted,
Mary Greiman,
2005 secretary-treasurer