



Auxiliary Notes

► by **Sharee Sankey**, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Closing thoughts from a president

As we travel down the road of life, sometimes we never imagine what opportunities and ventures lay ahead. This is true in my case as I write my last column as president of the American Angus Auxiliary. Several years back I was asked to become an Auxiliary officer, and I said that I would do it when my kids were out of National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) activities. At that point I thought it seemed like a long time away. But, as time travels, it comes sooner than you think.

Time to give back

As Jeana, my daughter, was in her last year of showing I was confronted again about being an officer, and I remembered what I had said a few years back. What made me think about being an officer was the fact that for many years my kids were involved in activities supported by the Auxiliary at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), including the scholarship program, and maybe it was my turn to give back some time to an organization that had given so much. So I accepted the position of secretary/treasurer

three years ago, and now that has brought me to president.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.
— Author unknown

As a lifetime member of the Auxiliary, I have enjoyed being a member, but I never really knew what all was involved until I got involved. After three years as an officer, I now have a deeper appreciation for all the ladies who make things happen throughout the year with all the different activities and events.

Membership involvement

For all of you who know me, you know I have a passion for showing cattle. What a great place to meet new people and see old friends at cattle shows. My travels have incorporated the shows with Auxiliary activities and given me an opportunity to

visit with ladies across the United States about what the Auxiliary is and does, letting them know that we are a team that is committed to the Angus breed, our youth and the American Angus Association and its activities — and that we need them to come on board and get involved!

An organization is only as good as its membership involvement. Our lifestyles change all of the time, and the more technology allows us to get done, the more we take on. Most of us are constantly in a juggling mode with cattle, family and business. Someone once told me, “The busiest people get the most done.” I’m not sure that is always true, because I sure seem busy all the time and often wonder why I take on more.

The past three years have kept me very involved with Auxiliary activities and events, but I can say I wouldn't have traded this for anything. My trips to Saint Joseph, Mo., getting to know the Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) staff, NJAA Board members and Association Board members has given me a broader look at everything our breed is involved in. I look forward to my next year as an advisor and will be on the recruiting trail for future officers of the Auxiliary.

NAILE reminder

Our activities and meetings during the North American International Livestock

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Auxiliary schedule for NAILE

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 at the Executive West Hotel unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, Nov. 11

- 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Drinkwater Room
- 2 p.m. Executive Board Meeting, Edinborough Room
- 3 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting, Edinborough Room

Sunday, Nov. 12

- 8 a.m. Annual Auxiliary Breakfast, Queen of Scots Room
Contact Sandra McCurry to reserve tickets at sandramccurry3@aim.com (please note change in e-mail address), (316) 304-5973 or (316) 667-2418. Please leave a message.
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Drinkwater Room
- 12:30 p.m. Past Auxiliary President's Luncheon (Dutch treat), second floor of Freedom Hall, Saddle & Sirloin Club
(or immediately after the open forum) Miss American Angus speeches and questions (open to the public), Edinborough Room
- 4:30 p.m. Angus Reception, featuring the auction of embryo packages to benefit the Auxiliary scholarship fund, Queen of Scots Room
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Angus Reception, featuring the auction of embryo packages to benefit the Auxiliary scholarship fund, Queen of Scots Room

Monday, Nov. 13

- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Drinkwater Room

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Exposition (NAILE) will be at the Executive West Hotel. I hope you will take time to look at the schedule and come get involved.

A trip down the yellow brick road to the Land of Oz will bring you to the Auxiliary Breakfast on Sunday morning hosted by the Kansas Angus Auxiliary. Sandra McCurry and her awesome committee members will get you started with a full breakfast, entertainment and door prizes, so don't miss

out. Sandra is requesting reservations by calling her cell phone at (316) 304-5973 or her home phone at (316) 667-2418, or by e-mail at sandramccurry3@aim.com (please note the change in e-mail address). Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 per person, and attire is casual.

Don't forget the Holiday Room and all the Angus Sale Barn items. Cathy Miller, Angus Sale Barn chairwoman, would

welcome any of you ladies who would like to help her out during the days we are open.

I look forward to seeing you in Louisville!



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