



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Mary Greiman, president, American Angus Auxiliary*

The National Junior Angus Show — That is the American dream.

I love attending our National Junior Angus Shows (NJAS). What a great time for all of our Angus families: a whole week of contests, learning opportunities, food, friends and rewarding our youth with great awards for all their hard work. It just doesn't get any better than that! Thanks to all the families from Oklahoma and Arkansas who put in so much time and effort to show the rest of us a great time.

Highlight of the year

The NJAS is the highlight of our Auxiliary's year. With the help of James Fisher, his staff, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board and the *Angus Journal* staff, the Auxiliary gets the opportunity to show off all the hard work of several of our committees.

Awards

Our annual Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off had a total of 39 teams competing in three different categories: fresh meat, deli, and heat-and-serve. As always, there were many great skits and tasty recipes.

Thanks to our chairpersons Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe for making this year's Cook-Off extra special with a "Friends of the Black Kettle" goody bag for each contestant. This was a special tribute to Paul St. Blanc, whose family started the prestigious Black Kettle Award in his memory. These "friends" help sponsor T-

shirts and other goodies for the event.

Thanks to all of those sponsors and both Annes for a great contest. And, congratulations to the fresh meat team from Louisiana for winning this year's Black Kettle Award.

Juniors, start making plans for next year's Cook-Off. It will be the 25th anniversary of the Cook-Off, and it will be back where it first started, Des Moines, Iowa.

We also recognize the intermediate fresh meat winners with the Pat Grote Memorial LEAD Conference award. Thanks to Pat's family, the Auxiliary will pay the registrations for the winning team (Indiana this year) to attend the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

Again this year, the competition for the Janet Castle Crystal Award and the Silver Pitcher Award came down to the wire. And for the first time in the history of the Crystal Award, we had a tie. Congratulations to Julie Thelen, Saline, Mich., and to Cole and Ransom Gardiner, both of Ashland, Kan., on their outstanding achievements in the educational contests at the NJAS.

Our Silver Pitcher Award recognizes accomplishments in the showring, and this year the competition for the girls came down to one of the very last classes of the entire show. Congratulations to Garrett Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif., and Callie Smith, Lebanon, Tenn.

As always, the competition in the showmanship contest this year was extremely tough. The Auxiliary was thrilled to award silver Revere bowls to the top five showmanship winners. Congratulations to Allison Bond, Inola, Okla.; Megan Fink,

Randolph, Kan.; Katie Lents, Eton, Ga.; Kirbe Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif.; and Samantha Harl, Hastings, Neb.

The Auxiliary was pleased to present Thelen, the winner of the senior extemporaneous public speaking contest, with a Harvey Rattey pewter sculpture in the name of Richard L. Spader. We also presented a Harvey Rattey sculpture to

winner in both of the intermediate divisions of the extemporaneous public speaking contest in the name of Pat Grote. These awards went to Peter Lundgren, Ottawa, Kan., and Bailey Harsh, Radnor, Ohio.

Finally, congratulations to our 10 scholarship winners. The Auxiliary presented a total of \$10,000 to the top five girls

and the top five boys during Friday night's awards ceremony. We received 28 applications from 18 different states. Winners in the girls' division include Emma Collins, Morton, Miss., first; Ashlyn Carter, Upland, Ind., second; Danielle Foster, Niles, Mich., third; Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo., fourth; and Gretchen Frost, Tallula, Ill., fifth.

Winners in the boys' division include Andrew Rogen, Brandon, S.D., first; Kevin Gleason, Midlothian, Texas, second; Trevor Whiteside, Queenstown, Md., third; Wesley Ruby, Greene, Iowa, fourth; and Joseph Jackson, Salvisa, Ky., fifth.

Thanks to Cherie Viator for putting on a scholarship workshop for juniors and their parents who are getting ready to fill out their applications this winter. Viator is a great resource for scholarship information; contact her if you have any questions.

Membership recruitment

I just want to remind everyone that time is winding down for our membership recruitment contest. Remember, I challenged every current member to bring in one new member this year to help grow our organization. We will be awarding prizes to the individuals who bring in the most annual members and the most life members at our meeting in Louisville, Ky. Also, if any of our current members have changed their address or last name recently,

Contact Mary Greiman to purchase a raffle ticket (or several) for the Grote barbecue trailer.

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please update this information with our membership chair, Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont.

Midyear meeting

Our midyear meeting was Thursday afternoon during the NJAS, and we had a very good turnout. Several of our committee chairs were there to give their reports. We had a good discussion on our proposed bylaw change that we want to vote on at our annual meeting in November.

The actual language will be printed in my October *Angus Journal* column, but the gist of the proposal is that the Auxiliary will add six regional directors, who will help organize state or regional auxiliaries, help recruit

members, and help maintain open lines of communication between the membership and the Executive Board. These directors would not be part of the Executive Board. We are not adjusting the Executive Board in any way.

The American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting will be Nov. 10 at 3 p.m., and the Auxiliary Breakfast will be Sunday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. Both events will take place at the Executive West Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., is our chairperson for the breakfast, and she would like everyone to contact her to make their reservations for tickets. You may contact McCurry at 11313 N. 279th, Mount Hope, KS, 67108; 316-667-2418, home; 316-304-

5973, cell; or at sandychill@dtmspeed.net.

My Iowa friends are really excited about the breakfast theme and would like to invite everyone to attend.

Junior Board

Congratulations to the six new Junior Board members. I know they are going to do a great job. They are a great asset to all of our organizations. The Auxiliary appreciates all their help with our contests at nationals. We are glad we have the opportunity to work with them.

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► **Left:** Thirty-nine teams competed in the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American CAB Cook-Off Tuesday during the National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa, Okla.

► **Right:** Bailey Harsh took top honors in the intermediate division of Wednesday's extemporaneous speaking contest.

► **Below:** Mary Greiman presides over Wednesday's mid-year annual meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary.



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► Mary Greiman presents a silver Revere bowl to Allison Bond, winner of the 2007 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



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► **Above:** Michelle Rieff presents Andrew Rogen an Auxiliary Scholarship during Friday evening's awards ceremony.

► **Left:** Angus enthusiasts visited the Auxiliary booth to purchase Angus goodies throughout the week.



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