



Auxiliary Notes

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A special time for families

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is more than just about showing black cows and educational contests. It is a time for families to grow and bond together. It is a special time to build lasting relationships within families. I can think of no better place to bring up a family than in and around the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and around Angus cattle.

The Relaxation Station was fantastic!

The Auxiliary's Relaxation Station was well-received by attendees of the NJAS in Perry. Seasons Salon & Spa massage therapists provided relaxing chair massages to 60 women. While participants waited they listened to peaceful music and sipped on delicious peach smoothies.

Thank you to Annie Viator who came up with the idea for the Relaxation Station. We received many, many requests for the recipe for the peach smoothies. It is as follows:

Auxiliary Peach Smoothies

- ½ can peach nectar (usually found in the ethnic section of grocery stores)
- 4 ripe fresh peaches (you can also use frozen peaches)
- ¼-½ cup sugar
- ice (less if using frozen peaches)

Combine all ingredients in smoothie machine or blender. Smooth or blend. Serve and enjoy. Leftovers may be frozen and served later as slushies.

Highlights from the midyear meeting

Sixty-eight people attended the American Angus Auxiliary midyear meeting. During the social, members and guests chatted with old friends, made some new acquaintances and enjoyed refreshments. Fifteen lucky

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ladies won very nice door prizes provided by the Executive Committee.

Regional directors reported on all that they have been doing to strengthen and grow the Auxiliary. Their efforts were greatly applauded. All agree that the six of them are making great strides in promoting the Auxiliary and its programs and activities.

Kathi Creamer reported that a majority of the scholarship committee wished to make changes to the current Auxiliary scholarship application. The committee will be taking input from members, state scholarship chairpersons and state presidents regarding what they believe is needed in an updated application. Input is being gathered, and a revised application will be presented in Louisville, Ky., in November at the annual meeting. All input is welcome. Please contact scholarship chairperson, Kathi Creamer at 970-596-0045 or lazyjb@rocketweb.net if you have ideas or suggestions.

Jane Ebert reported that due to technology issues, the new *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) partnership with McGreevy's of Kansas will not be moving forward. It is too cost-prohibitive for the Auxiliary to absorb the expenses of web page updates and Internet billings. At this time the Auxiliary is searching for other suppliers of CAB product. Please contact Jane Ebert if you have suggestions.

The Auxiliary members voted to once again sell fresh greenery on the Angus Sale Barn web site as well as in the Holiday Room in Louisville. More information will be forthcoming as deadlines for ordering become available.

Bylaw revisions were presented to provide clarification to the Regional Directors' length of terms served and how the terms will expire. The exact wording of the proposed bylaw change will be printed in the November *Angus Journal* as well as the Oct. 1 "Auxiliary Post" newsletter. Some members expressed concern regarding the

importance of each region electing their own representation. The Legislative & Bylaw Committee will further explore the possibility of regions electing their directors by some type of mail ballot. Please watch for the printing of the proposed bylaw revisions in upcoming Auxiliary news.

Win a three-night stay

The Auxiliary is selling tickets for a chance to win a *free* three-night stay at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville — the headquarters hotel for the American Angus Association and Auxiliary annual meetings (formerly the Executive West). Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The winner will be selected on Sept. 30, 2009. Please contact Michelle Rieff at 479-936-1685 or michellerieff@aol.com, or any officer or regional director. All proceeds will go to support youth programs.

Congratulations speakers

Winners of the senior and both intermediate divisions of the NJAA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest received Harvey Rattey pewter sculptures from the American Angus Auxiliary. The senior award is presented in honor of Richard "Dick" Spader, while the intermediate contest awards are presented in honor of Pat Grote.

Congratulations to the following youth from Kansas who received these prestigious honors while in Perry: Chelsea Dickinson (18-21 age division), Amanda Laas (14-15 age division), and Hannah McCabe (16-17 age division).

In honor of Pat Grote, the Auxiliary presented Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) scholarships to pay conference registration fees for the team winning the *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off intermediate steak division. Congratulations to Allison Blythe, Meghan Blythe, Cole Gardiner, Ransom Gardiner, Hannah McCabe and Esther McCabe for winning this honor.

Things were peachy in Georgia

Hats off to the state of Georgia and all the volunteers who put on this year's NJAS! Their months and months of planning and their southern hospitality made the event truly enjoyable. A great time was had by all who attended. Thank you to all the wonderful Georgia volunteers and all the state associations who assisted with the big week!

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