



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Kathi Creamer, president, American Angus Auxiliary*

Help the next generation

The primary purpose of the American Angus Auxiliary is to recognize Angus youth for their accomplishments, to support the American Angus Association and to promote Angus beef. If you'd like to play a role in helping the next generation, then I invite you to join the Auxiliary and get involved in 2010.

Louisville highlights

There was plenty to see and do at the 2009 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Auxiliary events included the annual meeting, with reports from committee chairs, the adoption of a revised scholarship application for 2010, and election of officers. It is a pleasure to welcome our new secretary-treasurer, Anne Lampe of Scott City, Kan., to the officer team. Anne has served as co-chair of the Auxiliary Beef Education/Cook-Off Committee since 2005 as well as numerous other Auxiliary committees.

The Auxiliary also recognized retiring



► Cheryl Oxley (center), API advertising and production manager, was honored with the Auxiliary's 23rd Distinguished Woman Award. Also pictured are Jane Ebert (left) and Yvonne Hinman.



► Former Miss American Angus Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C., was the keynote speaker at the Auxiliary Breakfast Sunday morning.

committee chairwomen Linda Brost, finance; Mary McCurry, Miss American Angus; and Sandra McCurry, program and hospitality, for the many years of service they have given. Many thanks to each of you.

The 54th Annual Breakfast of the American Angus Auxiliary, "Touching Angus Lives — Renewing Spirits," was hosted by the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary, the Arkansas Angus Association and Arkansas breeders and friends. The event was coordinated by Sandra McCurry and the Hospitality Committee. Everyone received a bottle of "Angus" wine. Former Miss American Angus Emily Tennant's presentation was a breakfast highlight.

The Auxiliary honored Cheryl Oxley of Saint Joseph, Mo., as a Distinguished Woman (see page 80). Cheryl has worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many years to help the Auxiliary look great, helping with a

multitude of projects and activities, ranging from the 50th anniversary book to our breakfast programs, annual reports, and membership brochures. We truly appreciate all that you have done for us, Cheryl!

New this year was an opportunity to foster new friendships. Michelle Rieff hosted a President's Reception Saturday afternoon. Sweet treats and an enjoyable time were had by all.

Sally Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C., daughter of Kevin and Lydia Yon, was crowned Miss American Angus. Congratulations to Sally and the other four finalists and their families. Thank you to Mary McCurry, Lindsey (Trosper) DeWitte and Whitney Trosper for coordinating this wonderful contest.

About your new president

Angus cattle have always been a part of my life. I grew up on a small ranch just north of Denver, Colo., where my family raised Angus cattle. My herd began when my parents gave me an Angus heifer for my first 4-H project. Through my involvement in 4-H beef projects, livestock judging and the Colorado and National Junior Angus Associations

"If you want happiness for a lifetime — help the next generation."

— *Chinese Proverb*



► 2009-2010 American Angus Auxiliary officers and directors include (seated, from left): Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., advisor; Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo., president; Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, president-elect; Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan., Region 3 director; Annie Viator, Franklin, Texas, Region 2 director; Martha Holshouser, Gold Hill, N.C., Region 4 director; Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis., Region 5 director; Mary K. Vejraska, Omak, Wash., Region 1 director; and Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md., Region 6 director.

2010 American Angus Auxiliary Officers

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(NJAA), my desire to remain involved in Angus and the beef industry grew.

I taught in the elementary schools for 20 years upon graduation from the University of Colorado. And, I continued to raise and show Angus cattle with my parents. In 1985 I met my husband, Jeff, at a Colorado Angus meeting. Together we remained involved in my family's ranch and continued to show cattle.

In 1989, my parents presented us with an opportunity to relocate to the western slope of Colorado. With extensive utilization of Pulmonary Arterial Pressure (PAP) testing, artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer (ET), we developed a herd of 250 high-altitude registered Angus cattle. With our son, Brandon; daughter, Britney; and my parents, Richard and Elaine Biella, we host an annual bull sale at the ranch each March, market females and show cattle through private sales and sales at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

Everyone in my family is passionate about Angus cattle and supportive of junior Angus and 4-H programs. Throughout the year my family provides consultation services for people interested in raising cattle and conducts show cattle clinics across the western slope of Colorado. Brandon, a past vice chairman of the NJAA Board, is currently pursuing degrees in ag business and animal science at Colorado State University. Britney, a current member of the NJAA Board, is a junior at Oklahoma State University studying agricultural economics, international agricultural marketing and Spanish. Jeff and I currently serve as Colorado Junior Angus Association advisors and co-chairs of the 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), assisted by Britney as one of the junior co-chairs.



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