



Auxiliary Notes

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Believing in ourselves and others

It seems like only yesterday that I traveled with my family to their first National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The experience was so much more than we had anticipated — and the beginning of a family tradition. Who would have guessed that one week of Angus activities, friends and competitions would lead us to where we are today — a house filled with an Auxiliary president, a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board member, a former NJAA Board member, a 2010 NJAS junior co-chair and the 2010 NJAS adult co-chairs?

Bring a friend

The beginning of my involvement in the American Angus Auxiliary began during the second NJAS my family attended. A friend invited me to join her for the Auxiliary midyear meeting, and, as they say, “The rest is history.” Through the years I have acquired an increased appreciation for the efforts of so many extraordinary Auxiliary members. Their time and efforts provide not only support of the Angus breed, but numerous awards and scholarships for junior Angus members.

Just as a friend invited me several years ago, I’d like to personally invite you to attend the Auxiliary midyear meeting Wednesday, July 14, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. Bring a friend and join us at 4:30 p.m. for refreshments and an opportunity to network and socialize. The meeting will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

Angus youth awards

The NJAS is a special time of year for the Auxiliary to acknowledge the efforts of NJAA members. The Auxiliary will present \$12,000

in college scholarships, the Pat Grote Award to the top intermediate division winner in the extemporaneous speaking contest, the Richard L. “Dick” Spader Award to the top senior extemporaneous speaker, the Pat Grote LEAD scholarships to the intermediate winners of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off, all the CAB Cook-Off prizes and the Black Kettle Award for the overall winning team.

The Auxiliary also presents silver Revere bowls to the top five showmanship contestants in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, the Janet Castle Crystal Award to the overall high-point male and female based on placings in the educational contests, and the Silver Pitcher Awards to the male and female with the most outstanding achievement in the showing at the NJAS.

27th Annual Cook-Off

The 27th Annual Cook-Off will take place on Tuesday, July 13, at 1 p.m., on the second floor of the Hall of Education. This year’s Cook-Off contest promises to be as exciting as ever, including a new division highlighting cooking with a specific cut of CAB (see May *Angus Journal*, page 47).

Anne Patton Schubert (502-477-2663), Taylorsville, Ky., and Anne Lampe (620-872-3391), Scott City, Kan., serve as co-chairwomen of this popular contest. Special thanks to these ladies for all the time and effort they give to this event. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Cook-Off, please contact either chairwoman.

Purchases to benefit Angus youth

This year, during the NJAS, you will have the opportunity to view and purchase

sculptures created exclusively for the American Angus Auxiliary. Harvey Rattey, renowned Montana artist, will have a booth where you can purchase his fine-looking Angus show heifer or cow-calf sculptures.

Longaberger Auxiliary fundraising products will be on display during the NJAS, as well. State Auxiliaries can share in the profits also. If your state Auxiliary is interested in this fundraiser, please contact Ardyce O’Neill at 712-644-2062 or via e-mail at onlangus@longlines.com.

Your purchases at these booths will benefit Angus youth, as a portion of the sales goes directly to Auxiliary awards and scholarships.

Rocky Mountain Spa

While at the NJAS, come join your circle of Angus girlfriends at the Auxiliary-sponsored “Rocky Mountain Spa.” The Spa will serve as a means of promoting the Auxiliary while pampering female attendees at the NJAS. The Spa will be offered one day only, so check out the NJAS schedule for the exact time and location. If you would like to assist with the Rocky Mountain Spa or have ideas for activities, please contact Michelle Rieff at michellerieff@aol.com or 479-936-1685.

Angus Gift Barn ‘Special of the Month’

Just in time for Father’s Day, the Angus Gift Barn is featuring a unique Angus



Kirshner knife. Gift Certificates are also available.

Featuring many new and unique Angus items, the Angus Gift Barn will be on location at the NJAS. The

Gift Barn will also feature the official, one-of-a-kind, commemorative NJAS T-shirts.

As we celebrate Father’s Day, I’d like to personally thank my dad, who encouraged me to dream big and believe in myself.

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