



Auxiliary Notes

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

Breath-taking moments

*“Life’s not the breaths you take
The breathing in and out
That gets you through the day;
Ain’t what it’s all about.
You just might miss the point
Tryin’ to win the race —
Life’s not the breaths you take,
But the moments that take your breath
away.”*

— from *“The Breath You Take”*
by *George Strait*

Reflections

Not so long ago I was asked to serve as an officer of the American Angus Auxiliary. My children were nearing the end of their involvement in the junior Angus program and they had been involved in activities supported by the Auxiliary, as well as the recipients of numerous Auxiliary awards and scholarships. I saw this as an opportunity to give back to an organization that had given so much and accepted the offer.

Where has the year gone? It seems like just yesterday Past President Michelle Rieff handed the gavel to me. Not only has my term as president of the American Angus Auxiliary passed quickly, but it has been a

year filled with many moments that have taken my breath away. Topping off that list was showing the 2010 Arizona National Livestock Show Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Grand Champion Bull; cheering loudly as my son, Brandon, received his diploma from Colorado State University; celebrating 25 years of marriage; and awarding my daughter, Britney, the Auxiliary-sponsored silver bowl for showmanship at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Each of these moments was more memorable because they were shared with Angus friends.

During the past year I have also come to recognize and appreciate the many volunteers whose passion for the Angus breed and Angus youth is reflected by the time and energy they contribute to the Auxiliary. As I reflect on the past year I am grateful to the many Angus enthusiasts who have played a major role in my memorable year as president of the Auxiliary. I cannot thank enough the Auxiliary officers, regional directors, committee chairs, committee members, Auxiliary members and Auxiliary supporters for their contributions to the Auxiliary. It has been my pleasure to work with all the professionals at the American Angus Association, Angus Productions

Inc. (API) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). And I truly appreciate the support of the Association Board of Directors and numerous breeders and donors who make many of the Auxiliary programs possible.

Membership

The Auxiliary has provided me with networking opportunities with Angus breeders from across the country, new friends and an opportunity to give back. This has been worth more than the membership fee. I encourage everyone reading this article to join the Auxiliary. Annual dues are \$10, and lifetime dues are \$100. Membership forms are available from any of the officers and directors, or from membership chair Pam Patterson, 123 Patterson Ranch Rd., Columbus, MT 59019. They are also on the Auxiliary website, www.angusauxiliary.com.

Holiday gift giving made simple

The Auxiliary has several options for your holiday gift giving. Scavuzzo’s Inc. and S&S Meat Co. of Kansas City have teamed up with the Auxiliary to provide CAB gift boxes to meet all your gift giving needs. With each purchase, Scavuzzo’s and S&S Meat Co. will give 10% toward the educational outreach and scholarship programs sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary. All orders can be placed from our website, www.angusauxiliary.com, or by calling the toll-free number at S&S Meat Co., 1-800-800-4707.

Several new items are available just in time for your Christmas gift giving. These items include a whiskey decanter designed specifically for the Auxiliary by Roussel’s Jewelry & Gifts, Chris Roussel, Gramercy, La., and stylish women’s T-shirts. And, as always, gift certificates are available.

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Auxiliary schedule for NAILE

Please 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 Crowne Plaza unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, Nov. 13

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

Sunday, Nov. 14

8 a.m. Annual Auxiliary Breakfast, Crowne B & C Rooms; contact Anne Lampe to reserve tickets at alampe@wbsnet.org or by cell phone at 620-874-4273
8 a.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Elliot Room
3 p.m.-4 p.m. President’s Reception in President Creamer’s suite. Watch for signs in the hotel announcing the exact room number.
4:30 p.m. Miss American Angus speeches and questions (open to the public)

Monday, Nov. 15

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Elliot Room
Conclusion of bull show Crowning of Miss American Angus

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