



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Barbara Ettredge*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Reflections

As I prepare to pass the gavel to Anne Lampe, I can't help but reflect on the past that has brought me to president. It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure to serve the Auxiliary through the leadership position you entrusted to me. The 2011 officer team and regional directors worked diligently to make a difference in the Angus world with educational, promotional, and social activities and programs. Although leadership can be a thankless job at times, the end results always make the investment worth the effort.

Success through teamwork

This past year, I encouraged positive communication and fiscal responsibility among our executive committee and membership. Working together as a team, we exchanged ideas and built consensus to strengthen our activities and programs. My sincere thanks to my fellow officers, regional directors, committee chairs, committee members, Auxiliary members, and Auxiliary supporters who worked to bring about the accomplishments of the past year. It was my pleasure to work with the American Angus Association, Angus Productions Inc. (API), Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), the Angus Foundation, and numerous Angus breeders and supporters. Your dedication and support of the Auxiliary and the Angus breed has made a difference in the past and will continue to make a difference in the future.

Holiday gift-giving options

The Auxiliary has several gift-giving options this holiday season. Look no further than the American Angus Auxiliary website, www.angusauxiliary.com. The Angus Gift

Barn features a variety of gifts and unique items, including wine glasses that would make the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Carol Wojciechowski, Angus Gift Barn chairman, is happy to help you select the perfect gift. The Gift Barn will be in the Holiday Room in

Louisville for your shopping convenience. As always, gift certificates are available.

The Auxiliary 'Gift that Sizzles' features *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) gift boxes from Scavuzzo's Inc. and S&S Meat Co. The CAB gift box selections include beef patties, filet mignon,

strip steak, top sirloin steak and ribeye steak. Montana artist Harvey Rattey has teamed up with the American Angus Auxiliary to offer his sculptures of Angus cattle. Harvey's show heifer and cow-calf designs are exclusive pieces for the Auxiliary.

While in Louisville, stop by the Holiday Room for the second offering of the Auxiliary Silent Auction, featuring unique offerings from different parts of the country. Additionally, tickets are still available for the Crowne Plaza Room Drawing — the Auxiliary is offering chances for a free, three-night stay at the Crowne Plaza in

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is within you."**

— Sara Henderson

Louisville (the headquarters hotel of the American Angus Association and Auxiliary annual meetings). Tickets are available for a donation of \$5 per ticket, and the drawing will take place at the Auxiliary Breakfast Nov. 13. The free, three-night stay expires July 30, 2012, so it may be used for the Annual Meeting, the Breeders' Futurity, or the 2012 NJAS. For tickets, contact any Auxiliary officer or regional director; tickets will also be available at Auxiliary meetings in Louisville.

All proceeds from Auxiliary projects benefit the Auxiliary educational outreach programs and activities, as well as our scholarship program.

Membership is open!

We are always looking for Angus friends to become members of our great organization. This year I have visited with Angus folks from across the United States about what the Auxiliary is and does, letting them know that we are a team that is committed to making a difference in the Angus breed and in the lives of its junior members. Along with joining or renewing your American Angus Auxiliary membership, make sure that you also join or renew with your state Auxiliary group. The purposes of the individual state Auxiliaries closely parallel those of the American Auxiliary: we both promote Angus cattle, educate the public, provide scholarships to youth, and facilitate the selection of Angus queens, and in the case of states, possibly princesses. The membership form may be found on the Auxiliary website, www.angusauxiliary.com, or by calling our membership chairwoman, Rhonda McCurry.

Be involved

The past three years have kept me very involved with Auxiliary activities and events, but I wouldn't have traded this opportunity for anything. My travels and getting to know Association staff and Board members have given me a broader view of everything our breed is involved in. I look forward to my next year as advisor, continuing my travels, recruiting Auxiliary members and future

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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. 12

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Angus Gift Barn & Silent Auction, Holiday Room, *Elliot Room*

2 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

3 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 13

8 a.m. Annual Auxiliary Breakfast, *Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center*

Contact Michelle Rieff to reserve tickets at michellerieff@aol.com or by phone at 479-936-1685

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Angus Gift Barn & Silent Auction, Holiday Room, *Elliot Room*

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. President's Reception in President Ettredge'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. 14

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Angus Gift Barn, Holiday Room, *Elliot Room*
Conclusion of Crowning of Miss American Angus bull show

officers, and making a difference as much as I can.

Join us in Louisville, as we will be kicking off a yearlong celebration in honor of our Auxiliary's 60th Anniversary. The festivities will begin at the Annual Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the KFEC — new location (see schedule insert).

As I finish my term as president, I am reminded of a speech that Jill Harker gave at a National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) advisor meeting. Many of you will recognize the story she shared:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done! These four people — Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody — live in our community, and they will continue to live in our community until Everybody realizes that they are Somebody. Everybody is a Somebody because they have gifts and talents that can be developed and that they can give back to better our community.

Somewhere along the way, we've all worked with everybodies, somebodies, anybodies and nobodies. Fortunately, the Angus breed, including the Auxiliary, has great breeders, leaders, mentors and volunteers who don't fit any of these molds. Instead, Angus folks are quality people working hard to promote the industry, its breed and its people. Join me in being a Somebody!

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