



Auxiliary Notes

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Knowledge and talent

The timeless quote boxed below supports the argument that the ability to learn, grow and achieve long-lasting success is greatly enhanced when knowledgeable and caring mentors are added to the picture. So it is with the American Angus Auxiliary.

Our best resources

Our group is filled with numerous mentors who are willing to assist or provide history, just for the asking. It is because of visionary ladies who laid the groundwork of this great organization that we continue to build a strong and rich Auxiliary. If we neglect to search our Auxiliary resources, we fail to find the best answers. The responses to most of our inquiries are at our fingertips — simply dial the phone or type an email or text to someone who has blazed the trail before us. The Auxiliary member at the other end of our request is more than willing to assist in continuing the legacy of our mission.

Join us in Louisville

You are invited to join us in Louisville as we begin our 60th year of offering individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional, and social programs and activities. Plans are being finalized for exciting Auxiliary activities to be held in conjunction with the Angus events during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Auxiliary meetings will be Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Crowne Plaza headquarters hotel. The Executive Board meeting will begin at 2

p.m., with the Annual Meeting following at 3 p.m. In addition to committee reports and Auxiliary updates, elections of officers and regional directors from regions 4, 5 and 6 will take place during the Annual Meeting.

Sunday morning will start with the Annual Auxiliary Breakfast at the Kentucky Exposition Center; the location has changed, but the same great fellowship and friends will be there. Advance reservations are encouraged but not required. Please contact Michelle Rieff at 479-936-1685 or

michellerieff@aol.com for reservations. Tickets will be available at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting, as well as at the door the morning of the breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon, please join the Auxiliary from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the President's Reception in President Ettredge's suite. Come join the fun as we kick off a yearlong celebration of the American Angus Auxiliary's 60th Anniversary. Watch for signs in the hotel announcing the exact room number.

Following the reception, at approximately 4:30 p.m., you are invited to listen to the Miss American Angus contestants' speeches and impromptu questions. This phase of the competition is open to the public. You will

"Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, but teach a man to fish and he'll never be hungry again."

be impressed with the talents and speaking abilities of these young ladies who are the Angus leaders of tomorrow.

While in Louisville, don't forget to visit the Angus Gift Barn, which will feature several new items just in time for your Christmas shopping. The Angus Gift Barn will be located at the Crowne Plaza hotel in the Holiday Room. Gift certificates will be available for purchase. For your year-round shopping convenience, you may purchase Angus Gift Barn merchandise online at www.angusauxiliary.com.

Certificate of Achievement deadline approaches

Juniors involved in Angus activities year-round are encouraged to apply for the Certificate of Achievement award given by the Auxiliary for outstanding achievements at national, state and district levels.

Achievements that qualify include champion or reserve champion Angus bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion Angus bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair and class winners; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions, and all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognized competitions, including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards also qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time. These certificates are beneficial when applying for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through the National Junior Recognition Program, as well as applying for Auxiliary scholarships.

The Achievement Award application is available on the Auxiliary website, www.angusauxiliary.com, or by contacting committee co-chairs Kerri Gleason (kgleason@aircanopy.net, states beginning with A-L) or Erica Styles (cestyles@nvc.net, states beginning with M-W). Certificates are issued for outstanding achievement from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. The deadline to submit completed applications is Nov. 1.

2011 American Angus Auxiliary Officers & Regional Directors

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Renew your membership now

Amid all of your incoming and outgoing mail, please make sure that you have mailed your American Angus Auxiliary membership form and dues. The membership form may be found on the Auxiliary website, www.angusauxiliary.com, or by calling our membership chairwoman, Rhonda McCurry. Annual dues are \$10, or a lifetime membership is just \$100.

For those of you with lifetime memberships, you don't need to send any money, but consider letting us know what committee you'd like to serve on. Also, if you have recently moved, let us know so that we can update our records and so you will be assured of receiving the semiannual Auxiliary newsletter, *The Auxiliary Post*.

Along with renewing your American Angus Auxiliary membership, make sure that you also renew or join your state Auxiliary group. The purposes of the individual state auxiliaries closely parallel those of the American Angus Auxiliary; we 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.

Win a free, three-night stay in Louisville

The Auxiliary is offering chances for a free, three-night stay at the Crowne Plaza in 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 be 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, please contact Barbara Ettredge at 940-686-2958 or CircleEFarms@aol.com, or any Auxiliary officer or regional director; tickets will also be available at Auxiliary meetings in Louisville. All proceeds will go to support programs and activities for Angus youth.

We look forward to seeing you in Louisville and hope that you will volunteer your hands and talents to further the mission of the American Angus Auxiliary.

I'll leave you with another quote:

"The two best helping hands you'll ever receive reside at the end of your own arms. Never make the mistake of limiting the number of hands that can work on your behalf."



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