



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

A new year

A dry March and a wet May fill the barns with corn and hay.

Origins

Originally, Martius (March) was the very first month of the Roman calendar. In their geographical region, the grips of winter are just beginning to lose their hold in March. It makes sense that a year should begin as a new season of life begins. Great Britain and its colonies, including what is now the United States, continued to use March 25 as the first day of the year until 1752, which was when they ultimately adopted the Gregorian calendar. Many other cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.

In like a lion and out like a lamb is the idiom I learned in grade school about the month of March. However, growing up on a small farm in Maryland, that phrase didn't have the meaning it now has as I work as a full-time farmer on my husband's family

farm in Indiana. March now represents a lot of calving, our spring bull and heifer sale, mud and my dreaded muck boots, and March Madness, which includes filling out my bracket and hoping I win.

Some of you are winding down your spring calving season, while others are just beginning. I personally find calving season extremely exciting as we watch our breeding decisions come to life and anticipate the success of our calf crop. We hope that the time, effort and hours of hard work will pay off not only

financially, but toward the improvement of our breed, as well.

Anticipation

The American Angus Auxiliary shares this same excitement every year while working hard to support the youth and future of the Angus breed. We are proud to be giving

approximately \$12,000 in scholarships to the top five male and top five female applicants who are selected by the judging committee from applications submitted by the candidate's home state. In addition, the five finalists for the Miss American Angus contest are selected from the top national female applicants.

We are excited about providing Certificates of Achievement, Crystal, Silver Pitcher, Grote, Spader, Cook-Off and Showmanship awards. We are able to provide these awards by raising money through our Angus Gift

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If you are a retiring junior Angus member, current junior Angus member, wife, mother, grandmother or professional in the agricultural field, we invite you to join.

2013 American Angus Auxiliary Officers

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2013 American Angus Auxiliary Membership Application

(make copies if necessary)

RENEWAL **NEW MEMBER** **GIFT MEMBERSHIP** (purchased by: _____)

Name: _____

Farm/Ranch Name: _____ Email: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Select: _____ Annual Dues \$10 _____ Life Membership \$100 _____ Donation
_____ Non-Active Member (I want to support the AAAX but not serve on a committee at this time) \$25

I would like to serve on a committee (circle your interest):

Angus Gift Barn – Audit – Awards – Beef Education – Finance – Historian – Membership – Miss American Angus – Newsletter Nominating – Program & Hospitality – Public Relations – Rattey Sculpture – Gifts that Sizzle – Scholarship – Ways & Means.

Return with check payable to American Angus Auxiliary to: **Jamie Rutledge**, membership chairman, 900 Sharon, Derby, KS 67037

Application also online at www.angusauxiliary.com

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Barn, our partnership with *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®), our “Tradition Continues” Endowment Heifer and membership dues.

Stay involved

I am a first-generation Angus breeder, and I was fortunate enough to have parents who supported and encouraged my interest as a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member. However, when the time came for my junior Angus career to come to an end, I found myself seeking a way to remain involved in an organization that had given me endless opportunities. Joining the American Angus Auxiliary has been fulfilling for me in many ways; however, the most rewarding experience is providing those same opportunities I had to today's Angus juniors.

If you are a retiring junior Angus member, current junior Angus member, wife, mother, grandmother or professional in the agricultural field, we invite you to join. Annual dues run from Oct. 1-Sept. 30 and are just \$10; a lifetime membership fee is \$100. There are many committees to choose from, or you can serve and support the Auxiliary by just paying your dues. A membership application can be found on page 24 or on our website at www.angusauxiliary.com. Please send the membership application to our membership chairperson Jamie (Meyer) Rutledge, 900 Sharon, Derby, KS 67037.

Spring is in the air

The American Angus Association in Saint

Joseph, Mo., has been gracious to host the Auxiliary spring meeting each year and our Women Connected Conference. This year we are being hosted by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) in Wooster, Ohio, and we are looking forward to touring their facilities, new culinary center and meeting the staff. Our executive committee, committee chairpersons, state auxiliary presidents, and past presidents are invited to spend the weekend April 12-14 planning this year's Auxiliary events and fundraisers.

Just a reminder: Ag Day is celebrated March 19. National Ag Day falls during National Ag Week, March 17-23.



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