



# Auxiliary Notes

► by *Lynne Hinrichsen, American Angus Auxiliary*

## Choose to be involved

*We all face choices in life. These choices can shape who we become, how we give back or help others, and what we leave for the next generation. More than 25 years ago, I made the choice to become involved with the greatest breed of cattle and the organizations that represent it. I have not regretted anything about that decision and how it has had a huge impact on my life, family and career.*

### Choosing Angus

I first became aware of an auxiliary organization when I was in college at Michigan State University. I attended an Angus event and saw a group of women meeting. Of course, being of college age, I thought that was for the “moms of the junior members.” Therefore, I chose to stay in the barn and help with the cattle. Fast-forward to when I moved to Kansas after graduation.

Being far from home, I looked for a way to get to know more people and become involved in my new state. What better way than through Angus cattle? I noticed there were women of all ages and backgrounds involved, including moms and non-moms (just like in Michigan had I taken the time to notice), and I chose to join the Kansas Angus Auxiliary and the American Angus Auxiliary in addition to the state association.

Being a member was just the beginning of my involvement, as a few years later I became part of our state officer team, serving as vice president and president. I chose to reach further into the national Auxiliary as I became a regional director, serving two terms and then proceeding up the officer path to this year’s role as president. It has been an outstanding journey, and would not be

complete unless I had my family supporting me along the way.

### Family tradition

I met my husband, Ron, during college, and we have been married for 23 years. Our family owns and operates R&L Angus, a registered and commercial cattle ranch. I am not the only one who likes to be involved with things. Ron has served as a district director and on the officer team for the Kansas Angus Association (KAA). He has just completed his term as the KAA president.

We are blessed with two children, Cale and Eva, who are very active in the state and national junior Angus programs. They take after their parents by being involved beyond membership and are gaining a strong foundation to help them in the future. We have all learned that these roles require hard work, dedication and a commitment to the cattle and people of the breed.

### Dedication

These are the same principles that the Auxiliary strives to embrace. We are dedicated to promoting the Angus breed and supporting the junior members through

our programs, awards and scholarships. When the choice was made to move the Association and Auxiliary annual meetings to Kansas City, our organization continued with a business-as-usual attitude, and we had a phenomenal turnout for our events. We conducted our annual meeting, where it was announced that we may possibly have three new state auxiliaries coming on board. This is exciting news as we continue to grow our membership and get our mission out to more women.

I am proud to serve with our new officer team. The six regional directors are all returning to represent their states and will continue their work with increasing membership and garnering participation in our programs and awards.

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► The 2015 Auxiliary officers team is (from left) Advisor Courtney Holshouser, President Lynne Hinrichsen, President-elect Carla Malson and Secretary-treasurer Julie Murnin.

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