



THE AUXILIARY POST

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Join Us in Louisville—Annual Meeting

Plans are moving right along for an exciting and meaningful meeting in Louisville. Meetings for the Auxiliary will be Saturday, November 14 in the Crowne Plaza headquarters hotel. The Executive Board Meeting will be at 2 p.m., with the Annual Meeting beginning at 3 p.m. The Auxiliary Breakfast, “Touching Angus Lives ~ Renewing Spirits”, will be Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the Angus registration table in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza, at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting or at the breakfast. On Sunday afternoon from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., please join the Auxiliary for the President’s

Reception to be held in Auxiliary president, Michelle Rieff’s suite. This is a new event added to the Auxiliary schedule. We will visit, enjoy each other’s company and some home-made refreshments. It will be a relaxing, fun time. Watch for signs in the hotel announcing the exact room number. All Auxiliary members and potential members are invited to attend. Following the reception at approximately 4:30 p.m. will be the Miss American Angus contestant’s speeches and impromptu questions. This phase of the competition is open to the public. You will be very impressed by the speaking abilities of these dynamic women.

Committees for 2010 Are Forming

Auxiliary committees are reorganizing for the upcoming year. If you would like to serve on one of our various national committees, please contact president-elect Kathi Creamer at www.lazyjb@rocketweb.net or call (970)0240-2798 or (970) 596-0045. Serving on a national committee is a great way to make new friends, get more involved, serve the Angus breed and youth as well as share your talents or expertise to move the Auxil-

iary forward. We need you! Please contact Kathi by October 31st with your interests. Following is a list of committees needing members: Audit, Liaison, Membership, Miss American Angus, Program & Hospitality, Public Relations, Scholarship, Ways & Means, Beef Education, Distinguished Women, Finance, Historian, Legislative & By-Laws. If you would like to learn more about what the different committees do, please contact Kathi or the cur-

For Sale—Holiday Greenery from the Auxiliary

It is time for some pre-holiday shopping! The Auxiliary is offering fresh, hand made and designed 24” greenery wreaths from Fraser Fir, White Pine, Boxwood, Arborvitae and Bay Leaves. Orders may be placed with the Angus Sale Barn at www.angusauxiliary.com. Click on the Angus Sale Barn to place your order. Or you may call Cathy Miller directly at (419)833-7665. Ship dates are November 15 through December 10, 2009. Cost per wreath is \$50 which includes UPS shipping. The deadline to place your order is November 30th. The wreaths make great gifts for friends to enjoy during the holiday season. Be sure to order some for yourself!

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ You are invited to attend the “President’s Reception” in her hotel suite at the Crowne Plaza during the American Angus Association’s Annual Meeting & Festivities in Louisville. The event will be Sunday, November 15th from 3:00—4:00 pm. Watch for signs in the hotel for the exact room number.
- ◆ Encourage Junior members to apply for Auxiliary Achievement Awards. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2009. Information can be found on the website at www.angusauxiliary.com.

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Missouri Angus Auxiliary—Moovin' & Groovin' by Pam Naylor, President

The Missouri Angus Auxiliary has had a busy year the past few months with many activities to support our junior programs as well as promote our great breed of cattle. The Auxiliary topped off the year by selling all 100 \$100 chances on a donation heifer presented to the Auxiliary by Clearcreek Farm of Republic. It was then purchased by James Ruble LLC and KCS Angus Ranch. The heifer was donated to the Auxiliary as a fundraiser for scholarships and to support our queen, princess and ambassador. During the Missouri Angus Futurity a silent auction is held as a fundraiser. The Auxiliary also hosted a hospitality area in the barn where coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts were available. Connie Sayre of

Stotts City does a fantastic chairing the hospitality committee. Officers were also elected at the annual meeting at the Futurity. In June the Missouri Angus Preview is held in conjunction with the Missouri Cattlemen's Association Junior Show in Sedalia. This is a big weekend for Missouri Angus families and the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary makes sure exhibitors have snacks on show morning. Missouri is proud of the great job their past Queen—Katy McDonald, Princess—Cammie Ward, and Ambassador—Derrick Washam did for them. The 2009 elite group includes Queen—Emelia Heimsoth, Princess—Jessica Seidhoff and Ambassador—Garren Bellis. Missouri is very proud of these young adults and is certainly blessed with so many great

kids that are involved in the Angus breed. The Auxiliary presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Taylor Short. With the 2009 Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show held in Springfield, the Missouri Angus Auxiliary was once again very involved. The Auxiliary sponsored and served the Saturday morning breakfast. Many members graciously gave of their time to assist in serving hundreds of juniors and their families. Missouri State Fair exhibitors always look forward to the hospitality table on show mornings sponsored by the Missouri Angus Auxiliary. The Auxiliary looks forward to continuing our support of Angus youth and promoting our great breed.

New Miss American Angus to be Selected in Louisville

"Integrity and Me" will be the title for the speeches for this year's Miss American Angus contestants. Lindsey Grimes, OH, Hannah McCabe, KS, Kelli Retallick, WI, JanLee Rowlett, TN, and Sally Yon, SC will be competing for the title. These outstanding young women will participate in four phases of the competition that include a personal interview, a written test, prepared public speaking, and impromptu questions. The competition begins on Saturday,

November 14th with a contestant orientation, lunch with the judges, personal interviews and the written test. Diane Johnson will serve as a guest speaker presenting information to the contestants on etiquette. On Sunday, November 15th the contest continues with contestants attending the Annual Auxiliary Breakfast, handing out awards at the NAILE, and then concluding with prepared speeches and impromptu questions at 4:30 pm in the

Russell Room at the Crowne Plaza. The public is invited to this portion of the contest. On Monday, November 16th contestants will present awards during the Angus cow/calf pair and bull show. Before the grand champion bull is selected, the new Miss American Angus 2010 will be crowned. Congratulations to these five fantastic representatives of the Angus breed. Good luck to all of you in Louisville!

What Will \$10 Buy You Today—by Mary K. Vejraska, Region #1 Director

It seems the cost of most things we need and use in our daily lives continues to rise. What will \$10 buy you today? How about a new pair of shoes? Probably not. What about a night out at the movies with popcorn and a Coke? Definitely not! Maybe a one year membership in the American Angus Auxiliary?

YES! That's right! For only \$10 a year or \$100 for a lifetime membership you can be a member of an association whose primary purpose is to recognize Angus youth for their accomplish-

ments, support the American Angus Association and promote Angus beef. The Auxiliary sponsors scholarships to ten Angus youth graduating from high school, Miss American Angus, the All American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off, Extemporaneous Speaking Awards, Achievement Awards, Silver Pitcher Awards, Crystal Awards, National Showmanship Contest awards, and LEAD registration scholarships. Even if you don't have time to get involved in busy committee work, your dues will assist with the awards and scholarships. Remember

to renew your membership or upgrade to a lifetime membership. Better yet, recruit at least one person to join the American Angus Auxiliary. Help to continue to support Angus youth for their accomplishments and to promote the Angus breed. Membership information is available on our Web site at www.angusauxiliary.com or by contacting our membership chairman Pam Patterson at blkcow@hotmail.com or (406) 445-2332.





Minutes from the Mid-Year Auxiliary Meeting—Perry, Georgia—July 22, 2009

The mid-year meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was called to order by President Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Arkansas, at 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, during the NJAS in Perry, Georgia. Copies of the agenda, treasurer's report, and regional/state contact information were available at the registration table. There were 66 members present. Rieff thanked Georgia for their hospitality. She also recognized American Angus Association Board member Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Indiana, who is running for re-election in November, and asked the Auxiliary membership for their support; Katie Gazda, Athens, Georgia, the 2009 Miss American Angus; and Anne Trenholm, St. Joseph, Missouri, from the American Angus Association. Committee Chairs introduced themselves, followed by state presidents, and the executive committee members.

Secretary's Report Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, announced that the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting had been printed in the February issue of the Angus Journal. Rather than reading the minutes, Barbara asked if anyone had questions or corrections. There being none, Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Arkansas, moved, and Cindy Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas, seconded, that the minutes be approved and filed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Ettredge presented the financial report which was distributed to all members; it included the balance sheet, profit and loss, and the Angus Foundation funds. She explained that the returns on investments are down, and that the executive committee is being frugal with the funds and spending. Sandy Trosper, Hamilton, Missouri, moved to accept the

financial report; Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Indiana, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regional Director Reports

Region 1 - Mary K. Vejraska, Omak, Washington, reported that she had attended the Western Angus Futurity in Reno during April, with a goal to increase Auxiliary membership from the western states. **Region 2** - Annie Viator, Franklin, Texas, was unable to be in Perry. Rieff reported that Annie has been working with members from her region to update contact information. **Region 3** - Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kansas, reported that she is working as a liaison from the executive board to recruit state memberships.

Region 4 - Martha Holshouser, Gold Hill, North Carolina, was unable to attend. Vejraska reported that Holshouser has contacted state presidents and is working closely with the Atlantic National Angus Auxiliary.

Region 5 - Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wisconsin, was unable to be in Perry. Rieff reported that Mindemann has worked diligently on the Cook-Off Cookbook.

Region 6 - Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Maryland, is working with current state auxiliaries and also with states that do not have organized auxiliaries.

Committee Reports

Achievement Awards - Committee Co-Chairs, Kerri Gleason, Midlothian, Texas, and Erica Styles, Brentford, South Dakota, were unable to attend the meeting. Rieff reported that the application had not changed, but that the state award chair should submit completed applications by the state's name--states that begin with A-L should send applications to Gleason and states that begin with M-W should send applications to Styles. Application is available on the NJAA and Auxiliary websites. Deadline to submit

to committee co-chairs is Nov. 1. **Beef Education** - Anne Patton Schubert, CAB Cook-Off chair, Taylorsville, Kentucky, reported that the Cook-Off was a great success, with 37 actual entries featuring 166 chefs. Of those 37 entries, 18 were in the steak category, 10 in the roast category, and 9 in the other beef category. A total of 40 teams actually entered. Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kansas, Cook-Off co-chair, reported that the Friends of the Black Kettle collected approximately \$1950 for prizes, and that Certified Angus Beef and Kentucky Angus Association helped with the awards; Ankony Angus sponsored the t-shirts for all participants. Lampe also reported that the 25th Anniversary CAB Cook-Off Cookbook is for sale in the Angus Sale Barn for \$20; the cost of printing was \$3762, however, \$2920 was raised through ads sold.

Historian - Sheri Tunstill, Fayetteville, Arkansas, indicated that she would appreciate anything sent from states auxiliaries to be included in the scrapbook. **Legislative & Bylaws** - Nancy Thelen, Saline, Michigan, reported for Pam Bailey, Douglass, Kansas, who was unable to be in Perry. Bailey is working to clean-up the language of the bylaws regarding the election of regional directors; this will be presented for a vote in Louisville in November. Bailey sent the following draft:

Article IV, Section 4.5 - Insert the following paragraph after the listing of the states in each region: Regional Directors shall serve a term of two years, but no more than two consecutive terms. In order for terms to be arranged so that no more than three directors' terms shall expire annually and for one term only, the directors from Regions 1, 2, and 3 shall serve a two year term and the directors from

Regions 4, 5, and 6 shall serve a three year term for those director positions elected in November 2010.

Section VIII, Section 8.1c. The Nominating Committee will assist each of the six regions in selecting no more than two director candidates from its region and nominations for each region shall only come from members in the region.

Members voiced their concern that regions should elect the director from their own region.

Thelen said she will forward their concern to Bailey to explore options for regions to elect the director from their region. **Nominating** - Committee Chair Thelen stated that the nominating committee will be selecting the Secretary/Treasurer nominee to be presented at the annual meeting in Louisville in November.

Those interested should contact a committee member for information. The officer application is due September 15. **Public Relations** - Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Arkansas, committee chair, suggested that members check out the Auxiliary's website for information. Any updates for the website should be sent to Williams, who will forward to API. **Scholarship** - Scholarship Chair, Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colorado, recognized the 2009 scholarship committee members and presented them with a small token of appreciation. Creamer also shared that 25 high school graduates had submitted applications, 15 girls and 10 boys. \$15,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the NJAS Awards Ceremony on Friday evening; scholarship amounts were \$1700, \$1600, \$1500, \$1,400 and \$1,300. Proposed changes to the scholarship were presented; these changes



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Updates to Auxiliary Scholarship Application to be Presented in Louisville

The Scholarship Committee would like to invite all Auxiliary members to submit feedback on possible changes to the Auxiliary scholarship application. It is the committee's express desire to address the various issues that have been raised regarding the application. Over the past few years numerous scholarships have been awarded from various sources and announced at the National Junior Angus Show. The committee does not want the Auxiliary scholarship to fall to the bottom of the list in terms of prestige; we want to provide an application that junior Angus members

will want to fill out. Your thoughts will be helpful in determining what changes will be made to the current scholarship.

Please email or send your thoughts to: Kathi Creamer,

Scholarship Chair, 17270 6450 Rd., Montrose, CO 81403 or lazyjb@rocketweb.net

If you are interested in serving on the scholarship committee please contact Kathi.



Kathi Creamer, Barbara Ettredge, Nancy Thelen, Cortney Hill-Dukehart at Mid-Year Meeting

Gifts that Sizzle Support Auxiliary Programs for Youth

Gifts that Sizzle is just another way that the American Angus Auxiliary works to extend our educational endeavors. Scavuzzo's Inc. and S & S Meat Company of Kansas City has teamed up with the Auxiliary to provide Certified Angus Beef® gift boxes to meet all your gift giving needs. Scavuzzo's and S & S Meat Company will gift 10% of each purchase

toward the educational outreach and scholarship programs sponsored by the Auxiliary. All orders can be placed from our Web site, www.angusauxiliary.com or by calling the toll free number at S & S Meat Company - 800-800-4707. Many thanks to committee chairwoman Jane Ebert of North Carolina for her devoted

attention to seeing this partnership through. The Auxiliary is very excited about our new venture with S & S Meat Company and Scavuzzo's!



"25 Years of Winning Recipes" Receives Rave Reviews

A collection of 199 winning recipes is included in the "25 Years of Winners" cookbook. Winners of all recipe and showmanship divisions from 1983 through 2008 are included. A special tribute to Black Kettle winners is a feature of the book. In addition a time-line of Cook-Off contest history as well as several photo pages are highlights of the spiral bound publication. Angus Productions, Inc. and many Auxiliary members help compile and publish the 92 page edition. Several Angus

breeders and friends of the Cook-Off purchased advertising in the publication to help fund the book. "25 Years of Winners" is available for only \$20. The book will be available in Louisville at the Holiday Room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel during the Angus events at the NAILE. Contact Cathy Miller to order cookbooks at (419) 833-7665 or online at www.angussalebarn.com. There is a \$5 shipping charge for each cookbook mailed.



My Year As Miss American Angus 2009— by Katie Gazda, Athens Georgia



Greetings from Georgia where we are recovering from the summer's Angus events! Eight months ago, on November 17th, 2008, one of my oldest dreams came true as I was crowned the 2009 Miss American Angus. Every little girl dreams of being a princess - I, however, dreamed of being a cow queen! Ever since I was five years old, I would admire the young women who wore the red jackets and shiny crowns from afar, dreaming that one day I would have the opportunity to do the same. Hearing my name called out at the North American International Livestock Exposition is a moment I will never forget. The four girls I competed with were absolutely fantastic and I look forward to continuing to grow friendships with them as we continue through our junior Angus careers. The time since I was crowned has been a whirlwind; it's hard to believe that I am nearing the end of my year!

After North American, my first official function as Miss American Angus took place in Wooster, Ohio at the Certified Angus Beef Building Blocks Seminar. While at CAB, I enjoyed our multiple snack breaks (snacking on nothing other than wonderful Certified Angus Beef Products, of course - whoever knew there were so many?!), mingling with the talented staff, and bonding with the new six junior board members and the American Angus Auxiliary representative, Mrs. Barbara Ettredge. I never cease to be amazed at the versatility and thoroughness of the Certified Angus Beef program. There is not one table left unturned in the program, and I firmly believe that explains their substantial success in the meat industry.

A mere five days upon returning from Wooster, I boarded an airplane headed west for the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. Denver was without a doubt the trip that I most looked forward to after being crowned Miss American Angus because I had never been to the stock show before and had heard nothing but great things about it. And, of course, Colorado was infamously known for its snowcapped mountains and brisk temperatures. Unfortunately, I arrived in Denver Monday night to the coldest and snowiest time of the entire trip. The remainder of the week it was colder at home than it was in Colorado! However, with the exception of the severe lack of snow, I still enjoyed my time in Denver both in the show ring and in the yards. The atmosphere and feel of the Stock Show is so different than any show I had ever been to on the East Coast. My first trip definitely won't be my last! I also fell in love with the concept of the Bases Loaded Sale at Coors Field - whoever thought of combining baseball and Angus cattle is a

genius! I had plenty of assistance from Association staff and state queens. Without their help I definitely wouldn't have survived my first show as Miss American Angus.

Two weeks later, I made my first trip to the state of Texas for the Texas Angus Association Annual Meeting, Sale, and Banquet at the Fort Worth Stock Show. In Fort Worth I enjoyed spending time with one of my Miss American Angus advisors, Mrs. Ginger Olson, and her husband, Mr. Steve Olson. I also got to visit again with Mrs. Ettredge, and the ladies of the Texas Angus Auxiliary. I received a warm welcome from each and every Angus producer I met and appreciated the hospitality of the entire Texas Angus Association, and I am grateful for their invitation.

I jumped on my plane from Fort Worth and headed back to Georgia where I landed in Atlanta and headed straight to Athens for the Georgia Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet. Here I made my first appearance in the state as Miss American Angus. This was really exciting for me, as we found ourselves less than two-hundred days away from the kickoff of the 2009 National Junior Angus Show. At the banquet I was able to interact with some of our younger members, some of whom referred to my crown and I as the "Fairy Godmother." The youngest members are truly the future of the Angus industry, and are the core focus of my time as Miss American Angus. I feel the more we involve them, the better off the breed that we all love will be!

On February 9th, I walked through the student center at the University of Georgia on my way to class to find hundreds of students reading our student-run newspaper, *The Red & Black*, with my face (and cows!) on the cover. It was at this moment that my title became the most surreal. The article, entitled "Where's the Beef?," explained my duties, and cleared the misconceptions that "Miss American Angus" came from a beauty pageant. Within a matter of days, I was hearing from classmates from fall semester, teachers in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and even my sorority sisters. Each and every person had a different question, but none with negative connotations; they all found what I was doing to be unique but pretty cool, even though they didn't necessarily understand it. The article ended up inspiring another article to be published in *The Red & Black* naming each and every reigning "queen" at UGA, ranging from Miss UGA to Miss Houston County Watermelon Queen. From that moment on I became known through many circles as "Miss Angus," and most of my friends don't hesitate to introduce me to anyone we meet as nothing other. When I went to get advised for this coming fall semester, "Where's the Beef?" greeted me on my advisor's

door. It was definitely a memorable experience!



Miss American Angus Katie Gazda and the Governor of Georgia, Sonny Perdue

At the end of February, I attended the Georgia National Livestock Show, which serves as our state heifer show. This was the first year that I was no longer eligible to show, and I found it bittersweet to enter the ring not with a calf, but instead with a crown. This was a neat show for me, because my sister won the Champion Bred and Owned Angus Heifer, and I was able to stand in her picture not only as her proud big sister, but also as Miss American Angus. Of course, it was also the first show I attended in Georgia under the role of Miss American Angus, so it was fun to get to experience what all came with that - including the weird looks from the non-Angus exhibitors who had no idea why I was wearing a crown and heels in the show ring!

I spent two days of my spring break in chilly, seventeen-degree weather at the Stucky Ranch sale in Kingman, Kansas. This was my first appearance at a production sale, and I was greeted with nothing but warm hospitality and graciousness from the entire Stucky family and friends. This was also the first trip where my dad took off his Regional Manager hat and replaced it with his Queen Dad hat and accompanied me as my chaperone for a little father/daughter bonding time.

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My Year As Miss American Angus 2009— continued from page 5

In the beginning of April I attended the Georgia Beef Expo and the Georgia Angus Association's Annual Production Sale. Here I was fortunate to be able to spend time with producers from the state and raise anticipation for the National Junior Angus Show. I also ran tickets in my "queenie clothes" and was introduced to the crowd as "Miss America" by Tom Burke.

The second week of April I wore the crown and sash in a different capacity than I was used to - in the student center at the University of Georgia! I spent time in between classes supporting the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at "Ag Day at Tate," part of South Campus Week at UGA, meant to raise awareness and knowledge about the College of Ag, one of the lesser known, more secluded colleges at the university. There were signs advertising "Ag Day at Tate" with none other but my face on it, advertising the "guest appearance by Miss American Angus!" It was probably at Ag Day at Tate that I received the largest number of weird looks. One of my sorority sisters saw me, stopped dead in her tracks, and immediately burst out into laughter. However, it was still a great experience for me to use my title to educate those who don't know much about agriculture in general.

In April I traveled to Reno, Nevada for the Western National Angus Futurity. My trip to Reno signified my furthest trip out west! Once again, I was blessed with great hospitality by all of those involved in the show. I was excited to see a familiar face in Mrs. Kathi Creamer, American Angus Auxiliary president-elect! Traveling to places and shows where I don't know as many people, it is so helpful to see these friendly faces to make my year the amazing experience it is!

Following Reno and the end of my freshman year, my mother and I flew up to Timonium, Maryland for the Atlantic National Angus Show. This was my first time attending this show as well, and I was so excited to experience it as I had heard nothing but great things. I wasn't let down; the show was very well put together and fostered a warm, family environment. I also had the opportunity to attend the Queen's Luncheon and was able.

to meet with Auxiliary members from across the eastern coast and learn about the functions going on in their own states. In June I attended the Southern National Junior and Open Angus Shows in Perry, Georgia, the Central

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Regional Preview Show in Springfield, Missouri, and the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Columbus, Ohio. Each of these shows provided a great time visiting with Angus producers from across the state and country. At the Eastern Regional I spoke at the Queen's Breakfast, and once again enjoyed the time spent with the caring women of the Ohio and American Angus Auxiliaries.

July marked the most exciting week of my reign as I served as Miss American Angus alongside my sister, Miss Georgia Angus, while hosting the 2009 National Junior Angus Show at my home-fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Hosting this show had been a dream of mine for years and finally having the opportunity to do so was even more rewarding than I thought it would be. Even more exciting than hosting the show though, was wearing the crown and having the interactions with each and every exhibitor that went through the ring that week. Serving as Miss American Angus, I have had the amazing opportunity to meet so many different individuals from California to

Maine, and the connections that I have made have been irreplaceable. The Queen's Brunch at the National Junior Angus Show was also a beautiful event, and without a doubt, the largest of any queen's function I had attended thus far. I was excited to have so many members of the American Angus Auxiliary present, and hope that they enjoyed our Southern Hospitality in Perry!

My most recent event this year has been the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville at the beginning of August. This was a quick trip for me, but a good one nonetheless. As always, I enjoy visiting with the different people in charge of the shows and events I attend, and getting to know their families and staffs. The efforts that such people put into these events is incredible and they should be commended!

As I find myself nearing the end of my year as Miss American Angus, I also find myself nearing one of the most exciting parts of the journey. As I learned of the contestants for the title of 2010 Miss American Angus, I couldn't have been more excited. The girls in contention are all remarkable young women and I am confident that whoever I am able to pin as the 2010 Miss American Angus come November will do an extraordinary job fulfilling her duties. I am so excited to get to know these girls during our time in Louisville, and hope that I can offer even the smallest bit of advice to guide them through their experience. Thanks so much to everyone who has played a part in this remarkable journey, especially the American Angus Auxiliary and the Miss American Angus Committee—Mrs. Mary McCurry, Mrs. Ginger Olson, Mrs. Jill Harker and Mrs. Emily Mullen! None of this would be possible without them! I hope that you all had a great summer and that you have an even better fall! I look forward to seeing you all at the North American if not before then!



Miss American Angus—Katie Gazada and Angus Breed Representatives gather for the Queen's Luncheon in Perry, Georgia July 2009



North Carolina Auxiliary "Feeding the Herd"

- by Martha Holsbouser, Region #4 Director & North Carolina Auxiliary President

The North Carolina Angus Auxiliary has had a busy spring and summer. Our Auxiliary members have made home-made desserts for our juniors to serve at the Out West and Spring Fever Sales. We also met before the Spring Fever Sale in Reidsville.

Auxiliary members helped serve lunch and provide desserts at the North Carolina Jr. Angus Show. Snacks were provided by the Auxiliary for juniors at the North Carolina Jr. Beef-Round-Up in Raleigh. Our Vice-president, Cortney

Holsbouser helped judge the 2009 North Carolina Beef Ambassador contest during the Jr. Beef Round-Up.

The North Carolina Angus Auxiliary donated \$500 toward a breakfast during the 2009 Jr. National Angus Show in Perry, Georgia. Thirty-five Auxiliary, Association and Junior members helped with the breakfast on Thursday morning.

We are not all work and no play. On August 15th, Auxiliary members and friends vis-

ited several of the Seagrove area potteries. A delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Last but not least, we have our cookbooks! "Feeding the Herd" has been a 2 year project that has been worth the wait. A special thank you goes to Cortney Holsbouser for all of her hard work in compiling and doing the cookbook and to Virginia Deal for sharing her artistic ability and designing our cover.

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Auxiliary Schedule for Louisville—November 2009

Saturday, November 14th

- 2:00 pm Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting
- 3:00 pm Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 15th

- 8:00 am Auxiliary Breakfast
- 3-4:00 pm Auxiliary Reception—President's Suite
- 4:30 pm Miss American Angus Speech & Question Competition



Florida Angus Auxiliary Actively Supports Juniors

—by Amanda Hines,
Florida Auxiliary
President

The Florida Angus Auxiliary assisted with the Florida Jr. Angus Show in March. Auxiliary members prepared meals and helped set-up before and after the show. They also supported the Jr. Queen financially in traveling to the National Jr. Angus Show. The Auxiliary purchased the Queen and Princess' sashes and crowns. Later this month, they will be assisting with the Florida Angus Female sale.



Prospective and current Auxiliary members enjoying chair massages in Perry, Georgia



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Ellingson Angus, Chad & Julie Ellingson, ND

Jerry Lehmann, Auctioneer, MO

Mary K. Vejraska, WA

Mason Valley Cattle Company, Kevin & Michelle Rieff, AR

McCumber Angus Ranch, Chuck Tasted Family, Rolette, ND

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McCurry Brothers Angus, Cecil & Sandra McCurry, KS

Quinton Smith Family, TN

Sankey's 6N Ranch, Chris & Sharee Sankey, KS

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*Who & What It Takes To**Make a Great Cook-Off*

-by Anne Patton Schubert

Bringing together 166 chefs from 23 states comprising 37 teams in the 26th All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off contest is just the beginning of the event. It takes lots of additional volunteers to make the event flow. Thank you may seem like a small word but it is meant in a huge way as we remember all who helped with the American Angus Auxiliary sponsored event in Perry, Georgia this summer. Without all the team members, family and friends who helped carry tables into rooms, open doors, watch grills and clean-up after the event, we would struggle. Thank you again and again.

The twelve judges deserve thanks. Some were veteran judges, others first timers, but all sampled, observed and evaluated entries with enthusiasm. The following judged in Perry: Brad Bergman, Tom Burke, Jon Davis, Mark Duffell, Jane Ebert, Suzanne Lawler, William Leatherman, Charlotte Perkins, Chad Stein, Rick Treptow and Steve Trosper.

Buckhead Beef of Atlanta provided CAB® for each team. Prizes were donated by Certified Angus Beef®, Wooster, Ohio, Friends of the Black Kettle, Kentucky Angus Association, the American Angus Auxiliary, and the National Jr. Angus

Association. Each contestant received a custom designed T-shirt from Ankony Angus, Clarkesville, Georgia. Many Volunteers helped video each entry, set up, clean up and score the event. All help was appreciated!

The event received newspaper coverage from the Houston Daily Journal, television coverage on RFD TV's Georgia Farm Monitor program and photos and feature coverage in the September Angus Journal. In addition, API prepared the recipe booklets available during the event containing each recipe and team members names. Creative Media helped with video recording of the event.

As we look forward to 2010 and the 27th Cook-Off contest we welcome volunteers. Specific needs include video work, set-up, clean-up, scoring and lots of helping hands. The ideal volunteer has interest, enthusiasm and flexibility. Thank you in advance for joining us as we "Rush to the Rockies" for the 2010 NJAS. Contact Anne Patton Schubert (502) 477-2663 or Anne Lampe committee co-chairpersons (602) 872-3915 to join the group.





Proposed By-Law Changes to Be Voted on at Annual Meeting

The Regional Directors have brought much freshness to the Auxiliary. Their presence at events and their work within their respective divisions has positively impacted the Auxiliary. At the Auxiliary's Annual Meeting in Louisville, we will be voting on proposed by-law changes to clarify the terms and election process of the Regional Directors. This has been proposed as clarification to the existing by-laws. The Legislative & By-Law Committee has carefully reviewed and taken into consideration all comments from Auxiliary members. Members have been vocal in letting the committee know that each region should select their director.

Note: Underline denotes proposed addition; italics denotes proposed deletion.

Article IV Title - Officers and Regional Directors

Article IV, Section 4.1 - The majority voting at the Annual Meeting shall elect the officers *and regional directors* and the majority voting from each region by mail ballot shall elect the regional directors.

Article IV, Section 4.2 (g) -

Appoint members to fill vacancies in the *elective offices* officer and regional director positions with approval of the Executive Board.

Article IV Section 4.5 Regional Directors

Regional Directors will be elected from the following six regions:

Region 1 - Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii and Alaska

Region 2 – Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma

Region 3 – Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska

Region 4 - Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi,

Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida

Region 5 – Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky

Region 6 – Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia

Regional Directors shall serve a term of two years but no more than two consecutive terms. *Terms shall* In order for terms to be arranged so that no more than three directors' terms shall expire annually and for one term only, the directors from Regions 1, 2 and 3 shall serve a two year term and the directors from Regions 4, 5 and 6 shall serve a three year term for those director positions elected in November 2010.

Regional Director responsibilities will include:

(a) Assist states without organized Auxiliaries in setting up an organized state auxiliary.

(b) Recruit members to the American Angus Auxiliary from their region.

(c) Improve communication between the American Angus Auxiliary and state and regional Angus auxiliaries.

(d) Keep contact lists up to date, i.e. state officer lists and scholarship contacts.

(e) Secure state contacts in all states without organized Auxiliaries

(f) Attend Annual, Mid-year and Executive Committee meetings.

Article VIII, Section 8.1 Nomination Committee

a) Shall consist of five members no two of whom shall be from the same state; two are elected by the

active members at the Annual Meeting and two members elected by the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary before July 1. The Chairman shall be the Immediate Past President of the Auxiliary.

(b) Maintain a record during the year of the qualified persons for positions of leadership.

(c) *The Nominating Committee will assist each of the six regions in selecting no more than two director candidates from its region.* For the election of regional directors the nominating committee will work with state and/or regional auxiliaries and members to recruit candidates for Regional Director. Members will have the opportunity to nominate a regional director candidate from their respective region. All names of nominees who consent to accept the position and complete an information form will go on the Regional Director ballot. The ballots for each region electing a director will be mailed to the current official list of members in those regions and members will only vote for nominees in their region. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. The nominating committee chair is responsible for issuing and counting the mail ballots.

(d) For the election of officers shall prepare a ticket of one (1) and not more than two (2) candidates for each office officer position to be filled and secure prior consent of all candidates to have their names appear on the ballot.

(e) At the appointed time, for the election of the officers, the Chairman shall read the report of the Nominating Committee to the members. The President shall call for nominations from the floor (per Robert's Rules of Order).

(f) For the officers the election shall be by ballot and a majority of all ballots cast shall be necessary to elect.

(g) For the election of officers the President shall have appointed the Tellers before the meeting. They shall prepare the ballots and pass one to each member and count when all have voted.

h) For the election of officers if there should be but one candidate for each office, candidates shall be declared elected by a motion from the floor.

Time to Renew Membership Dues

Another year of Auxiliary activities has flown by us all! The Auxiliary membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Please note that it is now time to pay your Auxiliary dues for the new fiscal year. Annual dues are \$10. Lifetime membership dues are only \$100. You may also give an Auxiliary membership as a gift to a daughter, niece, or friend. The membership application can be printed off the Web site at www.angusauxiliary.com. You may also contact the Auxiliary membership chairman.

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Five Iowa Couples Attend World Angus Forum—Calgary, AB, Canada



Left to right: Jim and Ardyce O'Neill, Butch and Patsy Nuemeyer, Glen and Judy Swanson, Doug and Glenda Schroeder, Bob and Marilyn Schlutz

World Angus Forum Opens Up World Market for O'Neill's

O'Neill Angus Farm, Logan, Iowa had a display booth at the World Angus Forum in Calgary this past July. They were part of a 160,000 square foot of breeder displays, 1,000 Angus cattle, and 770 registered delegates from 20 countries. Delegates from many of the countries visited the O'Neill display. The following is from the Canadian Angus Association's press release from an interview with the O'Neill family:

Some international producers have also found ways to get involved. Ardyce and Jim O'Neill of O'Neill Angus Farm in Logan, Iowa planned to bring their bull, O'Neill's Expedition, to the Forum, but an injury to the bull changed their plans at the last minute. Ardyce quickly put together a photographic display and has even arranged video footage that she can play for visitors. They had a great deal of interest in

Canada. They attended and showed cattle at the 1985 World Angus Forum in Edmonton and met the late Queen Mother of England. O'Neill Angus Farm won the Best Pair of Bulls Championship in 1985, and Jim says it "opened for us a world market."



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Update on Nellie Meinders

American Auxiliary President 1984-85

Distinguished Woman 1992

Nellie's health is slowly improving. She has a slow recovery from the aneurisms that were diagnosed several months ago.

Nellie has recently had a mini stroke. Fortunately, it did not require hospitalization. She feels okay but is extremely tired. Please send Nellie a cheerful card or note at the following address:

Nellie Meinders

1869 Merion Avenue

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were suggested by committee members. Creamer will continue to gather information from state scholarship chairs and present a draft of the revised application in Louisville. Angus Sale Barn - Cathy Miller, Luckey, Ohio, was working in the Angus Sale Barn and was unable to attend the meeting. Renee Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa, reminded members that Miller is always looking for volunteers to work during the week. Gift that Sizzles - CAB® Gift Box Project - Chair Jane Ebert, Sparta, North Carolina, reported that we needed \$1000 for an IT person, as McGreevy's cannot pay for technical support. Ebert suggested that we may need to go back to Smithville/RMH or a different CAB licensee. Ebert will continue to work on this project.

Old Business: Rieff reported on the Auxiliary Post Newsletter. 875 copies were printed and mailed, at a cost of \$705; approximately 80¢ per copy. Several members have indicated that they wish to receive their newsletter electronically, thus saving the Auxiliary money. In an effort to

help defray the cost of printing and mailing, we are offering business size card ads for \$25; pick up a form or visit with an officer or regional director if you would like to advertise or recognize someone in the October 1, 2009 newsletter. Print deadline is September 15, 2009.

New Business: Rieff announced the Crowne Plaza Room Raffle for 3 nights free lodging. The Crowne Plaza is the former Executive Inn West Hotel, the headquarters hotel for the American Angus Association Annual Meeting and activities. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10; drawing to be held September 30, 2009.

Announcements: The Auxiliary Relaxation Station will be Thursday, July 23, from 11am to 3pm in the McGill Center here at the NJAS. Free chair massages, peach smoothies, and relaxing music for all adult women in attendance at the NJAS. Come and bring a friend. Information on how to organize a state or regional auxiliary has been updated. Copies of

the handbook are available on the sign-in table and regional directors also have this information. The Auxiliary Annual meeting will be held November 14, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. The Auxiliary Breakfast will be held November 15, 2009, 8:00 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. The Auxiliary President's Reception will be held in the President's Suite at the Crowne Plaza; date and time to be announced. Ratte sculptures make wonderful gifts and awards. Since the Auxiliary receives a percentage of sales, encourage state and junior associations to use these for recognitions. The Angus Sale Barn is always in need of your help. Stop by and visit with Miller about helping her during this week's show and receive a 10% discount on purchases for volunteering in the booth. The Auxiliary is trying to update our membership mailing and e-mail list. Look over the master list at the sign-in table to see if you can help with corrections from your state or region. The Auxiliary Archives outline the history of the American An-

gus Auxiliary. Once the data gathering is completed, this rich history will be posted to our website. There is copy of what we have so far at the sign-in table. We have compiled a list of American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winners and amounts. As soon as this data has been reviewed for corrections, we will be posting this to the website. Check it out at the sign-in table. A brief discussion about the Christmas wreath fundraiser was held. Ebert indicated that this is a "no-brainer" of a fundraiser, as we simply receive a percentage of the sales. Nancy Frey, Quarryville, Pennsylvania, moved and Shelly Rogen, Brandon, South Dakota, seconded that we should continue the Christmas wreath fundraiser. All in attendance agreed. Rieff thanked all for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the Annual Auxiliary meeting in Louisville in November. With there being no further business, Melanie Kiani, Morton, Mississippi, moved to adjourn, with Nancy Croker, Cherryville, North Carolina, seconding. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



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