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President's Thoughts

By Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates, President



The American Angus Auxiliary is gearing up for another great year. In 2012, we celebrated our 60th year of service to the promotion of the Angus breed and our 56th year to the future of our organization, the members of the NJAA. In contemplating the next 60 years, I think about the women who have served before us. While the times are different, our goals have stood the test of time, from our longest standing program the Silver Pitcher Award which is celebrating its 60th year, to the All American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-off Contest that is celebrating its 30th year. I know how proud I am to be part of an association that is so outstanding, an organization composed of dedicated, hard working, intellectual women from all areas of the country who have volunteered their time and energy to support a common passion, cattle and kids!

The American Angus Auxiliary is excited to be assembling at a new location for this year's AAx Spring meeting. Our partners at Certified Angus Beef in Wooster, Ohio will be hosting our meetings April 12th – 14th and we are eager to meet with the staff and tour their new culinary center. Certified Angus Beef has been an essential partner in our All American Certified Angus Beef® Cook Off contest at the NJAS and with our fundraising Gifts that Sizzle! The Auxiliary's executive board members, committee chairpersons, past presidents, and State presidents will have an opportunity to discuss and plan goals for the Auxiliary's future. If you have any suggestions please contact your officers and directors, we welcome your ideas and thoughts.



Express Ranches donates Endowment Heifer

The Tradition Continues

The American Angus Auxiliary created the scholarship fund in 1955 to provide recognition and an award to an outstanding girl. The first heifer, donated in 1958 by P.L.

Benschoff of Treasure Acres Farm, Blairsburg, IA, was auctioned during the All-American Angus Futurity at Lexington, KY. This Auxiliary Futurity Heifer was the beginning of a tradition that lasted until 1996.

The tradition was reestablished 2011, after a fifteen year hiatus. Jim and Ardyce O'Neill of O'Neill Angus Farm, Logan, Iowa donated the heifer, which sold to Greg Buie, of Copan, Oklahoma. In 2012, Gardiner Angus Ranch of Ashland, Kansas donated the endowment heifer and it was purchased by French River Cattle Co. of Ontario, Canada.

In 2013, Express Ranches, of Yukon, Oklahoma has graciously offered to donate an exceptional bred heifer. EXAR Rita 5681 is an October 2011 daughter and is sired by the \$210,000 top-selling bull of his calf crop at Connealy Angus Ranch whose sons and daughters have topped sales across the nation for the past two years, this powerful bred heifer descends

from the legendary G A R EXT 614, a female whose progeny have broken virtually every individual sales record in Angus breed history. The donor dam of this heifer was the \$60,000 top-selling female of a past Sterling Hunter sale in Michigan and currently serves as a joint embryo donor for Express Ranches, Kiamichi Link Ranch and Pollard Farms in Oklahoma and her dam and grandam have both reigned as the top-valued cow of the Angus breed at some point in their illustrious lifetime.

Examined safe to calve August 2, 2013 to EXAR UPSHOT 0562B.



EXAR Rita 5681

A picture and video of the heifer will be available at www.angusauxiliary.com; this heifer was hand selected by Jarold Callahan, President at Express Ranches. For more information on this great cow prospect, call (405) 350-0044 or callahan@expressranches.com. The auction will be held Sunday, June 16, 2013 during the All-American Breeders' Futurity luncheon banquet. Absentee and phone bidding will be available. Contact Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, American Angus Auxiliary president at cortneyhd@gmail.com, 410.707.0267 for more information. Proceeds raised from this event go to our scholarship and awards endowment fund that is held in the Angus Foundation.



2013 Auxiliary Officers & Miss American Angus

President Cortney Hill-Dukehart-Cates, Modoc, Ind.; Advisor Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan. Miss American Angus Esther McCabe, Elk city, Kan. President-elect Cortney Holshouser, Castalia, N.C.; Secretary-Treasurer Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.

American Angus Auxiliary Elects Officers

New leadership team selected during the Auxiliary's 2012 Annual Meeting.

Deeply committed to serving the Angus breed and its future generations, the American Angus Auxiliary has played a central role in the American Angus Association® for more than 60 years. The volunteer organization recently celebrated that tradition during Angus events in conjunction with the 2012 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

The American Angus Auxiliary elected the 2013 officers and regional managers during its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Members of the newly-elected officer team are: President Cortney Hill-Dukehart-Cates, Modoc, Ind.; President-elect Cortney Holshouser, Castalia, N.C.; Secretary-Treasurer Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.; and Advisor Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan.

At 29-years-old, Cortney Hill-Dukehart-Cates is the youngest to serve as president of the American Angus Auxiliary, and she brings a fresh perspective and distinct enthusiasm for the role. Hill-Dukehart-Cates was the 2002 Miss American Angus, and she says that experience makes her honored to be active in the Auxiliary today.

"Because of my involvement as Miss American Angus, I realized the contributions that the American Angus Auxiliary makes to the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and felt that it was both my duty, and pleasure, to give back to the organization that had given so much to me," Hill-Dukehart-Cates says. "It's a tremendous opportunity to work alongside such dedicated women in the Angus breed." After Hill-Dukehart-Cates junior career ended, she became actively involved in the Auxiliary. In 2008, she was elected as the Regional 6 Director, representing the North Eastern States. She has also served on the officer team as Secretary-Treasurer. Hill-Dukehart-Cates and her husband, Tyler, manage Cates Farms in Modoc, Ind.

The president-elect, Cortney Holshouser hails from Castalia, N.C. She has served as an officer of the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for six years, and she and her husband, Karl, have been advisors to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. Together, they manage Castalia Cattle Company where we offer custom flush and embryo transfer work. Members are also proud to welcome Secretary-Treasurer Lynne Hinrichsen to the office team. She has served as president of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary, regional director for the American Angus Auxiliary, and is a member of the Kansas Angus Association. Along with her husband, Ron, and children, Cale and Eva, the Hinrichsen family raises Angus cattle on R&L Ranch in Westmoreland, Kan.

The retiring president, Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., owns and manages a registered Angus herd, with her husband Mark. Lampe is also the manager and secretary of the Kansas Angus Association. As Auxiliary advisor, she is responsible for updating the Auxiliary guidelines for officers and committees and will serve as chairman of the

Distinguished Woman and Nomination committees.

The Auxiliary's 2013 Regional Directors are: Region 1, Kathy Dubs, Montana; Region 2, Cindy Ahearn, Texas; Region 3, Shally Rogen, South Dakota; Region 4, Martha Holshouser, North Carolina; Region 5, Leslie Mindemann, Wisconsin; and Region 6, Marlene Dukehart, Maryland. Regional Directors are a source for information for interested members throughout the country.

Auxiliary Annual Breakfast

The Auxiliary welcomed 2012 NAILE participants to its Annual Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 11 in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. While eating, the 192 guests were entertained by a vocal performance from *Angus Journal* Associate Editor Kasey Miller. Afterward attendees listened to the 2012 Miss American Angus Brooke Harward's retiring address. The Auxiliary also honored Bette Votaw, Welfleet, Neb., as the 2012 Distinguished Woman. Votaw is a charter member of the American Angus Auxiliary and has been an active member for 60 years.



To conclude the event, the Auxiliary auctioned the C J Brown Auxiliary 60th Anniversary painting, artist first print. Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., purchased the

print for \$800. Proceeds of the auction fund scholarship efforts for Angus youth. *Pictured from left Terry Cotton, Angus Production, Inc, General Manager; Anne Lampe, 2012 Auxiliary President and Annie & Phil Trowbridge.*

\$ 12,000 in Scholarships to be Awarded

The American Angus Auxiliary will award approximately \$12,000 in scholarships for Angus youth in the upcoming year. Each state auxiliary is eligible to submit one male and one female application to the national contest. From there, the top five male and top five female applicants are chosen. The winners will be announced July 10 during closing ceremonies of the 2013 National Junior Angus Show in Kansas City, Mo. In addition to the scholarship competition, the five finalists for the Miss American Angus contest are selected from the top national female applicants. The American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship application is now available online. Interested junior Angus members may download the application, access directions and general information on the www.angusauxiliary.com. Applications from the state contest must be postmarked by May 1, 2013. For specific state and local Auxiliary scholarship deadlines and information, visit the Auxiliary website, or contact the state or regional Angus Auxiliary. Additional questions about the American Angus Auxiliary scholarships can be directed to Cortney Holshouser, Auxiliary scholarship chairman, at 919-796-2346 or at kncholson@aol.com.



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From Your Regional Directors

News from Region 1

By Kathy Dubs, Region 1 Director

Hi. I'm the new Region 1 Director. I'm looking forward to being your director and encourage your ideas and suggestions. For a little background information, I'm a life-long member of Angus circles with my first 32 years being in Nebraska and the next, well, we won't say how many, in Montana. It's been long enough to raise two girls through the Montana Junior Angus and National Junior Angus Association programs. They both received Angus and Foundation Scholarships and competed for Miss American Angus. (Fortunately, I got to be MAA in 1973 which was automatic if you won the scholarship contest!) My husband Louis and I own and operate Winding River Angus. We have about 100 registered cows and market our bulls private treaty and through Midland Bull Test and Treasure Bull Test. I also work at my husband's dental office in Billings so we do keep real busy. I was the Montana Angus Association Secretary and Editor of the Montana Angus News for 13 years and had the opportunity to meet many of our Angus breeders across the country throughout that period and also through attending the N.A.I.L.E. in Louisville for probably the past 25 years plus nine National Junior Angus Shows. Our youngest daughter, Allison, is a Junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Our oldest daughter, Katrina and her husband are both UNL graduates and live in Cheyenne, Wyoming. And yes, we are all Husker fans.

Now for a report of our unique Region 1. We comprise 11 states but only have two individual state auxiliaries plus the Western States Auxiliary. At this time, we have five queens. Washington and Montana have auxiliaries led by Paulette Forman, Ellensburg, Washington and Sarah Stevenson, Hobson, Montana. The Western States Auxiliary includes Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, California, Washington and Montana. Carla Malson from Parma, Idaho is the president of that group. A major gathering coming up in our area will be the 61st Annual Western National Angus Futurity. It will be held April 20-21, 2013 in Reno, Nevada and all are welcome to attend. Call or email me anytime. 406-652-7515, 406-208-8643, dubs@bresnan.net



Region 3 Update

By Shally Rogen, Region 3 Director

Greetings from South Dakota! I'm the newly elected Director for Region 3. I grew up on a farm near Volga, SD where my family raised corn, soybeans and Simmental cattle. I was very active in 4-H, cheerleading, track, and softball. I attended SD State University majoring in Business Administration. Before marriage, I was the Marketing Director for Midland United Dairy Industry Association which covered a four state area of the Midwest. If you have ever been to the Iowa State Fair, I was in charge of the dairy show and managed the world famous Butter Cow! Dick and I have been married for 26 years and have two boys. Andrew is a second year student in Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. He was on the National Junior Angus Board of Directors from 2009-2011. Alex is 18 and a senior in High School. He will attend South Dakota State University this fall majoring in Pre Veterinary Medicine. He is currently the President of the South Dakota Juniors Angus Association. Dick and I own and operate a small animal veterinary clinic and raise Angus cattle. My hobbies include showing cattle, volunteering, and of course enjoying the great outdoors of South Dakota! I serve as the SD Angus Scholarship Chair, member of the National Auxiliary Nominating Committee and this is my 13th year as a SD Junior Angus Advisor.



It's been great visiting with the state Auxiliary Presidents this spring. Some of the states are discussing changes as far as when their state Angus Queen is crowned and when the terms of their state Auxiliary officers begin. Whenever there is a possibility of change, there seems to be lots of

discussion and that's always a good thing. They are all in the process of selecting scholarship recipients that will advance to our national competition. While visiting with these inspirational ladies, it was fun to hear about their fundraising success stories such as auctioning off decorated cakes, silent auction ideas, promotional items that they sell throughout the year etc. We also discussed ways in which we can better communicate with our state Auxiliary members, encouraging new memberships and how we can create more excitement within our region. If I can be of any assistance throughout the year, please feel free to contact me.

Greeting from Region 5

By Leslie Mindemann, Region 5 Director

Auxiliaries are gather for annual meetings

While winter keeps a hold on our states, the Auxiliaries are gathering for their annual meetings. "Our best attendance," Carla Jurgenson, Illinois, told me, "is hosting our annual meeting during the Illinois Beef Expo." Many states follow suit, holding annual meetings in conjunction with large events or senior Association meetings. All of our Region 5 states- Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin have long standing organizations. Most hold their meetings February through March. Each offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and supports their entries in the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship contest. Each also selects their state queen and oversees the royalty program, except Illinois whose program is under the IJAA. Wisconsin has opened up to include junior boys to participate in their "Ambassador" program, offering educational, leadership, and advocacy opportunities, including a \$500 scholarship to the top position and a grant to NJAA LEAD. Taking inspiration from the Michigan Auxiliary, Wisconsin is hosting a record keeping and scholarship workshop during the WJAA mini-LEAD in March. They plan on repeating the workshop every few years. Michigan is also considering repeating their workshop. If anyone is interested in setting up something similar contact Erika Boehmer, Michigan, or Mary Kohl, Wisconsin. Contact information is on their state website. Fundraising is always a concern to create enough income in support of Auxiliary projects. Ohio has long range plans for a cookbook, Wisconsin's main event is a desert auction, Michigan auctions a donated heifer, and Illinois hosts a silent auction. I encourage the states to communicate with each other for ideas on projects and activities. While everyone is busy with winter activities, meetings, and calving, spring is right around the corner. For many that means moving into the planting season. Best wishes for May flowers and green pastures.



2013 Officers and Regional Directors
See page 2 for contact information.

Locate your Region

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 District of Columbia

**News from Regions 1,3 & 5 is printed in the Spring issue
and 2,4 & 6 in the Fall**

Miss American Angus

Greetings from Kansas! It is so hard to believe that I am already four months into being Miss American Angus! (That means there is only eight more months, not nearly long enough!) November 14th seems like it was just yesterday when I was crowned in Louisville, Kentucky at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Thinking back to the moment when my name was called still seems unreal to this day but I am so glad that my dad let my sister, Hannah, fly in to be there with me! The other four girls I competed with have become my friends that otherwise I may not have known but I look forward to seeing all of them again! Since November, time seems to move faster and more and more events take place. Starting my duties with Brooke Harward, the 2012 Miss American Angus that weekend at the NAILE taught me so much. Upon arriving home, I couldn't believe how the word had spread and how many different publications the crowning was published in! Since then, I have been to several different parts of the United States. The weekend after I got home, I went to Dalebanks Angus Sale in Eureka, KS; my first outing ever as Miss American Angus! A couple weeks later, my dad and two friends from college went with me to Pratt, Kansas to attend the Kansas Angus Association sponsored Commercial Female Sale. The day before Christmas, we headed to Butler, Missouri to visit Dr. Curtis and Ann Long as well as wish them a Merry Christmas!

My next trip came in early January when I boarded the plane to head to the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Building Blocks. It was a little nerve racking because I had never flown alone before! Before going, I brushed up on my CAB knowledge but little did I know that I only touched on one part of what it really is. (Who would have guessed they do so much in Wooster, Ohio?!?) I managed to make it there and back just in time (one day in fact) to leave for Denver, Colorado for the National Western Stock Show. Hannah and I drove out and it was snowy, cold, and wet! I did not know how I was going to survive in a skirt and heels. By the time my dad arrived and my duties started, it had warmed up and made for a very enjoyable week!

The following weekend, my oldest brother, Flinton and I headed down south for a little warmer weather in Fort Worth, Texas for their Junior Show. Guess what? It wasn't ANY warmer than home AND it was raining. But hey, that's the way it goes, right? We stayed there for a couple of nights before heading to Hutchinson, KS that same weekend for our state junior show where we crowned the new Miss Kansas Angus and Ambassador!

The first weekend in February we decided to test our luck again and head back down south for warmer weather for the Fort Worth ROV Show. This time my mom accompanied my brother and I. She must have been the good luck charm because it was sunny! My other brother, Ethan and Hannah both happened to be in Fort Worth too (it's funny how sometimes you have to go to other states to see your family!)

That was a brief recap of my winter activities and I cannot wait to start going to more sales and events to meet new people! This really is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I would be amiss if I did not thank the Trosper family for all the help that they have given me thus far as well as all the members of the association that have gone out of their way and given me assistance everywhere I go. My family makes sure that I am on top of deadlines as well as making sure farm work doesn't get in the way this year- thank you! I hope you have a great spring and summer!

Esther McCabe

Elk City, Kansas

2013 Miss American Angus



Randy, Hannah, Esther and Varee McCabe



"Get Sizzlin' this Summer!"

By Mary Greiman, Gifts that Sizzle Chairman

What's better than a great steak sizzling on the grill? Proceeds from that Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) steak going to support the educational outreach programs of the American Angus Auxiliary, that's what! Every time you purchase a delicious Certified Angus Beef steak package, CAB donates a percentage of the individual sales of their steak packages to the Auxiliary's youth programs.

The American Angus Auxiliary encourages you to use this program as a great way to honor someone special or really "wow" someone with a Certified Angus Beef package as a wedding or house warming gift, a "congratulations" gift, a thank you gift, or a hostess gift for a special occasion. CAB packages are a great way to impress those special people, whether they are friends, future in laws, or clients, current or potential. Fred Williams of Williams-Crawford in Fort Smith, Arkansas, (his wife Shirley is a past AAAX president) has supported our Gifts that Sizzle program for several years by purchasing CAB packages as customer appreciation gifts. Williams-Crawford delivers superior service to its client base and using the Gifts that Sizzle program enhances their commitment to "excellence!" This is an area we would really like to expand so if you know of any companies that would be interested in utilizing the Gifts that



Check out our journal ad or the CAB website for a special summer steak package promotion. Make Father's day or your graduation celebration extra special with this CAB selection.

Sizzle program, please let us know and we will gladly make the contact and introduce and educate their company on the many benefits and opportunities available.

Have you partnered with Gifts that Sizzle? You should. You probably know a child, maybe even your own, that has benefited from one of our programs that uses funds we receive from Gifts that Sizzle. We had a great 2012, Gifts That Sizzle sales yielded over \$3000 to the American Angus Auxiliary. We want to thank all of you who have supported this program this year with your purchases. Let's make this coming year's goal twice that much. Help us support our youth and help yourself to a treat that has Great Flavor and No Guilt! So "get sizzling" and spread the word to your friends, relatives and co-workers about Gifts that Sizzle! Steak options are available to suit everyone. Packages include filet mignon, rib-eye, strip and cattlemen's premium collection and can be ordered 24 hours a day either through our website; www.angusauxiliary.com or by calling 888-534-2099.

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Ask our Members

Compiled by Leslie Mindemann, Region 5 Director

The state Auxiliaries are the "seedstock" of the American Angus Auxiliary. Without these dedicated individuals supporting their state associations and encouraging their Angus youth, the national Auxiliary could not function as it does today. Many women have taken leadership roles to move their states forward. We'll hear from Auxiliary Presidents who have mentored through the years and some who have re-created their state organizations.

Tanya Edison, Arnoldson, GA, is the Georgia Angus Auxiliary President.

Until Georgia hosted the 2009 National Junior Angus Show she really didn't know anything about the Auxiliary, since Georgia had never had a women's Auxiliary. It was there that she saw first hand the opportunities afforded to youth by the American Angus Auxiliary (AAAx) through their programs. That was also the first year that the AAAX Regional Directors began working to establish or revitalize state auxiliaries. With the support of Martha Holshouser, Director Region 4, a new Georgia Angus Auxiliary (GAA) was formed.

"Our Auxiliary is still in the building stage," said Edison, "but we have a very enthusiastic, hardworking group of about 39 members. Our committees are filled and operating. We have established some fundraisers. And we've begun to function as a support group for the Georgia Angus Association and the Junior Association." Some of their projects are table decorations and set-up for the Georgia Angus Assoc. annual banquet in January, managing the GA Angus royalty, and hosting a social function at the ROV Southern National Angus Show in June. This is where the GAAx holds their annual meeting and sponsors five contests for the juniors such as photography and graphic design. "These contests are lots of fun for the kids and help prepare them for NJAS contests in July," said Edison.

Although Tanya's father-in-law had Angus cattle she had little experience until her youngest daughter, Shelby, wanted to show heifers as her livestock project. Shelby has gone on to become Miss Georgia Angus in 2012 and 2013. She is currently president of GJAA. "When we make a commitment to something we jump in with both feet," Tanya said. "Credit goes to the GAAx members who came together and developed a sound foundation for our organization. It won't be long before we can reach our goals of junior scholarships and sponsors to NJAA LEAD."

The newly elected president of the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary (WAAx) is Mary Kohl, Waterloo, WI. She became involved with the junior angus, as many parents do, when her oldest son began showing Angus cattle in the 1990's. Once invited to join the WAAx she became an active participant on several committees.

"Most recently I served as Vice President and Scholarship chair, but have worn many hats through the years including membership, royalty, and ways and means" stated Kohl. "When my daughter, Bethany, joined the royalty program I worked on that committee until she completed her year as Miss Wisconsin Angus in 2003. My son was also very active and was the first boy on the team. We changed the program to 'Ambassadors' to accommodate young men."

A main function of the state Auxiliaries is to support both the senior and junior Angus associations. Kohl said her state hosts breeder get togethers before the state sale and during shows, offers scholarships to high school and post-secondary students, and offers a scholarship and grant to NJAA LEAD through the Ambassador program. The Auxiliary also sponsors the WJAA Mini-LEAD held every other year and sponsors the champion cow/calf award at the WI State Fair. "We're a small group of about 10 active members, but we get a lot done" said Kohl.

"All of my children have been involved with the WJAA and NJAA so I see the value of the organizations. My time spent as a volunteer in the Auxiliary

is giving back and helping other young people achieve their goals" she said.

The Kohl family raises Angus breeding stock, pigs, and veal calves. Their family is growing with two newly adopted boys, a married son expecting the first grandchild and two weddings on the horizon. Angus will bind the family as a new generation carries on the tradition.

American Angus Auxiliary Officer/Director Nomination Form 2013

Name of Nominee:

Position Being Nominated for: ___ Secretary/treasurer.

___ Regional Director. Region # ___

Complete Address:

Home Phone and Mobile Phone

Email:

Name & State of Nominator:

Please submit completed form to: Anne Lampe, Nominating Committee Chair, 5201 E Rd 110, Scott City, KS 67871; or email to alampe@wbsnet.org For information call 620-874-4273 (cell) or email Alampe@wbsnet.org

Leaders Wanted

Officer and Director Nominations close August 1

Do you or someone you know: *Have a passion for Angus cattle? Want to support the junior program and Angus youth? Want to encourage women involved in the Angus industry to join together for the future of our breed? Want to serve the Auxiliary and its members on the national level?*

If you or someone you know answered yes to one or all of these questions, a position on the American Angus Auxiliary executive committee as an officer or regional director may be for you (her). Nominations for 2013-14 secretary/ treasurer and directors for regions 4, 5 and 6 are being sought now. To nominate or self-nominate please use the form above and submit to Nomination Chairman Anne Lampe by August 1. See page 3 for the states within respective regions. After closing of nominations perspective candidates will be contacted by the committee to verify nominees acceptance of the nomination and discuss the election process, duties and answer questions. Nominees may be asked to complete an application. For more information on officer and director duties Contact Anne or visit www.angusauxiliary.com and click on the "Guidelines" link on the right side of the home page.

Beyond the Barn

By Kathi Creamer, Public Relations Chairman

Twelve Golden and Bald eagles are gathered just 500 yards from my kitchen window. These magnificent birds arrive in January and head off around the end of March. I'm not a big fan of winter with frigid temperatures and snow covered fields but I find comfort watching these birds coexist with my black beauties. I am blessed to live and work amongst God's creatures and more often than not I take for granted how fortunate I am.

Recently, I had coffee with friends, one an online university professor, the other an author. They are new acquaintances and I was anxious to hear about their lives. On the other hand, they wanted to hear about my life on the ranch. Their sincere appreciation for farmers and ranchers was quite apparent, although, neither of them had even the faintest idea of what is involved in the production of beef. That morning was a subtle reminder of the importance of sharing our story with others.

I feel it's important for all of us to remember the mission of the Auxiliary. "The American Angus Auxiliary offers individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities." One step we can take is to share our stories with others. There are several excellent sites you can direct folks to as well. Three of my favorites are:

<http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/index.php>

<http://www.explorebeef.org>

<http://factsaboutbeef.com/category/animal-care/>

As you watch your little black calves frolic through the spring grasses, may your hearts be filled with joy knowing that you are truly blessed to be one of the nearly 1 million U.S. cattle farmers and ranchers who provide high-quality beef and feed the world. And be proud to share your story with others.

Keep Informed of AAx Projects & Events

The Auxiliary Post is published twice a year; in the spring and fall. To keep informed of Auxiliary projects and events between issues of *The Post* look for *Auxiliary Notes* in the Angus Journal or visit www.angusauxiliary.com. The officers and regional directors welcome your emails and calls, see page 2 for contact information.

30th Cook-Off Contest in Kansas City

The American Auxiliary will sponsor its 30th All American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest on July 7, 2013 in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show in Kansas City, Missouri. Teams of junior Angus members will compete in three age divisions and in three categories—steak, roasts and other beef items for awards as they gain knowledge of CAB and the industry while learning to promote beef. In addition, the fourth Chef's Challenge contest will be hosted, contestants in the Challenge can be NJAA members 18-21 or adults. Entry forms and rules are available online at www.angusauxiliary.com or www.njaa.info or contact co-chair Anne Lampe, Alampe@wbsnet.org or 620-874-4273 to receive a copy by mail, fax or email. Entry deadline is May 15.

Enjoy this recipe from the 2012 contest, perfect for busy summer days, put it together in the morning and it will be ready for a delicious supper.

Pulled French Dip Sandwiches

Serves: 8; Cooking Time: 8 hr (or until tender)

Ingredients: 1 (3 to 4 pound) Certified Angus Beef® chuck (clod) roast or roast of your choice, 2 cups beef broth, ½ cup soy sauce, ½ teaspoon dried rosemary, ½ teaspoon dried thyme, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, ¼ teaspoon black pepper, 1 bay leaf, 8 hard rolls or French bread.

Instructions: Place roast in a 3-quart slow cooker. In a medium bowl, combine beef broth, soy sauce and spices; pour over roast. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours until meat is very tender. Remove beef from broth; shred with forks and keep warm. Place meat on rolls. Strain broth and pour into small cups for dipping.

____ Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, Intermediate Roast Division.

Team members: Jaryn Frey, Sydnee Gerken, Danci Johnson, Anna Clay, Courtney Murray and Kolby Shepard.



2013 American Angus Auxiliary Membership Dues are Currently Due.

Membership year is October 1 to September 30- (make copies if necessary)

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

Name: _____

Farm/Ranch Name : _____ Email: _____

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

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Select : _____ Annual Dues \$10 _____ Life Membership \$100 _____ Donation

_____ Non -Active Member (I want to support the AAx 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



Pictured with Bette (seated) are (from left) daughter Kerri Ann Kliewer, Henderson, Neb.; committee members Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky.; Lois Foster, Niles, Mich.; Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas; and daughter Kathy Marie Dubs, Billings, Mont.

Auxiliary Awards Distinguished Woman Award

American Angus Auxiliary charter member Bette Votaw recognized in Louisville, Ky.

In 2012, the American Angus Auxiliary celebrated 60 years of preparing young women for the future, educating consumers about the beef industry, and supporting junior activities. It's a legacy built by countless volunteers dedicated to the Angus breed. And it was only appropriate for Auxiliary charter member Bette Votaw, Welfleet, Neb., to be recognized as the 2012 Distinguished Woman of the Year. Votaw was honored Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, during the 60th Annual American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast in Louisville, Ky.

As Auxiliary advisor Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, began her speech describing the award recipient, all eyes turned to Bette. While Ettredge transported the audience back in time, sharing Bette's devotion to the Auxiliary, tears began to flow down Bette and her daughters, Kathy and Kerri Ann's faces. One can only imagine the memories Bette recalled as she was reminded of the moment that changed her life forever.



It was 1952. Bette and her husband, Eli, were stepping through the doors of the Chicago International Livestock Show; strolling past the rich black, beautiful Angus cattle, Bette transformed from city girl to ranch wife. It was then that Bette realized she wanted the Angus way of life for her family.

The Chicago International was also where Bette met a small group of energetic women who asked her to join the American Angus Auxiliary. Without hesitation, Bette agreed and became a guiding light with her quiet, steady demeanor and wisdom, which kept the Auxiliary on the right path for decades.

Bette served as an Auxiliary officer for three years before resigning due to her mother's health. Ten years later, in 1993, Bette returned to lead the organization. During her presidency, she, along with Angus enthusiasts from across the country, entertained international visitors during the World Angus Forum in Rapid City, S.D. Since that time, Bette has served as chairman and member of several Auxiliary committees.

Together in their 62 years of marriage, Bette and Eli built the historic E Bar V Angus Ranch. The couple was inducted into the American Angus Association's Angus Heritage Foundation in 1999 and received the Nebraska Angus Association Pioneer Producer Award in 2006. Eli was devoted leader in the beef industry. He was a lifetime member of the American Angus Association and served on its Board of Directors. During his two terms, he was instrumental in establishing the *Certified Angus Beef*® program. Eli also helped organize the Southwest Nebraska Angus Association and served as Secretary-Treasurer for several years.

Bette's constant drive and passion for the Angus business is instilled in her children, as well. Her daughters, Kathy Marie (Louis) Dubs, Billings, Mont.; Kerri Ann (Steven) Kliewer, Henderson, Neb.; and the late Christine Sue Votaw Vinton received Auxiliary Scholarships in 1970, 1973 and 1977. And, Bette was "The Queen Mother" of both the 1973 and 1977 Miss American Angus. Her daughters also served as Nebraska Angus Queens, and Block and Bridle Queens at the University of Nebraska.

Without Bette knowing, Eli and Auxiliary members were sketching out a plan for her to receive the 2012 Distinguished Woman of the Year Award. Although Eli passed away before Bette could accept the honor, she knew Eli was with her in spirit.

While Bette stood on the Auxiliary Breakfast stage sharing her gratitude for the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award, she began to describe her marriage to not only her husband, but also to the beef industry: "Thank you for this award, it was my family's privilege to be in the Angus business. We never had anything else in mind besides promoting Angus beef."

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Bette Votaw

Welcome to our Newest Members

IN, Bear, Heather
MT, Walling, Gladys
WA, Olma, Noreen
MT, Walling, Gladys
KY, Boyd, Paula
CA, DalPorto, Jeanene
MT, Callantine & Jane Mersen
WA, Rosman, Katie
SD, Davis, Cathy

WY, Godley, Gary
TX, Denny, Wendy
CA, Vietheer, Karen
WA, Vejraska, Katlenia
ID, Kerner, Julie
IN, Jorgensen, Claire Marie
ND, Strommen, Sheyna
NE, Keyes, Teresa
MT, Murnin, Julie
NC, Jones, Beth
NE, Schafer, Stephanie
OK, Ray, Amanda
As of FY 2012-13
We apologize for any omissions or mistakes.

Submit items for Scrapbook

The 2013 American Angus Auxiliary Scrapbook needs information from each state to make the book and our history complete.

Please send photos of your projects & members in action, news articles, state newsletters, etc. to : AAAX Historian, Emma Collins, 430 Willena Circle. Tupelo, MS 38801.

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Dates & Events to Note

May 1- American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship deadline

May 15- All-American Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off & Chef's Challenge entry deadline- www.njaa.info

June 16- The Tradition Continues- Heifer donated by Express Ranches, Yukon, OK sells during the All-American Breeders Futurity in Louisville, KY. Proceed benefit the AAAx scholarship and awards endowment.

July 5-11 – National Junior Angus Show, (NJAS) Kansas City, MO

July 7 – American Angus Aux. sponsored All-American CAB Cook Contest

July 8- AAAx Meeting and social

July 8-11 – Angus Gift Barn @ NJAS

July 10- NJAA Awards Program: AAAx Scholarships, Crystal awards presented, Miss American Angus Finalist presented and various award winners announced.

July 11- Presentation of the Silver Bowls to showmanship winners and presentation of the Silver Pitcher Awards- NJAS

Aug.1— Regional Director and Sec/Treas nomination forms due—see page 5.

The minutes of the American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting held in November in Louisville are available online at www.angusauxiliary.com and were printed on page 60 of the February 2013 Angus Journal. If you would like a copy of the minutes contact Secretary/Treasurer Lynne Hinrichsen, 13080 Christian Road, Westmoreland, KS 66549; Phone: (785) 457-2848, Cell: (785) 770-0014, rlangus@bluevalley.net 919-796-2346. Minutes will be available and approved during the meeting in Kansas City during the NJAS on July 8.

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