



JUNIOR World

Season's Greetings Juniors!

Once again, we find ourselves in the Holiday Season wondering where

the year went. It seems like only yesterday, we were all together in Sioux Falls at the National Junior Limousin Show and Congress. But as 2008 draws to a close and a New Year begins, so does the prospect of new adventures in 2009.

In Colorado, the holiday celebrations continue with the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). I trust many of you have made plans to attend the NWSS and if not I encourage you to do so. The hustle and bustle of the holidays spills over into the activity in "the yards" and on "the hill," creating rewarding experiences and lifetime memories.

Additionally, the NWSS provides a further extension of the holidays with the opportunity to reconnect and reminisce with members of the Limousin family. As a native of Colorado, I also look forward to the prospect of making new friends, while partaking in the showcase of some of the best seedstock in the country.

An activity of special importance to North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) during the NWSS is the annual Genetics On Ice Benefit Auction scheduled for Sunday, January 11, in conjunction with the NALF Social at the Doubletree Hotel.

The Genetics On Ice Benefit Auction is one of the major fundraisers for NALJA. The format for the auction will be a little different this year. While the genetic packages will continue to be sold via live auction, a silent auction format will be used for some of the donated gift items. Don't forget that buying items is not the only way for you to support NALJA; the event would not be a success without your donations.

Contact any junior board member for information on donating (our contact information is located under the Junior section of the NALF Web site). Additionally, a new Corner Post Fundraiser will be held in conjunction with the Genetics On Ice Benefit Auction. A great, big, huge thank-you goes out to Deer Valley Farm for donating this year's Corner Post Genetic Package. The package includes a flush of 10 embryos with five guaranteed pregnancies from one of Deer

Valley's elite Angus donors to the Limousin or Lim-flex sire of your choice.

These are two primary fundraisers for the junior program. NALJA would like to thank everybody involved for making the Genetics On Ice Benefit Auction and the Corner Post Fund a huge success year after year.

Looking forward to the New Year, I would like to share a quote with you from actress, Marilyn Monroe. "I believe everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so that you appreciate them when they're right, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."

Juniors, the next time something goes wrong for you, just remember this quote. And most importantly, remember that the NALJA Board is always here for you if you need anything. We value your input, suggestions and concerns.

I leave you with one of my favorite inspirations: "Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

See you in Denver!

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