

## Moving and Shaking

by Barb Wilkinson, AHW director

It was more than two decades ago (yikes...it was actually before any of the current junior board members were born) that I had the privilege of serving on the American Junior Hereford Association (predecessor to the National Junior Hereford Association [NJHA]) board of directors. It is now my privilege to serve with an outstanding group of ladies whose focus continues to be supporting youth, just as it was 20 years ago. However, along with the tried and true activities such as youth scholarships and awards, Hereford Woman of the Year, and fund-raising events, the American Hereford Women (AHW) board has chosen to take on some new and exciting projects.

You will have to agree there is something for everyone in these new endeavors:

**Beef Improvement Federation Sponsorship** — Applications are now available for a sponsorship (registration, accommodations and travel) for the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) meeting in Fort Collins, Colo., in 2007. This sponsorship is for young breeders ages 23-40.

**Junior Beef Ambassador/CHB Promotion Pilot Program** — A

pilot program to give young people the opportunity to promote Certified Hereford Beef® and the Hereford breed.

**Bud Snidow Video Tour** — The Hereford breed's top historian, Bud Snidow, will be captured on video as he gives a tour of the American Hereford Association (AHA) building as only he can do. His knowledge of the history of the Hereford breed and memorabilia combined with his humor and storytelling abilities will make this video a must see for every Hereford enthusiast. Watch for the premier at the AHA Annual Meeting in October.

**Interactive CD for Hereford Youth** — An interactive CD is in the works. It will be a great learning tool for young through intermediate ages, and will be fun as well as educational.

The Hereford women are also looking forward to the PRIDE (Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel) Convention later this summer. Not only will we assist in sponsoring the convention, but we will also be there to assist NJHA staff with womanpower.

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It continues to amaze me the work that happens when you get motivated youth together, combined with support from enthusiastic and compassionate women...it's a winning combination! Charging ahead for the whiteface! **HW**

## Take the Time

by Betsy Beck, NOP secretary

My how "time flies when you're having fun." However, it seems as though there's always too much work to get done and not enough time to have fun doing something other than work. I'm sure many of you reading this article are guilty

of skipping a function, a dinner invitation or an outing with friends, because you didn't feel like you had the extra time to do those things. But when you do accept the invitation and go, you usually feel so much better and are glad

you went because you had fun and "you needed that." It's important not only to make time to "stop and smell the roses," but also to support and socialize with the organizations of which you are a member.

The National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) hopes you will attend its semiannual membership breakfast in Louisville during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center West Hall A & B. We do have fun at these meetings, and it's beneficial to meet Poll-ette members from all over the country.

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### National Organization of Poll-ettes

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Attending the NOP meetings is a good way to learn more about what's going on at the national level within the Poll-ette organization. It's also a great time to invite someone to join the Poll-ettes. Increasing our membership is important in making our organization

even stronger than it is today. Without our members, we couldn't do all that we do to support our juniors and our breed. But just imagine how much more we could do with more members. All you have to do is ask another lady (or ladies) to join. That's it, just ask!

So, no matter how much "time flies when you're having fun," always take time to "stop and smell the roses." Please take time to support our juniors, our breed and the Poll-ettes. We all need each other. **HW**

## Our Team Needs You

As I sit at my computer contemplating, I am drawn to the calendar on the wall of my office. It is a "Motivations" calendar. The picture for this past month shows the silhouettes of two people rock climbing with one lending a hand to the other to pull them the last step to the top of a rock cliff. It is titled "Teamwork." The quote under the picture is "Everyone Has It in Them to Achieve Great Things. When We Work Together, We Can Travel Farther and Climb Even Higher."

Several times this past month, I have looked at the picture, read that statement and thought of the Poll-ettes. Together we can accomplish so much.

Together we can do things that would be impossible without teamwork.

The Poll-ettes need you. Each of us needs to be proactive in the cattle business and in the Hereford breed. We need to work within our local cattlemen's organizations. We need to work within our state Poll-ette organizations. And the NOP needs you as a member. Together we can accomplish so much.

Even if you do not have a state Poll-ette organization or choose not to join the state group, you are welcome as a member of the national organization. Dues are a minimal \$5 and are payable to any national director.

by *Dianne Peebles*, NOP chairman

Remember the Poll-ette of the Year deadline is Sept. 25. The National Polled Hereford Queen application deadline is Sept. 1. National director elections are starting in September for areas 3, 6 and 8, replacing Dianne Peebles, Lynn Sumner and Sherry Herring.

Growth in an organization yields strength. Invite a fellow polled Hereford lady to join. Call a friend or acquaintance you may not have seen at a meeting or gathering recently and invite them to rejoin and become active again. We are a strong Hereford family. **HW**