

Hereford Women Are Headed to “Kickin’ It In Kansas”

Well, it is that time of year. Hereford enthusiasts are getting ready for the annual trek to the one and only Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). It is always such an anticipated time. Planning and packing the trailer to the max and setting out on what you pray is an “uneventful” trip, but a truly “eventful” time!

Members of the National Hereford Women (NHW) are no different. NHW is planning some great things for this year’s “Kickin’ It In Kansas.” The scholarship and award applications are being reviewed and finalized, the Grill-off contest is being planned, the Hereford heifer giveaway details will soon be announced, the silent auction items are being carefully selected, judges have been selected for contests, and, of course, the queen activities are being planned.

It is always such a busy week but a great time to make memories and friendships to last a lifetime. We hope you will find time to join us for an ice cream social and membership meeting on Tuesday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Hale Arena near the hospitality area. Our meeting is come-as-you-are and will include activities for kids while their moms are meeting.

Another NHW event will be the Queen’s Tea, hosted by Bethany Nolan, our 2011 National Hereford Queen. There will be an informative presentation during this event for young women interested in the queen program.

2011 director elections

After JNHE we begin thinking of returning to Kansas City in October for the annual meeting. That means nominations for three new directors to the NHW board are due on or before Sept. 1, 2011.

Election information and director candidate qualifications are in Article 5 of the NHW bylaws. You may download them from our website, *HerefordWomen.com*, or get a copy by e-mail from your director or Ann Guess, nomination committee chairman. You can e-mail Ann at annguess@esc17.net.

NHW members may nominate up to three candidates, ranked in order of your preference. You must provide the name, state of residence, telephone number and e-mail address, if possible, along with a letter providing qualifications you feel make this woman a good nominee. If you are interested in service on the board and would like to offer your time as a director, please let us know you would like to be considered a nominee. Please include your name and address, telephone

number, and e-mail address in all communications.

The 2011 election will select three new directors to serve four-year terms running October 2011 to October 2015. For 2011 (transition year three) the board will have 18 directors, thus a maximum of six directors may be from any one area.

Current directors and retirement years include:

Northwest area: Janelle Bischoff, 2011; Jessye Goertz, 2011; Jill Tucker, 2011 (eligible for re-election); Barb Ernst, 2012; Paula Acheson, 2013; and Lori Hambright, 2014.

Northeast area: Margeaux Firestine, 2011; Mary Ann Berg, 2012; Jeanine Radel, 2012; Denise Billman, 2013; Jill Bielema, 2013; Gay Maddox, 2013; and Susan Hayhurst, 2014.

Southwest area: Donna Curry, 2011; Cindy Lambert, 2011; Catie Sims, 2011 (eligible for re-election); Ann Guess, 2012; Shellie Collins, 2013; and Shannon Mehaffey, 2014.

Southeast area: Diann Strickland, 2012, and Beth Burns, 2013.

NOTE: Catie Sims and Jill Tucker were appointed to one-year terms and are still eligible for election to serve on the board for a full four-year term.

Nominating committee members include Ann Guess, NHW board chair; Jane Durham, southwest area; Deb Carlson, northeast area; Beth Blinson, southeast area; and Carol Allison, northwest area.

Please send nominations to Tonya Swindell CPA, Kirkendall & Swindell CPAs, PLLC, 405 W. Claremore St., Claremore, OK 74017, e-mail tonya@vfkcpa.com or call 918-342-1822. **HW**

National Hereford Women

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Co-president** – Cheryl Evans, *Winona, Miss.*
- Co-president** – Susan Gebhart, *Claremore, Okla.*
- President elect** – Mary Ann Berg, *Dalton, Ohio*
- Vice president** – Jessye Goertz, *Berwyn, Neb.*
- Secretary** – Ann Guess, *Jayton, Texas*
- Treasurer** – Shellie Collins, *Chattanooga, Okla.*
- Parliamentarian** – Jill Bielema, *Ada, Mich.*
- Historian** – Paula Acheson, *Woodbine, Kan.*
- Queen chairman** – Margeaux Firestine, *Womelsdorf, Pa.*
- Ways and means chairman** – Denise Billman, *Newcomerstown, Ohio*

DIRECTORS

- Janelle Bischoff, *Huron, S.D.*
- Beth Burns, *Pikeville, Tenn.*
- Donna Curry, *McAlester, Okla.*
- Barbara Ernst, *Windsor, Colo.*
- Lori Riffel-Hambright, *Chapman, Kan.*
- Susan Hayhurst, *Terre Haute, Ind.*
- Cindy Lambert, *Oroville, Calif.*
- Gay Maddox, *Zionsville, Ind.*
- Shannon Mehaffey, *Grandview, Texas*
- Jeanine Radel, *Spring Green, Wis.*
- Catie Sims, *Edmond, Okla.*
- Diann Strickland, *Mershon, Ga.*
- Jill Tucker, *N. Platte, Neb.*