

All of This For \$10

by *Cheryl Evans, AHW director*

Your \$10 membership to the American Hereford Women (AHW) is the best bargain I can think of. It helps promote Hereford cattle through items such as: the Bud Snidow video tour that became available in October; an interactive CD for Hereford youth; and innovative fundraising goods such as Hereford charms, candles, mouse pads and hides.

Your dues also help support Hereford youth. Examples include the AHW Queen Scholarship; John Wayne Memorial Scholarship; Golden Bull Achievement Award; Junior Golden Bull Award; Prospect Award; Bud Snidow Award; Future Cattleman Scholarship; sponsorship of the Junior National Hereford Expo and PRIDE Convention; continued support of the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA); and the junior beef ambassador/CHB contest.

Your membership also helps you celebrate Hereford women.

This includes receiving a quarterly newsletter updating you on the latest AHW happenings; honoring an Outstanding Hereford Woman of the Year; and attending an annual breakfast membership meeting during the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Meeting.

Another new program funded by AHW is the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) sponsorship.

If you have projects that you think AHW should pursue, please contact one of the board members listed on this page. We want your input.

Many of you join through your state association. Others join individually. We welcome everyone to participate. You can find more information about AHW on our Web site; visit www.hereford.org and click on the "Hereford Women" link. A membership application can be found on the site or you can mail your \$10 dues to: American Hereford Women, c/o

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\$17,000 For Youth

by *Dianne Peebles, NOP chairman*

The approaching holiday season gives us all an opportunity to reflect upon the bounty of our profession or pastime with the Hereford breed, our acquaintances within the breed, and our family's benefits of those associations.

2006 has been a fantastic year for Hereford activities. The National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) is proud to have been a part of this great year in promoting the breed and supporting the youth programs and activities.

The NOP board greatly appreciates the local and state Poll-ette organizations and the work they do in their areas. The real fruits of a national organization are with the efforts at the local grassroots level.

As we look to a new year, I ask each of you to extend a hand of welcome to another lady to join our organization. If each Poll-ette solicited one new member, our membership would double. You would be surprised at the number of ladies who attend Hereford

functions, but have never been asked to join.

The NOP is thankful for the generosity of our supporters and donors. Their generosity allows us to fund the programs and scholarships the NOP sponsors. This year the NOP funded the JNHE speech contests with \$2,175 in awards, honored Ed Bible with five scholarships totaling \$2,500, awarded two scholarships totaling \$1,500 in honor of the founders of the Poll-ette organization and provided \$360 for the creative arts activity.

The four retiring National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board members were presented a small token of appreciation — \$100 each. We also presented four youngsters with \$1,000 scholarships for the purchase of a polled Hereford heifer and paid \$1,500 to three juniors who were awarded scholarships last

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year and then exhibited their "Pollette" heifers at this year's JNHE.

The NOP is indebted to LaGrand Herefords and Whaley Polled Herefords for their generosity in donating the heifers that were given away at the past two JNHEs. The drawing is becoming a highlight event at the JNHE. If you would like to contribute a heifer to this great program in 2007, please contact a NOP board member. We would like to start promoting the heifer at the 2007 National Western Stock Show in Denver.

The NOP's marquee program is the National Polled Hereford Queen contest. A unique program among all beef breeds, we will crown the 33rd national queen during the National Western.

Donors and sponsors through the years have allowed this program to continue and flourish. The national queen receives a \$1,000 scholarship. The runner-ups and Miss Congeniality receive scholarships totaling \$750. The national queen also receives \$300 for wardrobe, a silver belt buckle, official photo, and a \$500 travel allowance to attend the JNHE and National Western, plus \$250 to attend other national shows.

Many make donations to the program in the queen's name, allowing us to give her the money directly and providing a tax deduction for the donor.

In total the NOP will contribute more than \$17,000 to junior programs and activities in 2006. As a board, we are thankful that we can do that much and particularly thankful for our members, generous donors and sponsors.

On a personal note, I have been fortunate to work with a group of diverse and enthusiastic women on the NOP board, who have come together to achieve our mission of promoting polled Hereford cattle and supporting youth and their activities. I thank each of you for all you have done and for your friendship.

I see a lot of classy, younger ladies out there who I admire. You are the next generation of movers and shakers in the Hereford breed.

I would like to invite all of you to the 2007 JNHE in Denver, July 7-14, for "A Hereford Celebration." Come enjoy Denver, the West, the mountains and Western hospitality. **HW**