

# Thank You, Hereford Youth Supporters

“The Harvest” was a fun-filled weekend for everyone. This was my first event as a National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board member, and I must say I was in awe of my experience.

If you have ever been to San Francisco, you know the city is notorious for fog that lingers over it until early afternoon. Needless to say, we were not excluded from this experience as the fog delayed many of our flights.

Once all NJHA board members had arrived in San Francisco, we loaded up the buses and minivan to hit the road for an hour’s drive to the beautiful city of Santa Rosa. Friday night included a tasty tri-tip dinner with hilarious entertainment by “The Indian and the White Guy” (Williams and Ree). They were a real treat to see and made many of us laugh until our sides hurt.

Saturday was a busy day and the most exciting for me. Our

bus group started the day at Kunde Family Estate and Sonoma Mountain Hereford Ranch. Four tour buses were scheduled to visit that day, all on different schedules. The estate was full of breathtaking views, once the fog burned off in the afternoon. Our lunch was served on a beautiful hilltop overlooking the Sonoma Valley.

Following the tour at Kunde Estate, we toured two neighboring wine estates called the Landmark Winery and Chateau St. Jean. Guests who were of age were allowed to participate in wine tasting at both wineries.

The day was full of excitement and laughter; however, everyone was waiting eagerly for the main event back at Kunde Estates.

The night was filled with great company, and more than \$292,000 was raised for the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA). It was amazing to be in the presence of the distinguished guests and

their generosity for HYFA and Hereford youth.

I also want to give recognition to the many donors who were not able to attend the auction. A big thank you also goes to the Kunde family, including Jim and Marcia Mickelson, for hosting us, Eddie and Ruth Sims for putting together the auction, and the people who purchased the items.

The night also brought tears to our eyes when we learned a new scholarship was being started in memory of Ken Tracy of Split Butte, whom many of us knew. We can’t thank George and Karen Sprague of Bar One Ranch, Eugene, Ore., enough for the \$100,000 they donated to fund the scholarship.

The auction was a huge success. It is truly amazing when you realize as a youth and Hereford breeder the support established breeders offer to secure the future success of our breed and youth. **HW**



NJHA directors attending “The Harvest” (l to r) were: Matt Woolfolk, Courtney Tribble, Shelby Rogers and Austin Buzanowski.

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