

AHW to Offer Christmas Special for Interactive CD

by **Barb Wilkinson**, AHW treasurer

"I'm so glad we had this time together..." Can't you just hear Carol Burnett singing that song at the end of her Saturday night variety show? OK, maybe I'm dating myself, but I've always thought that was a great song because when it comes to the American Hereford Women (AHW), it does seem as if "we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say so long."

The second to the last weekend in October in Kansas City, Mo., a lot happened between "just get started" with our annual board meeting on Friday night and time to say goodbye after selling DVDs and CDs during the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting Monday morning.

During the AHW annual membership meeting Saturday morning, Marlene Sidwell from Colorado was honored with the AHW Hereford Woman of the Year award (see Page 42). The AHW also accepted Mr. and Mrs. B.C. (Bud) Snidow as honorary AHW members and heard an enthusiastic Certified

Hereford Beef (CHB) Ambassador report from Anna Rhodus.

Anna, along with Mary Ann Berg, has spent the last year as one of the first CHB Ambassadors. Both will continue as ambassadors for one more year. This is an exciting joint project between AHW, CHB LLC and the National Organization of Poll-ettes. Also in attendance during the Saturday meeting were members of the National Junior Hereford Association board. We are proud of these outstanding young people and appreciate their taking the time to join us.

The 2008 officers include: Bonnie Coley-Malir, Ohio, president; Cheryl Evans, Mississippi, president-elect; Deb Carlson, Indiana, vice president; Debby Mrnak, North Dakota, secretary; and Barb Wilkinson, Colorado, treasurer. Directors are Susan Turner, Texas; Donna Fulton, North Carolina; Gail Blagg, California; Della Ehlke, Montana; Janelle Bischoff, South Dakota; Jessye Goertz, Nebraska; and Donna Curry, Oklahoma.

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One of the toughest goodbyes during this annual trek to Kansas City is to the ladies who have dedicated so much of their time to the association. This year our retiring directors are JoAnn

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Poll-ettes Plan Denver Meeting

by **Starr Whaley**, NOP chairwoman, and **Betsy Beck**, queen chairman

As I sit and write this, we are finally experiencing a bit of moisture in the air that we have not seen in quite a few months in Georgia. I knew that it would rain this week because our county fair started, and as far back as I

can remember, it always rains and turns cold the week of the fair! It's funny how smells and sounds trigger memories in our heads – cotton candy, candy apples and the sounds of the Tilt-a-Whirl and Ferris wheel combined with the

sounds of children's laughter and screams. Of course, the smells of the barns and the sounds of the animals were a big part of the fair in my childhood, and those smells and sounds are a part of my daily life now as an adult.

The National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) is looking forward to the National Western Stock Show in Denver. The NOP board meeting will be 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Denver Renaissance Hotel. The annual NOP membership meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 17. A social will begin at 7 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

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Lawrence, Marsha Middleswarth, Kay Morgan and Terrill Spencer. Thank you to these ladies for their outstanding service.

Since an important part of our mission is to support young people, we are currently selling an interactive CD with games and information important to any young beef enthusiast. These CDs were specially created by AHW to help young people learn important information such as where their beef comes from, how they can show properly, and what were recent quiz bowl questions.

For a limited time (through midnight Dec. 24), you can purchase the "Learning with Herefords!" CD for the special holiday price of \$25 (a savings of \$10). While you are at it, you can order the "A Hereford Legacy" Bud Snidow DVD for \$20 and have the perfect stocking stuffers for any cattle producer. Please add \$2 shipping and handling for each DVD ordered. Contact Cheryl Evans at eehje@dixie-net.com or P.O. Box 310, Winona, MS 38967.

And now "...comes the time we have to say so long." **HW**

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The NOP board looks forward to seeing the membership in Denver and wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Queen news

Wow! What an impressive group of state queens who helped during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) this summer. Each state that had a queen at the JNHE should be very proud of its queen.

Amber Schmidt, 2007 National Polled Hereford Queen, took the lead in keeping the girls organized and gave them excellent tips on how to conduct themselves at a national show. Amber is a super role model for our youth, and we are very proud of her.

We also had a wonderful surprise

at the queen orientation when Miss Colorado and Miss Teen Colorado walked into the room. These two girls took time out of their busy schedules to talk to our queens about their responsibilities, giving encouragement and advice and answering any questions our queens had for them. What made this even more special is the fact that Miss Teen Colorado (Hilary Cruz) went on to win the title of Miss Teen USA at the national queen pageant in August. What an honor it was to have these two celebrities attend our queen orientation.

Speaking of celebrities, we want to take time to recognize the people who have so graciously supported our program. We are truly grateful for their

generosity and continuous support. A big thank you goes to the following:

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