



A Thank You From Hannes Combest

Dear Auxiliary Members,

As you may have heard, my husband of more than 32 years passed away recently. Mike had been diagnosed last May with Stage IV colon cancer. While he underwent very aggressive forms of chemotherapy, the cancer was too advanced and he passed away on January 16 with our four children and me by our bedside. Losing Mike has been one of the hardest things I have ever endured. However, my loss has been made easier by the many friends that I have made in the auction industry – and particularly by the cards, letters, emails and text messages I have received from members of the Auxiliary. In fact, as I write this some 12 days after Mike's death, the loveliest bouquet of roses sits on my counter from my dear friends at the Auxiliary.

There are two things that I have learned through this experience: you really are never alone and you really can live through anything – even the death of your best friend and spouse. I still have my “moments” – I think I will for a while – but, I know that I will be okay. Your prayers and thoughts continue to affirm that.

Thank you so much.

With much love,
Hannes

Hannes Combest, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
National Auctioneers Association

Chairman's Message

Making a Difference — With those words, I reflect on a dear friend and remarkable lady that passed away on October 31st. Lucy Faison was an active part of the NAA Auxiliary and a truly special lady. If you didn't know her, you missed a treat. If you did know her, you know that she always had a twinkle in her eye and a smile on her face, and she was eager to encourage everybody that she came in contact with. She was one genuinely classy lady that made a HUGE DIFFERENCE in my life and will be greatly missed.

I would like to say a special thanks to everybody for their prayers and support of our family for our grandson, Tyson Bracky, who was born in God's hands December 31st.

Our auxiliary board continues to work hard to support the auction profession in every way that we can and to provide you value for your membership. Our strategic planning session in September was very successful with many new ideas arising. We are open for suggestions from all the membership! We also are looking for new directors so PLEASE let any of us know if you might be interested in being a part of this exciting group – GET MORE INVOLVED. You will be glad that you did! I am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful group of ladies! They are amazing!

In July 2010, we will meet in my home state of North Carolina for the NAA Conference & Show. Make plans to be there. Judy Mullis is chairing the auxiliary luncheon, and it is sure to be one of the best ones EVER!!!! The Mayberry Deputy impersonator (David Browning) will be our speaker for Thursday and our guest at the auxiliary luncheon. He is quite entertaining, so bring your cameras to the luncheon for photo opportunities! Don't forget to bring some great items for the auxiliary auction. This helps us to continue to provide scholarships. Remember, we are all in this together. There is so much awaiting you in North Carolina – from the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains to the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean and so much in between. I'll be glad to give you suggestions on any kind of extracurricular activities you might want – feel free to email or call me. Heck, just one hour away is my hometown of Mount Airy. Take a trip to visit our fictional Mayberry and birthplace of Andy Griffith. You're sure to love it!

I wish for all of you a blessed new year full of happiness and good health. Each of us has opportunities each day to be a Hero to somebody. It's up to you to do it! Make a Difference, One Life At A Time!

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2009 Scholarship Recipients



At left: Valerie Sutton, right, receives a \$2,000 check on behalf of her son, Ryan. At right: Alissa Dower, right, accepts a scholarship. See Page 2 for a full list of winners.

2009 Scholarship Winners

The following won scholarships in 2009:

- ♦ **Alissa Dower**, daughter of J.J. and Traci Dower of Oak Ridge, Tenn., granddaughter of Tomi Ayers
- ♦ **Ryan Sutton**, son of Charles and Valerie Sutton of Flandreau, S.D.
- ♦ **Christian Menezes**, son of Jace and Tammy Menezes of Modesto, Calif.
- ♦ **Resha Jacquier**, daughter of Phil and Cornelia Jacquier of Southwick, Mass.
- ♦ **Whitney Sorrell**, daughter of Larry and Ronda Sorrell of Raleigh, N.C.
- ♦ **Adam Pounds**, son of LaVerle and Denise Pounds of Hutchinson, Kan.

2009 Hall of Fame Inductee

Congratulations to **Jean Fleming** of Atkinson, Neb., for her induction into the NAA Auxiliary Hall of Fame!

We Need Auxiliary Photos!

We will be having a digital frame at the auxiliary booth to be used in Greensboro, N.C., and future conventions. We need photos from any past auxiliary events. If you have any photos of the past meetings, seminars, officers, etc. will you please e-mail them to shinson@mindspring.com. If you do not have access to e-mail, please mail them to Susan Hinson, 5 Greenhill Drive, Jackson, TN, 38305. Photos will not be returned.

Please bring items for the Auction (quality over quantity please), proceeds from the auction benefit the Scholarship fund and the Auxiliary's general operating fund.

* Tickets required, may be purchased from the C & S form.

Auxiliary C & S Schedule

Tuesday, July 13 – St. Andrews Room

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 14 – Blue Ashe Room

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. – Check in Auction items

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Auxiliary Luncheon & Auction
2010 theme is GOTTA BE – NC!
(Must have tickets)

Thursday, July 15

Auxiliary Guest Speaker & Annual Business Meeting
Guest Speaker *David L. Browning*

“The Mayberry Deputy: A Bridge Between the Andy Griffith Show and Today.” People are searching for their own Mayberry. Come experience the laughter and fun that the Mayberry Deputy will share with you!



Friday, July 16

Noon-2:00 p.m. – Auxiliary Past President & Hall of Fame Luncheon – Tanglewood Room
(By invitation only)
Auxiliary Board Meeting

Want to serve on the Auxiliary Board?

Send your resume to the Nominating Committee via chairman Barbara Fisher: barbara@fisherauction.com

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YOU

AT THE 2010 CONVENTION!

JULY 13-17

**SHERATON GREENSBORO HOTEL AT FOUR SEASONS
GREENSBORO, N.C.**