

## 2011 HANDBOOK DEDICATION

*Suzanne Brewer, executive secretary*

When we learned that North Carolina's own Joe Hampton would be inducted as the 2011 President of the American Angus Association, it seemed only fitting that Joe receive the 2011 Association handbook dedication.

Bettie Laursen, who has known Joe and Robin since they first became members of North Carolina Angus Association was most gracious in writing the article for the handbook dedication. She contacted many of the top officials at American Angus and also several other board members who have worked with Joe since 2003. Thank you Bette for an excellent job!!

The handbook dedication was scheduled for the annual meeting in January, but Joe had a prior commitment as President of American Angus and wasn't able to attend our annual meeting. Unfortunately, Bette Laursen wasn't able to attend the spring tours to present the dedication and plaque to Joe personally. I gladly accepted the honor.

Since Joe and Robin joined our Association in 1988 they have both worked tirelessly on committees, served on our board of directors and both have served as President of our Association. Joe was first elected to the American Angus Association board of directors in 2003 and has risen through the ranks since that time. He has served on various committees and boards during that time. The esteem in which national Angus leaders hold Joe is reflected in their comments about his service. He has also worked closely with the National Cattlemen's Association during this time.

Everyone speaks of Joe's intelligence, leadership ability, his open-minded and forward-thinking approach, and always his sense of humor. It has been said that he has both the ability to talk respectfully on the level of a local farmer looking for a "male cow" and the finesse and knowledge of cattle to ascend to the presidency of the nation's largest and most influential beef cattle breed association.

Bette summed up her dedication with this statement: "Mr. President of the American Angus Association Joe Hampton, the North Carolina Angus Association is proud to call you "one of ours" and we enthusiastically dedicate this 2011 member handbook to you."

Congratulations Joe!



Association Executive Secretary, Suzanne Brewer reads excerpts from the handbook dedication written by Bette Laursen at the dedication during the 2011 Spring Tours supper on Friday night, March 25.



Elaine Wood, member of the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary presents Joe's wife Robin Hampton a gift from the Auxiliary at the dedication.