

Greetings! Spring is near and I can hardly wait for some warmth and sunshine. This winter has been long and cold in Northern Nevada but the snow and moisture we have received to relieve those suffering from the drought was much needed and I think we can all say we are very blessed this year with the abundance of water.

This past January, I among many other CattleWomen throughout our country traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for the 2017 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center. The ANCW meetings were held January 30-31 in conjunction with the convention. One of the many highlights of the annual convention was the selection and installation of the ANCW leadership for the coming year. ANCW's 2017 executive committee consists of 15 members including officers and region directors.

Leading the CattleWomen as the organization's 66th president is Penny Zimmerman from Foley, Minnesota. Zimmerman is the first-ever ANCW president from Minnesota. The theme for Zimmerman's year as president is "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much," a quote from Hellen Keller. Advancing to president-elect from vice president is Gwen Geis from Gillette, Wyoming. Elected to the leadership team as vice president and beginning her three-year ascent to president is Wanda Pinnow from Baker, Montana.

Ann Nogan, Tompkinsville, Pennsylvania, completed her year as the 65th ANCW president and now remains on the executive committee as past president. Nogan's excellent leadership was vital to the success of ANCW as the organization embraced new opportunities and focus this past year.

The seven region directors also serve on ANCW's executive committee. Serving as our region VI director for 2017 is Pam Griffin from Arizona. Region VI consists of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.

This spring, Nevada has the privilege of hosting the Annual Region VI meeting. The meeting will be held in Elko, April 27-29, 2017. The Nevada CattleWomen, Inc. have been working nonstop to plan a weekend that you will not want to miss. You do not have to be an ANCW member to attend and I encourage you to gather your mom, sister, best friends and even your husbands to travel to Elko and join us for this great weekend. The meetings will start on Thursday, April 27th with a Beginner Farmers and Ranchers Workshop, made possible by the University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension. Speakers for our meeting include UNR Meat Scientist, Amilton DeMello, Agriculture Advocate and Radio Personality, Trent Loos, and UNR Extension Educator, Lindsay Chichester who will be hosting a Social Media workshop. We will conclude our meetings on Saturday, April 29th with a tour to Maggie Creek Ranch and J.M. Capriola, Co. The meetings will be held at the Red Lion Inn and Casino, for registration details please email us at cwnv.inc@gmail.com or call 775-397-4750, details are also on the Nevada CattleWomen, Inc. Facebook page.

The Nevada CattleWomen are currently selling raffle tickets for a portable Powder River chute, made possible by Boss Tanks and Powder River, a wooden patio cooler filled with 20 pounds of cut and wrapped beef, donated by Buckingham Bar X Ranch and Kelly and Sidney Wintermote and a patio barbecue, donated by Mike and Melinda Sarman. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Please contact any NV CattleWomen member for tickets. Funds from this raffle help make it possible for us to host the Region VI meeting as well as send our NV CattleWomen President to be a voice on a national level.

The Nevada CattleWomen, Inc., consists of members from across state and has a 59-year history of uniting women in agriculture to focus on its core concepts of beef promotion,

education, and legislation. By becoming a member, you will become part of a professional networking group who strongly support the cattle industry and Nevada's agriculture community. For more information about Nevada CattleWomen, Inc. or to join today, please visit our Facebook page or email us at cwnv.inc@gmail.com.