



December 1, 2011

Season's Greetings from the MSA board of directors!

At this time I'd like to remind you all about the All Breeds Annual Meeting event, which the MSA is a part of. Our AGM is taking place at 1pm on **January 7, 2012** but this year we've got a change of venue. The All Breeds Committee has decided to give the Victoria Inn Brandon a try, after many years of hosting the meetings at the Royal Oak. If you need to book a room please call the Victoria Inn at (204) 725-1532 with your reservations. A block of rooms are being held at the preferred rate of \$105.99 + tax (single occupancy including breakfast), under the name "Manitoba Beef Breeders". There are limited rooms available at this rate, so book before December 7th.

I will be taking orders for banquet tickets. Prices for the banquet are \$30 for adults and ½ price for children 7-12, and 6 and under are free. I need your banquet ticket order by **December 27th** at the latest. The banquet will follow the same format as in previous years, with a meal followed by awards presentations and a live auction.

If you didn't make it to Manitoba Livestock Expo you missed a good show. There was a good turn out of Simmental cattle and the Super Select event was once again a success. The winner of the pick of the barn was Jonathan Karsin from Elie and he selected a bred from Oakview Simmentals. I would like to thank everyone who was involved planning, sponsoring and taking part in the show this year.

Of course, I missed the show, as we were waiting (impatiently) for the arrival of our baby, and sure enough she came...but not until November 13th...so I could have made it to the show afterall! Anyway, we're thrilled to welcome little Norah to the family and everyone is settling in great at home. A big thanks to the MSA board of directors for picking up the slack while I adjust to life with 2 little redheads at home!

We've also recently selected the winners of our 4H Vouchers for 2012, they went to Brady McLeod of Brookdale and Rebecca Curle of Minnedosa.

Thanks again to Twin Brae Simmentals for donating the 2011 YCSA Scholarship Heifer. We're nearing the draw date for that fundraiser so if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do so soon. There will be rounds of tickets auctioned off at each of the fall sales, or see your local YCSA members to purchase individual tickets for \$10 each.

Just a couple more reminders, scholarship deadline is **December 31**, so please visit the website for applications and criteria, and to book your banquet tickets for the AGM, don't forget to call 529-2444 or email Donalee@midcan.com before December 27th.

Thanks!

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