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# Your NMCB Executive Team is Pleased to Announce our Theme for 2023

By Michelle Greeman, President Elect

It is my pleasure to introduce our theme for this year. As President Elect, it occurred to me upon hearing your President's word she wanted to focus on, "encourage", that we needed a theme to encompass the meaning of that word and more. It is a time of growth and opportunity for our organization, and what better way to "encourage" that than with a theme that builds up our organization. I am grateful for Vonda's leadership as we head into this year. We have some great momentum started from Annual Meeting and what better way to keep it going than with: B.E.E.F.- Believe, Encourage, and Educate for our Future

We believe in our organization and the beef industry. We know that what we do is worthwhile and impactful to help serve ourselves and others. We encourage our members to get involved in the ways that are most meaningful to them, and to be supportive of others to do the same. We will educate people about the importance of the beef industry and the western way of life. All of these are important for our future, and without them and our members we will not get far.

We truly believe in the beef industry, want to encourage our members to be proactive, and are willing to educate others, because if we don't, we won't have a future. We invite you to join us in spreading the word, and have have some B.E.E.F. in 2023!

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#### This Year's Theme

#### B.E.E.F.

Believe.

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### Message from the

## President

Happy February, CowBelles and CattleWomen! I want to recap a little on our first Zoom meeting for the year. If you aren't aware, we host a statewide Zoom meeting every second Thursday of the month, at 7 p.m. You can find the link on our Facebook page or via your email from our website. We introduced our Officer Team, announced our theme; Believe, Encourage, and Educate for our Future (B.E.E.F), and gave a summary of upcoming dates to be aware of.

My word for the year was "Encourage". Encourage our members so that they believe in the value of our organization. Our mission is to, "Serve as the premier women's agricultural organization by promoting and supporting the New Mexico Beef Industry through education." I said

the word "encourage" to Michelle, our President Elect, and in five minutes she came back with an idea for the theme. I can't think of anything more relevant to our purpose than those words.

We segued into upcoming dates and of course the question on everyone's mind, District meetings. We have posted a Save the Date notice on our website under Events. The Event page is also the location to register (or the mail in form printed here). There will NOT be a fee for registering but please fill out the form so we have a count for food. And please plan to bring a door prize! Watch for an email as well, we will try to cover all options to remind/register everyone.

The Southern Region will be held on February 25th, in Alamogordo at

the Otero County Fairgrounds and the Northern Region will be held on March 25th, at the Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds, in Abiqui. We plan to start around 10 a.m. for both days. If you all have any questions, please email me or any of the officers and we are happy to help. I hope you'll join us, this officer team is incredible and their hearts are on fire! www. newmexicocowbelles.org



Vonda Frost NMCB President



### **Recapping NMCB Annual Meeting**



Congratulations to Stephanie Avent, 2022 CowBelle of the Year! L to R: Vonda Frost, Jacinda Price, Stephanie Avent, Michelle Greeman



Top: Joan Kincaid wrote a beautiful installation for the incoming 2023 officers pictured above. Bottom: Past state presidents gathered for a Past Presidents Reception at the Joint Stockmen's Convention.



### **Tidbits from the**

## Treasurer

Happy New Year CowBelles! It is my privilege to begin my tour of duty as Treasurer in 2023.

CowBelles has been a significant part of my life since about 1981. Since that time I have served in various Locals and on the State level in the Vice-Presidents and Secretary's positions as well as various Committees. As a third generation rancher who has "CowBelled" for about 40 years, I am excited about the fresh direction we are taking. As a CowBelle, "the women's voice in the Beef industry", our mission hasn't changed much....it's the same zoo we've always been in but, we're just at a different cage now and I have had the

privilege of watching NM CowBelles rise to every challenge presented in the past 40 years so, I am confident that 2023 will be no exception.

I would like to remind Locals that memberships were due as of January 1, 2023. If you haven't submitted them yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you might have.

Shelly Frost, NM CowBelle Treasurer P.O. Box 81 Claunch, NM 87011

> Shelly Frost NMCB Treasurer



### **CALENDAR**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**16** AgFest - Santa Fe

25 Southern Region District Meeting - Alamogordo

#### **MARCH**

Man of the Year nominations due

18 NM legislative session ends

25 Northern Region District Meeting - Abiqui

**23-25** Region VI Meeting & WIRED - Fallon, NV

**29-31** NMSU CES SW Pregnany Checking Clinic - Lordsburg

#### **APRIL**

Pat Nowlin Memorial Scholarship applications due

15 Deadline for May Wrangler

For an up-to-date list of events going on around the state, visit www.newmexicocowbelles.wildapricot.org

**Register for** 

## District Meetings

Save the date for our district meetings! Mail in the form below or go online to register.

Southern Region Febraruy 25, 2023 Alamogordo, NM

Northern Region March 25, 2023 Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds Abiqui, NM

### **District Meetings**

www.newmexicocowbelles.org

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### Pat Nowlin Memorial Scholarship

## Application Available

Each year the NM CowBelles accept scholarship applications to honor the memory of Pat Nowlin who was instrumental in beginning the first CowBelle organization in Arizona in 1947 followed by the New Mexico organization when she moved to the Cimarron area in 1957. Nowlin served as our first NM CowBelle president and was later elected to the position of national secretary / treasurer.

The NM CowBelles will again offer two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to graduating high school seniors and one additional \$500 scholarship to be given to a college upperclassman or adult returning to college to obtain their degree. Applicants must be a paid member of the NM CowBelles,

a junior age member or a child of a NM CowBelle in order to apply. Scholarship applications must also include:

- The NM CowBelle Local Verification Form signed by the local CowBelle president and secretary who have chosen to sponsor the applicant
- · Applicant's photo.
- High school transcript, home school record of courses, or an official transcript of the college or trade school the applicant last attended.

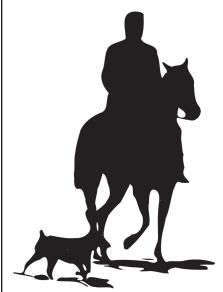
Applications may be obtained from the scholarship chair, a NM CowBelle local, on the NM CowBelle website at https://www.newmexicocowbelles. org/ or the NM CowBelle FaceBook page at https://www.facebook.com/ NewMexicoCowBelles.

The deadline to submit scholarship applications with all attachments is April 15, 2023.

Scholarship applications must be submitted to Shelly Hathorn, the NM CowBelle Scholarship Chair, via mail at the address below or by email to: shporter@nmsu.edu. Contact the chair at 575-447-7447 with questions regarding the scholarship applications or to make a donation to the memorial scholarship fund.



### **TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR**



### MAN OF THE YEAR

Each year, NMCB recognizes, a man or group of men who have helped them achieve their mission of beef promotion. You can now submit nominations through email to Madalynn Lee at ma66ie13@gmail.com or mail nominations to:

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#### **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 15**



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