The 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference and Tradeshow, January 4-8, is less than one month away. Have you made your plans to join your peers in Galveston, Texas, at the San Luis Resort? If not, act now, as you won’t want to miss the event that promises to be THE conference of the year for beekeepers of all levels. Registration is open and it will only take a few minutes to secure your spot at this all-important joint conference of the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF), the American Honey Producers Association (AHPA) and the Canadian Honey Council (CHC).

The conference agenda is packed with information that is vital to your success. The 2011 Conference Committee has lined up top industry leaders that are anxious to share their knowledge with you. From honey bee pharmacology to identifying the origin, nectar types, blending and transshipping of honey, we believe this conference offers something for everyone.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Jim Tew, associate professor at Ohio State University (OSU), has far-reaching experience in the following areas:

- Pollination ecology of fruit, vegetables and fields that employ honey bees and native bees as pollination agents.
- Long-term focus on timing, location and management of foraging populations inside and outside target crop areas.
- Diversified interaction with clients with bee interests (beekeepers) or bee problems (homeowners) at the state and national level.

Dr. Tew has taught in the OSU Department of Entomology since 1978, conducting extensive research on honey bees with an emphasis on pollination behavior. He has written numerous articles for beekeeping journals and has published two books, *Beekeeping Principles* and *Backyard Beekeeping*. Currently, he is conducting a regionalized cooperative extension beekeeping project with Auburn University.
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I have been very fortunate this year for a number of reasons. I hope many of you feel the same. It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. I am very thankful that my bees are doing well right now, especially since the year did not start out on a positive note. January 2010 was one of the coldest that I can remember in Florida. Anticipated spring growth did not occur as expected. In early February I had to make "that call" to some of my almond growers in California that I would not have enough eight frame colonies to fulfill my contract. But just when I was convinced that we would leave several thousand hives behind, calls began to come in begging for those six to eight frame hives. In some cases, we received higher pollination fees for our last-minute deliveries than the hives that had been contracted months before. I understand the principles of supply and demand, but still felt uncomfortable with this frenzy.

I had planned to be coordinating the shipment of hives out of almonds in March, but was sidelined with a strange eye infection that made it impossible for me to work. Good fortune carried the day once again as my “friends” helped out to get all my hives loaded and shipped back to Florida. Spring may have been a little late in Florida, but once it warmed up spring nectar and pollen sources in North Florida were spectacular. We split bees as fast as we could, but still lost quite a few swarms.

A very warm spring in New England meant that the season was two weeks early and we scrambled to get bees ready and find trucks to send hives to Maine blueberries. Our bee crew in North Florida rose to the occasion to get the job done. Cranberry pollination in Massachusetts was also two weeks early going in and going out. All of my hives ended up back in Florida by the middle of July instead of the first of August, thus allowing us to begin our fall hive splits earlier than ever before. The fall honey flow in my area of South Florida typically runs from mid-September to late October. Most of our splits grew and made honey on this flow. In short, our whole schedule was out of sync, which made it difficult to plan, but we got through it all in good shape!

I have also been fortunate this year to attend a series of conferences and state bee association meetings. I have given presentations on ABF and various beekeeping topics in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida, California, as well as at EAS and NAPPC. I also attended the first International Pollinator Symposium held at Penn State. It takes a lot of time to make these meetings, but they provide me with a great opportunity to visit with beekeepers that may not normally attend the national conference held in January. I continue to hear beekeeper stories of problems with colony survival, particularly issues with hives that won’t grow and poor queen performance.

My beekeeping management has dramatically changed over the last few years based on concerns that I have with honey bee exposure to pesticides. Since I generate most of my income from pollination fees on almonds, blueberries and cranberries, my hives are not always in a “safe place.” I communicate with my growers to be careful with insecticides while the crop is in bloom, but recognize that fungicide exposure to my bees is relentless and residues of systemic insecticides and growth inhibitors are a problem. I do several things with my hives to compensate for this by feeding protein supplements during crop pollinations, and replacing brood comb and queens just after pollinations. I also focus on keeping my bees “in the woods” whenever they are not on a paid pollination. My experience is that my bees benefit from time “in the woods” because the foraging is more diverse and exposure to pesticides is minimal. We need that time to make splits and raise healthy queens. It is no easy task to find safe foraging away from agricultural areas (we travel 500 miles to north Florida in the spring), but it is a very necessary component to raise healthy hives. I believe that any successful effort to increase the amount of hives available for almond pollination will depend on the availability of good clean summer forage in other parts of the country.

Clean forage is just as important to the success of backyard beekeepers. The packages, nucs and queens (continued on page 13)
From the Vice President
by George Hansen, ABF Vice President

The landscape has changed color. As you read this, most of the country will have experienced at least some of the winter weather we expect for our areas. We are all finishing the remaining work for the 2010 season, and after a few moments of idleness, we will be thinking about the next go around. My unease about our bees’ ability to winter has evolved into a weighty realization that there is nothing more that can be done. Now it is too late for even a silver bullet. I have always had trouble celebrating the completion of a year. Even as one season ends, there is spillover into new work and a new focus. And there is always the nagging nervousness about those bees’ wintering…their quiet hum through the short days and cold weather.

As sure as anything, there will be a spring and a new chance. I have always thought that successful people are not just lucky. They are the ones that can see opportunity in a troubled scenario. An old timer once told me, “Even in good years there are some that find a way to fail, and in bad years there are some that find a way to succeed.” I guess I operate with a stubborn (and expensive) insistence on executing solid proven management of our bees, but always watching out for new things, not fads, but new knowledge with potential practical applications.

I had a sudden realization just yesterday of how important the ABF has been for me personally. I am on the search committee for an apiculture position at Oregon State University, and in brainstorming with the committee members what programs and people might be a resource for identifying potential candidates, I realized I know most of those people, their work and programs. That has had a huge impact on my beekeeping. Because of the annual conference, the newsletter, the contacts I have made and the presentations I have heard, I have grown as a person and as a beekeeper. I hope all of you are seriously considering attending the North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow in Galveston in January.

What does this mean for the next Farm Bill and ARS research funding? Will the wind still be blowing toward habitat improvement and conservation initiatives? We certainly don’t know if many of these new members have much of an understanding of our problems and how we fit in the big picture of food production, food safety and homeland security. Does the l’enfant terrible know our needs and can legislation and coalitions be formed to get things done? Time will tell. For now, it is more important than ever to make sure the Congress, especially the new faces, know you and know our industry’s contribution to agriculture, along with our challenges.

There is a lot of work to be done. I don’t know what smaller government and fiscal responsibility means to you, but, historically, some of the easiest targets for ridicule and proposed cuts have been bee labs and honey bee programs. An awful lot depends on which definition of “earmarks” prevails. I wonder if this is posturing, or are we really considering voting on every bridge, every sewer system and every research budget? Our industry has friends on both sides of the aisle. Political slogans and sound bites sway votes in an election, but this election said nothing about the honey bee. As usual, as a small industry, we will have to find our way and navigate to an acceptable outcome.

The landscape has changed. Michael Fan has been sentenced for defrauding the U.S. government after admitting “that between 2005 and 2006 he conspired with others to illegally bring into the United States 98 shipments of Chinese honey to avoid paying anti-dumping duties of about $5,378,370 due to the U.S. government. Fan further admitted that in 2009 he conspired with others to fraudulently import about $8 million of honey that was diluted and blended with 20 to 30 percent artificial sugar.”

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Changes in the U.S. Congress have also brought change for beekeepers.

At this writing, some races are still not decided, but it seems clear that there will be nearly 100 new members of U.S. Congress – Senators and Representatives, Republicans and Democrats. Certainly, many of these have little of no knowledge of the issues facing beekeepers. It is up to us to educate them.

In the House, the education process will be especially challenging with the Republicans becoming the majority and the Democrats the minority. All committee control will shift to the Republican staffs. Currently, the majority staffers on the House Agriculture Committee, for example, outnumber the minority staffers about 2-1.

We have always worked with both majority and minority staff members, but our focus has always been with the majority, whichever party held it. With the Republican majority being so strong and new Republican Congressmen seeking experienced staffers, we will likely find lots of new faces to deal with on committee staffs.

Since the background of these new people will be so varied, our messages must also be varied. Staffers with rural backgrounds will likely need less on the basics than someone for whom “food supply” is synonymous with “Safeway.” All will, however, need briefing on topics such as adulterated and mislabeled honey and CCD.

There is work to do at the state levels, as well, both for state and local beekeeper associations as well as for individuals. It never hurts for a state association to congratulate a new Senator on his victory (Pat Toomey in Pennsylvania, to use a well-known example) or even the Georgia Beekeepers Association to congratulate Johnny Isakson on his re-election (even though it seemed preordained). An energetic state association legislative committee could contact all the state’s Congressmen – especially the newcomers. And, it would be fitting for a local association to make contact with the Congressman representing their area.

If you get to work on this right away, you can write to the new Congressmen’s campaign offices. In January, you can write them at the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515; or at the U.S. Senate, 20510.

While you are writing those letters, remember that states have many new legislators, too. Contact there can help when local issues arise.

What are you going to say? Open with congratulations on your election/re-election, of course. Close with your very best wishes. In between, offer the resources of the association should beekeeping questions come to their attention. A list of the association’s officers to contact would be helpful for the office’s files. A paragraph about the association could also be useful: how many members; commercial or small-scale beekeepers; honey producers; or pollinators. If there is some sort of report, maybe from your agriculture college, describing beekeeping in your state, send that along as well.

Keep it simple; save the beekeeping issues for the next letter. Stay on track and don’t veer off into political issues.

Whatever you do, never say something like, “I didn’t vote for you and don’t understand how you won, but I am prepared to have you surprise me!” (You might get an unwanted surprise!)
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SILENT AUCTION
The Silent Auction has become a tradition of the annual conference. A variety of honey and bee-themed items will be available through the auction with all proceeds benefiting the general funds of the ABF and AHPA. To donate an item for the Silent Auction, please contact Robin Dahlen, ABF executive director, at 404.760.2875 or by e-mail at robindahlen@abfnet.org.

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On Thursday evening (January 6), attendees are invited to conclude the day with a social activity designed with audience participation in mind. "Murder by Honey" will be the crime attendees will need to solve and you may just be the suspect. Please plan to join your fellow attendees for what promises to be a hilarious and fun evening. Separate registration is required.

NETWORKING ACTIVITY – “THE HIVE”
On the Sunday following the conference (January 9), one last event will be available for those that are just not ready to go home yet. The conference lounge in the San Luis Hotel has been reserved for “The Hive," which is a social opportunity to meet and mingle, have a little lunch and maybe even play a game of pool with your fellow beekeepers. You’ll also have the opportunity to view a few bee films and relax some after a full week of conference activities. Separate registration is required. Please be sure to visit the conference Web site at www.nabeekeepingconference.com as additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

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**Leaders: Charles Lorence and Becky Jones**

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<td>• Master Beekeeping Program for ABF Discussion Questions: Should the ABF develop a program to train the teachers, mentors and coaches of new beekeepers and develop a National Master Beekeeper Program?</td>
<td>Larry Connor, John Talbert, Leslie Houston, Gary Reuter, Mark Dykes, Becky Jones, Joe Carson</td>
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011 – Excuse Me! This is Your Queen Speaking!**

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<td>You’re Nothing Without Us (Drones for Mating)</td>
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<td>Keeping the Local Queen Market Supplied</td>
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<td>Going Postal and Other Issues</td>
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<td>Making Nuclei Hives: How We “Rejuvenate” Old Hives into “Beehives of the Future”</td>
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Problem Solving and Decision Making, January 7, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Ralph Jones, Idaho State University Farm Business Management
Over the last 25 years, Mr. Jones has done over 350 seminars on decision making. He will cover the process of decision making and the issues to focus on. The principles will apply both in your personal and professional life. An extremely novel method to select among multiple choices will be introduced. Mr. Jones has also written a book on this subject titled, “What in the World Were You Thinking.”

Best Management Practices, January 7, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Ralph Jones, Idaho State University Farm Business Management
From his 18 years of teaching Farm Business Management, from his 26 years of owning his own farming operation and from years serving as a business consultant, Mr. Jones has compiled a series of best management practices. These practices come from the areas of accounting, business law, economics, education, finance, marketing and management.

Tax Compliance in the US, January 8, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Ralph Jones, Idaho State University Farm Business Management
Surveys suggest that 80 percent of the people in United States agriculture do not know how long they must maintain income tax records to comply with the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, 80 percent of those involved in U.S. agriculture are not aware that there are 11 types of records that must be maintained for audit purposes. Mr. Jones will thoroughly cover the types of records that must be maintained and for how long.

Stress Management, January 8, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Ralph Jones, Idaho State University Farm Business Management
Research indicates stress directly relates to six of the seven leading causes of death in the United States. With the pressures of business and personal life, plus the strain from a weak global economy, this topic is timely. Mr. Jones will discuss ideas to help deal with stress and eliminate stress.

Apitherapy, January 8, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Frederique Keller, President, American Apitherapy Association
• Apitherapy, Rx for Health Naturally from the Beehive: Overview of the Medicinal Properties of Honey, Pollen, Propolis, Royal Jelly, Bee Venom and Beeswax
• Bee Venom Therapy From Historical Application to Modern Day Research and Techniques
• Apitherapy and Wound Healing
• Propolis and the Treatment of Lyme Disease, Secondary Co-infections
• Acupuncture
• BVT for Sports Injuries
• The Collection and Preparation of Bee Venom
• Synopsis of Apimondia and Apimedica

Hints for Successful Backyard Beekeeping, January 8, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Dr. Eric Mussen, University of California, Davis, California
Presentation includes in-depth descriptions of a number of critical things to consider when keeping honey bee colonies in highly populated areas.

The Revolutionary Impact of Honey on Human Health, January 8, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Dr. Ron Fessenden, MD, MPH
During the workshop, we will explore the revolutionary health benefits of consuming honey and examine the mechanisms responsible for these healthful benefits within the human system. This workshop will be more informal than the general session presentation. There will be time for questions from the workshop participants, as well as open discussion of the material presented.

Why the U.S. Needs Truth in Labeling for Origin and Nectar Types of Honey, January 8, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Dr. Vaughn Bryant, Texas A&M University
Discuss and explain how the pollen in your honey can ID the floral nectar sources and enable you to sell premium honey types to your customers.

Measuring Quantitative Traits for Varroa Resistance, January 8, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Bob Danke and Jeff Harris
This workshop is for honey bee queen producers who want to improve varroa resistance in their breeding population. The goal is give a hands-on demonstration of measuring resistance factors, particularly the trait of varroa sensitive hygiene (VSH). We will describe how to measure colonies for rates of hygienic removal of mites and rates of mite reproduction and fertility. We also will cover how to sample varroa populations and provide advice for making treatment decisions. Minimally, the workshop should provide participants with a better understanding of the VSH trait, but we also hope it may stimulate new ideas for selecting the VSH trait.

Using Beeswax and Honey to Make Natural Skin Care Products, January 8, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Jim and Jimmie-Joyce Anderson
The workshop will include a presentation and live demonstration of making several products including lip balms, lotion bars, lotions and/or creams using beeswax and honey. We plan to be able to hand out up to 50 small units of each product made along with recipes, plus sources for ingredients, packaging and product liability insurance. The presentation will focus on safe practices and important definitions body care product makers should be aware of.

How to Design a Successful Honey Queen Promotion, January 8, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Anna Kettlewell, American Honey Queen Program Chair
Have you always wanted to host the American Honey Queen or Princess, but didn’t know where to start? Or, have you hosted in the past, but want to find even more ways to utilize them during their visit? Members of the American Honey Queen Committee will guide you through ways to optimize a Honey Queen promotion and provide insight on how to find opportunities, how to maximize media potential for the industry, and what is necessary to host the Honey Queen and Princess at your event. Gain valuable insight from past queens, princesses and individuals who have designed successful promotions for the American Honey Queen and Princess. Be sure to bring your questions.

Additional Workshops:
• General Beekeeping Q&A, Randy Oliver
• Train the Trainer, Dr. Larry Connor
• Soap Making, Dan Hughes
2010 Pennsylvania Honey Queen – Teresa Bryson
Teresa Bryson is the 19-year-old daughter of Tom and Linda Bryson of Chambersburg, Pa. She is a junior at Hagerstown Community College, double majoring in English and Forensic Science. Teresa was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and has been on the Dean’s List for the past two years. She is in her third year of beekeeping and manages five hives at her family’s apiary. Teresa has been a 4-H member for the past 10 years and is now a leader in two clubs. In her free time, Teresa enjoys reading, sewing, cooking and caring for the many animals on her family’s small farm.

2010 Texas Honey Queen – Allison Adams
Allison Adams is the 19-year-old daughter of Ned and Caryl Adams. She lives in Plano, Texas, with her parents, two siblings and their second rescued greyhound. She currently teaches children’s art classes, and has enjoyed the privilege of promoting the beekeeping industry for more than three and a half years as CCHBA Honey Princess/Honey Queen and as Texas Honey Queen. Allison began keeping bees six years ago as a CCHBA youth scholarship recipient. She also enjoys drawing, preparing ethnic/traditional foods, folk music, reading the Classics, sustainable agriculture and growing edible plants.

2010 Wisconsin Honey Queen – Abby Tracy
Abby Tracy is the 20-year-old daughter of Jerry and Jackie Tracy of Watertown, Wis. Abby was raised on a small hobby farm with her brother and three sisters. She is a sophomore at Madison Area Technical College, where she is pursuing a degree in respiratory therapy. A beekeeper for three years, she continues to increase her number of hives each year. In her spare time, Abby enjoys playing softball and archery.

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His presentation, scheduled for Wednesday morning, January 5, is sure to provide valuable insight into challenges and opportunities within the beekeeping world.

We’ve planned this conference with you in mind. From the educational sessions to the networking opportunities, we think you will find tremendous value in your participation. More conference details can be found on pages 7-12 of this issue. Also visit the 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow Web site today at www.nabeekeepingconference.com for additional conference information and to register.
Milestones

Congratulations to the following ABF members that have reached milestone years during the months of October and November 2010:

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Tom W. Foster, Ore.  
Todd Larson, Mont.  
Thomas McCormack, Pa.  
J. Douglas McGinnis, Fla.  
Jay Miller, Idaho  
Bonnie Pierson, Ohio  
Rick Post, Calif.  
Berry Purkis, Fla.  
Valeri Severson, Calif. |
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Mike Block, S.D.  
Troy Bunch, Calif.  
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Phillip Juengel, Ind.  
Marla Spivak, Minn. |
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Andy Drange, Mont.  
Robert Finck, Mo.  
Paul Hess, Wis.  
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Robert Pfieger, Calif. |
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Donald Byrne, Mich.  
Gus Rouse, Hawaii  
Mae Vehrs, Wis.  
Lloyd Zietlow, S.D. |
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Dale Bauer, Minn.  
Peter Kallas, Wis.  
Paul Limbach, Colo. |
| 50    | Blaine Simpson, Idaho |

Call for Entries for the 2011 American Honey Show

The American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) invites you to enter the 2011 American Honey Show. This is a prime opportunity to showcase your bees’ abilities to produce the purest honey, the best wax and the most goodies. For the official show rules/regulations and entry form, please visit the 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow Web site at www.nabeekeepingconference.com. For additional information, please contact the ABF office at 404.760.2875 or via e-mail at info@abfnet.org.

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that are sold every year must be produced in areas that are safe to produce healthy bees. You need to learn as much as you can about the locations you place your hives to recognize any potential exposure for your bees.

I hope all of you feel as lucky as I do to be able to work with bees. A popular bumper sticker says, “A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work.” There are lots of bad days in beekeeping, but somehow I manage to forget most of those. It keeps getting harder to raise healthy bees, but I am convinced that beekeepers will persevere no matter what comes along. Good luck to all of you.

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Will this send enough of message to change the practice of transshipping and adulteration? This is one person where there are clearly many more. This prosecution points out the huge payoffs that continue to tempt. Hopefully there will be more convictions to make these transactions too risky.

Winter is setting in. This is a time for regeneration, for planning and preparing for the next season. I wish you peace this season and hope for the very best for you in the next year. And, I look forward to seeing you in Galveston.
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“Member of New World Carniolan Project”
I have mentioned this in previous articles, but I have to say it again. Our 2010 American Honey Queen and Princess have been extremely busy and active promoting honey and educating the public about the importance of honey bees and pollination this year. It has been a joy to work with Lisa Schluttenhofer and Amy Roden this year, and their dedication to their roles has been inspiring to me. They are both eager to see you at the upcoming ABF conference in Galveston.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that we have three candidates for the 2011 American Honey Queen and Princess positions. You can find their bios and photos on page 12 of this issue. The American Honey Queen Committee is pleased to host these women at the conference. I thank them for their willingness to continue to represent their state at our event. I also thank the several other state Honey Queens who represented their states this year, but could not participate at the American Honey Queen competition.

The committee invites all conference attendees and guests to attend the various Honey Queen activities in Galveston. On Wednesday evening, the Queens will welcome conference attendees to Texas with the annual Honey Queen Reception and Quiz Bowl. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample the ABF Auxiliary honey cookie contest entries, view the Queens’ scrapbooks and catch up with your friends. Enjoy an entertaining quiz bowl and cheer on our candidates as we test their knowledge of the beekeeping industry!

The candidates will give presentations to the ABF Auxiliary members and guests on Thursday morning. These presentations give members (and the judges) an opportunity to see the candidates’ presentation skills and creativity. At this meeting, Queen Lisa and Princess Amy will provide insight on their travels this year and provide members with new and creative promotion ideas. You can also attend a workshop on Saturday morning to learn ways to develop a Honey Queen promotion in your area and get ideas from Honey Queen Committee members on what has been successful in their states. If you have ever considered hosting or if you are looking for new ways to jazz up your regular Honey Queen promotion, this is a great opportunity to learn new ideas that could be applied in your state.

To show your support of the Queen Program, we encourage members to attend (and bid) at one of our auctions during the conference. You can also show your support by showing off your honey and beeswax in the American Honey Show. All auction proceeds from this annual event benefit the Queen Program. It is your opportunity to take home the best-in-the-nation honey to share with your family and friends.

You can also support the Queen program by purchasing a raffle ticket for a beautiful handmade quilt. Tickets may be purchased in advance or throughout the conference from Lisa, Amy or one of the state candidates. Even if you can’t make it to the conference, you can purchase a raffle ticket through the Queens or you may contact me to place an order (414.545.5514 or honeyqueen99@hotmail.com). If you are interested in making a donation to the Quiz Bowl auction or to the program itself, please contact me or see me at the conference. If you have an item to donate to an auction, but cannot attend the conference, please contact ABF’s conference planner, Tara Zeravsky, at 404.760.8194 to obtain shipment information.

While Lisa and Amy will continue to be busy with promotions through mid-December, I encourage you to contact me at 414.545.5514 or honeyqueen99@hotmail.com to provide me with dates and details for promotions at which you would like to host our 2011 representatives. Thank you to those who have already submitted their 2011 requests for the American Honey Queen or Princess. We look forward to an excellent Galveston conference and a successful 2011 promotion season!
Since my last article, I have been on a whirlwind tour that has taken me from coast to coast. September started out with a trip to the Maryland State Fair. Over Labor Day weekend, I worked at an observation hive and promoted several varieties of honey through samples at the Central Maryland Beekeepers Association booth. This organization does a fantastic job proving that once people try honey, they fall in love and become repeat customers! Providing samples of both light and dark honey varieties is a fantastic way to draw customers to your booth and begin to teach them about the importance of honey bees. Over 80,000 people attended the fair during my visit, and many of them came looking for the honey! I also gave an extraction demonstration to show the process that takes honey from hive to bottle and talked at a display about honey and wellness. Lloyd and Ruth Ann Snyder were fantastic hosts for the weekend; my thanks go out to them and other members of this active local bee association.

From Maryland, I traveled to northern California where, from Sept. 7-13, I had the opportunity to represent a special group within our industry – queen breeders. While staying with Pat and Bonnie Stayer, I spoke 350 students in the Palo Cedro area about the importance of honey bees in pollination. I also introduced them to the beekeeping activities in their community. Later in the week, I participated in six radio station interviews to explain why there was a festival celebrating honey bees that weekend. Through the 38 minutes of interviews that generated approximately $2,960 in advertising, I promoted how honey bees pollinate many crops in California and around the country. At the Palo Cedro Honey Bee Festival, many people came up and mentioned that they had heard me on the radio. This emphasizes how reaching over 100,000 people is effective advertising! Contacting media when you host the Queen or Princess encourages honey sales at your festival, farmers’ market or fair. During the weekend at the festival, I talked at an observation hive and, with the assistance of Jackie Park-Burris, I participated in an exciting bee beard demonstration. Thank you to the Shasta Beekeepers Association for coordinating my visit!

Pennsylvania provided another opportunity to speak to students as I traveled to the home of Rachel Bryson, 2008 American Honey Princess. She arranged a week of school presentations at schools in Greencastle, Waynesboro and Gettysburg, Pa., Hagerstown, Md. and Martinsburg, W. Va. This trip also gave me the opportunity to work with 2010 Pennsylvania Honey Queen Tess Bryson. During the week of Sept. 14-19, 1,014 students ranging from kindergarten to 8th grade learned about how honey bees provide the building blocks of our food supply. I also worked at the Franklin Fall Farm FunFest. Over 3,500 people attended the event held at a dairy farm were fascinated to learn that honey bees pollinate alfalfa for dairy cattle feed. Furthermore, the Record Herald covered the event and my trip, publishing 52 inches of information on the newspaper’s front page. I extend a big thank you to the Bryson family for accommodating my visit.

A new promotion awaited me in Maine from Sept. 23-27. The Maine State Beekeepers Association invited me to participate at three different fairs throughout southern Maine. Rain kept away large crowds at the Farmington Fair, an agricultural fair; however, working with Carol Cottrill and the Western Maine Beekeepers Association members to sell honey and beeswax products was still a wonderful opportunity to share with the brave (and slightly damp) fairgoers! Carol also arranged a five-minute radio interview with WKTJ 99.3. My next stop was the Punkinfiddle Festival in Wells, where I spoke to the public about beekeeping at a table of beekeeping supplies and equipment. Thanks to Larry Peiffer for having me assist him. My final stop was Common Ground fair attended by approximately 19,000 people interested in local honey varieties. I handed out samples of blueberry, raspberry, buckwheat and other types of honey. During a session about beginning beekeeping, I presented “Beekeeping Across America” to 38 audience members. Other thanks go out to my hosts Lori Harley and Dr. Bob Heinz.

I returned to Pennsylvania Sept. 27-Oct. 1 for a busy week of promotions arranged by Charlie and Charlene Schroeck near...
Lake Erie. A television interview on the evening newscast of WJET, a call-in radio spot with COOL 101.7 and an article with the Meadville Tribune reached a total of 71,000 people in Northwest Pennsylvania and provided $8,840 in free advertising for the beekeeping industry! In addition, I gave 12 school presentations to 624 students in elementary and high school agriculture classes. At St. Peter’s Cathedral School, I noted how the Catholic Church utilizes beeswax candles for their liturgies; the ways we use beeswax always amazes kids and adults! I express my gratitude to the Schroecks, Voriseks and the officers of the Northwest Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association.

Continuing my travels in the eastern United States, I headed to Massachusetts for America’s Oldest Fair. Over 500,000 people attended the Topsfield Fair during my stay, where I worked in the Essex County Beekeepers Association’s amazing Bee Building. This group has done a phenomenal job promoting beekeeping. They had four observations hives on display, and, in one of them, I had the unique opportunity to explain what was happening as one virgin queen killed another, newly emerged! From Oct. 1-10, I talked at observation hives, helped roll beeswax candles, explained honey varieties and participated in a Häagen-Dazs promotion. The ice cream company provided berry ice cream and seeds for honey bee friendly wildflowers. Over 592 kids from many urban schools were excited to learn about the honey bee’s role in the food that we eat. The learning opportunities for kids at fairs are endless; consider inviting school children out for a program at your booth or building at your fairs. It was an exciting 10 days, and Peter and Chris Delaney, the Essex County Beekeepers and all of the Topsfield Fair staff receive my many thanks!

From Georgia, I traveled west to Arizona, where 1,794 students in the Prescott area learned about beekeeping, pollination and honey. A unique aspect of the Oct. 17-22 trip was reaching a large number of middle school students. In one presentation, I presented to an assembly of 430 7th and 8th grade science students. Civic group presentations are another fantastic way to bring information to some of honey’s most avid consumers! The Prescott Noon Kiwanis Club and the Adult Center of Prescott were enthralled as they listened and asked questions about the tiny but influential honey bee. Many questions involved Africanized honeybees; it was very important to provide facts to concerned citizens. Many times what people hear in the media may not be completely accurate, and every beekeeper has the opportunity to proactively educate the public on current events involving honey bees.

Returning home, I attended the Indiana State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference on October 23. I addressed 161 attendees about my year as the American Honey Queen. I also helped out with various activities, including the coronation of our 2011 Indiana Honey Queen Lacy Dooley and Honey Princess Alex Lesniak. These young women will do a wonderful job promoting our sweet industry! It was wonderful to see the beekeepers in my home state and let them know about my many activities this year.

I still have trips to Oregon, Tennessee and Texas remaining before the ABF conference; I will make sure to update you on these promotions in Galveston! It has been such an honor to serve as your 2010 American Honey Queen. My unending gratitude goes out to all hosts, sponsors and members of the American Beekeeping Federation; it is every beekeeper in this industry that makes my job rewarding. Amy and I hope that our efforts this year have brought greater awareness, concern and passion for beekeeping, honey, and honey bees in the United States. I have been forever blessed to have had this opportunity. Thank you all!
As summer turned to fall and winter draws near, I have been given many wonderful opportunities to promote our industry. I spent Aug. 30-Sept. 6 at the Minnesota State Fair, which had over 850,000 attendees. During my visit, I gave seven cooking demonstrations and four media interviews. I had a newspaper interview, two television interviews with FOX 9 and WCCO Channel 4, and a radio interview with Garage Logic on 1500AM-ESPN Twin Cities. In these four interviews, I generating over $1,500 of free publicity for the industry.

I was also a part of U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar’s press conference at the fair, which highlighted the problem of honey laundering and the need to establish a standard of identity for honey. I also worked the Minnesota Honey Producers Association (MHPA) buzz booth. They had an observation hive and a screened area with hive demonstrations a couple times a day so people could see what the inside of a hive looks like. They gave demos with the use of a camera from above the hive for people to see inside. I also gave out honey samples and presented on the FFA Stage. I was given two, three-hour slots to teach people about the importance of honey bees, make beeswax candles, let them dress up like a beekeeper for a day, find the queen in the observation hive and make honey butter from scratch with whipping cream. Thank you to the MHPA, as well as Don and Kaye Olson for hosting me during my visit.

I visited Ohio Sept. 6-12 to promote the Lithopolis Honey Festival. During my trip, I invited 100 students from an area school to the festival and had a television and a radio interview. It was a truly rewarding experience, as students from the school I visited approached me remembering the words to the song I taught them about the importance of honey bee pollination. I also helped with registration, was a cook-off judge, emceed the musical acts and helped attendees sample honey varieties featured from five different states across the country. I would like to thank Dan Piechowski for donating cranberry honey from my home state of Wisconsin, Carmen Conrad for scheduling my promotions and Anne Blackwell for hosting me.

My stop at the Kansas State Fair flew by quickly Sept. 12-15. I had the opportunity to work with the Kansas Honey Producers Association (KHPA), Kansas Honey Queen Lydia Johnson and the Schmeid family in the KHPA booth. We sold honey, gave honey samples and helped the 105,000 attendees find the queen in the observation hive. People are absolutely fascinated by how everything just works in the hive due to the honey bees being social insects. Thank you to KHPA and the Schmeid family for hosting me during my visit.

My next adventure took me to Maryland and Washington, D.C., Sept. 16-18. I promoted the importance of honey bees at the United States Botanical Gardens, speaking to tourists about honey bees’ importance to the gardens’ vegetation. I had the experience of a lifetime visiting the White House apiary with Charlie Brandts, the White House beekeeper. There was a group of 32 students who took a tour of the White House and the children’s garden, right next to one of the hives on the front lawn. This gave me a great opportunity to speak to the students about the importance of honey bees pollinating the foods grown there. I also gave school presentations to 223 students in Maryland schools. Finally, I participated in the Maryland Honey Harvest Festival at the Patuxent Research Refuge. Over 680 people attended the event. I worked with Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association at their booth, spoke to people about starting their own hives, helped children make bee crafts and gave a presentation titled, “All About Honey.” Thank you to Steve McDaniel and Scott Seccomb for scheduling this promotion.

I returned to Wisconsin briefly to give two classroom presentations to 75 students in Racine before heading back to Maryland Oct. 1-4 for the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Honey Harvest Festival outside Baltimore. I helped Maryland beekeepers sell their honey and beeswax...
products, worked the observation hive and gave extracting demonstrations for the 3,000 attendees during the two-day festival. Thank you to Todd Thorp of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center for arranging my visit, and to Gene and Linda Williamson for hosting me during my second visit to Maryland.

Texas gave me an experience with many presentations during my visit from Oct. 4-10. I spoke to 41 science class students at Hockaday School. They were thrilled to see how honey bees make their comb off of branches in the wild and how we manage them as beekeepers. During my time spent at the Texas State Fair, I gave six cooking demonstrations and one educational presentation. I demonstrated the holiday punch, which you can find in the American Honey Queen/Princess recipe brochure (available at www.abfnet.org). Thank you to Shirley Acevedo and Rachael Seida for scheduling my promotion, as well as to Bill and Jennie Kornfield for hosting me.

My last promotion was Oct. 10-17 in Montana, where I spoke to 1,950 people at the Northern International Livestock Exposition (N.I.L.E.). The N.I.L.E. teams up with Ag in the Classroom to teach students about all aspects of agriculture across the great state of Montana. Reaching out to Ag in the Classroom and teaming up with Farm Bureau groups are great ways to connect where your food comes from and the importance of beekeeping to farmers. During the second half of my visit, I attended the Montana State Beekeepers Association convention held in Kalispell. I spoke to the members and the ladies auxiliary about my year as the American Honey Princess. I even became the entertainment for their banquet by singing my “Jingle Bees” song. I thank Lance and Patty Sundberg for hosting me and giving me a record of travelling 1,300 miles across the state of Montana alone for this promotion!

Some of my upcoming promotions include the Florida State Beekeepers Association convention and Wisconsin Honey Producers Association convention in October and November. I also have an event in Illinois and school presentation trips in both New Hampshire and Arizona lined up for the remainder of the year.

Now that my year as the American Honey Princess is coming to a quick end, I wonder where the time has gone! It has flown by incredibly fast, but also gave me the experience of a lifetime. I would like to thank all of you for your continuous support of the American Honey Queen Program and hope future queens and princesses will always continue gain the same experience I have. I look forward to seeing many of you in Galveston in January.
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Thank you for “bee-friending” the honey bee and happy holidays!
My name is Abby Lyons. I am 10 years old and have been a beekeeper for two years. This is my third year. In all this time, I have only found friendliness toward my bees in all levels: state, county, community and next-door neighbors. I feel that it is important to have the honey bee as our Nebraska state insect because the honey bee is very unique. The honey bee has been our state insect since 1975.

by Anna Barlow, Age 14, New Hampshire

I had never really thought about it before. Once I did, I started researching the topic and I’ve learned a lot. Milford is not exactly a farming community anymore. It’s in southern New Hampshire, which has seen a lot of growth in the past 20 years. Milford is 25.4 square miles and slightly more than 15,000 people live here. I live in an older neighborhood, which is why we don’t keep the beehives at my house.

Editor’s Note: Read more of Abby and Anna’s third-place essays on The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Web site at http://honeybeepreservation.org/2010/05/2010-4-h-essay-contest-winners-list/.
In Memory of Frank Robinson: A Letter from Binford Weaver

Editor’s Note: Frank Robinson, former ABF secretary-treasurer, passed away in August 2010 at the age of 89.

Frank Robinson was a leading figure (or perhaps more accurately THE leading figure) in the efforts of the beekeeping industry to overcome a myriad of problems it faced during the last half of the 20th century.

After World War II, the importation of low-cost foreign honey was wrecking our markets. After much effort by the industry, import duties were imposed and a price support program installed. There was barely enough time to celebrate this success before even more serious problems came to the fore (no pun intended, Troy). A high-fructose corn syrup was found to be almost impossible to detect when added to honey. After much prodding, ways were found to detect HFCS in honey and meaningful penalties imposed for adulteration.

While this was happening, other major problems were marching across the horizon aimed at the beekeeping industry, including tracheal mites, Africanized bees and varroa mites, each with the potential to seriously injure, if not destroy, our beekeeping industry.

These and other programs were addressed in American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) resolutions. Frank, as secretary of the ABF, had the responsibility of making arrangements for and being a part of many trips to Washington, D.C., and other places to press for implementation of programs favored by the ABF.

During our trips to Washington, we made many good friends who were very helpful in getting the recommendations of the Federation put into action. We also worked to establish a bee lab in Venezuela to try to find ways to cope with Africanized bees before they reached our border. We also had meetings with officials and beekeepers from Mexico and Canada to try to find ways to stop or slow the spread of killer bees, tracheal mites and varroa mites.

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I hope that you have been taking lots of photographs and trying out some new recipes for the two contests, the Photography Contest and the Honey Baking Contest. You are welcome to enter each of these contests and you may enter as many times as you wish.

The rules for the Photography Contest were in the September/October ABF Newsletter and the rules for the Honey Baking Contest are listed below:

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- Snacks

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- Make two copies of the recipe. Do not put your name or personal information on your recipe card.
- Bring your entries to the Auxiliary booth in the exhibit hall at the conference.

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Best of luck in your preparations for these contests. Any donations that you would like to bring to the Auxiliary booth to sell are greatly appreciated. Be sure to stop at the Auxiliary booth to renew your membership or just to say “hello.” Did you notice our new banner last year? Look for it again this year in the exhibit hall. Happy holidays!
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