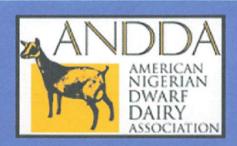
# ANDDA

American Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Association

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## Welcome to the latest edition of the ANDDA Newsletter!



### Reap the benefits of joining ANDDA

List your herd in our online directory.
List your herd's DHIA status in our directory.
Help promote and ensure the vitality of the Nigerian Dwarf goat as a true miniature dairy breed.
Specialty Show Program.
Eligibility for your goats to receive awards such as:
Total Performer
All American
Sue Rucker JuJu Award

## Have you joined or rewnewed lately?

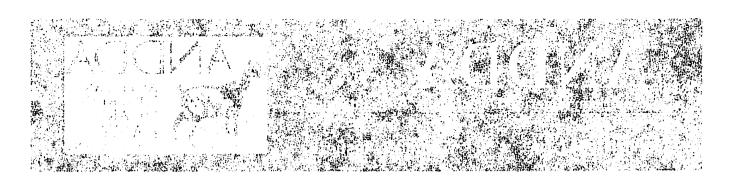
Fall is the best time to join ANDDA, or to renew your current membership.

Membership is regularly \$15.00, but it is only \$10.00 for those renewing between September 1 and December 31. You may also have your breeder information listed in our directory and also list your herd on our DHIA list as well. These are great resources for those looking to purchase quality Nigerians, especially as we approach spring.

Don't wait - join or rewnew today!

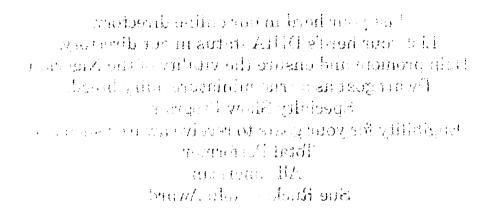
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We look forward to seeing those show awards, hearing your experiences, and sharing in the joy of raising Nigerian Dwarves right along with you.

Submissions may be made to:
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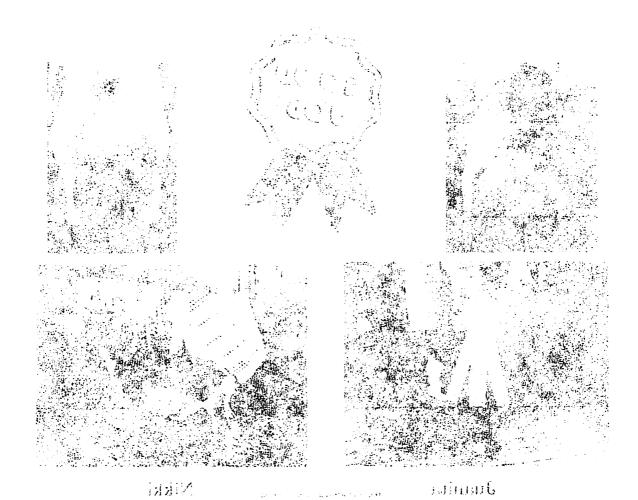
(Photo courtesy of Allan Weinand)

Nikki

GCH Avian Acres LKR "Juanita" 1\*M. At the 2014 Minnesota State Fair ADGA Dairy Goat Show Juanita received the 2014 "Best Lifetime Production Award". She is the first Nigerian to be given the award at the MN State Fair. The award is given to a doe in each of the breeds shown at the State Fair that has the highest production (#'s of milk) as proven through monthly DHIA testing. Juanita current 2014 milk records (as if August 2014) are: DIM = 149; #'s of milk = 399; BF = 24; Average percent of BF = 6.0%. In addition "Juanita" has been 4X's BOB; 4X's Grand Champion Senior Doe; 2X's Reserve Grand Champion Senior Doe and many time Best Udder of Breed. There were approximately 650 Dairy goats at the 2014 Minnesota State Fair!

GCH Heidi's Mini Acres "Nikki" 1\*M. At the 2014 Iowa State Fair ADGA Dairy Goat Show "Nikki" was named BOB. Nikki's has been 4X's BOB in the last 5 shows she has been judged. It was the first year Nigerians were allowed entry into the Iowa State Fair Show. There were over 70 Nigerians judged.

Both Nikki and Juanita are owned by Allan Weinand of Wren Hill Farm. www.wrenhillfarm.com



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## Meet The Board

#### **Current Officers**

#### Angel Cole President Boydton, VA 23917

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Laura Archuleta Western Director Saguache, CO

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Lisa French Secretary/Treasurer Louisville, KY

#### Lisa French, Secretary/Treasurer

I live in Louisville, Kentucky on a small farm of 5.5 acres, I am married and have 2 children, ages 15 and 13. I am also a Registered Nurse. Though I grew up in the country, we spent our first several married years in the city. The Lord blessed us to be able to purchase our acreage and move here in 2006. We always had cats and dogs, but after the move we got chickens (you know – the gateway livestock) then came horses. We got our first goats in summer of 2013.

I volunteered to be Secretary/Treasurer for ANDDA because I want to learn more about the breed. I also liked looking at the list of members and seeing many that I, as a newbie, consider to be "The Greats." It is a pleasure to work alongside those with similar interests and goals.

For as long as she has been blogging, I have followed Deborah Niemann Boehle on the Antiquity Oaks blog. I knew I wanted goats some day. I also knew from reading about her criteria for what makes a 'good' goat and from the heart and soul she puts into her farm, I wanted goats of hers in my herd someday.

The first doeling I inquired about last summer was not an Antiquity Oaks goat. However, when I talked to her owner, I found out that the dam was none other than AOF Lily Chin, and she was available as a package deal with the doeling. Of course, I jumped on it! We were also fortunate enough to travel to Antiquity Oaks and get 2 more girls from Deborah.

Our herd is all Nigerian, and we plan to stay that way. I simply like the smaller animals, and of course the high butterfat can't be beat. Our primary focus is milking, and we hope to do DHIA soon. We have four does, one doeling, one buck, and three bucklings. Kidding season this year was a learning experience, as Miss Kitty gave us SIX babies. Five are alive and healthy today, and the one that didn't make it lived six days. Lily gave us three babies.

The last year has been full for us with learning about goats in general, hoof care, kidding, nutrition/feed/hay, worming, shelter, selling, immunizations, fencing (yes, bucks DO breed through the fence – has happened here TWICE this fall, Sigh...) There are days when I think we should simplify and go back to cats and dogs. There were many tears this spring as we lost two babies and one buck. But honestly, I wouldn't trade it for the world. I am thankful for what God has provided our family, and look forward to learning more about how to be good stewards, both to our herd and to the breed in general.

www.frenchfamilyfarm.com

Check back for future introductions to the rest of the board!

## **ANDDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**: \$15 (U.S. funds) for an Affiliate Membership or for the first Individual Membership in a household, \$5 for each additional Individual Membership in the same household. (\$10 if paid between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31) \$5 for Youth Membership.

Yes! I want to join ANDDA. Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ (\$U.S.) Payable to ANDDA NEW MEMBER RENEWAL
Youth Membership : Date of Birth
Membership Name:
Additional Household Members (if any):
Herd Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone: ()
Email:
Website: http://
YES, I would like to be listed on the online Breeder's Directory.
Yes, my herd is on DHIA—please add me to the online list of DHIA herds
Signature: Date:
Send to: ANDDA • c/o Lisa French, 8600 Williams Road, Louisville, KY 40299
ANDDA does not publish addresses. We post name, herd name, state, email, phone number and website. Please list any other contact information that you do NOT want posted on the web: