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from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Auction Raises Thousands for Rural Water Scholarship

By Lisa Schatz

The North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) held its sixth annual Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship live auction in February during its annual Rural Water Expo.

The items donated remain a popular topic as crowds gathered around the sponsorship table to discuss how much an item may bring at auction. This year's auction raised more than \$6,700 thanks to the generosity of individuals, associate members, and rural water systems that donated items for the auction. In addition to the money raised from the auction, nearly \$2,300 was received in cash donations. For additional information on the scholarship, call 800-349-6951 or visit www.ndrw.org. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to NDRWSA, 2718 Gateway Ave, Suite 201, Bismarck, ND 58503. All donations are greatly appreciated!

"With the continued support of our members, this live auction will remain an annual event," says Eric Volk, executive director of NDRWSA. "I would like to extend a special thank you to all those who donated items or contributed financially to this worthwhile event. Without your generosity, this event would not be possible."

The Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship is in memory of Denne, a dedicated water circuit rider who traveled nearly a million miles to provide assistance anywhere or anytime it was needed. In an attempt to keep his memory alive, the NDRWSA board of directors awards money to deserving students to assist with the expenses of continuing their education beyond high school. Students may use the money to defray tuition, room and board, and books at an accredited institution of higher learning that is approved by NDRWSA. A selection committee appointed by the NDRWSA executive board reviews applications and selects the recipients based on academic performance, career goals, extracurricular activities, leadership, financial need, and a brief essay on a predetermined topic. Watch for this year's winners in an upcoming Spigot article.



Andy McDonald of NDRWSA holds one of the items to be auctioned. John Bearman (background), NDRWSA's national director, is the auctioneer.

ITEMS DONATED FOR AUCTION

All Seasons Water Users District	Pride Dairy Basket
Barnes Rural Water District	Terry Redlin Print
Bartlett & West	Pride of Dakota Gift Basket
Cass Rural Water Users District	Dewalt Cordless Drill
Dakota Rural Water District	Milwaukee M12 Cordless Impact Driver
EJ	Assortment of Wines
Eric Volk	Keurig
Frank Mosser	Hand Embroidered Dish Towels
Grand Forks-Traill Water District	Dewalt Cut-off Tool
Greater Ramsey Water District	Portable Jump Start, Tool Tote
Greater Ramsey Water District	Gift Baskets with Assorted Food Items
Joe LaFave	Drill/Driver Set
KLJ	Apple TV
Missouri West Water System	Backpack with Tools
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Beer Kit
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Dehydrator & Jerky Kit
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Leatherman
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Electric Fillet Knife
North Prairie Rural Water District	Commercial Popcorn Machine
Northeast Regional Water District	Dewalt Jobsite Charger/Radio
Northeast Regional Water District	Framed Picture, "A Winters Night"
South Central Regional Water District	Pottery Bowl & Platter
Southeast Water Users District	Mechanic Tool Set
Southwest Water Authority	Medora Bunkhouse Vacation Package
Southwest Water Authority	Pneumatic Stapler
Southwest Water Authority	Electric Fillet Knife
Stantec	St. Croix Fishing Rod
Stutsman Rural Water District	Kindle Fire HDX-7 Tablet
The Ford Meter Box Company	Tackle Box and Fishing Reel
Traill Rural Water District	Vikings and Packers Picture
Tri-County Rural Water District	Ceramic Edge Pro
Ulteig	Golf Accessories Basket
Vernon Anderson	Hand-carved Wooden Bowl
Visu-Sewer	Tourney Trail Rod & Reel
Walsh Rural Water District	200 pounds of Red River Valley Potatoes
Western Area Water Supply	IPad Mini
Williams Rural Water	Mr. Heater Portable Propane Heater

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City of Bowman
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 Fargo Water Equipment/DSG
Flexible Pipe Tool Company
Grand Forks-Traill Water District
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Jasper Engineering
North Dakota Water Education Foundation
Northern Improvement Company
Northern Pipe Products
Northwest Regional Water District
SEH
Southeast Water Users District
Stantec
Tri-County Rural Water District
Western Area Water Supply Authority

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Thank you for supporting the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA)! Your support is why we can make a real difference in North Dakota.

We're writing to make you aware that over the next year, North Dakota will provide critical information to help your system remain in compliance with state and federal standards. As part of this effort, there will be training sessions available at NO CHARGE to your system. Additional on-site technical assistance will also be available to help you resolve any Safe Drinking Water Act compliance issues.

Training sessions and assistance are provided through a grant from the National Rural Water Association and the Environmental Protection Agency. Training and technical assistance services are available to all public water systems serving less than 10,000

North Dakota Rural Water does an excellent job providing SDWA training throughout the state. Technical assistance helps those water systems most in need acquire and maintain adequate technical, managerial, and financial capacity.

- Greg Wavra, Drinking Water Program Administrator

people, including non-transient non-community, transient non-community, and tribal systems. Your participation in this training program will enable us to provide cost-effective services to you and your utility. Look for these special training sessions on the NDRWSA website and our training announcements.

Our training instructors are the best in the industry and have practical, hands-on expertise in solving the unique issues small water systems face in North Dakota. Valuable on-site technical assistance to address compliance issues is available through the NDRWSA at no cost. Members of our field staff, whom most of you already know, have nearly

100 combined years of experience operating, managing, and providing one-on-one assistance to rural and small systems in North Dakota.

NDRWSA is proud to be the best trainer of utility system personnel in the state and we ask for your continued support of the Association's training programs. Your attendance helps us document the need to gain additional support to provide future training, technical assistance, and other services. Because this is YOUR association, we are committed to listening to your needs and constantly striving to provide you with the best training available!

We welcome your suggestions or comments.

Eric Volk
Executive Director

Rural Water instructors are very knowledgeable and helpful with any questions I have. Their expertise is very evident and proves to be a valuable asset to small communities like ours.

- Rick Gillund, City of Enderlin, System Operations Specialist

Fact: A recent national survey of 5,637 attendees ranked Rural Water instructors 9.15 out of 10, with 94.4 percent being satisfied or very satisfied with the training provided.