



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship Live Auction Raises Thousands for Students

By Lisa Schatz

North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) held its annual live auction in February during the 31st Rural Water EXPO.

The items donated remained a popular topic as crowds gathered around the sponsorship table to discuss how much an item would bring at auction. This year's auction raised nearly \$6,700 due 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 \$2,000 was received in cash donations.

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

A special thank you goes to auctioneer John Bearman and ringmen Jeff Breker and James Oderman for their help during the auction.

The Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship is in memory of a dedicated water circuit rider that traveled approximately

750,000 miles to provide assistance anywhere, at any time it was needed. In an attempt to keep Denne's memory alive, the NDRWSA board of directors awards money to deserving students. Students may use the money to defray the costs of tuition, books, room, and board at an accredited institution of higher learning approved by the 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.

Students can apply if they are a child or grandchild of a current city/rural water system employee or elected city/rural water system official (water systems must be a current member of NDRWSA) or enrolled or planning to enroll in Bismarck State College's Water and Wastewater Technology program.

For additional information, 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.



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