

Member Corner: News from the membership desk

by Brett Pyle

Matched Gifts

Bank of America Foundation matched a gift from **James Goggin** of Twain Harte. **The Times Mirror Foundation** matched a donation from **Jeanne Karpenko** of Glendale. **Safeco Insurance Company** matched a gift from **Patricia Orris** of San Diego. **Sun Microsystems Foundation** matched a gift from **Zona Walcott** of Campbell. **PG&E Corporation** matched a donation from **David Gassman** of Oakland. **The Aid Association for Lutherans** matched a gift from **Robert Kickbusch** of Brookfield, Wisconsin. **Enron Foundation** matched a donation by **Donald VanDerweit**. **Computer Associates** matched two-to-one a donation from **Kurt Zobel** of Moreno Valley and **The Charles Schwab Foundation** matched two-to-one a donation by **Steven White** of Moss Beach.

Bequests

When you make a gift to the Mono Lake Committee as a part of your estate planning you are helping to ensure the long-term protection and restoration of Mono Lake and the Mono Basin ecosystem. What a wonderful way to be remembered!

If you would like to include the Mono Lake Committee in your will, designate the Mono Lake Committee as a beneficiary at the following address: Highway 395 at 3rd Street, Lee Vining, CA 93541 (mailing address: P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541). For more information contact Membership Coordinator Brett Pyle (brett@monolake.org) at the above address or at (760) 647-6595.

Celebrations

Theresa Alden made a donation in celebration of the marriage of **Loretta Dunlavy and David French**. Our best wishes to you for a long and happy union. **Judy Blumle** sent a gift in honor of **Master Samuel Eric Finch** on the occasion of his first birthday, June 23rd, 2000. Happy Belated Birthday Samuel!

Thanks

A big thank you to **Bob Evanhoe** for the donation of a 1950 USGS map of the Mono Basin and vicinity that shows features that existed in the early 1900s.

Also, a special thank you to **Marlo Johnsen** and her **Gavilan College Ecology I Class** from this summer. After visiting the Mono Basin on a field trip, the class members took up a collection to make a donation which was then matched by Marlo. It is heartening to see young people willing to give from their limited resources to preserve natural places for future generations.

We also thank avid fisherman and long-time member **Paul H. McClure** of San Diego for donating his complete set of *California Explorer* magazines for our library.

Congratulations to **Deanna Dulen** on her appointment as Supervisor of nearby Devil's Postpile National Monument. Under Deanna's guidance as the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area Visitor Center Director many education and interpretive programs and projects have flourished at Mono Lake. We wish her all the best!

In Memory

Elizabeth Bingham of Bishop donated in memory of **Pat Peigné** who loved Mono Lake and lived here for many, many years. **William Clayton, Jr.** made a donation in the name of **William Simpson**, a long-time member of the Walker Lake community and a devotee of the Eastern Sierra.

Numerous donations were received in memory of **Robert Mathews**, a longstanding Committee member who loved Mono Lake and would often visit on his camping trips. Donations were made by **Carol Mathews, Keith and Barbara Berry, Jim and Madeline Cooper, Bob and Sandy Himel and family, Scotty Hovey, Allen and Lu Lange, Clara Rosenberg, Pete and Jane Streich, June and Jan Veenstra, Allen Wade, and the Alameda County Public Health Lab.**

While travelling here with the Committee Luxury Bus Tour **Patricia Elward** of Santa Cruz made a generous donation in memory of her husband **Kenneth Elward** for the wonderful times they spent together at Mono Lake.

We would also like to acknowledge the passing of **Mark Reisner**. Reisner, populizer of western water folly and author of *Cadillac Desert*, died of cancer at his home in San Rafael on July 21, 2000. Reisner's cutting but honest account of water use and misuse changed the public consciousness and has always been popular with Mono Lake supporters; he will be missed.

Brett Pyle is the Committee's Membership Coordinator. Mono Lake, it is suspected, provides a large portion of his syrup of wahoo.