

# Member Corner: News from the membership desk

by Brett Pyle

## Celebrations

**D**iana, Rob, and Kathryn Dickerson of Windsor wish much happiness to **Craig and Kimberly Schieferstein** and made a donation in celebration of their wedding. Numerous donations were received in honor of **Grace de Laet** for the wonderful time everyone had on the Luxury Bus Tour last September. Donations came from **Mary Elizabeth Burton, Margaret Lee Blunt, Loralee Durkee, Patricia Elward, Georgette and Pauline Goslovich, June Jones, Helen Slattery, Mary C. Wagner, and Betty and John Wood.**

## Bequests

**W**hen 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](mailto:brett@monolake.org)) at the above address or at (760) 647-6595.

## In Memory

**L**orraine Dyson of Placerville made a donation in memory of her husband **Jack R. Dyson**. Mono Lake was one of his favorite places to visit. **Dean Lloyd** of Grass Valley gave a generous gift in honor of his wife **Marilyn Kennedy Lloyd**. He wrote us, "Of all the wild places she loved, Mono Lake and the Sierra escarpment west were her absolute favorites." **John W. Majeski, Jr.** of Torrence sent a gift in loving memory of his wife **Jacqueline I. Majeski**. We also received donations in memory of **Robert Mathews** from **Lee Borden**, of Pleasant Hill **Anita Kolesa** of Waggaman, Louisiana, **Frank and Carol Walsh** of Lafayette, and **Mark G. Mertens** of Castro Valley.

The boardwalk at County Park now has a wonderful new spot to sit and birdwatch, or just enjoy the scenery. This bench is dedicated to the loving memory of **William Wells Palmer**. Its purchase was made possible by the donations of numerous friends and family.



*Pictured above the bench at County Park is the Palmer family: wife Marion Palmer (center) with her son John with wife Barbara (left) and son Ralph with wife Darlene (right).*

We would also like to thank the **California State Parks** and especially **Dave Marquart** for help in acquiring the bench and placing it at County Park.

## Matched Gifts

**A**dobe Systems matched a donation from **Lawrence White** of Sunnyvale. **Microsoft** matched a gift from **Richard Bready** of Kirkland, WA. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company** matched a donation from **Guillermo Rodriguez** of San Francisco. **Anchor Brewing Company** matched 3 for 1 a gift from **Gordon MacDermott** of San Rafael. The **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** matched 3 for 1 a gift from **Edmund J. Miller** of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We currently have over a dozen more matching gift donation applications in process that have come in the last months. Thank you for going the extra mile with your support!

## Wish List thanks

**A** special thank you to **Arjun Khanna** of Austin, Texas who made a generous donation for the purchase of a new **canoe** for our summer Canoe Tours!

We are currently looking for donations toward the purchase of several other items. These include:

- four flat screen monitors for the computers in the Information Center and Bookstore;
- sturdy wooden picnic tables and park-type benches for in front of the Committee Information Center and Bookstore.

*Brett Pyle is the Committee's Membership Coordinator. With the coming of winter he will spend most of his time reading Cummings and Suzuki and trying to figure out if mountains are mountains.*