



# From the Mailbag

News from Members and Friends

by Brett Pyle

**T**here is nothing like a new baby to change your outlook on life. The coming of my daughter Sabine has reemphasized how important it is to leave this world a better place than we found it. As I drive to work each morning along the west shore of Mono Lake, I look out at the sunrise and realize how lucky I am to live and work here. I also realize what a tremendous responsibility it is for all of us to work together to restore and preserve this wondrous place. The last few months, which began with the fear and uncertainty of September 11, have left me humbled and thankful for the response of our country and our members to these events. We had no idea what the impact would be on our organization, which relies so heavily on member donations to keep our work going. Our members have continued to support us while also helping those more directly affected by the terrorist attacks. We are deeply grateful for every donation. It is the spirit of the donations, regardless of size, which makes us realize the importance of the work we do. I leave you with a favorite and fitting quote: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." —Nelson Henderson



Sabine Brielle Pyle helped pick the Free Drawing winners!

## **Congratulations**

The annual Free Drawing was held in November—congratulations to all the winners! Here are the lucky top prizewinners for 2001: Phyllis Ponte won the Ansel Adams Lithograph. Kim Kronenberger won the Wilson's Eastside Sports Camping Package. Connie Layne won the Southwest Airline Tickets. Roy and Lewann Belletto won the Lufthansa Airline Tickets!

## **Special Thanks**

A special thanks to Celina Hunt who ran the Alpine Village in Lee Vining. She donated much merchandise after she closed her store. We will miss the great massages and the eclectic world goods that she brought to our small town.

## **In Memory**

Mildred Harris of Santa Rosa made a donation in memory of Frances Lockett. Frances and her husband Gordon have been longtime members of the Committee. Catherine Trejo of Mountain View sent a gift in memory of Edward L. Collins. Helen Tronaas sent a donation in loving memory of her son, Alan Tronaas, a longtime resident of Mono County. Irma Story of Lancaster sent a gift in memory of Karen Symmes of Benton. Martha Johnson of San Jose made a donation in memory of Tom Jordan, a dear friend who loved Mono Lake. Ted Schroeder of Reno made a

donation in memory of Ken Aigner whose spirit and joy for life remains in the Owens Valley and its waters.

We received a great number of donations from the family and many dear friends of Paul Green. Memorial gifts were received from Joyce Bartlett, Irene Beardsley and Dan Bloomberg, Mildred Bennett, Edith Black, Dolly Chew, Nancy T. Conzett, Maryann Danielson, Marianne P. Darrow, Rick and Grace de Laet, Anne Dewart, Galen and Jaleh Etemad, Mike and Jackie Etemad, Patricia M. Gannon, Helen Green, Kenneth Green, Reyla Graber, Janet Hanlon, Carol and George Hewitt, Jane and Jay Jennings, Emily Kenyon, Kenneth R. Kingsbury, Peter and Joan Klatt, Julie Klingman, Miles and Mary McKey, Robert and Jeanie Minor, Dan and Joan Murphy, Lavinia Oppenheim, Harry A. Peshon, Richard and Mary Alice Peterson, David Rice, Krehe and Katherine Ritter, Carol Rodgers, Alice Rosenfeld, David Shuford, Florence Slater, Jean-Marie Spoelman, Marilyn Stanley, Mary Lee and Bill Trampleasure, and Janet Alter Wessel. We sincerely thank all of you for your generosity in his memory.

*Brett "Pops" Pyle is the Committee's Membership Coordinator. His days are a mix of the calm certitude of growing older and the wonder of seeing the world through brand new eyes.*

## 2002 High Sierra Fall Century Ride Dedicated to the Memory of Paul Green

**P**aul Green became interested in Mono Lake in the late 1960s when he and his wife Helen began to take backpacking trips in the Eastern Sierra. Paul and Helen were supporters of the Mono Lake Committee from early on—joining as members in 1979!

When he retired in 1988 Paul began riding in the Committee's Bike-A-Thon—bringing a vial of water from Los Angeles to Mono Lake as a symbol of putting water back into the Lake. Not only was he among the top fund-raisers every year, but he embodied the spirit of the ride. He had no problem talking to people he just met about Mono Lake and asking them to sponsor him.

Mono Lake held a special place in Paul's heart, and he will always be remembered for his dedication to this place that he loved so dearly.

The 2002 High Sierra Fall Century on September 14 will be dedicated to the memory of Paul Green.