

Staff Migrations

by Geoffrey McQuilkin

The migrations of birds and mammals have already completed, moving critters to their warm wintering grounds, but here in the office staff migrations are still underway.

We bid farewell to **Ramona Robbins Clark**, our trusted Retail Operations Manager of nearly 5 years. Many of you who have come into the store in recent years will remember Ramona—for her welcoming demeanor, her enthusiasm for the Mono Basin, and her love of retail. Ramona's done an excellent job for the Committee and we're happy that as she moves on to new endeavors she and her husband Paul will continue to live in the area!

Also departing is Office Director **Kief Hillsbery**. Kief coordinated staff and store schedules and office operations for half the year but found his interests in writing—he's an acclaimed author—and other areas drawing him toward different pursuits. We wish him well!

Luckily, **Brett Pyle**, our Membership

Coordinator of nearly three years, has stepped up to the Retail Manager challenge, so you'll be seeing more of him out on the front counter. With his organizational skills, interest in environmentally sound products, and knowledge of Committee members, Brett is ready to build on the store's already excellent reputation.

So, who, you must be thinking, will fill the Membership Coordinator position? We're happy to welcome intern **Erika Obedzinski** to full time life at the membership desk. Erika moved to Lee Vining from San Geronimo and has been testing out life in a small town since May. She is looking forward to getting to know the Committee members more closely, so make sure to introduce yourselves when you call!

And during all of this migrating **Stephanie Roecker** cheerfully stepped in for a few months as Sales Associate to help out on the front counter. Stephanie's knowledge of the area along with her

retail experience have been invaluable both to visitors traveling through and to staff working in the back offices.

After a full spring, summer, and fall of OE Groups, Outdoor Experiences Coordinator **Betsy Forsyth** has migrated to Guatemala for the winter. Her experience with all age groups, the Spanish language, and the Mono Basin were a wonderful addition to the 2002 Outdoor Experiences program.

We're also lucky to have **Douglas Dunaway** of Bishop as our Winter Intern. Douglas jumped right into the position, helping out with store shifts, mail orders, web projects, and organizing the library.

And a special thanks to Summer Intern **Peter Lang** for coming back to the Committee on his holiday break from school in Minnesota! Peter helped scan materials to put up on the Mono Basin Clearinghouse and got a chance to enjoy the snowy Mono Basin too! ❖

Seeking An Office Director

Join a successful, committed group of staff in Lee Vining as the Mono Lake Committee celebrates its 25th anniversary and Mono Lake's rising future while tackling the challenges of the future!

The Mono Lake Committee is looking for an energetic, motivated, team-oriented individual to serve as Office Director.

The Office Director works closely with the Executive Directors and is responsible for supervision, coordination of programs, and the smooth operation of our Lee Vining office and staff. The Office Director oversees special projects and is involved in all aspects of the Committee's work to protect and restore Mono Lake, and educate the public about Mono Lake and our

natural resources. This is a wonderful opportunity to support Mono Lake in your career, working with a dedicated group of people in a great office!

Specific responsibilities include: supervising 3 full time staff, seasonal staff, and the Intern program (up to 12 employees); communication, coordination, teamwork, and community outreach; office administration, scheduling and personnel management; and assisting the Executive Directors with diverse programs, planning, and management.

A full job description is available online at www.monolake.org. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and



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