



From the Mailbag

News from Members and Friends

by Douglas Dunaway

In Memory

Christopher and Jane Adams of Berkeley gave a gift in memory of **Caroline L. Adams**. **Jean Brandt** of Encino made a gift in memory of **David Gaines**. Gifts in memory of **Jean Gillespie Dale**, an early Mono Lake Committee member, were given by **Florence G. Brown** of Scranton, PA, and **Lewis Dale** of Santa Paula gave a generous donation in memory of Mrs. Dale for the purchase of two much needed flat screen monitors. We received many donations in memory of Committee Founder David Gaines' father **Mortimer Gaines**. Donating in his memory were **Richard Gaines** of Windsor, **Kathleen Gaines**, **Ray**, **Patrick and Brendan Welch** of San Rafael, **Miriam and John Frankel** of Los Angeles, **Mrs. Hortense Friedman** of Sherman Oaks, **Leonard and Ethel Hellenthal** from North Hills, and **Harriet Ruderman** of Roseville.

Mr. Peter Hunt from Hayward gave a gift in memory of his friend **R.W.S. Bryce Tingle** received a gift in memory from **Mary Elliot James** of San Simeon. A gift was sent by **Mr. Robert Lambert** in memory of **Jean Lambert**. **Mark and Judith** of Moraga gave a gift in memory

of **Jack Green**. A donation in the memory of **Arthur Skotnes** was given by **Dick Meade** of North Liberty, Iowa. **Malcolm Mitchell** of Portola Valley gave a donation in memory of his cousin **Selby Collins**. **Bruce Moore** of Madison, WI, gave a gift in memory of **Thomas N. Callen**. **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shelburne** of Paradise gave a gift in memory of **Scott P. Shelburne**. **Ms. June Jacobs Storch** of Los Angeles made a contribution in memory of **David Gaines**. A donation in memory of **James Dent Jokerst** was given by **Ken Bern** and **Jan Weydemeyer**. **JoEllen, Lauren and Katie Williamson** of Los Angeles sent a gift in loving memory of **Don Williamson**. A gift in honor of **Carol Rakich** was given by **Carleen and Mike Bedwell** of Escondido.

Thank You!

Dean Chacon of San Jose donated a flat screen monitor to help ease our crowded desks. **Richard Russell** donated time to help with Holiday and Defense Trust Calendar mailings.

Surprise Visit

One quiet spring day earlier this year, **Tom Lyons III** and his 12-person crew

stopped into the bookstore while on a road trip of California, though they still sported the shorts, sandals, and tans of their native Hawaii. Longtime Committee members will remember his son, Tom Lyons, an ardent Mono Lake advocate and dedicated Mono Lake Bike-A-Thon rider, who passed away in 1992. His family returned to Mono Lake to see the place he held so dear. In the group were **Tom Lyons III and Betsy Wyman**; **Mike Lyons**; **Barbie "Lyons" Anderson with children Jarrett and Jami Anderson**; **Suzie "Lyons" Lee and Aukai Lee with children Malina, Keale, and Kamana Lee**; and **Shari "Lyons" Grounds and Murray Grounds**.

Poetry

In a gesture of poetic justice for our Haiku message in our last renewal mailing, **Ms. Kathleen Worley** of Portland, Oregon enclosed her own beautiful Haiku with her renewal:

Renewal takes wing
Meeting birds on its journey—
Flight to Mono Lake

Douglas Dunaway is the Committee's new Membership Coordinator. He has been sharing his poker skills with the novice seasonal staff.

A Tribute To My Brother by Richard Gaines

Most of you who have supported the Mono Lake Committee will remember my brother, Mort, as the father of the late David Gaines—Cofounder of the Mono Lake Committee. The world of importance for Mort was his immediate family—wife Edith, his two children David and Karen, his grandchildren Vireo, Sage, and Dylan, and his mother Ruth, sister Grace, his Aunt Esther, and of course, me—Richard, his kid brother. These were the people who were the focus of his life. He kept our family afloat during the Great

Depression by working hard at whatever job was available for him and when he was called to do his part in World War II, he did his duty as a staff Sergeant in the 30th Armored Calvary, going ashore in Normandy at Omaha Beach, later being among the first Americans to enter Belgium and Germany. He survived many of the major battles in France, Belgium and Germany, and came home for his happiest moment when his wife, Edith, was waiting dockside for him. Mort died as he would have wanted, peacefully in

his own home with wife and daughter at his side. On June 19th of this year, Edith, Sally Gaines, Vireo and my daughter, Susan gathered where Lee Vining Creek flows into Mono Lake and paid tribute to both my brother and his late son, David. It was fitting that this tribute once again brought Father and Son together in the spirit of the lake they both loved so very much.

The complete version of this essay is available online at www.monolake.org.