

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATES FOR 2025 EVENTS!

November 6th Annual Toys for Tots Luncheon

Working on 2026's Calendar of Events—To be announced soon.

Martinez Museum and Museum Annex—open on October 11th

The Museum was open as part of the Martinez Historical Society Home Tour. We had folks that went through the Museum and the Annex and enjoyed the guided tour by Jeff Facer, a preview of the newer Annex portion that is being created. Open the provided link to take a virtual tour and see some of the exhibits and history of the Martinez refinery of the Museum and Annex https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_iJLWbluuI. Once we complete the renovation of Museum Annex we will be hosting an open house for everyone to enjoy.

LAST CALL FOR THE Toys for Tots—November 6th, 2025

For those signed up, doors open at 10:30 am and lunch will be served at noon. For those that still wish to attend, it is not too late. Please email or text me or call me at (707 718-0398) and let me know you are attending for the catering count. The luncheon & toy drive on November 6th promises to be a great event again this year. A catered traditional type holiday meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, salad, and pies will be served.

The goal this year is to collect more toys than last year to sponsor more children in need. We appreciate all the support from the Alumni, both in person and through toy and money donations. We are off to a great start with the folks signed up and the generous donations. A big thank you to those who made their generous donations that were unable to attend in person.

TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON



Date: November 6th, 2025

Time: Doors open @ 10:30 - Lunch served at noon (catered event)

Location: MRC Clubhouse

Please RSVP by filling out the form below and mail or email the form back to the MRC Alumni, @ P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA. 94553 or mrcmtzalumni22i@gmail.com. **Deadline to register for lunch is October 24th.** *For those still working at the site, flier and payment can be mailed via intercompany mail addressed to Linda Reed (Exec Adm) or dropped off at the Museum through the mail slot or in person.*

Admission cost will be \$10.00 per person for lunch AND/OR/BOTH **bring a new, unwrapped toy(s)** for donation to Martinez Shelter, Inc. and La Casa Ujima in Martinez. **NOTE:** In an effort to increase donations to those less fortunate, we will accept new, unwrapped toys at the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:00 am to noon) between now and November 6th. **For those that would like to participate, but will be unable to attend in person or unable to do the shopping we will also accept cash contributions and we'll do the shopping for you (whether you are attending or not). Please contact me if you would like to pay or contribute via Zelle or Venmo. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthy event.** Checks should be made payable to "Alumni General Fund". We are also partnering with MRC personnel (Ann Notarangelo as the MRC focal point) in a joint toy drive effort to increase the toys collected for donation. Note: this toy drive replaces the previous Angel Program done in previous years for employees to donate toys. Please remember that MRC personnel are welcome to join the Alumni as a member or attend as a guest for this event if a toy is donated.

Please advise if you will pay for lunch ____, bringing a new, unwrapped toy(s) ____, or both ____.

I plan on attending the luncheon on November 6th.

Alumni Member's Name and phone number: _____

If bringing a guest, please provide their name. _____

Admission cost for lunch is \$10.00 per person **AND/OR/BOTH bring a new, unwrapped toy(s)**. This form can be mailed to the Martinez Refining Company Alumni, P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA. 94553 or emailed to mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 381!

FYI WE NOW HAVE 87 MRC ACTIVE EMPLOYEES. Thanks to all the folks joining the Alumni to support the group. The membership form is found on the last page of this newsletter.

Please pass on to those retirees/employees that have not joined us. Great work by current members reaching out to fellow coworkers and friends to join us.



Teresa Obenauer

Brad Manau

Roy Lagarejos

John Bleamel

Here are a few facts about our members: Members reside in the following countries and states: Australia, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, & Washington.

Looking for current or previous Alumni newsletters or photos from recent or previous events, check out this link to the [MRC Alumni web site](#) for the items as they become available for viewing.

PHOTO ARCHIVES OF EVENTS

Crab Feed 2025 from February 13th. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Annual Alumni Meeting on March 4th, 2025. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Annual Alumni Reunion on April 10th, 2025, Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Scholarship Awards from May 5th, to view the photos of the event just open this [hyperlink](#). This is the [link](#) to the video of the presentations.

Annual Alumni Picnic on June 10th, 2025. To view the photos of the event just open this [hyperlink](#).

Bocce Tournament on July 26th, 2025. To view the photos of the event just open this [hyperlink](#).

Annual Bingo, September 16th, 2025—Honoring our Veterans. Veteran's enjoy free lunch and bingo play in recognition of their service. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Annual Toys for Tots November 12th, 2025. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event. This was a great success thanks to all who contributed or attended!

Alumni Breakfast (canned food drive) 2025 from January 21st. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Click on this https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_iJLWb1uul to watch a clip of the Museum and Annex tour for the 2025 Martinez Historical Society.



[Open hyperlink this to view the Alumni scholarship photos from 1993 to current.](#) [This hyperlink opens the scholarship list of recipients.](#)



HUMOR CORNER

Honestly?
I'm speeding so
that I can get
there before I
forget
where
I am
going.



MOMS NOW vs. MOMS THEN:

"That word is inappropriate."	"Say that again and I'll wash your mouth out with soap."
"Good job trying one bite of the dinner I made. Now you can have Mac & Cheese."	"You'll eat what I make, whether you like it or not. There are starving children in the world."
"I can see you're upset. Take a deep breath and use your words."	"You better stop crying or I'll REALLY give you something to cry about."
"You can't walk around the block by yourself. I'll drive you. Text me when you need a ride back."	"You want to go out? Take your bike. Be home before dark."
"I packed your bento box with almond butter on whole grain, kale chips, and an organic smoothie."	"Take a brown bag with a bologna sandwich on Wonder Bread. Grab a Twinkie and a Hawaiian Punch too."

Original meaning of a deck of playing cards:

52 cards for 52 weeks in the year.
2 colors for day and night
4 suits for the 4 seasons and 13 weeks per season.
12 court cards representing the 12 months.

If we add each of the cards (ace + ace + ace + ace + two + two + three + seven + eight etc) of the game we will get 364.

Jokers were used in leap year.

My mind is blown.

Value

A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the bill up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?"

All the hands still went up.

"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don't ever forget it!

WOW!

Obviously no one we knew on the team but interesting history of the site in the 1920s.



Travel/Event Partnership with Martinez Senior Center—Alumni are able to sign up after the Martinez Senior Center Members to fill open slots.

Holiday Sweet & Goodies -Thursday, December 5, 2024

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\$105 per person

Embark from Safeway at 7:15am for a visit to Sciabica's California Olive Oil for a tasting and shopping experience. Next, head to Hilmar Cheese Factory for a guided tour and witness the cheese-making process. Indulge in a hosted lunch featuring cheese chowder, pasta salad, and a choice of roast turkey and Monterey Jack cheese sandwich or honey ham and cheddar sandwich. The final destination is Duarte Nursery, the largest permanent crop nursery, offering a guided tour. This family-owned nursery grows over 30 varieties of Poinsettias on-site in a myriad of colors for you to select. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase your own Poinsettia! Reserve your spot at the front desk by paying in cash or a check made out to the City of Martinez. Sign-ups open now until November 19 or until full. Limited Space Available!

Extended Travel - Premier World Discovery

All extended trips are offered through Premier World Discovery. Detailed flyers can be found in the lobby at the Senior Center. To register for an extended trip call 877-953-8687, email info@premierworlddiscovery.com, or visit <https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com>. Let them know you are booking with Martinez Seniors! Please note: Premier World Discovery trip deposits are risk free and there are no charge fees until final payment due date.

Yellowstone & the Wild West - Premier World Discovery

New York City & the Hudson River Valley - Premier World Discovery

Christmas in Montreal & Quebec City - Premier World Discovery

DONATE USED EYEGLASSES and HEARING AIDS

The Alumni will collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for The Lions Club at events and at the Museum. The collection box is available on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to noon at the Museum. Through your kindness we can help to offer the gift of sight or sound to those in need. Marj Leeds will pick up the donated items for The Lions Club.



David Hanna, November 1st
Nancy Navarro, November 1st
Chuck Rhodes, November 4th
Shirley Yuen, November 4th
Don Evans, November 6th
Dale Della Rosa, November 7th
Michael Carr, November 12th
John Chism, November 17th
Bob Muller, November 17th
John Warszawski, November 13th
Patricia Zuniga, November 19th
Steven Buzbee, November 21st
Merliza Alcala, November 22nd
Louie Maldonado, November 22nd
Robert Scheive, November 26th
Diana Keith, November 27th
Kevin Vance, November 27th



Jim and Teri Fitzhugh, November 6th 50s
Dina and Robert Cotton November 8th 30s
Ron and Marilyn Fletcher, November 13th 40s
Robert and Tracy Payn, November 13th 10s
Kevin and Wendy Vance, November 19th 40s
Michael and Sue Carr, November 20th
Jimmy K. and Carolyn Brown, November 21st
Elijah and Rachelle Edwards, November 21st 30s
Laura and Mike Jett, November 21st 30s
Ha and Tuan Nguyen, November 23rd 20s
Don and Jan Evans, November 23rd 20s
Randy and Kimberly Martinez, November 26th
Dave and Kathy Olund, November 28th 40s
Hersch and Karin Wilhoite, November 28th 40s

Current Board Members and Officers

Museum Phone number (925) 293-4162

Chairman—Brenda Hill
 Vice Chairman—Rodger Engebretson
 Treasurer—Jeff Facer
 Secretary—Dina Cotten
 Board Member—Allan Robbins
 Board Member—Jon Marangoni
 Board Member- John Wellner
 Board Member—Anne Fincke

SHELL—BENEFITS, MEDICAL, PENSION

SHELL BENEFITS SERVICE CENTER The old Shell Benefits number has been disconnected. The new phone referenced below is to a dedicated department who can further assist you on your Shell Benefits inquiry, you may directly contact them thru the following: **800-307-4355** Also as a backup for assistance, try reaching out to the Fidelity Patient Advocate (**Stephanie, 877-208-0936 Ext. 23411**).

Attention Please: Are YOU and YOUR SPOUSE 65 AND ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE? All retirees must be enrolled in Medicare Part "B" to enroll in the Medicare Senior Advantage Plan with Kaiser or their HMO.

Persons not a member of Kaiser must contact their HMO for application and approval. Please follow these steps concerning Medical

Coverage with your HMO or Kaiser.

1. You need to contact your HMO or Kaiser for an application 90 days prior to your 65th birthday. Call Kaiser for an application at 1-800-747-2189.
2. Complete and return the application to your HMO or Kaiser for approval.
3. Your HMO or Kaiser should notify you of the date of approval of your application.

*"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."—
 Abraham Lincoln*

Obituaries

Please email us if you know of other Alumni that have passed.

Pete Van Pelt—July 2nd, 2025

MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY ALUMNI 2025 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

P.O. Box 1093 Martinez, CA 94553

MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM (925) 293-4162

Proposed event schedule of activities for 2025 (cost and dates subject to change).

Please note that event pricing is **for members in good standing** (current on dues). Alumni that are non-members (dues not paid) MRC retirees or active employees may attend the events or any scheduled trips, however the pricing for non-members may be higher. Tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis, members in good standing getting priority for events if there is limited availability of seating or tickets.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMBER COST/PERSON	COMMENTS
January 6 th , 2025 (Monday)	Volunteers to assist with removing Christmas decorations at Club-house (lunch provided)		
Jan. 21 th , 2025 Tuesday January 20 th from 2 – 6 pm set-up	MRC Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive @ Clubhouse (Doors open @ 9:30 am and breakfast served at 10:30 am)	Breakfast \$10.00 and/or a donation of non-perishable food/ canned goods – non breakable containers only.	RSVP requested by 1/14/2025 – payment by 1/21/2025
Feb. 13 th , 2025 Thursday	Crab Feed @ Noon Clubhouse Doors open @ 10:30 and lunch is served at Noon	Ticket cost \$50 per member limited ticket sales – 2 tickets per member	RSVP requested by 2/1/2025 – payment by 2/13/2025
Mar 4 th , 2025 Thursday	Membership Meeting- open 10:45 am, meeting @ 11:00 am, lunch served @ 11:45 am	Free (Members and their guest Only)	RSVP requested by 3/1/2025
April 1 st , 2025	Scholarship applications are due to the Scholarship Committee	P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA	
April 10 th , 2025 Thursday	Retiree Reunion/Open House – Mexican Buffett served with wine and beer	\$10 at the door per member	RSVP requested by 4/1/2025 – payment by 4/10/2025
May 5 th , 2025 Monday	Scholarship Lunch @ Zio Fraedo's	\$10/person	RSVP requested by 4/26/2025 – payment by 5/5/2025
June 10 th , 2025 Tuesday	MRC Annual Picnic @ Clubhouse – The event will be held indoors again this year.	Alumni member and a guest \$10.00/person (Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren under 14 are \$5.00 each over the age of 5. Under age 5 free.)	RSVP requested by 6/2/2025 – payment by 6/10/2025
July 26 th , 2025 Saturday	Bocce Tournament Registration @ 8:30 am and Starting @ 9:00 am Lunch and t-shirts provided	Alumni members and their guest/and or family members \$10.00/person (children over 10 - free)	RSVP requested by 7/1/2025 – payment by 7/19/2025
Sept 16 th , 2025 Tuesday	Chili Bingo – Honoring our Veterans	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person	RSVP requested by 9/1/2025 – payment by 9/9/2025
October 11 th , 2025	Museum Open as part of the Martinez Historical Tour	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Drop in and check out the Museum
Nov. 6 th , 2025 Thursday	Luncheon & Toys for Tots Drive	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person and/or a new toy(s) per person	RSVP requested by 10/30/2025 – payment by 11/6/2025
December 2025 TBD	Volunteers to decorate Clubhouse		

Single or Multiple Payment(s)

Please make check payable to “Alumni General Fund” and mail to
Martinez Refining Company Alumni at P. O. Box 1093 Martinez, CA 94553

This payment sheet is being provided for your convenience to eliminate multiple payments/mailings for annual dues renewal and/or events you plan on attending in the future. **Complete the appropriate portion of this form, print the form and mail with the appropriate payment.** Note the event fliers are not required if you use this payment form. Additional details and reminders for events will be forthcoming as the dates get closer.

Please provide your name and cell/email for contact information: Name: _____
_____ Cell or email info. _____.

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Annual Dues Renewal – Please indicate the year(s) below that you are paying dues for or just provide the amount of dues paid and it will be recorded as necessary. **Please complete the membership form and include in the mailing if your information has changed or you are a new member.** Dues are \$5.00 per year.

Indicate the amount for dues: \$ _____ ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐ 2029

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Toys for Tots, Nov. 6th – Meal cost will be to donate a tory or \$10.00 per person for lunch OR BOTH.

Member's Name: _____ Toy Donation ☐ \$10 ☐ or BOTH ☐

Guest's Name: _____ Toy Donation ☐ \$10 ☐ or BOTH ☐

RSVP BY 10/30 AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO Nov 6th Amount Paid or Toy Donation _____

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The Alumni has appreciated your support throughout the year to make our events a huge success. Hoping to attract more members to continue our contact with old friends and coworkers and hopefully make some new friends along the way.

P.S. if you know a retiree that has not joined us, spread the newsletter to invite them to join us.

MRC (Martinez Refining Company) Alumni Membership Form & Dues

This information requested below is to allow the Alumni Newsletter to congratulate and celebrate folks on birthdays and milestone anniversaries. Please forward this form to other Martinez Refining Company retirees and active employees that would be interested in joining.

NAME: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number(s): ☐ Cell _____ ☐ Home _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate: _____

Wedding Anniversary Date: _____

Spouse or Significant Other's Name: _____

Date of Retirement: Month: _____ Date: _____ Year: _____

Please indicate the amount paid (\$5.00 per year), payment method, and indicate the year(s) for which dues are being paid.

Amount: \$ _____ ☐ Check (Payable to Alumni General Fund) ☐ Cash

Dues for ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐ 2029 ☐ 2030

Mail your money and this form to the Martinez Refining Company Alumni, P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA. 94553.

Disclaimer: Regarding all events photos/videos Alumni Reunion Photos/Video:

Please note that the Martinez Refining Company (MRC) Alumni owns/uses photographs and/or video taken of Alumni members and/or group shots taken at events. Those photos are shared in the Alumni and the MRC Martinez Minute newsletters and to be posted on Alumni web pages, in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of the MRC Alumni, Martinez Refining Company and PBF Energy. By joining the Alumni and attending the events you approve of these photos and the use thereof.

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