

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company

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SAVE THE DATES FOR 2025 EVENTS!

September 16th Annual Chili Bingo—Honoring Our Veterans

November 6th Annual Toys for Tots Luncheon

Working on 2026's Calendar of Events

Please use the forms on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter to sign up for the upcoming Bingo and Toys for Tots event. Hope we'll see you there.

Veterans Day—November 11th

Veterans Day is fast approaching on November 11th and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Alumni, EAA, and MRC Veterans for their service. We hold the Alumni bingo event in September to recognize Veterans that are able to attend. It is great to see the number of Veterans we have in the Alumni and thank them in person. Unfortunately, we do not collect Veterans "status" in our Alumni database and we are unable to thank each of you in person.

*From the Alumni membership -THANK YOU
TO ALL VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!*



BINGO

SEPTEMBER 16 TH, 2025

The Alumni would like to honor our Veterans and thank them for their service with a free lunch and bingo. This invite includes Alumni members, EAA members, and MRC employees. Veterans will be admitted to lunch and receive two bingo cards without charge in recognition of their service. If you don't have time for bingo, join us for the social hour and lunch.

This event will be held in the MRC Clubhouse on September 16th. The menu will be chili, pulled pork sliders, and cornbread (beer and wine will be served). We will open the doors at 10:30 for an hour of socializing and serve lunch at 11:30 am. After lunch and a short break, we will play 6 rounds of assorted bingo which should take about 60 to 90 minutes. *(Reminder: RSVP's by 9/8/25 are required prior to event to attend.) Note: bingo cards are the shutter style - no messy bingo daubers.*

Date: September 16th, 2025

Time: Doors open @10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Lunch: Served at 11:30 am

Place: MRC Clubhouse



We will play 6 rounds of varied bingo, as noted below, with gift cards (\$25 to \$50) being the prizes. The rounds of bingo will be: traditional "line bingo", a "two line", "four corners", an "outside picture frame", and the finale will be "full house or blackout bingo".

Four Corners – Block off the numbers in all four corners of your bingo card.

Traditional Line Bingo – Block off a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line of five numbers.

Outside Picture Frame – Block off the outside boxes all the way around your bingo card.

Two Lines – Block off two horizontal lines of five numbers.

Full House or Blackout – Block off all the numbers on the card.

Please complete the information below and submit via email or by mail this form with payment to the Alumni, at P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553. Check should be made payable to "Alumni General Fund". RSVP's due by September 8th, payment due by September 16th, 2025.

Name: _____ Check If You are a Veteran ☐

Contact info: Email address or Cell Number: _____

Guest's Name: _____

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 (Jessica Scheiber 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 Annex Update

The final painting of the front of the Annex to seal the stucco cracks and eliminate the leaks has been completed.



Long overdue maintenance and TLC is being performed on the two trucks at the Museum. Great news is both are running now and they are both being detailed to shine them up. The parking pad has had all the silt removed and all the trash removed. Looking great thanks to Noah Luecke and Jon Marangoni for their hard work.



Feel free to stop by and see our progress.

Working on getting all the interactive “hands on” displays working and additional details posted about how these work and what process they support inside the refinery.

The addition of the sale article from Shell to MRC finally mounted and ready to hang.



Working on adding some old photos (including the 100 Year Celebration) from the storage area to the display frames in the Museum for folks to enjoy memories of faces and events of the past. (Gil White and Leo Salceda). At one of Equilon's events. It is great fun looking back at the many friends and co-workers photos.



Part of the new display cabinets at the Alumni Museum. Working on improving the displays in the Museum. Several folks have found their badges or relatives badges in the new displays. These badges were previously just stacked inside the display cases.



Blast from the past (October 11th, 1984)—Photo recognizing the site for 4M safe work hours. As noted below, the employees in the photo seated from left to right are Roger Prill, Mike Hecker, Emily White, and Kurt Lusetti. Standing from left to right are Lavoy Byars, Hank Vandermeent, Teresa Obenhauer, and Murray Shelton.



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.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 373!

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.



Carl Buccellato

Cristina Williams

Noah Luecke

Ray Jones

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. 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.



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

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

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS (7 DAYS) SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 \$3475PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

This 7 day trip includes roundtrip airfare, transfers to/from the airport, accommodations, 9 meals, a tour director, and an itinerary with the following: 5 nights in Cape Cod, 1 night in Boston, Boston City Tour, Martha's Vineyard Tour, Nantucket Island visit, Mayflower II, Plymouth Rock, Provincetown, and much more! Contact Premier World Discovery to register by calling 877-953- 8687 or visit res.premierworlddiscovery.com. Let them know you are booking with Martinez Seniors! Booking Code: 187270.

ROME & THE COUNTRY ROADS OF TUSCANY (9 DAYS) OCTOBER 14, 2025 \$4249PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

This 9 day trip includes roundtrip airfare, transfers to/from the airport, accommodations, 10 meals, a tour director, and an itinerary with the following: Siena Walking Tour, San Gimignano visit, Florence City Tour, Statue of David, Leaning Tower of Pisa, St. Peter's Basilica, and a Tuscany Winery visit with tasting and much more! Contact Premier World Discovery to register by calling 877-953- 8687 or visit res.premierworlddiscovery.com. Let them know you are booking with Martinez Seniors! Booking Code: 187271.

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.

Sky River Casino - November 7, 2024

Thursday, November 7, 2024

\$50 per person | Cash or Check only

Depart Safeway at 9:00am and arrive at Sky River Casino in Elk Grove around 11:00am. Sky River has over 100,000 square feet of gaming floor space with 2,000 slot machines, 80 table games and 17 unique dining options. You will receive \$20 in Free Slot Play!

Sign up at the front desk with cash or check made payable to City of Martinez.

Price includes Round trip motorcoach transportation and tours as outlined above.

Space is limited, spots are on a first come first serve basis.

Sign ups open for members on July 2 | Non-members July 9

HUMOR CORNER

The Dean Schooled Them

One night four college kids stayed out late, partying and having a good time. They paid no mind to the test they had scheduled for the next day and didn't study. In the morning, they hatched a plan to get out of taking their test. They covered themselves with grease and dirt and went to the Dean's office. Once there, they said they had been to a wedding the previous night and on the way back they got a flat tire and had to push the car back to campus.

The Dean listened to their tale of woe and thought. He offered them a retest three days later. They thanked him and accepted his offer at that time.

When the test day arrived, they went to the Dean. The Dean put them all in separate rooms for the test. They were fine with this since they had all studied hard. Then they saw the test. It had 2 questions.

1) Your Name _____ (1 Points)

2) Which tire burst? _____ (99 Points)

Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right

The lesson: Always be responsible and make wise decisions.



Dish of Ice Cream

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

“How much is an ice cream sundae?”

“50 cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream?” he inquired. Some people were waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

“35 cents,” she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, was 15 cents – her tip.

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



**“I’m looking for an Uber driver
 who can take me back to 1964!”**



Carl Buccellato, July 20th
Michael Gonzalez, September 1st
Ron Duhamel, September 3rd
Minnie Tsunozumi, September 4th
Linda Cutright, September 6th
Mike Grech and Anne Randall, September 7th
Alan Robbins, September 8th
Tim Brady, September 9th
Allan Metcalf, September 10th
Dave Seaton, September 11th
Thor Nygaard Marcelo Ognian & Igor Skaredoff, Sept. 12th
Charlie Cayro, September 13th
Joseph LaGrone, September 14th
Chris Weisse, September 15th
Chad Long, September 17th
Andy Chen, September 19th
Tom McLain, September 20th
Dale Rash, September 21st
Sal Coniglio, September 24th
Lee Madrid & Craig Zimmerman, September 26th
Edward Alemany & Darrel Sturgeon, September 27th



Greg and Shari Mejia, September 6th 45
Udayashankar and Chithra Ganapathy, Sept. 7th
Nick and Reina Harrington, September 7th 20s
Daniel and Heather Riccabona, September 7th 20s
Dean and Vickie Chamberlain, September 8th 40s
Ken and Vicki Cramer, September 10th 60s
David and Staci Gieber, September 10th 10s
Pat Owens and Robin Reese, September 11th 20s
Edward and Ronda King, September 13th 20s
Jeff and Wendy Harris, September 16th 30s
Dewey and Sara Kranz, September 19th 30s
Thor and Andrea Nygaard, September 19th 40s
Don Sanders and Lindsay Murphy, September 20th 10s
Dave and Megan Bleckinger, September 23rd
Melisa and Gus Guillen, September 27th 20s
Kris and Nancy Koller, September 27th
Misha Karton and Irene Fusman, September 28th
James and Patty Purdy, September 28th 50s
Steve and Sue Luck, September 30th 10s

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.

*“Don’t Let Yesterday
Take Up Too Much Of
Today.” – Will Rogers*

Obituaries	
Please email us if you know of other Alumni that have passed.	
Brian Parker—March 27th, 2025	
Brian Nippa - June 14th, 2025	
John LaCoste— June 19th, 2025	
Linda Thurman—June 2025	
Al Duchene—June 2025	
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 Clubhouse (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 9/9/25, payment by 9/16/2025
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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Honoring Our Veterans, Sept. 16th – The Alumni will sponsor this chili lunch to honor our Veterans with a free lunch and bingo. The cost for lunch & bingo to non-veterans and their guest is \$10 per person.

☐ Check this box if you are a Veteran and will attend.

Member's Name: _____ Guest's Name(s): _____

RSVP response due August 30th, 2025.

Amount Paid \$ _____

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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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