

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!

January 15th, 2026, Thursday

March 5th, 2026, Thursday

**March, 24, 2026, Tuesday**

**April 1st, 2026**

April 30th, 2026, Thursday

May 4th, 2026, Monday

June 16th, 2026, Tuesday

July 25th, Saturday

September 10th, 2026, Thursday

November 10th, 2026, Tuesday

Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive (RSVP)

Crab Feed TBD (RSVP to reserve a seat—limited seating)

**Annual Membership Meeting—free lunch for members**

**Deadlines for Upcoming Scholarship Applications**

Alumni Reunion Open House

Scholarship Luncheon to Honor Scholarship Recipients

Alumni BBQ Picnic

Bocce Tournament

Chili Bingo Honoring our Veterans

Toys for Tots

**2026 Scholarship applications are due by April 1st for consideration for the scholarships this year. Note: For members affiliated with the SWSFCU, they are also sponsoring scholarships this year. See their website for details.**

**Reminder for those planning their vacation travels to include attending the Reunion or Annual Picnic with the dates shown above. Would love to see you!**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2026

The Alumni Board of Directors for 2026 is shown to the right and will be officially announced at the Membership meeting on 3/24. We would love to have others join the BOD. Please let me know if you are interested.

### Current Board Members and Officers

Chairman—Brenda Hill

Vice Chairman—Rodger Engebretson

Treasurer—Jeff Facer

Secretary—Dina Cotten

Board Member—Allan Robbins

Board Member—John Wellner

Board Member—Jon Marangoni

Board Member—Anne Fincke

## 2026 Crab Feed on March 5th, 2026

The crab feed was arranged on a short time line, but we had a nice group that enjoyed delicious crab and socializing. To see all the photos click on this [hyperlink](#). We will look forward to next year's event and having more folks being able to attend and enjoy the great food.



Front row (left to right): Jeff Facer, Shirley Yuen, Mike Hecker, Bev Holden, Ann and Jim Johnson, Brenda Hill, and Donna Abbott. Second row (left to right): Cristina Williams, Don Pallotta, Ron Banducci, Russ Abbott, Joe Sinosky, Angie Cofield, Dina Cotton, Karen Swearengin, Kimberly Marangoni, and Pam Martinez. Third Row (left to right): Lloyd Lawson, Greg Pyka, Janet Hecker, David Williams, Deirdre and Paul Gabbard, Randal Becker, Ed Campbell, John Swearengin, Tony Cofield, Dee Przymus, Jessica Scheiber, and John Wellner. Those attending but not in the photo: Jon Marangoni, Linda Cutright, Gina Lopez, Birkeland Stout, and Jack Vaeth.





Guest, Donna Abbott, Dee Przymus, Paul and Deirdre Gabbard.



Greg Pyka and Ed Campbell



Randal Becker and Jessica Scheiber



Ron Banducci and Joe Sinosky.



Ann Johnson, Bey Holden, Jeff Facer, and Jim Johnson.



Paul & Deirdre Gabbard and Shirley Yuen.



Bev Holden, Jeff Facer, John & Karen Swearingin, Ron & Sue Banducci, and Ann & Jim Johnson.



Angie and Tony Cofield



Cristina and David Williams



Don and Sheila Pallotta, Mike Hecker, Birkeland Stout, and Lloyd Lawson.



## Blast from the past:

Jeff Harris (GM) in all his splendor dressed for the dunk tank supporting “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk”. Others in the photo are Michele Corey, Matt Gray, Heather Stevens, Kristien Marczak, and Randy Fountain.



## Diablo Regional Arts Association Discount Tickets

MRC Alumni have been included with the MRC employees to purchase 20% discounted tickets for specific Lesher Center Headliner Series for 2026. The discount code is MRC25. Here is the link to view a brief description of each and purchase tickets using the code [Headliners Series | Lesher Center for the Arts](#).

- SFJAZZ at the Lesher: Gerald Clayton—Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 PM
- Dance Theatre of Harlem—Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26 at 7:30 PM
- Asking for Trouble: Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood—Friday, June 26 at 7:30 PM

# Scholarship Criteria

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
2. Provide a copy of high school transcripts.
3. Include a list of high school activities, i.e., clubs, sports, student government, etc.
4. Include a list of extra-curricular activities
5. Submit an essay detailing your career objectives, life goals, and activities that help you meet your objectives.

## VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Regarding VOCATIONAL AWARDS, the term “vocation” is not confined to the traditional “working with tools”, but remember this covers Trade Schools or Junior College. For example, additionally, some of the occupations would include: Hospital Health Services, Cosmetology, Culinary, Electronic/Computer Repair, Child Care/Education, Travel Agent, Clerical/Office Administration, Trade Work, etc.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each vocational application as a package, with different weights given to the items listed. Such as, a direction in high school study, i.e., courses that point to a vocation, work experience in that field, if any, and the intention of attending a school that is oriented toward a vocation. To give applicants some examples, which are very limited and local to the area, are DVC Vocational Programs, e.g., DVC Dental Technology, LMC Police Academy, Laney College Vocational Programs, Heald Business College/Institute of Technology, Aktra Travel College, Anthony Schools (Real Estate, Insurance, Banking, Contractor, etc., Bryan College (court reporter), Construction Craft Training Center (electricians, sheet metal, plumbers, pipefitters, carpenters, Silicone Valley College, etc.

Annually we allot 2 Academic and 2 Vocational scholarships. If applications for vocational scholarship applications are not received, all scholarships will be presented to academic applicants.

**PLEASE NOTE: The committee does NOT consider a 2-year program leading to a General Ed AA degree as vocational.**

**SUBMIT COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE ON THE APPLICATION – Attn: Scholarship Committee**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY  
MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY ALUMNI  
P.O. BOX 1093 - MARTINEZ, CA 94553



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent, Grandparent or Great-Grandparent who is sponsoring the applicant and who is an Active Employee or Member of the Martinez Refining Company Alumni (or a surviving spouse).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Scholarship Requested: Academic \_\_\_\_ Vocational \_\_\_\_ *(Vocational guidelines on page 1 of this document.)*

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Provide a copy of their high school transcripts.
- Include your extracurricular activities.
- Include a list of high school activities (clubs, sports, student government, programs, etc.)
- Submit an essay, detailing career objectives, goals in life, college or institution you plan on attending and college start date.
- Include a list of work experience (if any).
- Letters of recommendation.
- Winners will be asked to provide an 8" X 10" color photo for display at the Museum. These photos become the property of the Alumni Museum and will not be returned and will be shared on the website.

Please remember to make your application as complete as possible with all the requested requirements.

If you have any questions, please submit them to [MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM) or text (707) 718-0398 and/or leave a message.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE ON THE APPLICATION – Attn: Scholarship Committee**

# ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 386!

FYI WE NOW HAVE 88 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.



Dee Przymus Erin McDonald

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 2026 from March 5th. 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) 2026 from January 15th. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Annual Clubhouse decorating by PBF staff and Alumni. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event. Thanks to all that helped.

Click on this [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l\\_iJLWbIuul](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_iJLWbIuul) to watch a clip of the Museum and Annex tour for the 2025 Martinez Historical Society.



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.](#)



Susan Nelson, March 1st
Russ Abbott, March 2nd
Karen Rowell, March 2nd
Don Sanders, March 8th
Alejandro Lagarejos, March 10th
Erin Hallissy, March 12th
Gilbert French, March 13th
Vic Cardenas, March 13th
Randy Fountain, March 14th
Stan Rousseau, March 14th
Anna Edwards, March 16th
Ken Sibley, March 21st
Wendy Thomas, March 21st
Mike Fynan, March 24th
Dina Cotten, March 25th
James Purdy, March 26th
Susan Feick, March 30th



Donald and Donna Chamblee, March 3rd 50s
Sherry and Benny Robertson, March 6th 20s
Vic and Ellen Cardenas, March 11th 40s
Joe and Mimi Lehmann, March 12th 30s
Denise Viola and Frank Trenga, March 15th 40s
Paul and Deirdre Gabbard, March 21st 40s
Jim Flores and Julie Shootkevich, March 27th 20s
Marilyn and Dave Tagliareni, March 27th 40s
Chris and Linda Lindauer, March 28th 50s
Rick and Teresa DeCambra, March 29th 40s

<b>Obituaries</b>
Please email us if you know of other Alumni that have passed.
Linda Wallgren, February 17th, 2026

The election of BOD and officers was completed in March 2026 and the results are shown below. Please contact the BOD if you wish to join.

<b>Current Board Members and Officers</b>
<b>Museum Phone number (925) 293-4162</b>
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.

*Don't let yesterday take up too much time of today."*  
*Will Rogers*

MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY ALUMNI 2026 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

P.O. Box 1093 Martinez, CA 94553

[MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM)

Proposed event schedule of activities for 2026 (cost and dates subject to change).

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMBER COST/PERSON	COMMENTS
January 6th, 2026 Tuesday	Clubhouse Christmas Decorations removal—RSVP for lunch	Lunch provided to volunteers, please RSVP	
January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 (Thursday)	MRC Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive @ Clubhouse (Doors open @ 9:30am & breakfast served at 11:00 am)	Breakfast \$10.00 and/or a donation of non-perishable food/canned goods – <b>NO GLASS PLEASE.</b>	RSVP requested by 1/13/2025 – payment by 1/21/2025
March 5th, 2026 (Thursday)	Crab Feed @ Noon Clubhouse—	Ticket cost \$50 per member limited ticket sales – reserve your ticket	
March 24th, 2026 (Tuesday)	Membership Meeting to announce new BOD for 2026-2027	Free (Members and their guest Only)	RSVP by March 18th via email or text to 707 718-0398
April 30th, 2026 Thursday	Retiree Reunion/Open House – Mexican Buffett	<i>\$10 at the door per member</i>	
May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2026 Monday	Scholarship Lunch @ Zio Fraedo's Waiting on confirmation with restaurant	<i>\$10/person TBD</i>	
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 Tuesday	MRC Annual Picnic @ Clubhouse – The event will be held indoors again this year.	Alumni member and a guest \$10.00/person (Children, grandchildren & great grandchildren are \$5.00 each over age 5.)	
July 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 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)	
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 Thursday	Chili Bingo – Honoring our Veterans	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person	
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 Tuesday	Luncheon & Toys for Tots Drive	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person and/or a new toy(s) per person	
<b>December 2026 TBD</b>	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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  2026  2027  2028  2029  2030

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**Annual Membership Luncheon on March 24th, Tuesday** – Lunch will be served at no cost to members only and their guest. **Must RSVP for the catering count BY March 18th via, mail, email response or text/call 707 718-3098.** Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
Guest’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide your email address or cell number for contact info. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Retiree Open House on April 30th, Thursday** – Lunch consisting of a Mexican buffet will be served at for \$10.00 per person. **Please RSVP and make payment by April 23rd to attend.**  
Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ , Guest’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please provide your email address or cell number for contact info. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Scholarship Lunch @ Zio Fraedo’s on May 4th, Monday** – This luncheon will recognize the scholarship recipients for 2026. Additional information will be forthcoming, including your meal selections . **Please advise your interest to attend.** Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
Guest’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide your email address or cell number for contact info. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Alumni Picnic (BBQ) on June 16th, Tuesday** – The annual BBQ picnic allows members to bring their children & grandchildren to enjoy lunch. **Please RSVP and make payment by June 8th to attend. \$10 per person**  
Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ , Guest’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide the names and ages of your children and/or grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Please provide your email address or cell number for contact info. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Bocce Tournament on July 25th, Saturday** – Alumni members can invite their family and friends to attend in the bocce tournament. **Please RSVP and make payment of \$10.00 per person by July 13th to attend.**  
Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ , Guest’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide the names of your family or friends that will attend and their bocce skill level (beginner or experienced).  
Children over 10 may attend and play in the bocce tournament as well. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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  2026  2027  2028  2029  2030  2031

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.*

*Revised December 2025*