

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company



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**Special
points of
interest
in this
edition:**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!

January 6th, 2026, Tuesday
January 15th, 2026, Thursday
February (mid to late) 2026
March (mid month) 2026
April 30th, 2026, Thursday
June 16th, 2026, Tuesday
September 10th, 2026, Thursday
November 10th, 2026, Tuesday

Removal of the Clubhouse Christmas Decorations (RSVP)
Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive (RSVP)
Crab Feed TBD (RSVP to reserve a seat—limited seating)
Annual Membership Meeting TBD
Alumni Reunion Open House
Alumni BBQ Picnic
Chili Bingo Honoring our Veterans
Toys for Tots

Happy Holidays to you and yours as we close out 2025 and welcome in 2026! Thank you for the support of the Alumni throughout the year.





1st row (left to right) Udayashankar Ganapathy, Russell Westcott, 2 unknown PBF attendees, Jessica Scheiber, Shari LeBaron, Diane Beck, Kimberly Marangoni, and Ann Notarangelo. 2nd row (left to right) Linda Reed, Lien Pham, 2 unknown PBF attendees, Carl Buccellato, Nick Harrington, Eddie Alemany, Robert Scheive, Brenda Hill, and Jeff Facer.



Sean Johnson and Jessica Scheiber



Robert Scheive and Kimberly Marangoni



Julie Bofinger, Linda Reed, and ???



Carl Buccellato, Jessica Scheiber, and Eddie Alemany

Annual Breakfast Canned Food Drive



Date: January 15th, 2026

Time: Doors open @ 9:30 am - Breakfast served at 11:00 am

Menu: Pancakes, link sausage & bacon, scrambled eggs, & hash browns.

Location: MRC Clubhouse

Please RSVP using the form below by **January 2nd, 2026** - payment due by 1/15/2026. For those still working at the site, flier and payment can be mailed via intercompany mail addressed to Museum Alumni or dropped off at the Museum through the mail slot or in person on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:00 am to noon. The Museum will be closed on Christmas week..

We will be serving breakfast at 11:00 am with the doors opening at 9:30 am for folks to mingle and visit. The cost for the breakfast will be \$10.00 per person and/or donation of non-perishable food item(s). The entry fee will also be used to purchase food items to be donated to the Contra Costa Food Bank for those in need. For those unable to attend, donations will gladly be accepted. Checks should be made payable to "Alumni General Fund" and mailed to the Alumni Museum at P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553. If you live close by, you can also drop your envelope thru the mail slot in the main Museum entry door or drop off your food donation. If you have any questions, please email them to mrcmzralumni22@gmail.com. **Please note that glass jars and other breakable containers are not accepted for the canned goods or all non-perisables donated.**

We will also collect gently worn coats and clothing for men, women, and children for donation to those in need. So if you have some items that you hardly ever worn or have outgrown, this is a great place to recycle them.

Please advise if you will be paying for breakfast, donating canned goods, or both.

I plan on attending the breakfast on January 15th. Alumni Member's Name and phone number or email: _____

☐ Paying for breakfast ☐ Donation ☐ Both

If bringing a guest, please provide their name _____

☐ Paying for breakfast ☐ Donation ☐ Both

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 382!

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.



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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.

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_iJLWb1uul 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.](#)

Blast from the past!

Elko Fire Training, April 13, 2000

(Photo provided thanks to Todd Long)



Back row (left to right): ???, Tom Underholt, Gary Frederickson, Bob Hutton, ???

3rd row (left to right): Dave Dean, Jerry Fox, Ed Stemmer, Bill Mahoney, Bruce ??, Todd Long Lynn Vawter, ???, Chris Dooley?, Frank Sweet.

2nd row (left to right): Pam and Larry Huie, Jack Michilson, ???, Linda Wicheston, Don Pallotta, and ???.

1st row (left to right): Bob Payn, Vickie Martinez, Chris Clay, and Adrian Smiley.

Big thanks to Todd Long and James Johnson for their donations to the Museum of Shell memorabilia (photos, stickers, patches, reference information, and other items). It is appreciated!

Elko Fire Training, March 17th 2000
(Photo provided by Todd Long)



Back row (left to right) Dave Seaton, Bob Johnson, Lowell Ealis (Contra Costa Fire), Wiley Weiss, Dave Dean, Tiny Harp, and Bob Shelton. Front row (left to right) Tony Graboyes, Todd Long, Linda Wiclaton (Shell Den Mother) Mike UNR Trainer, and Dewey Kranz.

Todd Long with kids from tour at
the Alumni Museum on the cover
of the 1992 Safey Calendar.



ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATIONS FOR 2026

If you are interested in applying for the election to the Board of Directors for 2026, please submit your application by **February 28th** to our email at mrcmzralumni22@gmail.com. Please indicate your interest in participating as a Board Member. The term for Board members is one year and they can be re-elected, currently the Board has eight members (as noted below).

Applications received by February 28th, 2025, will be reviewed at the March 10th Board meeting. If only 8 applications are received (which equals the number of openings), those applicants will be deemed to be elected. At its March BOD meeting, the Board will elect its officers. The 2025 Board members and officers will be announced in the March newsletter and at the March Annual Membership Meeting.

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

HUMOR CORNER



The Glove Man

An old man and a 20 year old are paired together at a golf tournament. They're playing a long par 5 that dog legs around some tall trees.

As the 20 year old sets up his tee shot to hit onto the fairway the old man notes "when I was your age we used to hit over the trees - not around to the side."

So the 20 year old readjusts and tries to hit over the trees - but can't clear them and loses his ball. He tries again and loses that one too...

Then the old man says "of course, when I was your age, the trees were only 6 foot tall."

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.

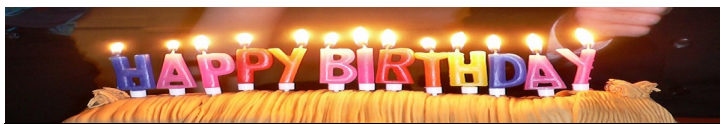
"Now who still wants it?"

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!

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.



Paul Gabbard, December 2nd
Peter Larieau, December 2nd
Rick Airoidi, December 6th
John Wellner, December 9th
Mariah Mandt, December 10th
Sharon Rosario, December 10th
Donna Abbott, December 13th
Christian Pineda, December 13th
Joe Lehmann, December 14th
Bob Furry, December 16th
Mary Kay Nye, December 18th
Dave Olund, December 18th
Sabrina Marie Zenad, December 18th
Carl Nielsen, December 19th
Jeff Andre, December 20th
Jim Fitzhugh, December 23rd
Orval Mosby, December 23rd
Mike Hecker, December 24th
Richard McGoveran, December 26th
Jack Battle, December 27th
Andy Foreman, December 27th
Kevin Rea, December 28th
Gerry Walker, December 28th
A J Tupper, December 30th
Rich Youngman , December 30th
Dave Bleckinger, December 31st
Scott Just, December 31st
Enri Refunjol, December 31st



Sal and Mary Coniglio, December 1st 50s
Alan and Patricia Robbins, December 2nd 50s
John and Tracy Wellner, December 2nd 9th
Lee and Laura Madrid, December 8th 40s
Dwight and Sharon Powell Harlander, December 8th 10s
Geoff and Chris Staffelbach, December 29th 40s
Mariah and Kehl Mandt, December 30th 10s
Alejandro and Neddy Lagarejo, December 31st 40s

Current Board Members and Officers

Museum Phone number (925) 293-4162

Chairman—Brenda Hill
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 Treasurer—Jeff Facer
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 Board Member—Allan Robbins
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 Board Member- John Wellner
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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.

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. –
 Maya Angelou*

Obituaries

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

Jim Hornsby—November 19th, 2025

MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY ALUMNI 2026 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

P.O. Box 1093 Martinez, CA 94553

MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM

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

Yellow Shaded Dates have not been confirmed

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 th , 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 – NO GLASS PLEASE.	RSVP requested by 1/13/2025 – payment by 1/21/2025
Mid to late February – Date to be determined.	Crab Feed @ Noon Clubhouse—I will be taking down reservations for the limited seating. We usually only serve 60 to 70 folks.	Ticket cost TBD per member limited ticket sales – reserve your ticket	TBD
Mid to late February – Date to be determined.	Membership Meeting	Free (Members and their guest Only)	TBD
April 30th, 2026 Thursday	Retiree Reunion/Open House – Mexican Buffett	<i>\$10 at the door per member</i>	
May 4th or May 11th 2026 Monday – TBD	Scholarship Lunch @ Zio Fraedo's Waiting on confirmation with restaurant	<i>\$10/person TBD</i>	
June 16 th , 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 25th, 2026 Saturday July 11th, 2026 Saturday TBD	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 th , 2026 Thursday	Chili Bingo – Honoring our Veterans	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person	
Nov. 10 th , 2026 Tuesday	Luncheon & Toys for Tots Drive	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person and/or a new toy(s) per person	
December 2026 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: \$ _____ ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐ 2029 ☐ 2030

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Canned Food Drive/Breakfast, 1/15/26 – Meal cost will be to donate canned goods or \$10.00 per person for breakfast OR BOTH.

Member's Name: _____ Canned Goods ☐ \$10 ☐ or BOTH ☐

Guest's Name: _____ Canned Goods ☐ \$10 ☐ or BOTH ☐

RSVP BY 1/2/26 AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO Jan 15th Amount Paid \$ _____

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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 ☐ 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.

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