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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!

WORKING ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2027 EVENTS.

November 12th, 2026, Thursday

Toys for Tots

TBD November or December

Clubhouse Decorating

Museum Construction Progressing on Schedule

The Martinez Complex Museum is well on its way to becoming a reality, thanks to the talent and industry of volunteer Alumni Club carpenters, machinists, electricians, painters and others.

The Museum, which will be dedicated as part of the Complex's Diamond Jubilee Celebration, is housed in the former training quarters near the Shell Clubhouse. Along with display rooms, the Museum will also boast both video and meeting / conference rooms.

According to Alumni Activities Chairman Bob Gotelli, the work is progressing nicely. It's expected, he said, that the Museum will be finished in plenty of time for the dedication ceremony, which will take place during the Martinez Complex Community Open House scheduled for September 22.



The museum will display old pieces of refining equipment such as the large pump, (pictured here) which was used to pump oil through pipelines.

CONGRATULATIONS to the MRC Alumni!

The Alumni Association will hit their 40th anniversary on 10/1/2026. This milestone is only possible due to the support of the Alumni members and the MRC site management for their support each year. The Museum was dedicated on 9/22/1990. The BOD is hoping to dedicate the Alumni Museum Annex addition by the end of 2026 if all goes as planned.

Currently we have 396 members and counting from all over the US, Canada and Australia.



November Toy Drive is fast approaching!

The end of the year is fast approaching with only Toys for Tots to finish out 2026. Last year's toy drive was fantastic with all the generous donations, both toys and monies, from both Alumni and MRC employees. This is for a great cause to ensure children have a wonderful Christmas that might otherwise not happen.

I would like to challenge the Alumni/MRC to outdo last year's toy drive and appreciate your support. Toy costs have gone up and to that end I would offer several options to participate and support the Alumni toy drive, ***especially for those unable to attend in person.***

- ✓ Drop off new unwrapped toy(s) at the Museum on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and noon.
- ✓ Monetary donations can be put in an envelope & dropped through the Museum door mail slot, checks (payable to Alumni General Fund) mailed to P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553, or for those at the refinery checks/monies can be sent to Alumni in care of Linda Reed.
- ✓ Collection bins for toys will be also be placed in various locations at the MRC site.
- ✓ Venmo & Zelle is also an option.
- ✓ Amazon toys purchased and delivered directly to Brenda Hill, 1039 Birch Ct., Fairfield California. Please include a gift note to ensure we know who sponsored the toy(s).

Last year's event was a great success for attendance and toys for those in need. Hope we can surpass the collection this year of over 300+ toys.



In front of toys – Carlos Gonzalez. First row middle to right side (left to right): Ann Johnson, Jim Johnson, Dina Cotten, Brenda Hill, Mildred Suzara, and Fermin Suzara. Second row (left to right): Darlene Fleming, Donna Abbott, Phyllis D'Alo, Maggie Barnum, Mike Hecker, Bart Ochoa, Geoff Staffelbach, Shari LeBaron, Shirley Yuen, and Carlos Casares. Third row (left to right): Ann Notarangelo, Andy Anderson, Tammy Gard, Don Pallotta, Anne Randall, Igor Skaredoff, Theresa Harris, Marc Nelson, and Don Lapacek. Fourth row (left to right): ?? Lloyd Lawson, Michael Gonzalez, Bob Muller, Dave Olund, Steve Page, Jessica Scheiber, Alvin Lim, Lynn Vawter, Jeff Facer, and John Wellner. Fifth row (left to right): Janet Hecker, Greg Pyka, Dennis Lines, Don Diermier, Ken Axe, Mike Fleming, Todd Long, Paul Gabbard, Russ Hawkins, Bill Mahoney, and Mike Hall.

Bingo – September 10th, 2026



Front row (left to right): Bart Ochoa, Nicole Kilmurray, Aura Sibley, and Cristina Williams. Second row (left to right): Lloyd Lawson, Lou Cooper, Joe Sinosky, Marc Nelson, Don Pallotta, Mario Perez, Ken Sibley, Steve Papenfus, Donna Abbott, Ed Campbell, and Brenda Hill. Third row (left to right): Greg Pyka, Bill Rafus, Mike Hall, Gerry Walker, Don Lapacek, Jeff Facer, and John Wellner. Attending but not in the photo: Philip Chang, Tony Cofield, Misha Karton, Ron Lawson, Allan Metcalf, and Alan Robbins.

The event was lots of fun and the winners of the 5 bingo games were as follows: Round 1 – Tony Cofield, Round 2 – Allan Metcalf, Round 3 – Don Lapacek, Round 4 – tied by Bill Rafus and Don Lapacek, and Round 5 Nicole Kilmurray. Congrats to all of the and hope everyone enjoyed the chili and the bingo event.

Thanks to all the folks that assisted with the setup and cleanup of the event. Sorry, there were not the great group shots, Jon Marangoni was on vacation sorely missed to provide those.



ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP reaches high of 396! FYI, we now have 92 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.

New Members – *Mario Perez*

Here are a few facts about our members: Members reside in the following countries and states: Australia, Canada, 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, 2026. Open this hyperlink to check out all the photos from the event.	
Annual Alumni Meeting on March 24th, 2026. Open this hyperlink to check out all the photos from the event.	
Annual Alumni Reunion on April 30th, 2026, Open this hyperlink to check out all the photos from the event.	
Scholarship Awards from May 4th, 2026, to view the photos of the event just open this hyperlink .	
Annual Alumni Picnic on June 16th, 2026. To view the photos of the event just open this hyperlink .	
Bocce Tournament on July 26th, 2025. To view the event photos just open 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.	
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=I_iJLWb1uuI 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.](#)

The Alumni has been receiving many donations to the Museum for display in the past months, for we are extremely thankful to everyone. We want to thank everyone, not just the items showcased below, but all the jackets, shirts, hats, belt buckles, photos, old operating manuals, oil cans, and other items. These items have all made great additions to the displays in the Museum and Museum Annex.

Harold Juhala's family - below are a few that have been added to new displays.



Donations by Beverly Holden on behalf of her husband Stu Holden. A few of the many items donated – a promotional hand fan, license plate topper, Shell 1938 Dodge Airflow Tanker, a “Fergie” thermometer, Martinez coasters, and several train cars.



Donations of items from **Lynn Baker on behalf of her father John (Jack) R. Hewitson**. Some of the items were a new deck of playing cards, a Shell centennial celebration water bottle, Shell road maps, 75th Anniversary program, Martinez Gazette newspaper from June 29th, 1982 with several Shell articles (Modernizing to Meet Future Energy Needs), Shell t-shirt, "Fergie" pocket protector, and a "Fergie" thermometer.



Donations by **Wayne Howard** of a great collection of Shell ads from 40's and 50's. A few of them shown below and also some other Shell memorabilia.



THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THE GREAT DONATIONS AND SUPPORT OF THE ALUMNI AND THE MUSEUM IN 2026. THE DONATIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED TO ALLOW US TO SHARE IN THE MUSEUM.



Daniel Riccabona, October 4th
 Tom Rizzo, October 4th
 Steve Papenfus, October 5th
 Sue Clark, October 6th
 Emily White, October 6th
 Mildred Suzara, October 10th
 Dan Glaze, October 11th
 Gerry Tandberg, October 12th
 Desiree Morales, October 14th
 Janet Hecker, October 20th
 Terry Horton, October 20th
 Greg Chambers, October 20th
 Carl Langhorst, October 22nd
 Murray Shelton, October 23rd
 Darrel Robinson, October 23rd
 Erick Spangler, October 23rd
 Maggie Barnum, October 25th
 Malcolm Synigal, October 26th
 Jerry Schubert, October 28th
 Donald Chamblee, October 30th



Don and Mary Diermier, October 1st – 40s
 Erick and Donna Spangler, October 1st – 30s
 Rick and Karen Airoidi, October 3rd – 0s
 Glenda Robertson and Janet Hantke, October 3rd – 10s
 Travis and Tiffany Vandevor, October 4th – 20s
 Carl and KathyNielsen, October 8th – 60s
 Robert and Irene Scheive, October 8th – 20s
 Brian and Karen Gaetano, October 11th
 Tony and Linda English, October 12th
 Terry and Diana Seelye, October 12th – 50s
 Harry and Linki Dhillion, October 14th
 Neriah and Vivian Treff, October 15th – 10s
 Jessica and Andrew Scheiber, October 17th - 10s
 Jon and Kimberly Marangoni, October 19th - 20s
 Scott Slagle and Alice Miller, October 21st - 5ths
 Felicitas and Sky Sinosky, October 23rd – 50s

"You get what you give."
Jennifer Lopez

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

Obituaries

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

John Whaley, June 2026?

Harold Juhala, October 11th 2026

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.

TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON



Date: November 12th, 2026

Time: Doors open @ 10:30 - Lunch served at 11:45 (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 mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com. Deadline to register for lunch is November 1st. *For those still working at the site, flier and payment can be mailed via intercompany mail addressed to Museum Alumni (Attn: Linda Reed) 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., La Casa Ujima in Martinez, and the US Marine Corp Toys for Tots program. *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 10th. 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). Checks should be made payable to "Alumni General Fund".* We are also partnering with MRC personnel (Dominic Aliano 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. We can also accept toys sent via Amazon to Brenda Hill, 1039 Birch Ct., Fairfield, CA. If sending via Amazon, please add a gift card to let us know the sponsor of the gift.

Please advise if you will be paying for lunch ☐ or ☐ bringing a new, unwrapped toy(s) .

I plan on attending the luncheon on November 12th.

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. **THANKS IN ADVANCE TO THE FOLKS THAT SUPPORT THE PROGRAM BY ATTENDING OR DONATING TOYS IN SOME OTHER FASHION SUPPORTING THE EVENT.**

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).

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
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 th 2026 Monday	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 25 th , 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 th , 2026 Thursday	Chili Bingo – Honoring our Veterans	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person	
Nov. 12 th , 2026 Tuesday	Luncheon & Toys for Tots Drive	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person and/or a new toy(s) per person	
Dec. TBD	Decorating the 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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Toys for Tots Luncheon, November 12th – Lunch will be served for the entry of a new unwrapped toy(s) or \$10.00 per person for those not wishing to shop. **Please RSVP for the catering count BY November 1st via, mail, email. \$10.00 per person.**

Member's Name: _____ ,

Guest's Name: _____ Please provide your email address or cell number for contact info. _____

In addition to attending the luncheon on November 12th, these are other options for members to participate who are unable to attend in person due to schedule conflicts or being out of state. We are hoping to exceed the drive last year which was fantastic due to the support of the Alumni and MRC employees.

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- Monetary donations can be put in an envelope and dropped through the Museum door mail slot.
- Venmo, Zelle, or checks (payable to Alumni General Fund) mailed to P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553.
- Amazon toys purchased and delivered directly to Brenda Hill, 1036 Birch Ct., Fairfield California. Please include a gift card to let us know the sponsor of the toy(s).
- MRC will have a drop off location, an Amazon purchase option, and checks/monies can be sent directly to Alumni in care of Linda Reed.

Looking forward to getting the 2027 schedule published to start the new year off right. Thank you to all the Alumni for their support in 2026.

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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