

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!

May 4th, 2026, Monday

June 16th, 2026, Tuesday

July 4th, 2026, Saturday

July 25th, Saturday

September 10th, 2026, Thursday

October 3rd. Saturday - Tentative

November 12th, 2026, Thursday

Scholarship Luncheon Honoring Recipients

Alumni BBQ Picnic (Kinder's—children & grandchildren invited)

The 1913 Mack truck from the Museum will be entered

Bocce Tournament (Friends and Family Invited)

Chili Bingo Honoring our Veterans

Scrapbooking Event—All Day—Please RSVP your interest

Toys for Tots

Martinez Fourth of July Parade Volunteers

MRC and the Alumni are looking for volunteers to assist with the Martinez 4th of July parade this year. The Alumni are looking for volunteers to help decorate the flat bed show casing the 1913 Mack Truck from the Museum and possibly ride in the truck. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this event.

Calling all Scrapbookers

Tentative Event for October 3rd if we have enough folks interested that sign up. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com with the number of folks (names and an email address for contact) that will be in your group. This event will be hosted by Alumni with Dina Cotten as the host. This is an all day Saturday event. If you have questions, please let me or Dina know.

ALUMNI REUNION—Class of 2026

The annual reunion was held on April 30th and was a resounding success with over 100 signing up to attend. The Mexican buffet lunch was great....including all the favorites—including guacamole and cookies for desert. The BOD wishes to thank all of the attending Alumni for their support of the events and hope you enjoy visiting with old coworkers and friends. The reason the events are so successful is because of you. If you know anyone that you haven't seen at one of the Alumni events, please pass on the newsletter.

Alumni Virtual Food Drive Donation for 2026

The Alumni made a donation of \$1,500.00 to the “Fueling Our Community Virtual Food Drive” for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties on behalf of the Alumni. Thank you for supporting the Alumni for this worthwhile cause.

Annual Alumni Reunion—Class of 2026



Front Row (left to right): Carlos Casares, John Zuniga, Robyn Zuniga, Phyllis D'Alo, Shari LeBaron, Shirley Yuen, Michael Carr, Cristina Williams, Brenda Hill, Lorrie Payne, Ann Johnson, Jim Johnson, and Jeff Facer. Second Row (left to right): Darlene Fleming, Ann Notarangelo, Randy Fountain, Randal Becker, Mike Hecker, Bev Holden, Marc Nelson, Marj Leeds, Mike Beck, Barbara Brady, Donna Abbott, and Russ Hawkins. Third Row (left to right): Lloyd Lawson, Steve Papenfus, Gerry Tandberg, Steve Page, Janet Hecker, Joe Sinosky, Bart Ochoa, Anne Fincke, Rob Peters, and Angie Cofield. Fourth Row (left to right): Don Diermier, Tony Cofield, Mike Grech, Pat Owens, Ed Campbell, Dennis Lines, Jim Lui, Tom Lewis, Don Sanders, Bob Muller, Alvin Lim, Dave Olund, Ron Banducci, Mike Fynan, Kris Koller, Charles Han, John Wellner, and Don Lapacek. Fifth Row (left to right): Greg Pyka, Chuck Nicolai, Russ Graham, Mike Fleming, Ken Axe, Jack Wootten, Mark Leeds, Darrel Sturgeon, John Edwards, Paul Gabbard, Matt Fowler, Tony English, Andrew Alvarez, John Warszawski, Todd Long, and Steve Kendrick. Attending but not shown in the photo: Jon Marangoni (behind the camera), Karen Huerta, Misha Karton, Philip Chang, Mike Monson, Carl Nielsen, Linda Reed, Joel Hawes, Jessica Scheiber, and Bob Welch.



The Mexican lunch was enjoyed by a full house.





Mike Grech, Jim Johnson and Tom Lewis.



Tracy and John Wellner with Anne Fincke.



Janet Hecker, Mike Hecker, and Sue Banducci.



Mike Beck and Don Lapacek.



Charles Han, Ann Johnson, Barbara Brady, Gerry Tandberg, Robyn Zuniga, and Louise Lawson.



John Edwards and Jeff Facer



Alvin Lim, Marj Leeds, John Waszawski, and Mai Lim.



Florence Lewis, Sandra and Joe Sinosky.



Steve Papenfus, Randy Fountain, and Shirley Yuen.



Mike Hecker and Kris Koller.



Diane Beck, John Edwards, Mike Beck, Alvin Lim, Marj Leeds, Rob Peters, Bob Muller, Dave Olund, Darlene Fleming, Charles Han, Barbara Brady, and Bart Ochoa.

Annual Alumni Reunion 2026



NAME

Tony Cofield, Shari LeBaron, Sandra Sinosky, Andrew Alvarez, Matt Fowler, Todd Long, Florence Lewis, Don Sanders, Deirdre Gabbard, and Diane Beck.



Tony Cofield, Robyn Zuniga, Matt Fowler, Lloyd Lawson, and Don Sanders.



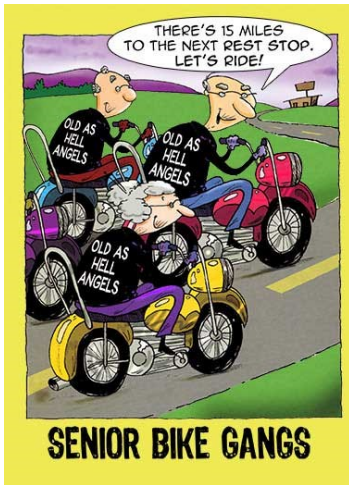
Angie Cofield, Dennis Lines, and Tony Cofield



Greg Pyka and Ed Campbell.



Ron Banducci and Todd Long.



"The sports car and sailboat are investments for my retirement. I'm using them to attract a younger woman who can support me in my old age."



Blast from the Past (15+ years): The Temptations with our very own AfterShock as their opening band.

Left to right: Front row: Russ Hawkins, Gary Frederickson, and Joe Vorderbrueggen. Back row: Mike Mallett, Andy Foreman, and Shari Mejia.



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](#).

- Asking for Trouble: Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood—Friday, June 26 at 7:30 PM

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 392!

FYI WE NOW HAVE 89 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.



Dilek Alkaya Tom Lewis David Sardenga **Greg Chambers** **Matt Fowler**

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, 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 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_iJLWbluul 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.](#)

Mark Finch

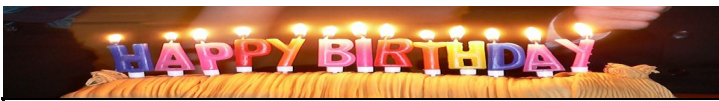
Mark worked at the Shell Martinez Refinery for 23 years beginning in 1981. He contributed to the plant's operation through a range of vital technical and leadership roles. He began as a technician, advanced to Senior Instrument Inspector, and later worked in maintenance and new construction. In his final years before retirement, he served as a Planner/Coordinator—helping to ensure the safe, efficient, and reliable operation of refinery projects.

Below is a photo of the collection of cars, planes, and other Shell memorabilia that was donated to the Museum from the Finch family. The photo does not do the items justice. If you are in the area, stop by the Museum and enjoy the items in person. The Museum wishes to thank the Finch family for their wonderful donation.



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

"The only limits you have are the limits you believe."



Karen Huerta & Ken Kapfenstein, May 1st
Paul Lamb, May 1st
Bill Rafus, May 4th
Ruth Kennedy, May 6th
Joel Hawes, May 8th
Ken Cramer, May 13th
Darrell Foote, May 14th
Wendy Anderson, May 15th
Misha Karton, May 16th
Ryan Keintz, May 17th
Tatyana Zerlin, May 18th
Steve Page, May 19th
John Swearingin & Frank Tiscareno, May 20th
Bob Welch, May 21st
Janae Adams, May 24th
Cathie Arenas & Jessica Scheiber, May 25th
Lynn Vawter, May 25th
Travis Vandevor & Carol Youngman, May 27th
Geneen Cummings, May 28th
Brian Gaetano, May 30th

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.

Obituaries

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

Jim Purdy, March 31st, 2026

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



Ron and Sue Banducci, May 3rd 50s
Bob and Terry Furry, May 6th
Craig and Beverly Bambach, May 9th 30s
Jack and Karen Yarnell, May 9th 30s
Murray and Linda Shelton, May 13th 50s
Lou and Lorie Cooper, May 15th 40s
John and Carolyn Warszawski, May 17th 40s
Charles and Suzanna Han, May 17th 10s
Bruce and Lynnette Potter, May 18th 20s
Gerry and Sonnie Tandberg, May 19th 40s
Patricia and Donald Zuniga, May 20th 9th
Phil and Ginger Chang, May 21st 40s
AJ and Mary Tupper, May 24th 10s
Lynn and Anna Vawter, May 24th 50s
Gil and Linda White, May 25th
Bart and Nancy Ochoa, May 26th 30s
Michael and Cindy Armour, May 26th 30s
Harold and Wendy Anderson, May 26th 50s
Woan-Ling and Kuo-Hua Choa, May 27th 40s
Blair and LaVerne Pollen, May 27th 40s
Carisa Valerga and Josh Finan, May 27th 5th
Darrell and Alina Sturgeon, May 28th 30s
John and Karen Swearingin, May 31st 50s

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” Winston Churchill

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</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.)	Please RSVP by June 8th.
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)	Please reply by July 5th with T-shirt sizes and names of attendees.
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. _____

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

Annual Alumni Picnic (BBQ) on June 16th, Tuesday – The annual BBQ picnic allows members to bring their children & grandchildren to enjoy lunch. See flier on page 14 of this newsletter for more details. **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. _____

Annual Bocce Tournament on July 25th, Saturday – Alumni members can invite their family and friends to attend in the bocce tournament. Please see flier on page 15 for more details. **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. _____

Please provide your email address or cell number for contact info. _____

Chili Bingo – Honoring our Veterans, September 10th – Lunch will be served at no cost to members only and their guest. **Please RSVP for the catering count BY Sept. 1st via, mail, email. \$10.00 per person, Veterans are served a free lunch and play bingo FREE—a small thank you for your service.**

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

Scrapbooking Event Tentative for October 3rd, Saturday– \$40.00 per person. **Please RSVP to attend.**

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

Toys for Tots, November 12th, Thursday – This lunch is held to collect toys for those that might not have a Christmas without groups like ours. Lunch cost is a toy(s) donation or \$10.00 per person OR BOTH. **Please advise your interest to attend by November 5th —\$10.00 per person or a toy donation(s).** Member’s Name:

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

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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ANNUAL ALUMNI



RSVP by **June 8th** and mark your calendars for June 16th at 10:30 am and send the name(s) of those attending. Cost is \$10.00 per person for Alumni members and a guest (Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren between ages 6 -16 are \$5.00 each, 5 and under free.) Remember for those non-members, who wish to attend, you can pay the \$5.00 Alumni dues with the picnic fee and still attend. Payment for picnic due by **June 16th**.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR due to the count for the catering order.

We will have some games and toys for the children attending.

For those that prefer to reply via paper format, please mail this form to the address shown below with payment.

- Date: **June 16th, 2025 —Tuesday**
- Time: 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Place: MRC Clubhouse Indoors
- Menu: Kinder's BBQ and all the fixins



Please complete and mail the RSVP form below or respond via email invite if you are interested in attending the Alumni Picnic. Your RSVP must be received and payment received by **June 8th.**

Tickets are \$10.00 per person for Alumni members and a guest, (Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren between 6 - 16 are \$5.00 each, 5 and under free.)

Mail this form with payment to the Alumni at P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553. You can also email your RSVP to mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com and mail payment separately. Checks should be payable to "Alumni General Fund". Venmo and Zelle are also accepted.

Member's Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Children's Name(s) and ages: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Phone Number or email address: _____

2026 BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 25th, 2026

Registration at 8:30 am

Tournament starts at 9:00 am



We would like to invite Alumni and E.A.A. members and their families to join the bocce tournament for a relaxing day playing bocce ball at the Martinez Shoreline Park bocce ball courts. **It is lots of fun and only \$10.00 per person (children are free!)**

RSVP due by July 5th (to obtain a t-shirt) and payment due July 25th. Checks payable to "Alumni General Fund". Venmo and Zelle are also accepted.

T-shirts and lunch will be provided, as well as water and soda. **For those that do not wish to receive a T-shirt, please mark "NA" on the size line.** Lunch will be served around noon. BYO wine and beer. Trophies will be presented for 1st and 2nd place.

Please submit the names of the players, check the box for your experience level (beginner and experienced) and shirt sizes on the form below (indicate "NA" if you do not wish to receive a T-shirt) and return it to the Alumni Museum by July 5th. This information is required to divide up beginners and experienced players to make balanced teams. Never played before, no worries, we will be glad to assist in learning the rules to play! Children, ages 10 and older, are welcome to play. Please include the age of children attending below.

Return this form to MRC Alumni Museum P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553

Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Beg Exp

Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Beg Exp

Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Beg Exp

Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Beg Exp

Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Beg Exp

Children's Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Age _____

Children's Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Age _____

Amount Paid _____ Phone or email address: _____