

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

February 2026
Edition 240

Special
points of
interest
in this
edition:

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!

January 15th, 2026, Thursday	Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive (RSVP)
February (mid to late) 2026	Crab Feed TBD (RSVP to reserve a seat—limited seating)
March (mid month) 2026	Annual Membership Meeting TBD
April 1st, 2026	Deadlines for Upcoming Scholarship Applications
April 30th, 2026, Thursday	Alumni Reunion Open House
May 4th, 2026, Monday	Scholarship Luncheon to Honor Scholarship Recipients
June 16th, 2026, Tuesday	Alumni BBQ Picnic
July 25th, Saturday	Bocce Tournament
September 10th, 2026, Thursday	Chili Bingo Honoring our Veterans
November 10th, 2026, Tuesday	Toys for Tots

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

Please remember to call, text or email if you wish to add your name to the crab feed ticket reservations list, if you haven't done so. **Tentatively scheduled for mid to late February after USW has ratified a new contract. Current status is the USW and Marathon have agreed to a 24-hour rolling extension.**

Diablo Regional Arts Association Discount Tickets

MRC Alumni have been included with the MRC employees to purchase 20% discounted tickets for specific Leshar 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 | Leshar Center for the Arts](#).

- Peppa Pig: My First Concert—Saturday, February 14 at 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM
- Ana Gasteyer—Friday, February 20 at 7:30 PM
- Mariachi Herencia de México—Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 PM
- SFJAZZ at the Leshar: 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

2026 Annual Food Drive and Breakfast on January 15th, 2026

The food drive was a great success thanks to the generosity of the MRC Alumni and employees that supported by attending and those that contributed through both food and donations. We collected 512 pounds of food and will donate \$2,000 to the Contra Costa Food Bank. THANK YOU!



Front row (left to right): Robyn Zuniga, Phyllis D'Alo, Ann Notarangelo, Gordon Johnson, Erin Hallissy, Alan Robbins, Ann Johnson, Jim Johnson, Linda Reed, Dina Cotton, and Brenda Hill. Second row (left to right): Darlene Fleming, Patricia Zuniga, John Zuniga, Rodger Engebretson, Marc Nelson, Robert Scheive, Anne Randall, Barbara Brady, and Donna Abbott. Third row (left to right): Blair Pollen, Randal Becker, Dennis Lines, Greg Pyka, Dewey Kranz, Joe Sinosky, Igor Skaredoff, Carl Weaver, and Mike Grech. Four row (left to right): Don Diermier, Mike Fleming, Chuck Nicolai, Dave Olund, Russ Graham, Rich Morrison, Steve Page, Mike Fynan, and Mac McGoveran. Back row (left to right): Ed Campbell, Todd Long, Bob Shelton, John Swearengen, and Russ Graham. Attending by not shown: Jon Marangoni, Jeff Facer, John Wellner, Jack Yarnell, and Phillip Chang.



Thanks to Ed Campbell, Mac McGoveran, Barbara Brady, and Russ Graham for their assistance in boxing up the 500+ pounds of food donations for transporting to the Museum.



Ed Campbell, Rich Morrison, and Blair Pollen



Jamin Evans and Jack Yarnell



Steve Page, Carl and Mary Weaver



Mark Leeds



Igor Skaredoff and Rodger Engebretson



Todd Long and Phyllis D'Alo



Chuck Nicolai and Brady Brady



Dave Olund and Russ Hawkins



Gordon Johnson, Mac McGoveran, Mike Hall, and Randal Becker



Erin Hallissy, Ann Notarangelo, and Ann Johnson



Greg Pyka, Dennis Lines (in the background Dewey Kranz and Joe Sinosky)



Ann Notarangelo, Erin Hallissy, and Gordon Johnson



Mac McGoveran and Phillip Chang



Joe Sinosky, Dewey Kranz, and John Swearengin



Ed Campbell, Lonnie and Anne Randall, and Mike Grech. Mike Fyan to the right.



Brenda Hill, Dina Cotten, and Rodger Engebretson
with the food donations for 2026.



Jack Yarnell and John Wellner hard at work
preparing the delicious breakfast.



Ann and Jim Johnson



Mac McGoveran and Phillip Chang



Mac McGoveran, Rich Morrison, and Ed Campbell

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 383!

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.



Rick DeCembra Meredith Lewis

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) 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_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.](#)



Back row (left to right): Kris Koller, Ashley DeBlander, Bart Ochoa, Brian Cerri, Erin McDonald, Bob Muller, John Nord, and Jon Marangoni. Front row (left to right): Don Pallotta, Lou Cooper, Carisa Valerga, Mike Anselmo, Steve Hamilton, Lenny Roque, and Steve Neilsen.

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 2026 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

Happy Valentine's Day



B A F L O W E R S E
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 H P S C C K O D O T
 K A O P F B V E R I
 N H A I Q G E P E N
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LOVE	CUPID
CHOCOLATE	HUG
CANDY	FLOWERS
VALENTINE	HEART
FRIENDS	ROSES

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."

A farmer had some puppies to sell, so he made a sign advertising the four pups and went to nail it to a post at the edge of his yard. As he was hammering the last nail, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down to see a little boy.

"Mister," the boy said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

The farmer wiped the sweat from his brow and replied, "Well, these puppies come from good stock and cost quite a bit."

The boy lowered his head for a moment. Then, digging into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

The farmer smiled and said, "Sure." He whistled, calling out, "Here, Dolly!"

Dolly came running out of the doghouse, followed by four little puppies. The boy pressed his face to the fence, eyes gleaming with excitement. As the puppies approached the fence, he noticed something else moving inside the doghouse.

A smaller puppy slowly emerged, sliding down the ramp awkwardly, trying its best to catch up with the others.

"I want that one," the boy said, pointing to the smaller pup.

The farmer knelt beside him and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He won't be able to run and play like the others."

The boy stepped back, rolled up one leg of his trousers, and revealed a steel brace on his leg, attached to a special shoe. Looking up at the farmer, he said, "I don't run so well either, and he'll need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer picked up the little pup and gently handed it to the boy.

"How much?" the boy asked.

"No charge," the farmer said softly. "Love doesn't cost a thing."

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.



Gerald Lamphiear, February 2nd
Kal Atchley, February 3rd
Hersch Wilhoite, February 8th
Tammy Gard & Theresa Harris, February 9th
Pam Martinez & Scott Slagle, February 11th
Jim Flores, February 14th
Ron Lawson, February 16th
Randy Stone, February 19th
Rich Morrison & Cristina Williams, February 20th
Bruce Jensen, February 21st
Jim Lui & Mike Monson, February 22nd
Mark Thomson, February 23rd
Tim Johnson, February 25th
Laura Jett, February 26th
Chris Dooly & Ha Nguyen, January 2nd
Dewey Kranz & Mike Armour, January 4th
Mike Beck, January 9th
Woan-Ling Chao, January 13th
Tony English & Tony Graboyes, January 14h
Dave Gieber & Nick Plurkowski, January 14th
Rick Shih, January 15th
Anita Edralin, January 16th
Bob Hillaker, January 18th
Elijah Edwards & Dan Kubaczyk, January 19th
Ron Banducci & Joe Sinosky, January 20th
Don Lapacek & Anne Fincke, January 20th
Lou Cooper, January 22nd
Patricia French, January 23rd
Dwight Harlander, January 26th
Brad Manau & Glenda Robertson, January 28th
Kathy Wheeler, January 28th
Melissa Guillen, January 29th
Kurt Lusetti, January 30th



Ken and Susan Feick, February
Rich and Carol Youngman, February 1st 40s
Scott and Jennifer Just, February 3rd 20s
Marcelo Ognian and Florencia Soria, February 5th 30s
Kal and Anna Atchley, February 10th 30s
Edward and Maria Alemany, February 11th 20s
♥ Kurt and Penny Lusetti, February 14th 10s
♥ John and Linda Chism, February 14th 50s
♥ Steve and Sandy Papenfus, February 14th 20s
♥ Chuck and Joanna Rhodes, February 14th 20s
♥ Karen and Ronald Rowell, February 14th 40s
Louie and Sooky Maldonado, February 16th 60s
Bob and Mary Welch, February 18th
Cristina and David Williams, February 18th 30s
Joseph and Doris LaGrone, February 24th 20s
Andy and Chris Chen, February 26th 30s
Patricia and Gilbert French, February 27th 40s
Juli and Thomas McLain, February 28th 10s
Dave and Nerissa Seaton, February 28 40s
Kristin Marczak and Jason Schultz, January 1st
Randy and Deanne Stone, January 2nd 10s
Gerry and Marian Walker, January 17th 30s
Mildred and Fermin Suzara, January 17 30s



"Don't prescribe anything for my memory.
I like it when I forget I'm old!"

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

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 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 25th, 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. 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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Alumni Reunion, April 30th – Mexican buffet will be served for \$10.00 per person.

Member's Name: _____, Guest's Name: _____

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

RSVP BY 3/15 AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO 4/30 Amount Paid \$ _____

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The Alumni has appreciated your support throughout the 2025 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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