

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company

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**Special  
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interest  
in this  
edition:**

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## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2025 EVENTS!

**July 26th**

**Annual Bocce Tournament**

**September 9th**

**Annual Chili Bingo—Honoring Our Veterans (6 games after lunch (menu is chili, corn bread, and sliders)**

**November 6th**

**Annual Toys for Tots Luncheon**

## 2025 Bocce on 7/26, Saturday

Bocce tournament had 70 participants, some of which were spectators cheering on their friends and family members. The weather was a little cool but very enjoyable not being in the 90's. The lunch that was served was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the folks on the team (Jeff Facer, John and Tracy Wellner, Noah Luecke, Mike Anselmo, Phyllis D'Alo, Don Sanders, Todd Long, and Jon Marangoni) for their work to work the tournament and get the food get the food cooked and served. This doesn't include the early morning set up and after event clean up. Thanks to everyone for supporting the event, it is appreciated. The pictures below tell the story as well as the link provided to all the photos taken by Jon.



1st Place Winners

Vince D'Alo, Deborah Long, and  
name unknown.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE WINNING  
TEAMS IN THIS  
YEAR'S BOCCÉ  
TOURNAMENT.



2nd Place Winners

Bart Ochoa, Steve Page, and Greg Pyka.



## Annual Bocce Tournament—July 26th, 2025



Todd Long giving instructions for the day to “let the games begin”.



Marj Leeds, Erick Spangler, and Mark Makarewicz.



Jim Lui, Mark Leeds, Antoinette Maldonado, and Victoria Martinez.



Darrell Ray



Sandy and Steve Papenfus



Kimberly Marangoni, Matthew and Rob Bartoli.



Shy and Noah Luecke, Fred Korbmacher, and Kathy Nielsen.





Team 1—Lorna Thomson, Louis Thomson, and Mark Thomson.



Team 2—Dona Foreman, Andy Foreman, Sharon Francis, and Bill Francis.



Team 3—Sharon Pyka, Don Lapacek, Erick Spangler, and Michael Anselmo.



Team 4—Burt Barham, Darrell Ray, Sandy and Steve Papenfus.



Team 5—Teresa Makarewicz, Jim Lui, Mark Leeds, and Michael Carr.



Team 6—Mark Makarewicz, Marj Leeds, Carolyn and John Warszawski.





Team 7—Antoinette Maldonado, Kris Koller, and Victoria Martinez.



Team 8—Steve Page, Bart Ochoa, and Greg Pyka.



Team 9—Eddie Alemany, Mark Alemany, Ecaterina Chelaru, and Vida Freire.



Team 10 –Maria Alemany, Eddie Alemany Jr., Judy Korbmacher, and Kathy Anselmo.



Team 11—Noah and Shileen Luecke, Jeff Facer, and Mac McGoveran.

Missing team12 photo of  
Fred Korbmacher, Kathy  
and Carl Nielsen.





Team 13—Vince D'Alo, Deborah Long, and Marcus Wright.



Team 14—Tom Cutright, Matthew Bartoli, Kimberly Marangoni, and Sandra Sinosky.



Jim Lui, Mark Leeds, Antoinette Maldonado, and Victoria Martinez.



Todd Long and Michael Anselmo.



Phyllis D'Alo



Jeff Facer and John Wellner



Don Sanders



Tracy and John Wellner

Thanks to all those folks working behind the scenes to make this event such a great success! Don't forget Jon Marangoni for the photos!



## Las Juntas Elementary School Supply Donation for 2025.

The Alumni donated ~\$1,000 of the requested supplies on the wish list of the school. Our goal is support Martinez and the residents. This photo shows a small portion of the actual donation by supply types. Easel paper, eraser tips, construction paper, crayola's, markers, sharpie and expo markers, colored and No. 2 pencils, pencil pouches, scotch tape, paper clips, pens, glue sticks, post it notes, ruled index cards, staples and colored index stock paper.





## ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 372!

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.



Carl Buccellato

Cristina Williams

Noah Luecke

Ray Jones

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 Toys for Tots November 12th. 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.



**[Open hyperlink this to view the Alumni scholarship photos from 1993 to current.](#) [This hyperlink opens the scholarship list of recipients.](#)**

### Alumni Scholarship History Now added to the Alumni Web Page

The compilation of the history of scholarships awarded from 1993 to 2025 is now available on the web site to look back at the number of scholarships presented to support education of the Alumni families and MRC employees that applied for a scholarship. **Hope you enjoy the lookback of these recipients.**

## Travel/Event Partnership with Martinez Senior Center—Alumni are able to sign up after the Martinez Senior Center Members to fill open slots.

**CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS (7 DAYS) SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 \$3475PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.** This 7 day trip includes roundtrip airfare, transfers to/from the airport, accommodations, 9 meals, a tour director, and an itinerary with the following: 5 nights in Cape Cod, 1 night in Boston, Boston City Tour, Martha's Vineyard Tour, Nantucket Island visit, Mayflower II, Plymouth Rock, Provincetown, and much more! Contact Premier World Discovery to register by calling 877-953- 8687 or visit [res.premierworlddiscovery.com](https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com). Let them know you are booking with Martinez Seniors! Booking Code: 187270.

**ROME & THE COUNTRY ROADS OF TUSCANY (9 DAYS) OCTOBER 14, 2025 \$4249PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.** This 9 day trip includes roundtrip airfare, transfers to/from the airport, accommodations, 10 meals, a tour director, and an itinerary with the following: Siena Walking Tour, San Gimignano visit, Florence City Tour, Statue of David, Leaning Tower of Pisa, St. Peter's Basilica, and a Tuscany Winery visit with tasting and much more! Contact Premier World Discovery to register by calling 877-953- 8687 or visit [res.premierworlddiscovery.com](https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com). Let them know you are booking with Martinez Seniors! Booking Code: 187271.

### Extended Travel - Premier World Discovery

All extended trips are offered through Premier World Discovery. Detailed flyers can be found in the lobby at the Senior Center. To register for an extended trip call 877-953-8687, email [info@premierworlddiscovery.com](mailto:info@premierworlddiscovery.com), or visit <https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com>. Let them know you are booking with Martinez Seniors! Please note: Premier World Discovery trip deposits are risk free and there are no charge fees until final payment due date.

## Cache Creek Casino Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | \$58

Depart Safeway at 9:00am and arrive at Cache Creek Casino around 11:00am. Cache Creek Casino is owned and operated by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, located in Brooks, California. The casino features over 2,300 slot machines, more than 80 table games, 11 restaurants, and much more! You will receive a \$20 bonus play. Depart for home at 3:00pm and arrive back in Martinez around 5:00pm. Sign up at the front desk with cash or check made payable to SCC Martinez. Sign ups open now until full.

### Sky River Casino - November 7, 2024

#### Thursday, November 7, 2024

##### \$50 per person | Cash or Check only

Depart Safeway at 9:00am and arrive at Sky River Casino in Elk Grove around 11:00am. Sky River has over 100,000 square feet of gaming floor space with 2,000 slot machines, 80 table games and 17 unique dining options. You will receive \$20 in Free Slot Play!

Sign up at the front desk with cash or check made payable to City of Martinez.

*Price includes Round trip motorcoach transportation and tours as outlined above.*

Space is limited, spots are on a first come first serve basis.

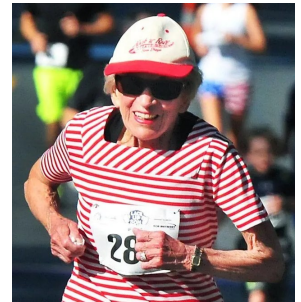
**Sign ups open for members on July 2 | Non-members July 9**



## NEVER TOO LATE....

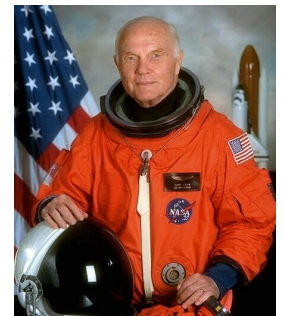
### Harriette Thompson

Not only does Harriette Thompson hold the record for the oldest woman to complete a marathon at the age of 92, but 2 years later she broke a new record by becoming the oldest woman to complete a half-marathon! Harriet didn't start running until she was in her 50's and didn't participate in a marathon until she was 76, proving that it is never too late to try something new. As a two-time cancer survivor, Harriette motivated herself by running for a cause. Her efforts helped to raise over \$100,000 for cancer research.



### John Glenn

The next of our inspirational stories for senior citizens take us to outer space. On October 29, 1998, John Glenn became the oldest person to travel to outer space. He was aboard the space shuttle orbiter Discovery for a research mission, and he participated in a series of tests on the aging process. [6] This wasn't John's first time in outer space, as he is also remembered as being the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962. John found his passion early on in life and worked on it continuously, staying a vocal supporter of the space program even after his retirement. In 2012, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



### Anna Mary Robertson Moses

Anna Mary Robertson, better known as Grandma Moses, didn't try painting until her late 70's. According to the National Museum of Women in the Arts, she spent her life as a farm wife and mother, selling homemade food to support her family. She drew inspiration from life on the farm and as a hobby, she would work on needlework and quilts. When arthritis made it too difficult to continue with embroidery, Anna Mary decided to try painting her farm scenes instead. She was self-taught and used supplies from around the house. After a New York art collector stumbled upon her work, she gained massive popularity and her work was exhibited around the world.



## 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.



# HUMOR CORNER

## George Carlin on Aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than ten years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half." You're four and a half going on 5.

You get into your teens, and you simply jump to the next number. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16. Eventually.

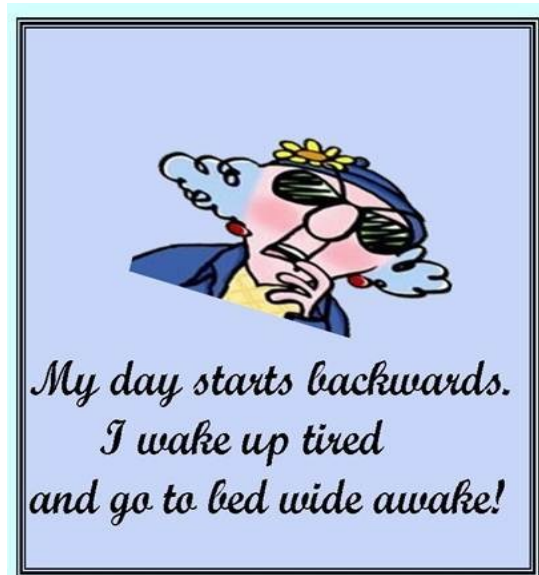
Then the great day arrives and you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21!!

Then you turn 30. What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. What's wrong? What changed?

You BECOME 21. You TURN 30; You're PUSHING 40. You REACH 50. Then you MAKE IT to 60. By then you've built up so much speed, you HIT 70. After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday...

You get into your 80's; you HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30. And it doesn't end there...

Into the '90s, you start going backward. "I was JUST 92." Then a strange thing happens; if you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half."



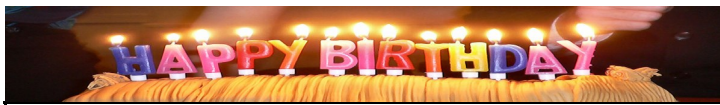
## An Elderly Encounter

An elderly gentleman, in his mid-90s, very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling of a good after shave, presenting a well-looked-after image, walks into an up-scale cocktail lounge.

Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady.

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"





Elizabeth Ellars, August 2nd
Tony Cofield, August 3rd
Justin Munoz, August 4th
Kristen Marczak, August 7th
Ron Fletcher, Bob Payn, & Gil White, August 10th
Denise Viola, August 16th
Victoria Martinez, August 18th
Harry Dhillion, August 19th
Jeff Harris & Sue Pinkham, August 21st
George Lim & Harry Powell, August 24th
Michelle Ayala, August 26th
Barbara Brady & Don Pallotta, August 28th
Jon Marangoni, August 30th



Mike and Diane Beck, August
Michael and Lisa Gonzalez, August 1st 30s
Steve and Donna Kendrick, August 1st 40s
Wendy and Larry Thomas, August 4th 10s
Jeff and Stacey Andre, August 6th 20s
Joel and Regina Hawes (Scalise), August 8th 6 yrs
Linda and Tom Cutright, August 12th 50s
Donald and Sheila Pallotta, August 13th 40s
Tammy and Jim Gard, August 15th 30s
Nick and Katharine Plurkowski, August 16th 20s
Maggie and Robert Barnum, August 17th 20s
Nicole and Kevin Kilmurray, August 17th 7 yrs
Emmett and Carol Miller, August 18th 70s
Desiree Morales & Miguel Marquez, August 18th 9 yrs
Chris and Tiffany Weisse, August 18th
Rick and Jeanne Shih, August 19th 20s
Kevin and Christine Rea, August 22nd 40s
Carl and Susan Langhorst, August 24th 50s
Mark and Lorna Thomson, August 25th 20s
Dale and Magda Rash, August 25th 40s
Tony and Angie Cofield, August 26th 30s
Gerald and Cyndy Lamphiear, August 27th 40s
Justin and Kimberly Munoz August 30th 10s

## 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

## 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 never dreamed about success. I worked for it. Estee Lauder"*

## Obituaries

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

Cameron Woolcott—March 14, 2025

Brian Parker—March 27th, 2025

Brian Nippa - June 14th, 2025

John LaCoste— June 19th, 2025

Linda Thurman—June 2025

Al Duchene—June 2025



# MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY ALUMNI 2025 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

P.O. Box 1093 Martinez, CA 94553

[MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM) (925) 293-4162

Proposed event schedule of activities for 2025 (cost and dates subject to change).

Please note that event pricing is **for members in good standing** (current on dues). Alumni that are non-members (dues not paid) MRC retirees or active employees may attend the events or any scheduled trips, however the pricing for non-members may be higher. Tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis, members in good standing getting priority for events if there is limited availability of seating or tickets.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMBER COST/PERSON	COMMENTS
January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (Monday)	Volunteers to assist with removing Christmas decorations at Clubhouse (lunch provided)		
Jan. 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Tuesday January 20 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 pm set-up	MRC Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive @ Clubhouse (Doors open @ 9:30 am and breakfast served at 10:30 am)	Breakfast \$10.00 and/or a donation of non-perishable food/ canned goods – non breakable containers only.	RSVP requested by 1/14/2025 – payment by 1/21/2025
Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Thursday	Crab Feed @ Noon Clubhouse Doors open @ 10:30 and lunch is served at Noon	Ticket cost \$50 per member limited ticket sales – 2 tickets per member	RSVP requested by 2/1/2025 – payment by 2/13/2025
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Thursday	Membership Meeting- open 10:45 am, meeting @ 11:00 am, lunch served @ 11:45 am	Free (Members and their guest Only)	RSVP requested by 3/1/2025
April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	Scholarship applications are due to the Scholarship Committee	P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA	
April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Thursday	Retiree Reunion/Open House – Mexican Buffett served with wine and beer	\$10 at the door per member	RSVP requested by 4/1/2025 – payment by 4/10/2025
May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Monday	Scholarship Lunch @ Zio Fraedo's	\$10/person	RSVP requested by 4/26/2025 – payment by 5/5/2025
June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Tuesday	MRC Annual Picnic @ Clubhouse – The event will be held indoors again this year.	Alumni member and a guest \$10.00/person (Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren under 14 are \$5.00 each over the age of 5. Under age 5 free.)	RSVP requested by 6/2/2025 – payment by 6/10/2025
July 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 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)	RSVP requested by 7/1/2025 – payment by 7/19/2025
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Tuesday	Chili Bingo – Honoring our Veterans	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person	RSVP requested by 9/1/2025 – payment by 9/9/2025
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Thursday	Luncheon & Toys for Tots Drive	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person and/or a new toy(s) per person	RSVP requested by 10/30/2025 – payment by 11/6/2025
December 2025 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: \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐ 2029

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**Honoring Our Veterans, Sept. 16th** – The Alumni will sponsor this chili lunch to honor our Veterans with a free lunch and bingo. The cost for lunch & bingo to non-veterans and their guest is \$10 per person.

☐ Check this box if you are a Veteran and will attend.

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP response due August 30th, 2025.**

**Amount Paid \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Toys for Tots, Nov. 6th** – Meal cost will be to donate a toy or \$10.00 per person for lunch OR BOTH.

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Toy Donation ☐ \$10 ☐ or BOTH ☐

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Toy Donation ☐ \$10 ☐ or BOTH ☐

**RSVP BY 10/30 AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO Nov 6th** Amount Paid or Toy Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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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 ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐ 2029 ☐ 2030

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 February 2025*