ALUMNI NEWSLETER

Martinez Refining Company



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Special points of interest in this edition:

- SAVE THE DATE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS 11/12/26
- 2026 Toys for Tots Lunch on November 12th **renewal of dues**
- Toys for Tots Flier and information
- Bingo Event photo and details from 9/10/26
- Duck Hunting and Fishing in the Grizzly Bay Photos of updates at Museum and Museum Annex
- New Alumni Members— membership at 396!
- Alumni Scholarship Recipients 1993 to 2026Photo links to 2025/2026 events and the website
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- 2026/2027
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- Payment form for single/multiple Alumni events **and** Alumni Membership Application

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCH – LAST EVENT OF 2026!

DATES FOR 2027 COMING IN THE DECEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER!

November 12th, 2026, Thursday	Toys for Tots
TBD November	Clubhouse Decorating

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).

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, upwrapped toy(s)*** *for donation to Martinez Shelter, Inc., La Casa Ujima in Martinez, and the US Martine 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: _____

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If bringing a guest, please provide their name._____

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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.**

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.



Duck Hunting and Fishing in the Grizzly Bay (story and photos/video brought to us by Jon Maragoni and Debbie Zamaria from the Martinez Oral History Project).

These stories and memories were shared and recorded by some Martinez natives (iconic Italian families) about a hunting tradition that has spanned the past century. These hunters built their own shacks, accessible by boats only, and stayed in the shacks for days/weeks to hunt, dress the ducks, and eating their bounty. Danny Peligrini, Jack Lucido, Angelo Costanza, Vince Romeo, and Nick Graziano (former Shell contractor).

The Museum Annex has the equipment and facilities to do presentations and video taping the important to the history and operation of the Museum. This is just an example of presentations and other events we can plan in the future.





Update photos of the Museum and the Annex for projects being completed.
Work is underway to paint, add new displays, and work to improve the current displays.



Kitchen paint refreshed (walls, cabinets, and table).

Kitchen with new flooring.



Pectin from the old main entrance and the Centennial plaque.





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 – Kaz Adachi and Sergio Zermino

Here are a few facts about our members: Members reside in the following countries and states: Australia, Canada, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, 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_iJLWbIuuI 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.

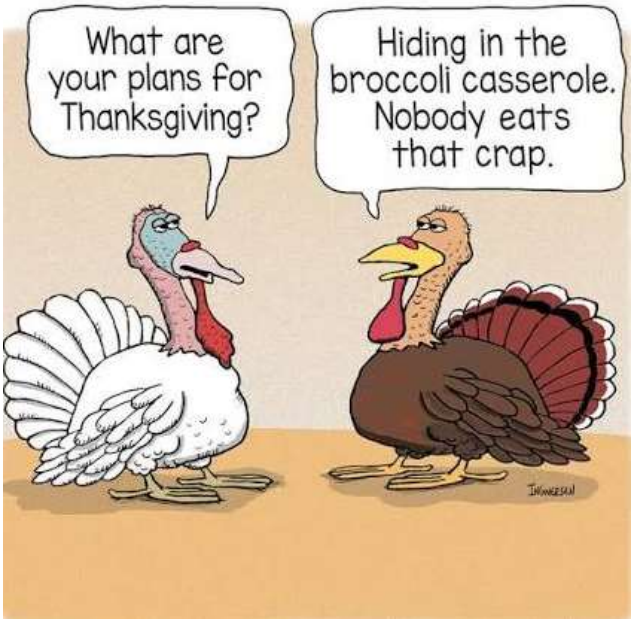
HOLIDAY HUMOR

Knock, knock! Who's there?" **Snow.** Snow who? **Snow time to waste.** It's almost Christmas!
Knock, knock! Who's there?" **Alaska.** Alaska who?" **Alaska again.** What do you want for Christmas?
Knock, knock! Who's there?" **Mary.** Mary who? **Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!**



"We demand to be paid in real money and not with mince pies and carrots!"


I don't understand it, friends and family never come for Christmas dinner anymore."







Ron Swanson, October 30th
David Hanna, November 1st
Nancy Navarro, November 1st
Chuck Rhodes, November 4th
Shirley Yuen, November 4th
Don Evans, November 6th
Dale Della Rosa, November 7th
Michael Carr, November 12th
John Warszawski, November 13th
John Chism, November 17th
Rick DeCambra, November 17th
Bob Muller, November 17th
Patricia Zuniga, November 19th
Steve Buzbee, November 21st
Merliza Alcala, November 22nd
Louie Maldonado, November 22nd
Robert Scheive, November 26th
Diana Keith, November 27th
Kevin Vance, November 27th



Jim and Terri Fitzgerald, November 6th – 50s
Dina and Robert Cotten, November 8th – 40s
Ron and Marilyn Fletcher, Novwember 13th – 40s
Robert and Tracy Payn, November 13th – 40s
Kevin and Wendy Vance, November 19th – 40s
Michael and Sue Carr, November 20th
Jimmy and Carolyn Brown, November 21st
Elijah and Rachelle Edwards, November 21st – 30s
Laura and Mike Jett, November 21st – 30s
Ha and Tuan Nguyen, November 23rd – 20s
Don and Jan Evans, November 26th – 60's
Randy and Kimberly Martinez, November 26th
David and Kathy Olund, November 28th – 40s
Hersh and Karin Wilhoite, November 28th – 40s

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."
— Henry Ford

Current Board Members and Officers
Museum Phone number (925) 293-4162

Chairman—Brenda Hill
Vice Chairman—Rodger Engebrethson
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.

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 3rd 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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- 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 for the events 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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