

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Martinez Refining Company

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**Special
points
of
interest
in this
edition:**

- ◆ SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!
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- ◆ Bocce Tournament Winners and Photos
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- ◆ Alumni Membership Application

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 EVENTS!

September 10th, 2026, Thursday
October 3rd. Saturday - Tentative
November 12th, 2026, Thursday
Christmas Clubhouse Decorating

Chili Bingo Honoring our Veterans
Scrapbooking Event—All Day—Please RSVP your interest
Toys for Tots
TBD for volunteers

Calling all Scrapbookers

Please reply by August 8th to Participate

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.



1st PLACE Noah & Shy Luecke and
Dea & John Ingram.



2nd PLACE Kathy Anselmo, Michael & Lisa
Gonzalez, and Don Lapacek.

Congratulations to the teams taking 1st and 2nd place in this year's tournament.

BINGO

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026

The Alumni would like to honor our Veterans and thank them for their service with a free lunch and bingo. This invite includes Alumni members and MRC employees. Veterans will be admitted to lunch and receive two bingo cards without charge in recognition of their service. If you don't have time for bingo, join us for the social hour and lunch.

This event will be held in the MRC Clubhouse on September 10th. The menu will be chili, cornbread, and dessert (water, soda, beer and wine will be served). We will open the doors at 10:30 for socializing and serve lunch at 11:00 am. After lunch and a short break, we will play 6 rounds of assorted bingo which should take about 60 minutes. **(Reminder: RSVP's by 9/2/26 are required prior to the event to attend.)** *Note: bingo cards are the shutter style - no messy bingo daubers.*

Date: September 10th, 2026
Time: Doors open @10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Lunch: Served at 11:00 am
Place: MRC Clubhouse



We will play 6 rounds of varied bingo, as noted below, with gift cards (\$25 to \$50) being the prizes. The rounds of bingo will be: traditional "line bingo", a "two line", "four corners", an "outside picture frame", and the finale will be "full house or blackout bingo".

Four Corners – Block off the numbers in all four corners of your bingo card.

Traditional Line Bingo – Block off a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line of five numbers.

Outside Picture Frame – Block off the outside boxes all the way around your bingo card.

Two Lines – Block off two horizontal lines of five numbers.

Full House or Blackout – Block off all the numbers on the card.

Please complete the information below and submit via email or by mail this form with payment to the Alumni, at P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA 94553. Check should be made payable to "Alumni General Fund". RSVP's due by September 5th, payment due by September 10th, 2026.

Name: _____ Check If You are a Veteran ☐

Contact info: Email address or Cell Number: _____

Guest's Name: _____

November Toy Drive is fast approaching!



The end of the year is fast approaching with only Bingo, Scrapbooking, and 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. For those unable to attend in person, we have several options to donate.

I would like to challenge the Alumni and MRC to outdo last year's toy drive. Toy costs have gone up and to that end I would offer several options to donate, especially for those unable to attend in person. We appreciate all the support we get from both Alumni and MRC employees supporting the toy drive.

- Drop off a new toy(s) at the Museum on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and noon.
- 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.
- MRC will have a drop off location and checks/monies can be sent directly to Alumni in care of Linda Reed.

Alumni School Supply Drive Donation for Las Juntas Elementary

The Alumni joined the MRC drive and donated some of the many items on their wish list for 2026-2027 school year to help stretch their budget. The wish list included many basics for the students, such as; pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, pencil bags, paint, and glue sticks. Administrative supplies, such as; sharpies, flip chart paper, post it notes, expo markers, index cards, and various types of paper for the teacher's use.



Alumni's 35th Annual Bocce Tournament—7/25/26

This year's tournament was well attended and enjoyed by all, especially those taking home the 1st and 2nd place well-deserved trophies. After the tournament, we served up hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by Don and Lindsay Sanders. Accompanying the sandwiches we served baked beans and pasta salad prepared by John Wellner and Jeff Facer. A big thanks to Mike Anselmo for serving as the bocce official this year, as well as helping manage the bocce facilities and use of the courts. Would also like to thank Ed & Marilyn Campbell and Noah Luecke for helping to set up and clean up for the tournament. It is much appreciated for all the folks that attend to support the event and assist with making it happen. Many thanks also to Jon Marangoni for the great photos to share with the Alumni members in the newsletter.



The bocce court signage with the 1st and 2nd place trophies displayed on top. A great photo with the US flag in the back.



Don Sanders getting ready to grill the hot dogs and 1/2 lb. hamburgers.



Players checking in for instructions before the start of the tournament.



Jon Marangoni (normally behind the camera), Darrell Ray, and John Wellner.)



Ed & Marilyn Campbell



The Alemany Family (Eddie, Mark, Maria, and Eddie Jr.)



The "Bocce Crew" - Noah Luecke, Mike Anselmo, Ed Campbell, Jeff Facer, John Wellner, and Brenda Hill



Tracy and John Wellner.



Joe Sinosky



Jeff Facer



Bill Rafus



Lisa Gonzalez



Maria Alemany



Ken Feick, Susan Feick and
Robert Scheive



Don Lapacek



Gerry Walker, Mike Hall, Bill Rafus, Bart Ochoa, and Jim Lui.



Joe Sinosky, Tom Cutright, Deirdre Gabbard, John Swearengen, and Sandra Sinosky.



Susan Rafus



Mac McGoveran



Victoria Martinez



Randal Becker, Paul Gabbard, and Greg Pyka.



Michael Carr, John Warszawski, and Diane Beck.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 395!

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.

Joe Vorderbrueggen

Ron Eggers



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 25th, 2026. 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_iJLWbluuI 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.](#)

Photo blast from the past 1991 Machine Shop Photo—with the help of some of the Alumni we finally identified everyone in the photo. Thanks!



Back Row: (left to right) Kevin Cooley, Don Harvey, Art Tinney, Dennis Lowry, Mark Leeds, Roger Prill, Russ Toscani, Rich Youngman, Joe Weisse, Jack Nicholson, John Chism, Bob Payn, and Otto Wagner. Middle Row: (left to right) Al Irons, Tony Graboyes, Sal Coniglio, Todd Upton, Anebel Louie, Paul Hess, Mitch Mathews, Carol Goos, Dewey Kranz, Frank Pelzl, Randy Martin, and Frank Tiscareno. Front row: (left to right) Darrel Sturgeon, Don Evans, Stan Montero, Joe Sinosky, Leo Dufresne, Herb Jill, Ed Slattery, and David Schlosser.

**We've been
friends for so long,
I can't remember
which one of us is
the bad influence.**





- At my age, the only pole dancing I do is while holding on to the safety bar in the bathtub.
- An old woman is sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sits down beside her. "So," he says, "do I come here often?"
- One benefit of old age is that your secrets are always safe with your friends ... because they can't remember them!
- You know you're getting old when your birthday cake is a fire hazard.

EXERCISES FOR SENIORS

You know how important exercise is, as we grow older. Here are a few suggestions. I start by standing outside behind the house and, with a five-pound potato sack in each hand, extend my arms straight out to my sides and hold them there as long as I can.

After a few weeks, I moved up to 10-pound potato sacks, then 50-pound potato sacks and finally I got to where I could lift a 100-pound potato sack in each hand and hold my arms straight out for more than a full minute!

Next, I started putting a few potatoes IN the sacks, but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level.



Elizabeth Ellars, August 2nd
Tony Cofield, August 3rd
Justin Munoz, August 4th
Kirstin Marczak, August 7th
Gil White, August 10th
Ron Fletcher, August 10th
Bob Payn, August 10th
Denise Viola, August 16th
Victoria Martinez, August 18th
Harry Dhillon, 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

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.
Igor Kobrinovitch, May 2026?
John Whaley, June 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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
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, August 8th 7th
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 Barham, August 17th 20s
Nicole (Sibley) and Kevin Kilmurray, August 17th 8th
♥ Emmett and Carol Miller, August 18th 75th
Desiree Morales and Miguel Marquez, August 18th 10s
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

“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.” – Nelson Mandela.

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 (free lunch and bingo to the Veterans)	Alumni member & a guest \$10.00 per person	RSVP by by 9/2.
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	
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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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—a small thank you for your service.**

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

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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.

- Drop off a new toy(s) at the Museum on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and noon.
- Monetary donations can be put in an envelope and dropped through the Museum door mail slot.
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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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