

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2024 and 2025

November 9th	Scrapbooking/Crafting - CANCELLED—REFUNDS WILL BE MAILED
November 12th	Toys for Tots (new toys and donations accepted at Museum)
December 3rd	10:00 to 2:00 Decorating Inside and Outside of Clubhouse for Christmas
December TBD	Lighting Ceremony at the Clubhouse by MRC
January 7th	8:00 to 5:00 pm Removal of Christmas Decorations at the Clubhouse
January TBD	Annual Breakfast and Canned Food Drive
February TBD	Crab Feed

*Wishing you and your family a wonderful  
Thanksgiving filled with friends and great food!*

## TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 12TH

Last year's toy drive was exceptional. In an effort again this year to increase toy donations for those less fortunate, we will begin accepting new, unwrapped toys at the Museum on Tuesdays & Thursdays (9:00 am to Noon) between now and November 10th. For those of you that would like to support the event, but will be unable to attend in person or unable to do the shopping, we will also accept donations....and we'll do the shopping for you (whether you are attending or not). MRC will also be supporting the toy drive by collecting toys at the site to donate. Admission cost will be \$10.00 per person for lunch and/or **bring a new, unwrapped toy(s). The toys will be donated to Martinez Shelter, Inc. and La Casa Ujima in Martinez. Hope to see you there!**



# ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 347!

FYI WE NOW HAVE 79 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.



Victor Slagle

Dan Sabalesky

Natalia Recko

Here are a few facts about our members: Members reside in the following countries and states: Australia, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, 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 2024 from February 20th. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Annual Alumni Meeting on March 19th. Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Annual Alumni Reunion on April 18th, Open this [hyperlink](#) to check out all the photos from the event.

Scholarship Awards from May 2024, to view the photos of the event just open this [hyperlink](#).

Bocce Tournament on July 13th, to view the photos of the event just open this [hyperlink](#).

Mare Island Tour on July 18th, to view the photos of the event just open this [hyperlink](#).



**[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 2024 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.

# Museum Annex Renovation Progress

We are making slow, steady progress towards the completion of the Museum Annex addition to add new Museum display areas. The left photo below shows the completion of area one with new LED lights and painting and the right photo shows area two after the new LED lights were installed and we have a quote and estimated date for the completion of the area in about two weeks.. We are working on updating the bathrooms with new fixtures and paint. There will also be a new ADA bathroom installed. The work area/lab and two large storage areas are already completed. The rooms have or will have carpet squares installed. There has been additional work in area one with class room area for presentations.

After the building has been completed, next comes the task of arranging the areas and cleaning up to make the space into the useable areas for tours/guests. The plan is to make available hands-on displays and materials to have school visits again as long ago.

MRC has given us several displays to mount in the new area, one being the employee collage that was displayed in the office building several years ago as well as several items from the 100 year celebration that will be put on display.

The Alumni are very appreciative of MRC's support in helping with issues we found in the Annex (lack of power in area one, solving the lack of plant air to power displays, and verifying the water is safe to drink.



The Alumni Museum now has a new phone number, **(925) 293-4162**. Remember we will pick up the messages on Tuesday and Thursday. Email is still the best contact, [mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com](mailto:mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com) for immediate response to your questions/concerns.

## Volunteers Needed to Support the December 3rd Clubhouse Christmas Decorating, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Please RSVP (lunch is provided) if you can assist with the Clubhouse decorating again this year. Alumni's focus will be on the interior, but as last year we will support outside as needed. Note there is no work on ladders, just simple decorating on floor or ground level.

## Requesting submittal of stories for Alumni Scholarship Recipients for Successes/Journeys and Alumni Stories of Hobbies/Travel Adventures/Volunteering in Retirement

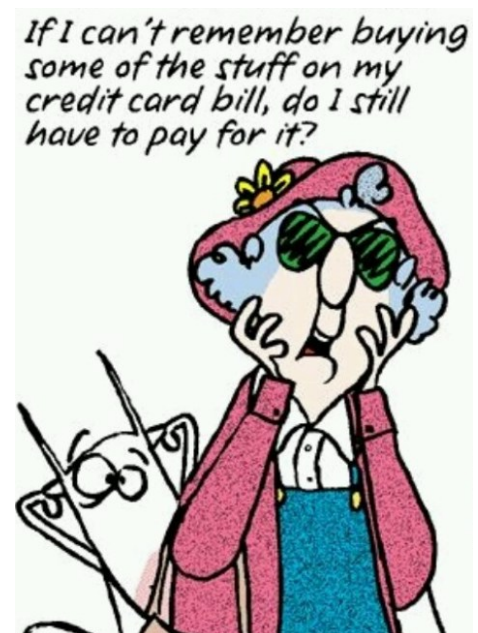
Please submit your stories/photos about scholarship recipients or retirement adventures to [mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com](mailto:mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com).

We would love to share these stories from Alumni scholarship sponsors of their children, grandchildren or greatgrandchildren that received a scholarship from the MRC Alumni/EAA or MRC and where their journeys have taken them.

## DONATE USED EYGLASSES 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



## Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

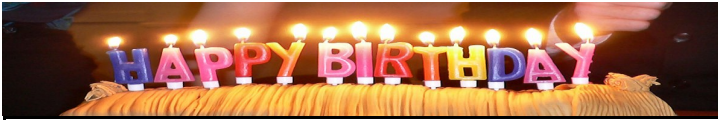
"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity– the boiling water.





Daniel Riccabona and Tom Rizzo, October 4th
Steve Papenfus, October 5th
Sue Clark and Emily White, October 6th
Mildred Suzara, October 10th
Dan Glaze, October 11th
Gerry Tandberg, October 12th
Desiree Morales, October 14th
Janet Hecker and Terry Horton, October 20th
Carl Langhorst, October 22nd
Murray Shelton and Darrel Robinson, October 23rd
Brian Nippa, October 24th
Maggie Barnum, October 25th
Malcolm Synigal, October 26th
Jerry Schubert, October 28th
Donald Chamblee, October 30th



Kris and Nancy Koller, September 27th
Don and Mary Diermier, October 1st 40s
Erick and Donna Spangler, October 1st 30s
Rick and Karen Airoidi, October 3rd 10s
Glenda Robertson and Janet Hantke 10s
Carl and Kathy Nielsen, October 8th 50s
Robert and Irene Scheive, October 8th 10s
Brian and Karen Gaetano, October 11th
Tony and Linda English, October 12th
Terry and Diane Seelye, October 12th 50s
Harry and Linki Dhillion, October 14th
Desiree Morales and Miguel Marquez, October 18th
Travis and Tiffany Vandevor, October 3rd 20s
Neriah and Vivian Treff, October 15th 8 yrs
Jessica and Andrew Scheiber, October 17th 10s
Jon and Kimberly Marangoni, October 19th 20s
Victor Slagle and Alice Miller, October 21st 3 yrs
Felicitas and Ski Sinosky, October 23rd 40s

## 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
- Board Member—Bob Canning (historian)

## 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.

*"In the long run, you make your own luck — good, bad, or indifferent." —*  
*Loretta Lynn*

## Obituaries

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

Gale (Wylie) Weiss - July 12, 2024

MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY ALUMNI 2024 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

P.O. Box 1093 Martinez, CA 94553

[MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRCMTZALUMNI22@GMAIL.COM)

Proposed event schedule of activities for 2024 (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	COORDINATOR	COMMENTS
Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Wednesday	MRC Annual Alumni Breakfast and Canned Food Drive @ Clubhouse	Breakfast \$10.00 and/or a donation of non-perishable food/canned goods is required.	TBD	Drop-in from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. <b>RSVP by 12/20/23</b>
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Tuesday	Crab Feed @ Noon Clubhouse	\$55 per member	Brenda, Jon and Jeff	<b>Members &amp; Guest Payment by 2/12/24</b> <b>Limit of 60 tickets</b>
March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Tuesday	Membership Meeting- open 10:45 am, meeting @ 11:00 am, lunch served @ 11:45 am	Free (Members Only)	Brenda Hill Dina Cotten	<b>RSVP by 3/4/24 for Lunch</b>
April 18th, 2024 Thursday	Retiree Reunion/Open House – Mexican Buffett	<i>\$10 at the door per member</i>	Brenda Hill Dina Cotten	<b>RSVP by 3/15/24 for lunch order</b>
May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Monday	Scholarship Lunch @ Zio Fraedo's	<i>\$10/person</i>	Brenda Hill	<b>Payment due by 4/26/24</b> <b>Scholarship Applications due 4/1/24</b>
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 Wednesday	MRC Annual Picnic @ Clubhouse – The event will be held indoors again this year.	\$10.00 per person. Alumni member and a guest (Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are \$5.00 each over the age of 5.)	Alumni BOD	<b>RSVP via reservation form by 5/13/24</b>
July 13th, 2024 Saturday	Bocce Tournament Registration @ 8:30 am and Starting @ 9:00 am Lunch and t-shirts provided	\$10.00 per person. Alumni members and their guest/and or family members (children over 10 - free) Sign up by 6/6 to receive a t-shirt.	Phyllis D'Alo, Michael Gonzalez, Michael Anselmo & Todd Long	<b>Bocce Courts Reserved for 7/13/24</b>
July 18th, 2024	Mare Island Tour— includes lunch and transportation	\$20.00 per person - Docent will be Dan Glaze	Brenda Hill	Mare Island Museum
September 4, 2024	Chili Bingo—Honoring our Veterans	\$10 per person - Veterans are free	Brenda Hill/ Dina Cotton	<b>RSVP via reservation form by 8/20/24</b>
<b>November 9th, 2024 – CANCELLED</b>	Scrapbooking/Crafting– All Day Event hosted by EAA and Alumni	All –day event, \$40.00 per person— <b>Checks will be returned</b>	Dina Cotten	<b>All day event at the Clubhouse</b>
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Luncheon & Toys for Tots Drive	\$10.00 and/or a new toy per person for Alumni member and a guest.	Brenda Hill Dina Cotten	<b>RSVP via reservation form by 10/31/2024</b>
December 3rd, 2024 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Alumni volunteers to assist MRC employees with decorating Clubhouse	Please advise if you plan on attending for the lunch count		<b>Assist with the holiday decorations – lunch provided</b>
December TBD	Annual Lighting Ceremony @ the Clubhouse			
January 7th, 2025	Alumni volunteers assist with removing & storing holiday decorations @ Clubhouse			

# TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON



Date: November 12th, 2024

Time: Doors open @ 10:30 - Lunch served at noon (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](mailto:mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com). **Deadline to register for lunch is October 30th.** *For those still working at the site, flier and payment can be mailed via intercompany mail addressed to Museum Alumni 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, unwrapped toy(s)** for donation to Martinez Shelter, Inc. and La Casa Ujima in Martinez. *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.*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:mrcmtzalumni22@gmail.com).



# 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.** Additional details and reminders for events will be emailed separately as the event gets closer. Please provide a contact name & phone number or email

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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 you information has changed or you are a new member.** Dues are \$5.00 per year.

Indicate the amount for dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  2024  2025  2026  2027  2028  
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**Toys for Tots – November 12<sup>th</sup>** – This event is done annually to collect toys for those in need. Cost is \$10.00 per person or donate a new toy. We are happy to accept donations to purchase toys and also you are more than welcome to pay for lunch and donate a toy as well. All funds collected for lunch and donated are used to purchase toys.

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  \$10.00 for lunch  Donating a new toy(s)  Both

Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  \$10.00 for lunch  Donating a new toy(s)  Both

Please provide cell or email contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Response and payment due by October 31<sup>st</sup>.** Amount Paid or Donated Toys for Tots Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  2024  2025  2026  2027  2028

Mail your money and this form to the Martinez Refining Company Alumni, P.O. Box 1093, Martinez, CA. 94553. *For those working at the refinery, correspondence, RSVPs, and dues, etc., can be mailed in the inter-company mail addressed to "Museum Alumni". Scott delivers the mail to the Museum.*

*Disclaimer: 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 May 2024*