

Kiwanis Community



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CLUB OF MARTINEZ

April 2026 Newsletter

Kiwanis is a global organization of men and women dedicated to improving the world one child and one *community* at a time



Here's your invitation to the Centennial Gala. If you have not already secured your admission use the QR code below.



You are cordially invited to our
Centennial Celebration!

Sunday, April 26 | 4:30-8:30 pm

Martinez Event Center
524 Main Street

Buffet Dinner & Program,
No-Host Bar, Live Music,
History Display, Raffle

Tickets: \$25 - scan QR code
to purchase



For more information, visit martinezkiwanis.org
or email kiwanismartinez@gmail.com



Progress on Clubhouse



While President Steve surveys the temporary meeting place at Francis Plaza...



All appears in readiness for a return to the remodeled clubhouse in April. Note new partition and TV monitor



A look at the main room showing the new cabinets on left and partition at front door



A view from the kitchen showing the new flooring in place

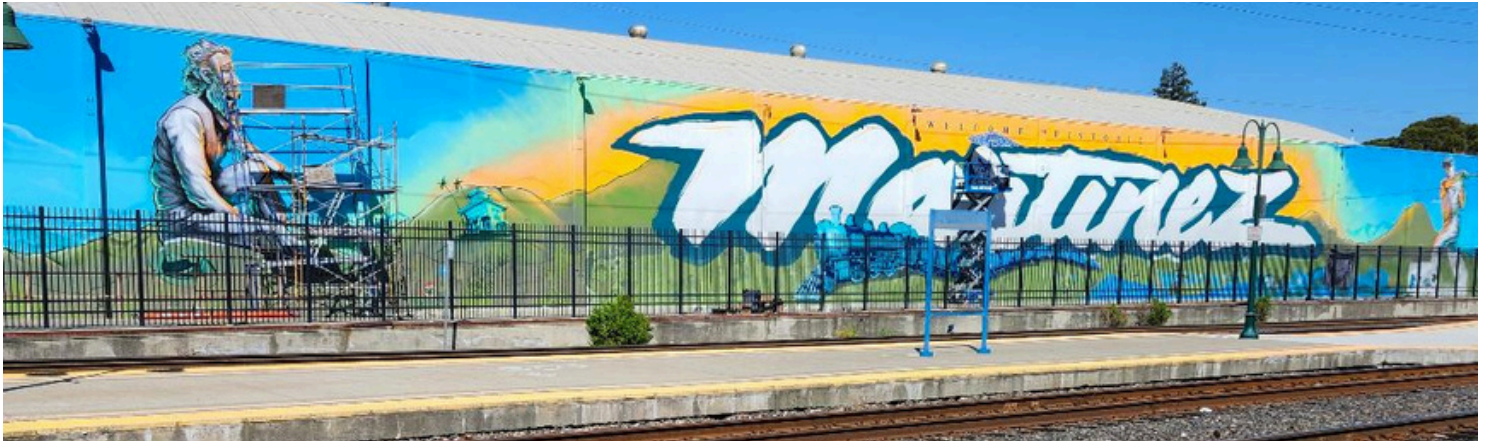
Recent Programs



Wendy Christiansen and Samantha Flanzbaum of Martinez Junior High Music Boosters (at right) spoke of the instrumental music programs offered there which involve 250 students, and the need for instrument repair. **Dawn Manley** (at left) gave us a picture of the vast programs of the Food Bank of Contra Costa-Solano.



Welcome to Martinez!



The mural at the Martinez Amtrak station, a project of the Hometown Hero Project which our club helped fund, appears to be near completion (photo taken March 19).

City Celebrates 150th Anniversary

The City of Martinez celebrates its incorporation on April 1, 1876, with a commemorative meeting of the City Council exactly 150 years later. Music by the junior high band and special historical displays will be featured.

The City will also honor the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Martinez with a proclamation on April 15. Kiwanians are expected to attend the presentation.



150TH *Anniversary* OF INCORPORATION

APRIL 1, 2026

6:00 PM CELEBRATION

Music: Martinez Jr High Jazz Band

Flower Bouquet Bar: Make your own bouquets!

Appetizers and Celebratory Dessert

7:00 PM CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL, 525 HENRIETTA STREET

Kiwanis Club of Martinez

750 Allen St., P.O. Box 1886, Martinez CA 94553, www.martinezkiwanis.org

[You can find this newsletter on the website](#)

Officers 2025-2026

President **Steve Francis**
President-Elect **Connie Chapman**
Treasurer **Patty Winsor**
Secretary **Bob Braun**
Immediate Past President **Igor Skaredoff**

Directors-Trustees 2024-2026

Migs Carter
Dawn Manley
Maureen Cowger
Marylee Taylor

Directors-Trustees 2025-2027

John Noon
Donald Pallotta
Perry Picchi
Bill Patt

Committee Chairs

Bocce Capo **Les Johnson**
City Liasion **Donald Pallotta**
Chamber of Commerce Liasion **Denis Smith**
Community Grants **Donald Pallotta**
Centennial Grants **David Gerson, Steve Francis**
Dolly Parton Book Program **Susan France**
Safeway Food Bank Drive **David Gerson**
Loaves & Fishes **Maureen Cowger**
Meals on Wheels **Bill Patt**
Membership **Denis Smith**
See's Candies fundraiser **Patty Winsor, Maureen Cowger, Connie Chapman**
Service Leadership Programs (SLPs):
Alhambra High Key Club **Kristin Connelly**
College Park High Key Club **Denis Smith**
Scholarships **Carol Walsh**
Social Media/Promotion **Dawn Manley/Connie Chapman**
Newsletter Editor **Tom Watrous**
Staff Photographer **Denis Smith**

Kiwanis Kalendar

Program Chair **Jane Schumer**

April 2 Noon meeting at clubhouse:
Invocation **Perry Picchi**, Program: **Igor Skaredoff** on Shanghai and Cazadero
April 4 8:30-10:30am Easter egg hunt
Waterfront Park
April 8 5:30pm Board meeting at clubhouse
April 9 Noon meeting: Invocation **Laurie Pittman**, Program: Paula Cellini on the Importance of Strength Training (over 55)
April 15 Kiwanis 100th anniversary proclamation
City Council chamber
April 16 Noon meeting: Invocation **CarolAnn Quigley**, Program: Clifford Chan CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
April 23 Noon meeting: Invocation **Don Sanders**, Program: Annual Local Librarians Lunch
April 30 Noon meeting: Invocation **Jane Schumer** Program: Sgt King MPD Traffic Updates (cameras, etc)

Meals on Wheels Drivers



April 7 **Don Sanders**
April 14 **Bob Braun**
April 21 **Carol Walsh**
April 28 **Laurie Pittman**

Kiwanians Celebrating...

Birthdays

April 8 **John Surges**

April 25 **David Gerson**

Kiwanis Anniversaries

4/16/2009 **Donald Pallotta**

4/19/2004 **Lara Delaney**

4/26/2001 **Frank Hall**

Wedding Anniversaries

4/8/1967 Kathy & **Bob Braun**

4/27/2002 TJ & **Kristin Connelly**

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for the following events coming up in early May: a celebration of the life of **Barbara Kapsalis**, former club member and winner of the Golden Clipboard, **5** on Friday May 8 from 2-5pm at Luigi's, 537 Main St.; a paper shredding event by Martinez Rotary on May 2 9-12 at AHS parking lot.