

**Kiwanis Club of Martinez**

PO Box 1886  
Martinez, CA 94553

To:

From: Tom Watrous, Secretary (925) 933-2652

Ref: New Member Information

We appreciate your interest in becoming a member of the Kiwanis Club of Martinez.

We are proud of our club and have many fine members.

The attachments include a short history of our club and our activities, information about meeting times, due and expectations, and an application form. Please read them and if you have any questions, feel free to call me.

After completing the application, return it to the Club Secretary. The Board of Directors will consider your membership at the next meeting (first Tuesday of each month). Once approved, we will advise you and set a date for your induction at one of the regular scheduled luncheons.

Part of the information that you provide will be used for our Club Directory, which provides a short biographical sketch of each of our members. You may find this information useful in meeting new friends.

If there is anything I can do to help make your transition into the club more pleasant, please ask. Sincerely,

Tom Watrous Secretary

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**WHERE AND WHEN WE MEET:** We meet at the Kiwanis Youth Center, 750 Allen Street, Martinez, 12:00 noon, every Thursday (except holidays).

## **WHAT WE DO AT CLUB MEETINGS:**

12:00 Lunch

12:30 "America", Pledge to the Flag, Invocation, announcements, brief business meeting, happy dollars, songs, etc.

12:50 Program - Guest speaker, panel, film or other topical program.

1:20 Adjourn

**WHAT ABOUT THE INDUCTION:** In a simple but dignified ceremony, a member of Kiwanis will call you forward, introduce you to the members and present you with your Kiwanis lapel pin and welcome you into the Club. Then it's your chance to tell the members about yourself, your family, and your business.

## **WHAT WE EXPECT OF YOU AS A MEMBER:**

- Regular attendance at your club meetings with 100% attendance as your goal (realizing that circumstances can prevent that)
- a commitment of some of your time to Club service projects and social events. This includes participating in our major fund raising events.
- We ask that you serve and accept full responsibility for any committee assignment or office you might hold. We encourage all of our members to sponsor new members.

**WHAT WE PROMISE YOU:** An opportunity for you to share your experience, your knowledge, your time and your love in service to your community and neighbors. The prestige of Kiwanis membership, fun and fellowship are the evidence of true friendships each time we meet.

**WHAT COUNTS AS ATTENDANCE:** Kiwanis recognizes 100% attendance with appropriate awards each year. If you miss a regular meeting, you may "make up" by attending another Kiwanis Club meeting in the area, or if you are traveling, a club meeting "anywhere in the world", a Board of Directors monthly meeting, a district convention or an international convention, a division or district meeting or workshop, or by participating in a planned club service project.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?** A one time payment of \$90 for new member fee. This is for processing at International (\$50), Cal-Nev-Ha District (\$25) and our club (\$15). There is an annual dues of \$120 (or \$30 quarterly) which includes payment to the Cal-Nev-Ha (California-Nevada-Hawaii) district, the Kiwanis International magazine and new publications, and liability insurance. Luncheon costs are presently \$9.00 per meeting for which you are billed at the beginning of the month for all meetings in the month.

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## **HISTORY**

The Kiwanis Club of Martinez was chartered on April 26, 1926, eleven years after Kiwanis International was created. It is the oldest Kiwanis Club in Division 26 (Contra Costa County) and the second oldest club in the county. The Richmond club was chartered two years earlier and sponsored the Martinez Club. We held our meetings in the Martinez Veterans Hall until 1955 when the present Kiwanis Youth Center was constructed. Permission for erection of the building on city-owned property was granted by the City of Martinez. Kiwanian Harry Nakahara designed the building and construction was completed entirely by club members during a series of enthusiastic "work parties". Material costs were raised by successful fund raising events. Throughout its existence the Kiwanis Youth Center has also served as a meeting place for youth-oriented civic groups. To its members, however, the Kiwanis Youth Center has long been viewed as the Martinez Kiwanis Club's "home".

The Kiwanis Club of Martinez is dedicated to service for our community, especially its youth and charitable causes. Every year the Club raises funds for organizations and individuals within the area, the nation and internationally. In addition, club members donate time, materials and labor to selected Martinez projects. Recently the club has sponsored athletic events, rebuilt easy access walkways for disabled children, landscaped the Mountain View Homeless Shelter, painted national maps on school yards, conducted bird walks and nature hikes, and assisted the John Muir National Historic Site in youth-oriented activities. Scholarships were provided for local students entering college and the vocations. Other donations and service hours were provided to Boy and Girl Scouts, the Boys' and Girls' Club of Martinez, the Special Olympics, the Council of Churches, Loaves and Fishes, Rape Crisis Center, Martinez (alternate) High School bus program, the YMCA, the Warm Coat Campaign, Meals on Wheels, Arts and Humanities Fair at Alhambra High School, the D.A.R.E. program, early immunizations of children, and Teens Who Care. Most of these efforts continue today!

On April 26, 2006, the Kiwanis Club of Martinez celebrated its 80th anniversary. Over the years its members have included city and county officials, federal and state court justices and judges, educators, clergy, national park rangers, doctors, dentists, health care providers, lawyers, bankers, and men and women representing many professions.

**Kiwanians are a cross section of our community, serving our community.**

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**TO THE NEW MEMBER:** As soon as possible, the club will be preparing a directory page to be inserted into all issued directories. This will give your new Kiwanis friends a chance to get to know you better, just as your directory will help you to learn more about them. This worksheet should provide all the needed information. Don't be modest; tell us about yourself.

Date of completion:

Name:

Nickname:

Residence address:

Phone:

Business address:

Phone:

Email:

Your birthdate:

Where born: (City/State)

Married:

If so, spouse's name:

Date Married:

Spouse's occupation:

Children: (First names, ages)

Grandchildren:

How many

Ranging in age from to

Previous Kiwanis Memberships:

Your occupation:

Schooling: (Where, what degrees, and what year?):

Hobbies/Interests:

Special Distinctions:

Military Service (Branch, place, rank, etc.)