

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

November 29th
[Food Sorting at
the Food Bank
of Contra Costa](#)

Birthdays

George Calhoun
December 3rd
Ingrid Hempell
December 4th
Luis Alkon
December 4th
Tania E.
Brugger -
Blanchard
December 9th

11-05-21 Concord Rotary Meeting

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Rotary Meeting Notes for November 5, 2021

By **Inge Z Yarborough**

After waiting for some stragglers, **Prez Ron** started the meeting with the Pledge to Allegiance. It is unclear if all the Zoomers stood up!

Guest Speakers



Nichol Carranza
Marathon Renewable Fuels

There were no visitors, so Ron jumped right in and introduced our presenter, **Nichol Carranza**, Fellow Rotarian and Corporate Responsibility Lead for Marathon Corporation. **Nichol** proved to be an excellent speaker: knowledgeable, articulate and authentic.

Those, who are into economic details might note that Marathon, established in 1887, ranks 22 on the Fortune 500 list and owns 16 refineries throughout the US; ecology buffs may be pleased to hear the Martinez facility has been idling petroleum productions since April 2020 and as of February of this year has permanently switched over to producing renewable fuels. The raw ingredients are corn and soybean oils, animal fats and - particularly exciting - used cooking oils. It's nice to know that we found a purpose for all that grease that made our French fries!

Martinez Renewable Fuels Project Benefits



Fast Facts:

- Feedstocks – Corn oil, soybean oil, animal fats, used cooking oil
 - No Palm Oil
- Finished products – Renewable diesel, renewable propane
 - No Crude Oil
- Timeline – Startup in second half of 2022 (17 *mmbpd*); achieve full capacity year-end 2023 (48 *mmbpd*)
- Employment – Approximately 130-150 full-time employees
- Progress – Permit applications submitted, discussions with feedstock suppliers, engineering underway

All of this gets turned into bio-diesel in a production that uses 100 million gallons less water, creates 70% less air pollution and 60% less green house gases and the end product can be used in a regular diesel truck, no conversion necessary! If that weren't enough to make Marathon a Good Guy, the company is also involved in several community projects:

- Helping Habitat for Humanities build 44 homes under the Pleasant Hill BART tracks,
- Converting Pacheco Marsh (off hwy 680 just before you cross the Benicia Bridge) into a community & birding space with walking trails, and last not least
- Supporting school projects like our own dictionary distribution and YV's robotics program. More information about Marathon, Martinez, can be found at MarathonMartinezRenewables.com

A lively Q & A session developed which **Nichol** handled with aplomb. **Sue Grossman** wanted to know how many jobs were lost due to the turnover and sadly the workforce shrank from 600 to 150, but the company encouraged early retirement and offered severance packages to soften the blow. **Scott Singley** asked about hydrogen production (none) and **Nick Virgallito** wondered why gas prices had doubled.

That led into a conversation about electric cars and Gavin Newsom's infrastructure bill in which **Nichol** recommended the Michael Moore documentary *Planet of the Humans* which stresses conservation over electrification as the later has it's own price tag.

ROTARY BUSINESS:

Only one **Birth**day in November: **Stan Gaunt**, who was not present

Rotary Anniversaries, however, were many: **Michael Barrington, Tina Akins, Stan Gaunt, Bill Bobetsky, Harry Bowers, Rick Ernst, James Kohl, Parmod Kumar, Paul Meyerhofer, David Miller, Sandy Newman** and **Lee Schuff**. That was a productive month for our club, though not many members were in attendance. Of those who were, **Tina, Rick** and **Parmod** honored their anniversary with a contribution.

Wedding Anniversaries? Nobody fessed up; maybe nobody wanted to pay? **Marilyn McClaskey** finally honored the fact that she lost her husband 7 years ago this month. Hugs to Marilyn!

Announcements:

Prez Ron announced a new Rotarian-of-the-Month award for members who have been extraordinarily helpful and involved, which went to **Rick Ernst**. Congratulations, **Rick**, you have earned that title many times over!

David Litty reported on a fabulous district assembly at Squaw Creek that he, **Tina Akins** and **Ron Leone** attended. It was reported that only 2 cases of Polio remain in the world and apparently there was also a lot of fund with the games of the Rotary Olympics. Next year will be in Monterrey, so get ready!



Nov. 16: Assembling Thanksgiving Food bags at the **Ernst**'s House. And/or go shopping for the cause **Rick** will get 5 bags to you with a list of trimmings to buy or donate NOW, so they can do the shopping. (Contact **Rick Ernst**)

Nov. 20: Distribute Flyers at Safeway about buying food that Safeway will collect & distribute to the Food Bank. Several volunteers are required and some already responded (presented by **Parmod**)

Nov.20: Rotary Home Team: Helping seniors with minor repairs, clean-up, etc. tasks that Saturday morning meeting at 8:30 at Starbucks next to Kohl's in the Monument Shopping Center. **Inge Yarborough** is begging for more volunteers

Nov. 20: Ladybug Hygiene project assembling hygiene bags for shelters and non-profits (mentioned by **Leslie Chapman**)

Dec. 3: Fellowship Chair, **Rita Corbinook** announced, that there will be a holiday party at Marilyn's house and you are asked to bring yourself, your spouse, a bottle of international wine and a toy for Toy-For-Tots. Details to follow and volunteers for planning and prepping are appreciated.

Dec. 18: **Major Gwyn Jones** announced this year's bell ringing for the Salvation Army and we decided on that date. Volunteers needed for the usual spots: front of Macy's, Walnut Creek and

Happy Bucks:

Gary Collins gave \$5 happy bucks for closing on his house and **Chris Moulis** offered \$5 happy/sad bucks for his kids moving to Florida. **Major Gwynn** gave \$5 for his daughter's birthday or accomplishment and **Marilyn McClaskey** \$5 for her younger sister who made it into a geriatric treatment facility.

Ron Leone gave \$5 for his oldest son, who's been living overseas, coming back to the US somewhere cheaper than California and **Greg Grassi** contributed \$20 for the fun he had at **George Calhoun's** Halloween Festival .

There were a couple of people/facts from the room that I may have missed, because I was on zoom and didn't recognize or hear the voice; my apologies! I also missed all of the banter and jokes, so I am going to make an effort to be in the room where it happens (to quote from **Hamilton**) next time.

Ron offered some notable dates again and closed the meeting with the joke & thought of the Day:

Why are artists such fans of gasoline? *Because it makes their Van Gogh!*

And the thought of the day by Martin Luther King: *The time is always right to do what is right!*

On This Day November 5



- ***1492 Christopher Columbus 1st learns about growing and harvesting maize (corn) from Cuba's indigenous population***



- ***1872 Ulysses S. Grant re-elected US President***



- ***1912 Democrat candidate Woodrow Wilson is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican incumbent William Howard Taft and Progressive candidate Theodore Roosevelt***



- ***1937 Adolf Hitler informs his military leaders in a secret meeting of his intentions of going to war***



- ***1940 Franklin D. Roosevelt is re-elected President of the United States for an unprecedented third term, defeating Republican candidate Wendell Willkie***



- ***1946 John F. Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts) elected to US House of Representatives***



- ***1956 The Nat King Cole Show debuts on NBC, the first variety program to be hosted by an African-American***



- *1968 Republican candidate Richard Nixon is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Hubert Humphrey and Independent candidate George Wallace*



- *1996 Bill Clinton is re-elected President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate Bob Dole*

Joke of the Day

Why are artists such fans of gasoline?

Because it makes their Van Gogh

November & December Rotary Meetings

November 19 - Zoom

November 26 - DARK due to Thanksgiving

December 3 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory and Zoom

December 10 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory and Zoom

December 17 - Zoom

December 24 - DARK due to Christmas

December 31 - DARK due to New Years

Rotary Board Meetings Live & Zoom

Our Rotary Board Meetings will be held live at Golden State Lumber and on Zoom, the 3rd Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

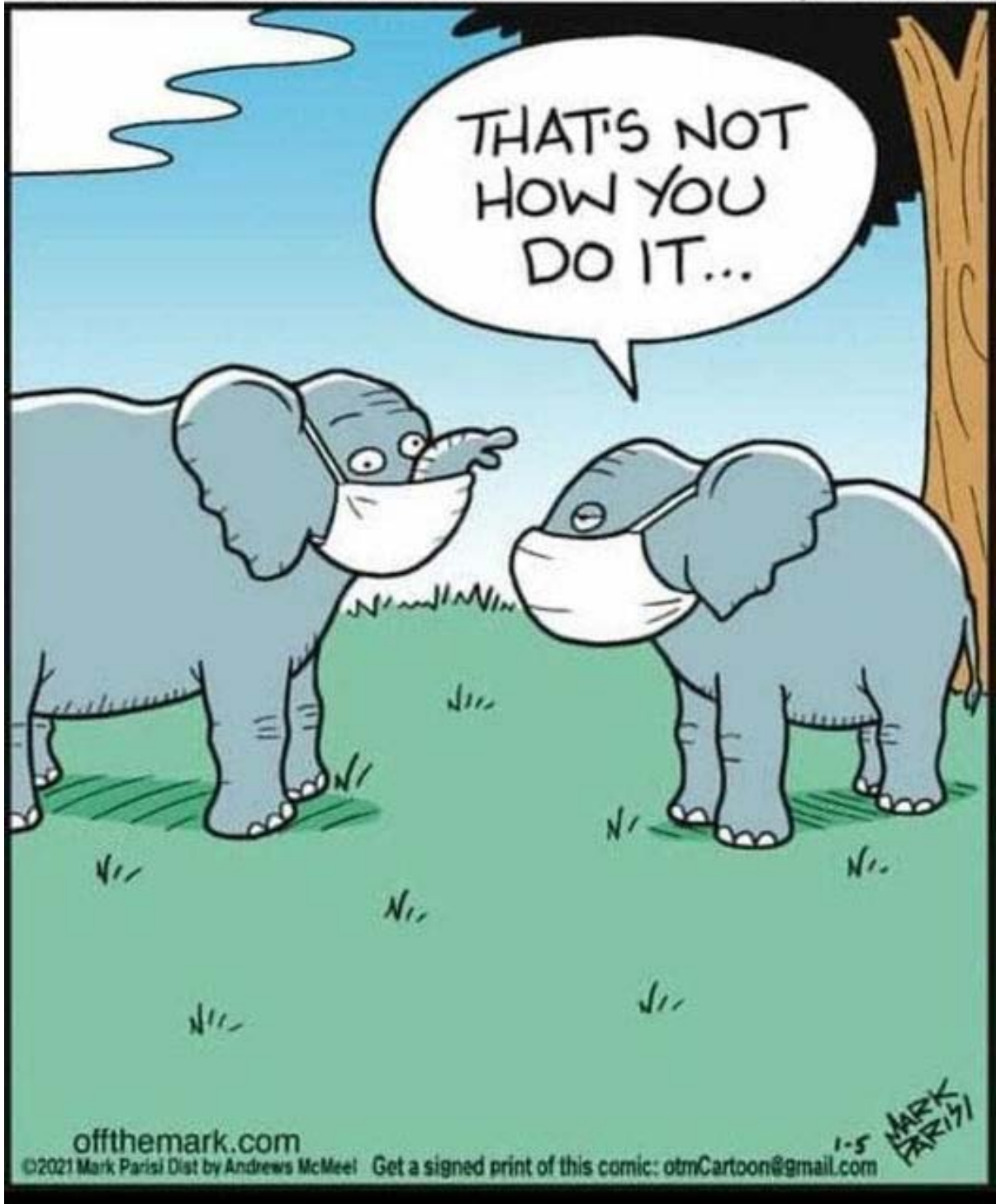
November 15 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

December 20 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

January 17 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom
February 28 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom
March 21 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom
April 18 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom
May 16 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom
June 20 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

President-Elect: **Memory Woodard**
Secretary: **Sandy Newman**
Treasurer: **Greg Grassi**
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Past President: **Brad Prescott**
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Community Service: **Bill Bobetsky**
Publicity: **Guy Bjerke**
Youth Services: **Memory Woodard**
International Services: **Michael Barrington,**
Vocational Services: **David Litty**
Membership Services: **Rick Ernst**
Rotary Foundation: **Will Chan**

Cartoon of the Day



Upcoming Speakers

November 12th

[James Maddox, 1st Tee](#)

Learn about the the youth golf program.

November 19th

[DARK](#)

December 3rd

[Chris Moulis](#)

Come with us on a thrill seeking adventure to Greece with our very own Chris Moulis.

November 18th

[Thursday Night Out Business Social](#)

November 26th

[DARK](#)

Dark due to Thanksgiving

Club Leaders



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