



WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730
CapeFearRotary.com

October 21 2020

Club Meeting

Wilmington Cape Fear
Meets at Jungle Rapids
5320 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

Jenna Butler - Wilmington Storm Water Management

Jenna Butler



Wilmington Storm Water Management - They also are responsible for storm cleanup (trees, debris, etc.) plus overall storm water operations.

Jennifer Butler is the Stormwater Education Program Manager for the City of Wilmington Stormwater Services. She has served in this position for over 18 years. Ms. Butler is responsible for implementing a comprehensive stormwater education, outreach and public involvement program for the citizens of Wilmington, including the education components of a

federal stormwater permit. www.wilmingtonnc.gov/stormwater

She holds a BA in Parks and Recreation Management from UNC-Wilmington, is a North Carolina Certified Teacher (K-6th grade), and is a Certified Environmental Educator (CEE) through the NC Department of Environmental Quality/NC Office of Environmental Education. She is also on the Advisory Committee for the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

Fun Fact: Ms. Butler worked at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games at the Athlete Entrance to the Field of Play in the Olympic Stadium.

Club Leaders



Patrick J. Bradford
President



Jane E. Morrow
President - Elect



Jean M. Hall
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Community Service
Chair
Vice President



Ann L. Willard
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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Rotary
Foundation Chair



Richard L. Mitchell
Club Service Chair

Zoom Meeting Link - Password Now Required

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PASSWORD IS rotary - all lower case**



Roger M Cook
Club Membership
Chair



Kathleen Yerkes
iPast President



Theodore B McIntire
Club Public Image
Chair



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Fund Raising Chair
Past President



Brent Boswell
Community Service
Chair



J E Graham
RAD Chair
Club Director
Rotaract Chair



Constance H. Knox
Club Director



William Edwin Link Jr.
Club Director



Allen Quigley
Area Governor

Events

October 23rd

Jennifer Butler Speaker -
Wilmington Cape Fear Club
Meeting

Speaker: Jenna Butler
Subject: Wilmington Storm
Water Management - They also
are responsible for storm
cleanup (trees, debris, etc.) plus
overall storm water operations.

October 30th

Beth Andrew - Speaker,
Wilmington Cape Fear
Meeting

Speaker: Beth Andrew
Subject: YOU are an
IRONMAN. [or, What I Learned



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89497025438?pwd=K3VXTnEzZ0kwUXNhTjYwSlIDNGdrdz09>

Topic: Cape Fear Rotary 8am Fridays

Time: June 10, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Fri, until Jun 26, 2020, 8 occurrence(s)

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Club Update



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Rotarians received an email from District Governor Dawn Rochelle about giving \$50 for Polio see next paragraph

by Doing 11 Ironmans.....so You Don't Have To] Beth will talk about what it takes to do an Ironman triathlon and tell some of her adventures and stores

November 6th

Speaker Wilmington Cape Fear Club Meeting

Speaker: Timothy Best

Subject: Guardian ad Litem

November 13th

Vann Pearsall - Wilmington Cape Fear Meeting

Speaker: Vann Pea

Subject: Coastal Land Trust

Birthdays

Robert L Summerlin

November 7th

Chris M. Nagle

November 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

Colleen M. Hattingh

October 26th

Kevin E. Edwards

November 12th

Kyle M Mitchell

November 16th

Sounia Nejad Chaney

November 18th

Two things that I ask today.

One: If you have donated a minimum of \$50, will you do this today as we approach World Polio Day October 24th? District 7730 has always been a leader in this fight and we want to show the world our giving. Go to www.endpolionow.org/donate. Your \$50 becomes \$150 with leverage from Rotary and then is further leveraged to become \$300 with a match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The club will be making that donation for each member.

Let me give you a little update on our club meetings, dues and Christmas Party:

According to the Governor of NC, we can actually meet outside up to 50 people with social distancing. With that said, the board has discussed this at length and we feel it is just too soon. We have several members with underlying conditions and do not ever want to put anyone in jeopardy. We know when we start back meeting, everyone will want to attend so we feel it is safer for now to wait a little while longer.

With that said, we are meeting weekly on Zoom and average attendance is 20-25. We have had some excellent speakers on Zoom and looking at the calendar, there are more great speakers to come. Some feel that Zoom is not safe but measures are in place so that it is very safe. You are in a waiting room until the host lets you in, so unknown visitors cannot get in.

The Board also decided to cancel the Christmas Party this December for the very same reasons we are not meeting in person. However, once we are able to meet in person again, we will have that Christmas Party but will call it Reunited Party. We want to be able to party when we can all laugh and have a great time.

We do not plan to reduce or stop the dues for membership. We are still having to pay the District Dues for each member, the club will pay the \$50 for each member for the Polio, and we are also proceeding with the Christmas Family Project where the club will pitch in \$4000 to match the members contributions. We were not able to have our golf tournament last year so the board plans on using some of the money we are saving by not attending Jungle Rapids to help with allocation requests this year. We were awarded a Grant for \$2500 and the club has to match that same amount. We will be doing some work on the Harrelson Center as this money has to be spent by March. As you can see, we may not be meeting in person but the board is very active and we do have ongoing projects where we will need funds. We are trying to keep our club as close to normal as possible minus the in-person meetings.

The quarterly dues invoice will be going out within the next week or so. We ask that everyone please pay their dues so that you do not get so far behind. You can mail a check to the PO Box or you can call Ann Willard (431-3116) with your credit card info. You can also sign a form and each quarter your dues will automatically be charged to your credit card. You will be emailed a receipt each time you are charged plus Ann will email you about a week before the dues are charged just as a reminder.

Rotary Club of Wilmington Cape Fear
P. O. Box 7192
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This is THE GREATEST ROTARY CLUB IN THE UNIVERSE because of you and all our members. Let's keep that title even if we have to meet on the computer screen. This too shall pass and one day we will all be reunited again.

Patrick Bradford

Congratulations To One Of Our Own



Several attorneys in the Wilmington area were honored in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Jill Peters Kaess was named the 2021 *Lawyer of the Year* for Trusts and Estates in Wilmington. She is a partner at Wilmington-based firm Lee Kaess PLLC.

She is a certified public accountant and is a board-certified specialist in estate planning and fiduciary law with the N.C. State Bar. She has served on the board of directors of the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services Inc. She also served as the vice chair of the board of visitors at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and as secretary for the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Foundation Board of Trustees, according to the firm's website.

Michael V. Lee, also a partner at Lee Kaess, made the list in Real Estate Law. On top of being an area attorney, Lee served as a state senator from 2014-2018. He is currently vying for the District 9 state senate seat against incumbent Sen. Harper Peterson.

Previously while in the legislature, he served as the co-chair of the Education Policy and Appropriations Committee. Lee has also served on the N.C. Department of Transportation board and has chaired the N.C. State Ports Authority board.

Nine attorneys with Murchison, Taylor & Gibson PLLC were named on the 2021 *Best Lawyers* list. Two of the firm's attorneys earned a Lawyer of the Year Award. **Joseph O. Taylor** was named a *Lawyer of the Year* for Real Estate Law in Wilmington and **W. Berry Trice** who was recognized as Lawyer of the Year in Corporate Law in Wilmington.



Other firm attorneys that made it on the list are: **G. Stephen Diab** (Trust & Estates); **Scott M. Holmes** (Real Estate Law); **David G. Martin** (Real Estate Law); **Franklin E. Martin** (Real Estate Law); **Andrew K. McVey** (Litigation - Labor and Employment); **Brian G. Morrison** (Trust & Estates); **Michael Murchison** (Employment Law - Management, Health Care Law & Litigation ♦ Labor and Employment); **Joseph O. Taylor** (Land Use and Zoning Law & Real Estate Law); and **W. Berry Trice** (Corporate Law).

McGuireWoods' attorney **Henry "Hal" Kitchin** was also named on the *Best Lawyers* list in the category of Business Litigation. Kitchin is based at the firm's Wilmington office, he practices business, commercial and real estate litigation and regulatory matters, according to the firm. On top of being a local attorney, he also serves as chair of the University of North Carolina Wilmington Board of Trustees.

J. Dickson McLean, another McGuireWoods' attorney, made the list in the category of Corporate Law. He is a former managing partner of the Wilmington office, stated the company website. He represents and counsels corporate clients in the areas of corporate and securities law, and mergers and acquisitions, as well as tax, environmental and employment law, and estate planning for closely-held businesses, states the website.

James W. Lea was recognized as a Lawyer of the Year for his work in Family Law. He has spent 40 years in practice and works exclusively in the area of Family Law. He has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* list the past 15 years.

Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP Attorney **John D. Martin** was named to the list in the area of Litigation - Insurance and Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants.

James W. McGee Jr., an attorney at The McGee Law Firm, was recognized in the DUI / DWI Defense category. The majority of his law practice focuses on criminal defense, particularly DWI defense, stated the listing.

Jenna Fruechtenicht Butler, a lawyer with Ward and Smith P.A., was honored for her work in Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities, Litigation - Trusts and Estates and Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs. Her practice "experience encompasses various areas of civil litigation in both the federal and state courts and before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority," states the website.

Ward and Smith attorney **Ryal W. Tayloe** was named a *Lawyer of the Year* in Litigation ♦ Construction. He was also recognized by *Best Lawyers* for his work in Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation - Construction and Litigation - Real Estate.

Also at Ward and Smith, attorney **John R. Sloan** was recognized in Trusts and Estates; **Jeremy M. Wilson** was recognized for work in Personal Injury Litigation ♦ Plaintiffs; attorney **Edward James Coyne** was recognized for his work in Business Organizations (including LLCs and partnerships) and Litigation - Construction; and attorney **Sam Franck** was recognized for Community Association Law.

Celebrations



Rotary District 7730 Club: Wilmington Cape Fear

Birthdays and Anniversaries for 10/21/20 to 10/27/20

Member Birthdays	Birthday
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No birthdays this period.

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
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Decker, Polly	Diehl, Christopher	24 October
Drye, Phillip (WILLIE)	Morrow, Jane E.	22 October

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
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Myers, Dennis P. (DENNIS)	10/23/2009	11	0	11
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Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
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Hattingh, Colleen M. (COLLEEN)	Christiaan (MOSSIE)	10/26	38
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Christmas Families - One Last Push

Huge THANK YOU to all that have responded for the Christmas Families. We are getting closer - we have \$3,850 pledged to date. ONLY \$150 TO REACH OUR GOAL!

Note to Board Members: I am not sure I got everyone's name down that spoke up at the board meeting. If you could please respond in an email, that would be most helpful. The last thing I want to do is charge you for a pledge that you did not make.

We need your help more than ever this year. There are so many families that have been completely devastated during the COVID-19.

We plan to do our Christmas Family Project again this year. There are families that would not even have a Christmas if it were not for our club. As you know, we show up at Target and have families scheduled to come in at various times and when they arrive they are told how much money they have for Santa. All they know when they arrive is that someone will be there to help them pay for Christmas.

The club matches us on our contributions. So,



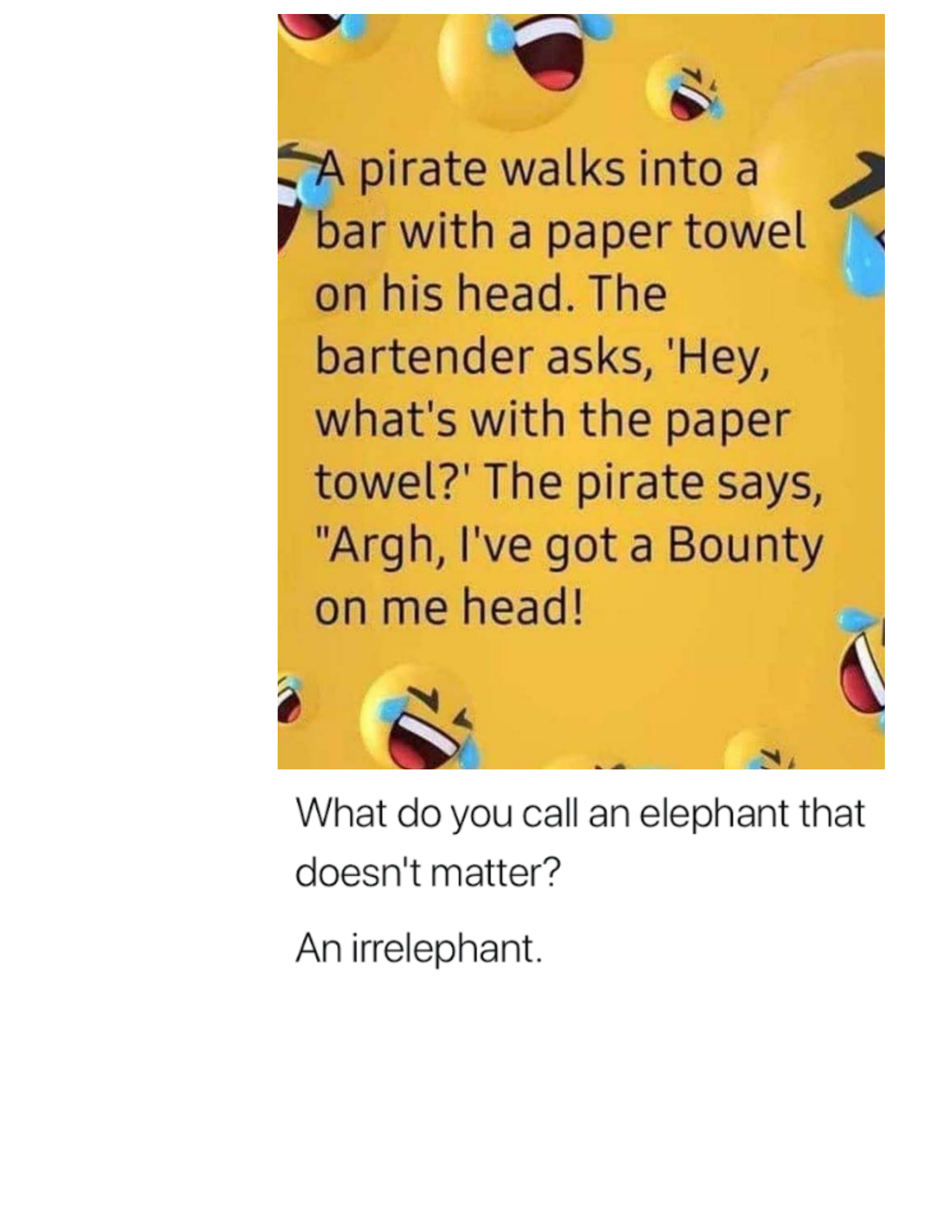
if you pledge \$100, then we actually have \$200 with the club match. Our goal is to get to \$8,000 - \$4,000 from our members and \$4,000 from the club. Of course, if we pass our goal - all the better. The more we have - the more we can help. If you could please respond to this email with your pledge, we will invoice you. Thanks so much for your support.

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Humor - Or Is It?

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
Get those puppies checked!**

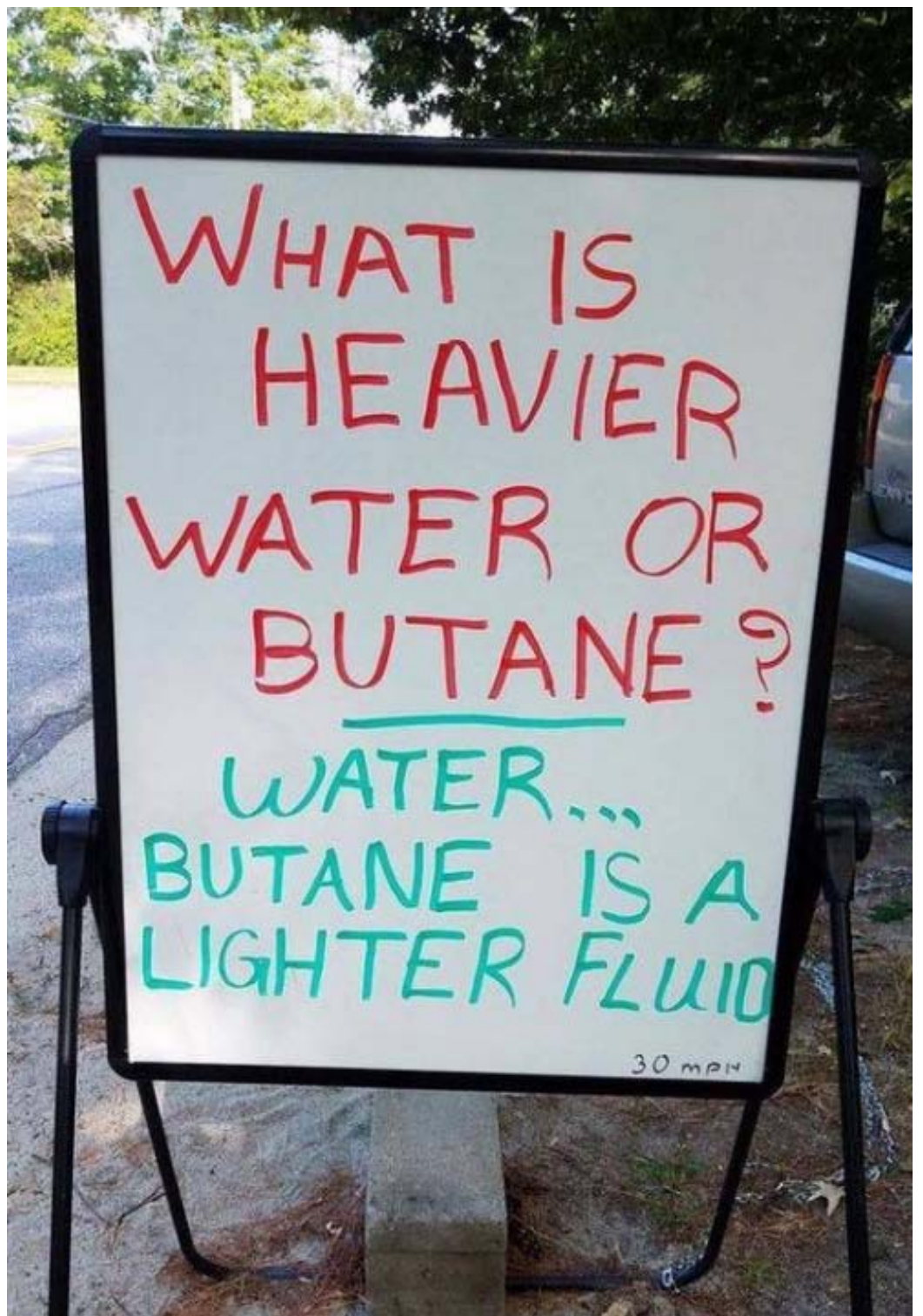


A yellow background decorated with several laughing face emojis (😂) scattered around the text.

A pirate walks into a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender asks, 'Hey, what's with the paper towel?' The pirate says, "Argh, I've got a Bounty on me head!

What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter?

An irrelephant.



You've really gotta hand it to short people...

Because they usually can't reach it anyway.

This is the first year I haven't done the London Marathon because of Covid... I usually don't do it because I am fat & can't run.

Wife offered me water, I asked for something harder.

She gave me ice.

I don't mean to sound like a badass

But I just put a puzzle together in 1 day & the box said 2-4 years

I bought a wooden whistle.

But it wooden whistle. So I bought a
steel whistle. But it steel wooden
whistle. So I bought a lead whistle.
But it steel wooden lead me whistle.
