

The Mecklenburg Missile

COMIN' ATCHA!

Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

P. O. Box 33573, Charlotte, NC 28233-3573

Organized August 5, 1952

November 21, 2005

Attendance: 14 members and 4 guests

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Herb Clegg, head of Infectious Diseases at Presbyterian Hospital, talked to us about influenza ("The Flu" to most of us!). He discussed the various forms of it, how it can be prevented, and how it can be treated.

Dr. Clegg pointed out that the flu vaccine is different each year, depending upon the strain(s) of flu prevalent. For this reason it must be made fresh each year and cannot be stored year-to-year. Every batch expires on June 30. Only a handful of pharmaceuticals make flu vaccine. The "biggies" - i.e. Pfizer, Merck, Lily, etc. - have dropped it because of low profit margins. He also pointed out that the problem this year is not lack of supply, but problems in distribution.

Thanks to Dr. Mark Mogul for bringing us this interesting and informative program.

10 SHOT AT KIWANIS MEETING

Neither The Charlotte Observer nor any TV or radio station reported it, but 10 members and guests who attended our regular meeting today got SHOT - - - - - with flu vaccine, that is. All walked away, seemingly none the worse for the experience. I didn't even hear any cries of pain!!!

Thanks to Nurse Christine, from the Presbyterian Urgent Care Center, for coming and administering this "clinic."

And thanks to our own member, Dr. Mark Mogul, for arranging it all.

SHORTY SLOAN

Chet Helt reports that Shorty, a Charter Member and now Honorary Member of Mecklenburg Kiwanis, lives in a nursing home in Winston-Salem, not very far from his daughter. His body and his eyes no longer work like they used-ta; but his mind sure does! He will be 92 in less than three months.

Telephone calls? YOU BETCHA! He loves 'em!!!

M. W. (Shorty) Sloan
c/o Genie Carter
1224 Watson Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Call him at 336 761-2995

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 5, 12 Noon. Program TBA.

Board meeting 11:30 AM. Board members are EXPECTED! All Club members are welcome to attend and see how hard-working your Board really is! It's good for an attendance make-up, too.

DIDJANO?

A lawyer (by training, but not by practice) named Allen Browne dreamed of forming a fraternal club of business men, the principal purpose of which would be to offer a "sickness benefit feature." Allen Browne made his living as a paid organizer for the Loyal Order of Moose. He called on a Detroit, Michigan tailor named Joe Prance one August day in 1914 to discuss the idea. Thus was the beginning of Kiwanis; and Joe Prance later became Kiwanian Number 1.

Technology-Enabled Amoebas:

How do amoebas keep in touch?

With cell phones.

Look Out Below!

What's green, fuzzy, has 4 legs, and, if it falls out of a tree, can kill you?

A pool table.

Meets 12:00 Noon, 1st & 3rd Mondays: Best Western Charlotte Uptown - 201 S. McDowell St.
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