

The Mecklenburg Missile

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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

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

Organized August 5, 1952

December 5, 2005

Attendance: 18 members, 1 guest

Today's Program

Jim Knight, retired ACC football and basketball official. An entertaining and informative speaker, Jim related to us many of his experiences both on and off the field.

Were you watching the Carolina game a few years ago where the referee had a heart attack? That referee was said that with all the medical help available from both sides of the field, if you had to have a heart attack, you couldn't possibly pick a better place to do it!



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Jim now makes his living as President of Knight and James, Manufacturers' Representatives.

Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors met immediately prior to today's meeting.

1. Approved inviting Stan Reece to join Club. (He did!)
2. Reviewed financial reports re Club and Charities. (They're GOOD!)
3. Heard a proposal for a long-term project dealing with pediatric oncology. President-Elect Mark Mogul outlined some of the ramifications and problems and some ways in which Kiwanis might be able to help. Mark is the lead-person in organizing a facility at Presbyterian Hospital to deal in depth with this subject. Their goal is to some-day be recognized as THE leading Pediatric Oncology authority anywhere.

Kiwanis New England District is well-known for its Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute at New England Medical Center in Boston. Just a Dream??: well, just maybe some day we could be known for having a KIWANIS Pediatric Cancer Institute here in the Carolinas District! It's POSSIBLE!!

Mark has arranged for Stacy Jesso, their Foundation head, to join him in speaking to our Club about this at our meeting on January 9.

The proposal was so exciting, as a matter of fact, that a donor, who prefers to remain anonymous for now, appeared immediately to volunteer a challenge gift (matching funds) of up to **\$100,000.00** toward this project. WOW!!!!

Assuming Club members like what they hear, as did the Board, you will be asked to accept and approve this as a long-term project.

4. Approved a one-time fund-raiser involving ticket sales for a Charlotte Checkers hockey game in the near future. You will hear more about this very soon from Doug Dickison.

New Member Inducted

Stan Reece, Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer at Bank of Granite. He is already listed in our online directories.



Thanks to John Jones, Sr. And Doug Dickison for bringing him in.

No Meeting January 2, 2006

This day, being a holiday, we will not have our regular meeting on the 1st Monday of the month. Instead, we will meet on Monday, January 9, and then resume our regular schedule with the next meeting January 16.

Next Meeting December 19

The last meeting of 2005, and just a few days before Christmas. We will have a member of the Clergy speak on the subject of what Christmas is all about. Considering much of the "political correctness" of the day, maybe we need some of this kind of talk! It figures to be reassuring, refreshing, and inspiring.

Mid-Year Conference

The Carolinas District Mid-Year Conference is set for February 3-5, 2006 in Myrtle Beach, at the same location as last year: Embassy Suites Kingston Plantation.

"Early Bird" registration - by December 23 - saves you \$40 per person, and the "Regular Rate" until January 13 saves you \$20 per person over the "Late" or "On-Site Rate."

A Registration form - 2 parts - is online on our web site under "Members Only" - OR you can download it from the Carolinas District web site.

We had a fine time last year at this first-class facility; and I'm sure we'll have another this year. All Kiwanians and guests are invited. There are no delegates or so-called "Official" Club representatives. Make your plans now to attend and get a real taste of what Kiwanis is all about.

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When Allen Browne returned Joe Prance was only lukewarm to the stated purpose, but he signed on, anyway, in October, 1914 as the first member of the "Benevolent Order Brothers" ("BOBS"). Somehow the original purpose got lost in the shuffle and instead the stated purpose of the new organization was "To promote fraternalism and business cooperation among its members." Allen Browne owned the organization, continued to solicit members, and was paid a fee for each member who joined.