

# 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

February 20, 2006

Attendance: 18 members, 4 guests

## Today's Program

Mr. Michael Caracozza - Founder, President, & CEO, DIaGEN CORPORATION.



DIaGEN is a near term revenue biotechnology company focused on developing advanced, inexpensive and reliable blood tests for early diagnosis of cancer. Initial efforts are toward breast and prostate cancers.

DIaGEN is working toward developing an FDA-approved blood test which can detect breast cancer much earlier than it can be diagnosed via mammogram.

This is an interesting and fascinating approach. For a wealth of information, visit their web site:

<http://www.diagen.net>

Thanks to Sarah Dockery for arranging this most interesting and informative program.

## Next Meeting

Monday, March 6.

Meryle Leonard, Director of Youth Development for the Central Carolina YWCA.

She will talk about this year's Literacy Program, sponsored by the YWCA. We have participated during years past and will be asked to do so again this year.

## Board Meeting

Monday, March 6, 11:30 AM (immediately prior to our regular meeting). All Board members are expected; and any and all interested Club members are welcome to spectate.

We now see that political pledges are much like straight pins: pointed in one direction and headed in another.

## Our Web Site

<http://mecklenburgkiwanis.org>

Available here are several articles of interest to all Kiwanians, but some especially to newer members. To the latter, especially, we commend to your reading:

Under the "Mecklenburg Kiwanis" tab:

"About Our Club" "Fund Raising"  
"Club Bylaws"

Under the "Kiwanis International" tab:

"History Highlights" "Facts About Kiwanis"

And there are links to the web sites of Kiwanis International, the Carolinas District, and numerous Clubs.

There is also a section for "Members Only," containing Club directories and financial information. To access articles here you need a user name and a password:

User Name: meckmbr  
Password: club03871

(Both are case-sensitive. Use lower case letters)

## New Member Inducted

You've already met Ron Law; and his name and picture are now in the directory on our Club's web site.



WELCOME, RON!

## DIDJAKNOW?

The second annual Kiwanis International convention was held in Detroit in 1917. George Hixson was elected to a second term as International president - the only individual ever to serve more than one year in that office. The first serious rumblings of discord are heard: one group supporting Allen Browne and his concept of an organization that focuses on providing mutual benefits for its members; and another group who believes that long-term success depends upon a higher ideal, that of community service.

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