

The Mecklenburg Missile

COMIN' ATCHA!

Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

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

Organized August 5, 1952

April 3, 2006

Attendance: 17 Members, 1 Guest

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Henry Bridges, founder of Charlotte's Community School of the Arts.

CSA:

was organized in 1969 at First Presbyterian Church here in Charlotte to offer piano teaching to children who couldn't afford private lessons. Today CSA has

more than 1200 students learning piano, strings, brass, & woodwind instruments;

offers both private and group instruction to students from infants to seniors, whether or not they are able to pay. More than 40 highly qualified faculty are paid commensurate with private teachers, and teach in over 33 locations, such as Spirit Square, Seigle Avenue-Hope Center, Matthews Town Hall, and Cornelius Town Hall;

is also the only affiliate of the Arts and Science Council that is 100% educational;

is a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. The National Guild dates back to the 1800's, begun initially to offer arts and culture education to children of immigrants in the northeast U.S. More than 600 such Community Schools now exist in the United States.



NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 17. BE THERE!

BERT HORNE

We're sorry to hear that Bert is having a disagreement with emphysema. Says he never smoked in his life, but did work around asbestos in shipyards many years ago. Mesothelioma, or asbestosis, is no fun, and sometimes doesn't manifest itself until 30 or 40 years after exposure. Lots of WWII shipyard workers suffer from it today.

While I don't for one minute argue about the effects of asbestos, I have always thought the many companies producing it, and products containing it, were often treated as undeserved whipping boys - especially concerning shipyard applications. After all, who designed and specified its use on the warships??? - - Yep, good ol' "Uncle Sam" and/or engineers & architects approved by him.

DIDJAKNOW?

By 1918 Kiwanis membership had reached 10,000. A two-room headquarters office is opened in Chicago, managed by O. Sam Cummings, first International Secretary. At the Birmingham, Alabama convention in 1919 the squabble between the two factions came to a head. Allen Browne still owned the organization. Dissidents prevailed and proposed to buy Browne out. He named his price: \$17,500. Within one hour that sum had been subscribed, Allen Browne was paid off, and Allen Browne was gone!

Take a lesson from the lowly mosquito: even he doesn't get a slap on the back until he gets to work.

Husband: "I hate to mention this, my dear, but you are getting fat."

Wife: "Well, aren't you the lucky one. Remember you once told me I was worth my weight in gold."

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