

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Former member, and Past President, John A. Horne talked about goings-on at Duke Energy. Since the merger with Cinergy, Duke POWER is no more. It's now Duke Energy to whom you pay your electric bills.



John is Senior Real Estate Representative, Corporate Real Estate Services, Duke Energy Corporation.

He clarified the difference between "regulated" and other activities. "Regulated" covers power plant building, power generation, transmission, etc. "Unregulated" involves other activities, such as real estate transactions (including Duke's Crescent unit), etc.

Duke has sufficient generating capacity for the time being, but will need more as the area continues to grow. They are looking at additional nuclear capability, but are still "bugged" by the nuclear waste disposal problem: What do you do with nuclear waste that has surpassed its useful life as fuel but still has half-life enough to be lethal to animals (including humans) for maybe thousands of years? Other sources - especially coal - carry the atmospheric pollution problem. Fuel oil is BOTH expensive AND pollution-prone. Anybody have any brilliant ideas????

Welcome back, John. How about re-joining?

## DIDJAKNOW?

The first Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was completed on August 11, 1919, in Asheville, North Carolina. Charter membership was 100. The second Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was organized on August 27, 1919, in Charlotte; and the third on September 20 in Greenville, South Carolina. The Charlotte Club jokes that they were scheduled for #1, but the train carrying the organizers broke down in Asheville, so they had nothing to do for several days but organize a Club there! (Some versions have it as a snow storm - - - in August???? But then, it's a snow-job either way!)

## A PAT-ON-THE-BACK

Lt. Gov. Frank Shepherson announced that "Mecklenburg Club" has been designated as a Distinguished Club for the Kiwanis year 2004/2005. And along with it Distinguished President Gerald Baysden and Distinguished Secretary Bill Craemer (also winner of the Carolinas District Herb Hennig Trophy for 2004.2005).

We are 1 of 53 Kiwanis Clubs (out of some 300 in the Carolinas District) who are so honored.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gerald, Bill, and all the members of Mecklenburg Club for their hard and effective work!

We look forward to more "Distinguished" years of service to and through Kiwanis. It's a GREAT organization, isn't it?!!

## WELCOME ABOARD, GOVERNOR HAROLD!

Carolinas District Governor Harold Garner is so interested, excited, and enthused about our "Kiwanis Women's & Children's Center" project that he has expressed a desire to join our planning committee.

He has also invited us to tell about our program to the next Governor's Advisory Committee meeting here in Charlotte on August 5. AND he has offered us "up to" 20 minutes to make a presentation about it to the District Convention in Durham in August.

Indeed this IS a KIWANIS project, right smack dab up the alleys of "Serving the Children of the World" and "Young children: Priority One."

THANKS, Harold!

A famous designer of aircraft was studying closely a stuffed bird in a museum. Knowing who he was, the curator came over and said, "Does that bird have some special interest for you, sir?"

"Yes it does," was the reply. "Its tail plane appears to infringe on one of my patents."

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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