

# The Mecklenburg Missile

Comin' Atcha!

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Today's meeting was given over to venting some of the excitement your 8 representatives to the District Convention in Durham brought home with them: Hagler, Shepherdson, Jones, Sr., Jones, Jr., Dickison, McMahon, Mogul. & Swanson. PLUS, Don Jonas was there, too - and he wasn't even a member yet!

In case you haven't heard - if your head's been buried in the sand, in other words! - we now have a DISTRICT PROJECT on our hands. This means that the Carolinas District has given us its blessing to roam anywhere in the Carolinas to advertise, promote, solicit, or anything else, to drum up support for THE KIWANIS WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CENTER AT PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

Next step is "International." - At least TWO International Trustees will be working to get Dr. Mark invited to an International Board meeting to propose that our project be adopted as an "International Project." The timetable I see for this to happen is spring, 2007 at the earliest. Only one such - IDD - has ever been so designated - and it turned out that it was a UNICEF project, for which KIWANIS played collection agency. At least ours is a thoroughbred KIWANIS project!!!

Your committee is already hard at work formulating plans. Each and every Club member will be called upon for some help. Please respond positively when you are. This is a H-U-G-E undertaking, and it will take every one of us to pull it off.

First, of course, is our annual "COW CHIP FESTIVAL." Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14. Then don't forget to look at your calendar in time to remind yourself to BE THERE! And in the mean time ; SELL SOME TICKETS!!!! We've already promised that all proceeds will be channeled to our Charities endowment, earmarked for the "KIWANIS CENTER!"

The Carolinas District office emails to a very large email address list every Wednesday a publication called KIWANIS CD NEWS. This week's offering is Volume 2, Issue 43. On the front page, right in the upper right corner, is a copy of the rendering of the Kiwanis Women and Children's Center. And more than half of Page 2 is devoted to the story. If you do not receive this publication regularly and would like to, let me know your email address and I'll get it added to the list. Meanwhile, today's issue is in PDF format and can be downloaded from our web site using this link:

[http://mecklenburgkiwanis.org/KIWANIS\\_CDNEWS\\_Issue\\_43.pdf](http://mecklenburgkiwanis.org/KIWANIS_CDNEWS_Issue_43.pdf)

Be on the lookout for the next issue of The Carolina Kiwanian. This same article, with rendering, is promised to be there, too. Now if only it were this easy to get publicity in the major media: newspapers, TV, etc. Anybody out there have any direct routes? How about PSA's - Pubic Service Announcements, We oughta get our share of these, but somehow we never seem to.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Unfortunately he was unable to be with us at today's meeting, but DON JONAS was accepted by your Board of Directors as our newest member. Don is the Executive Director of Presbyterian Hospital Foundation, and will be extremely valuable to both organizations in our "KIWANIS CENTER" Project. WELCOME, DON!

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