

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Your Missile Launcher heard that it was a good one! But he missed the meeting. Thank GOODness for a flu shot last fall, or he'd have had a week's "vacation" in bed. As it was, he just felt lousy, coughed up a few storms, but never had a fever or felt really sick. NO energy. But not really sick, either. Still some vestiges of the cough, but generally well on the road back to feeling like a human being. My deepest symphonies to all of you who have had it! It's no phun!

## **LETTER FROM ELON**

Stacy Jesso spoke to us on February 4 concerning the changing directions of Elon Homes for Children. We carried a synopsis of her talk in our Bulletin of Feb.4. Stacy felt that some clarification and explanations were in order, and has sent us a written report. Please click on this link to view that letter: <http://mecklenburgkiwanis.org/updatetoelon.pdf>

Thanks, Stacy. It's all a drastic and radical departure from Fred Kennedy's concept of Boys' Town which captured our fancy back in 1969 -- but still most worth-while in its mission of "saving" some of the children of this world.

## **INTER-CLUB VISIT TO KINGS MOUNTAIN**

Thursday evening, February 21, Don Jonas, Jodi Strong, and this writer traveled to Kings Mountain to deliver three Carl B. Hyatt Fellowship awards. You may recall that a delegation from our Club visited them back in August and presented a program explaining our Kiwanis Women's and Children's Plaza project. They donated \$3,000 on the spot, for which they requested Carl B. Hyatt, Jr. Fellowships to honor three of their members. They were most gracious and congenial hosts; and we had a fine time on that visit.

## **MARY CONRAD**

Did you see the obit in last Sunday's newspaper for this lady? Mary was the widow of long-time Mecklenburg Kiwanis member Ted Conrad, who died in 1995. She was 97. Ted was a CPA and an attorney. He headed his own accounting firm (Conrad, Hoey, & East) for some time, and later practiced law with Lou Trosch, his son-in-law. You see the Trosch name today among District Court judges. That's a son of Lou & Minette (Conrad Trosch), & Ted's grandson. Another grandson, Frederick Norvell, was a member of our Club briefly some years ago.

Mary Conrad was a LADY, in every sense of the word.

Ted was one of 6 or 7 members who used to compete to see who could sell the most Travelogue tickets. Others of note were Al Hicklin, Harry Bryan, Arthur Sams, and the Graham Allison team (Graham & Frances). It was not unusual at all for each of them to sell between 100 and 600 tickets! We maintained a mailing list of patrons - more than 4,000 strong at one time. And only that mailing list produced more sales than these gentlemen.

Without this group of members, the Travelogue project likely would have gone down the drain L-O-N-G before it finally did. But we kept it going for 38 years - and netted close to \$30,000 in some of those middle years (when \$30,000 was a WHOLE LOT more money than it is today! A season ticket - 6 shows - sold for \$6).

## **HOMETOWN HERO OF THE YEAR!**

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Mark Mogul for being selected to be so distinguished. The story even made the Carolinas District's CD News for the week. To see it, click on:

<http://mecklenburgkiwanis.org/hometownhero.pdf>

We're proud of you, Mark!!!!

**Meets 12:00 Noon, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays: Crowne Plaza Charlotte Hotel - 201 S. McDowell St.**

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