

# The Mecklenburg Missile

Comin' Atcha!  
 Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc. Organized August 5, 1952  
 P. O. Box 33573, Charlotte, NC 28233-3573 Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

April 7, 2008

Attendance: 18 members, 3 guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Angelese Ortega-Moore, Executive Director, Latin American Coalition.



Sometimes it seems like Latinos are taking over the city; but actually they comprise only 0.2% of Charlotte's population, according to our speaker.. HOWEVER, in the period 1990-2000 their numbers grew by 380%! They now number about 80,000 in our midst. Our speaker today made no

distinction between legal and illegal immigrants. Regardless of their status, most of them are hard-working people and actually contribute to society.

For more info about the Latin American Coaliltion, visit their web site at [www.latinamericancoalition.org](http://www.latinamericancoalition.org).

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Four of our members hold "Life Membership" in Kiwanis: Craemer, Jones(Sr), McMahon, and Swanson (and 2 others, who are no longer with us, did: Hicklin and Mathes). Though these were all gifts for various reasons, anybody can buy one for himself or for another Kiwanian. The price is 15 times the annual International dues - which currently is \$42. (42 X 15 = \$630).

The International Board allocates just a limited number of Life Memberships each year to each District. Holders of Life Memberships are exempt from paying International dues - though they are still expected to pay for the magazine, the liability insurance (currently \$10.00 & \$11.92/year, respectively), and all District and Club dues.

The Carolinas District does not offer Life Memberships - - - yet! The question has been studied; and maybe some day a plan will be offered.

## DISTINGUISHED CLUB, 2006/2007

It's OFFICIAL! But, of course, we knew that a L-o-n-g time ago about Baysden and Craemer. Anyway, our **h e a r t i e s t** CONGRATULATIONS to both of these gentlemen for proving the leadership that Kiwanis has officially recog-



nized as OUTSTANDING!

## LAST MISSILE'S QUESTION

Anybody? (Nobody has offered any idea.) It is the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza of the song with which we open most of our Kiwanis Club meetings: AMERICA.

Now about this reference to The ALMIGHTY:  
*"Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land  
 Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
 Then conquer we must when our cause it is just;  
 And this be our motto: IN GOD IS OUR TRUST."*  
 Any idea where it is found?

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Jodi Strong's work telephone is 704.384.1910. Please correct any listing you might have for Jodi. And delete Scott Greene, who has, we hope, temporarily resigned his membership.

After dining with a friend, we received this message: "How wonderful it was to see you both aging."

**Emory Holroyd**

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

Web Site: <http://www.mecklenburgkiwanis.org>