

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

June 16, 2008

Attendance: 19 Members, 3 Guests

TODAY'S PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Lara Printz is Senior Program Manager, Citizen Diplomacy Program, Center for International Diversity.



Lara Printz

She brought to us some information about INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, which is located, not far from where we meet, at 322 Hawthorne Lane.

International House is in its 27th year in Charlotte, and its primary purpose is to advocate for international understanding.

For quite complete information you can visit their web site:

<http://www.ihclt.org>

It's interesting to note that Charlotte contains more than 104,000 "foreigners," over 750 foreign-owned businesses, all from 46 countries.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

One of the most important functions of this gathering is to elect officers for the coming year (2008/2009, beginning October 1, 2008). The only REAL contest was for the office of International Vice President (tantamount to election in the future as International President). There were five candidates this year, one of whom was Trustee from Carolinas District, Webster James. Elected on Friday, June 27 to this post was Sylvester Neal, of Auburn, Washington (Pacific Northwest District). Web came up short; so he will "retire" from the International Board September 30, 2008.

DIDJAKNOW?

In 1962 the first Kiwanis Club was formed outside the United States or Canada: Tijuana, Mexico. International President at that time was Joe Tally, one of only two ever from the Carolinas District.

But because of this, "our" President is generally credited with taking Kiwanis truly international.

INTERCLUB VISIT TO AIKEN, SC

Our "Ambassadors" to Aiken Club last month. We understand that they generated keen interest in our KIWANIS WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S PLAZA project. THANKS, Guys!

And thanks, Frank, for the photo.



Our Ambassadors to Aiken

CLUB DIRECTORY

A revised issue is now online. You'll find it in the "Members Only" section on our web site. You can print it out in either color or black-&-white.

To access it directly, use this link:

<http://mecklenburgkiwanis.org/clubonly/directory.pdf>

To try to keep membership lists, etc., out of the hands of spammers and telemarketers, we protect certain areas by requiring UserNames and Passwords. To access this area on our web site, remember, you need:

UserName: meckmbr

P/W: club03871

Both UserName and Password are case-sensitive. Be sure to use all lower-case letters.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

There were nine amendments proposed for consideration. The list is too long to print here, but you can read what they are by visiting the Kiwanis International web site:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/memberresources/default.aspx>

Of the nine, four were approved by the delegates, while five were either withdrawn or rejected.

Only one resolution was offered - and unanimously approved. That to honor Past International President Walter Sellers, who has joined the Kiwanis Club in the Sky.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers working to change the world one child and one community at a time. Locally, Kiwanis clubs sponsor activities and programs that meet the specific needs of their communities.

Globally, Kiwanis International addresses children's issues through worldwide initiatives. Kiwanis is a family of more than 600,000 adult and youth members in more than 90 nations and geographic areas that serve children.

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

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