

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our new regime getting its feet wet! President Doug had his first program of the new administrative year well planned.

First was our usual beginning: Singin', pledge, prayin', led by Chet. It was good to see Chet back with us after a short stint in the "repair shop." Trouble is, he's scheduled for a return trip thereto in December for the kidney surgery he's been contemplating for some time. If it gets the job done as expected, though, it will indeed be a Merry Christmas for the Helt family.

A call on Dr. Mark brought a good update on the situation of Raschale. She has completed the initial 10 weeks of chemotherapy and is getting along just fine. They were making plans to take her to Durham Wednesday (October 8) for consultation with surgeons there. The thought now is that they can probably amputate the portion of her leg that has the tumor, including the knee, then re-attach the portion from below her knee - rotated 180 degrees. That will have her ankle acting as a knee. Then a prosthesis fitted below that will allow her to walk, run, talk, and anything else that a "normal" person could do. Duke Hospital and the surgeons there are volunteering their time and facilities gratis - which, if we were paying for it all, would undoubtedly run into the HUNDREDS of thousands of dollars.. Yes, I'm oversimplifying; but that's essentially the plan as I understand it.

If we never get any further in our KIWANIS PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND project, wouldn't it all be worth while to save even one life, and give a young child prospects to live normally instead occupying an early grave? Let's hope our efforts will allow many more such as time goes on.

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: **WOW!**

## DIVISION MEETING

Saturday, October 4 brought our new District Governor, Governor-Elect, and Immediate Past Governor to Charlotte - Presbyterian Hospital Matthews - for a Division meeting and Governor's visit to the Divisions.

Attendance was disappointing, but those who were there were very enthusiastic and enjoyed themselves.

Divisions represented were 4, 6, and 7. Of 20 Kiwanians present, Mecklenburg Club was represented by 5.

Much discussion ensued about growth prospects, the need for it, and how to achieve it. Also, considerable explanation was offered about our new District organization plan, and how it will be implemented. Once in place, we can expect a far more efficient operation of our District, and one with a great deal more continuity - which are the real purposes driving the whole idea. Basically, organization of our District will resemble to a large extent that of Kiwanis International. Instead of all the Lieutenant Governors, plus District officers, making up the District Board of Trustees, that body will now be composed of the same officers, plus 9 elected Trustees, each serving for a three-year term. The lieutenant governors will still be District Officers, but will no longer sit as a Board of Trustees. (Just as District Governors are International Officers, but do not sit on the International Board of Trustees.) 2008/2009 will be a transitional year, operating with the old structure, while preparing for the new to begin officially on October 1, 2009. Several other Districts already operate on this plan; and all report it working well.

Interestingly, what was adopted has only slight modifications from what was first proposed right here in the Carolinas District in 1991.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 20. BE THERE!

**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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