

The Mecklenburg Missile

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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

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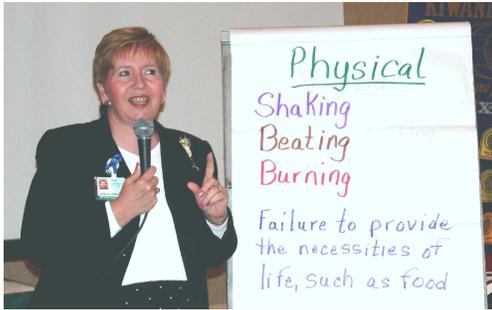
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October 20, 2008

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Susan Jones, Health Educator, from Mecklenburg County Health Department.



Susan Jones

Susan visits most of the elementary schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system, mostly 4th grade. Her mission is to teach about child abuse and what to look for.

What are the signs? How can you distinguish child abuse from punishment for wrong-doing?

Susan is the daughter-in-law of John Jones, Sr., and so has a long relationship with our Club.

Thanks, Susan, for a most interesting and informative program. Come back any time and bring your husband and father-in-law with you!

UPDATE ON RASCHALE

Last Monday, October 13, to be exact, she underwent the "RotationPlasty" surgery in Durham, at Duke Children's Hospital. As Dr. Mark explained it to us ahead of time, this involved removing the cancerous portion of her left leg - which included her knee - then reattaching the lower part of her leg to what remained, only doing so in a position 180 degrees rotated. Now what used to be her left ankle is her left knee. When this all heals up and is ready, a prosthesis will be attached - which, after plentiful rehab work, will allow her to run, jump, dance, etc., to the extent that it won't even be apparent to onlookers that she has an "artificial leg." Meanwhile, in addition to all of that, she still has about 30 weeks of chemotherapy ahead of her.

All of this was done, with all costs being donated by Duke and all the doctors involved.

She was discharged from Duke a week ago Friday (October 17) and is now back in Charlotte, thanks to "Chauffer" Jennifer Wittmer.

THANKS, Dr. Mark, Duke Hospital, and to all those who attended her. We'll have to figure out some way some time to express our thanks and appreciation in a more tangible way.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Do you realize that we have only five (5) regularly scheduled meetings for the rest of 2008?!? - - one of which will be our annual Christmas party on the evening of Monday, December 1. So plan now and keep this date open. This is one you won't want to miss!

DIDJAKNOW??

A lawyer (by training, but not by practice) named Allen Browne dreamed of forming a fraternal club of business men, the principal purpose of which would be to offer a "sickness benefit feature." Allen Browne made his living as a paid organizer for the Loyal Order of Moose. He called on a Detroit, Michigan tailor named Joe Prance one August day in 1914 to first discuss the idea. Thus was the beginning of Kiwanis.

The first Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was completed on August 11, 1919, in Asheville, North Carolina. Charter membership was 100. The second Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was organized on August 27, 1919, in Charlotte; and the third on September 20 in Greenville, South Carolina. The Charlotte Club jokes that they were scheduled for #1, but the train carrying the organizers broke down in Asheville, so they had nothing to do for several days but organize a Club there! (Some versions have it as a snow storm - - - in August???? But then, it's a snow-job either way!)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 3. BE THERE! Board meeting at 11:30.

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

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