

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

Organized August 5, 1952

P. O. Box 33573, Charlotte, NC 28233-3573

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

November 3, 2008

Attendance: 18 members + 5 guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



Tom Nguyn, a teacher at East Mecklenburg high School.

Tom, from Vietnam, is fluent in his native language, as well as English. He related how this advantage enables him to "reach" students who otherwise might very well become dropouts.

Very interesting and thought-provoking, Tom. Thanks for coming - - and thanks to President Doug for arranging the program.

## CHET HELT

has had his anticipated kidney surgery (one kidney removed) on Monday, October 27 and is back in circulation. His timetable was advanced from originally reported December. His wife says he is already resuming most normal activity, and looks forward to resuming driving, on Monday, November 10.

THAT'S GOOD NEWS, CHET AND SUE!

## DIDJAKNOW?

The International structure is currently is composed of an International President, President-Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and 12 International Trustees. Trustees are elected for three-year terms, and are not eligible for re-election; while Officers serve for one year only. The only constitutional requirement for candidacy for International office - other than being a member in good standing of a Kiwanis Club in good standing - is that the individual must have served as a District Governor.

## KIWANIS PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND

A news segment about the surgery on Raschale was broadcast with the evening news on WRALTV (a Raleigh network station) on Wednesday evening, October 29. We are trying to obtain a hard copy from the station. You can read the story by clicking on this link:

<http://www.wral.com/lifestyles/healthteam/story/3846667/>

It was a well-done segment, and we THANK WRALTV for doing it. (They attributed it all to the Kiwanis Club of CHARLOTTE; but that's close, anyway!)

In the current issue of the Carolina Kiwanian also is a very nice spread about Raschale. You can see it by clicking on this link:

<http://www.carolinakiwanis.org/kiwanianpdfs/vol89no1.pdf>

Our Thanks to DON JONAS for writing and submitting it, and to LEAH MORETZ for including it in the District newspaper.

The District Office (Leah Moretz) has made a general email distribution of [cdnews] Kiwanis Announcements, which cites this link to access the WRALTV segment mentioned above - and also describes the generous matching offer running until January 1, 2009.:

<http://www.wral.com/lifestyles/healthgteam/video/3849449/>

THANKS, LEAH!

Now we need to get some LOCAL news media to latch on to the story. I've seen reports of far less import than ours given wide play. It seems to me they ought to pick up on such a rare procedure like ROTATIONPLASTY, especially since it has such a direct connection to Charlotte, and ties to Durham and Winston-Salem.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 17. BE THERE!

**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>