

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

Monday, January 19, 2009

Attendance: 13 Members; 3 Guests

Today's Program

Being a holiday (Martin Luther King Day) and still somewhat recovering from the tragic event of last month, we did not



Alec McCauley

have a formally planned program. Instead we discussed our Cow Chip Festival for 2009 (May 30), and various other Club business. Guests included Alec McCauley and Lt. Gov. Rachel Clifton, both members of the Charlotte Uptown Kiwanis Club. Alec is also a Past President of Circle K International. It was interesting to

hear him relate some of the Circle K problems, successes, etc.

Lt. Gov. Rachel filled us in on how to help with the concession stand at Charlotte Bobcats games.

We welcome both of these fine Kiwanians and look forward to having them with us often.



Rachel Clifton

District Organization

At our District Convention last August, an extensive reorganization of our District structure was approved by the delegate body - to take effect October 1, 2009..

For many years we have had a Board of Trustees of almost 40 members. Not only was it proving quite unwieldy, but only 3 or 4 trustees would be continuing from one year to the next, resulting in little or no continuity.

Back in 1991 a proposal was introduced to the Board to restructure the District, in a manner which would alleviate these problems, as well as have other advantages. We did not pursue it then because to implement it would require some alterations in International bylaws. Well, other Districts got wind of what we had proposed. Some liked it well enough that they took the initiative to get International bylaws amended so as to permit (not require) the proposals. Several other Districts have since adopted the restructure plan, and ALL have reported finding it a big improvement.

So a couple of years ago we began anew looking at the entire District organization. The final proposal, along with reasons therefore, was highly publicized within the Carolinas District, and put to a vote last August.

To oversimplify, what it does is create a new Board of Trustees, consisting of the Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Governor, and nine (9) elected Trustees. Trustees will serve three-year terms and three (3) - one from each District Region - will be elected each year. Thus we will have a much more manageable Board, and it will have much-improved continuity from one year to the next.

The District web site (carolinakiwanis.org) has complete details.

Web Site

Our web site now has a button on the opening screen which will take you directly to the page for our **Kiwanis Pediatric Cancer Fund**. We hope this will make it easier for would-be contributors. Numerous questions were being fielded about how to write a payee on a check and where to send it.

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

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