

# 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

Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2009

Attendance:

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Speaker: Sam McMahan

Subject: Just-concluded visit to Belize.



He presented the charter to a new Kiwanis Club there and reported that there is a strong possibility of two or three more in the near future.

Sam also reported he had a line on another young cancer patient, one who is a relative of Raschale.

Sam, you are the epitome of what Kiwanis is all about.

THANKS!

## 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 94<sup>th</sup> International Convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee (yes, that's right, MUSIC CITY) June 25, 26, and 27. The theme: KICK UP YOUR HEELS IN NASHVILLE. Yours truly attended the 1997 one there, at which almost 14,000 Kiwanians and guests attended.

Each Kiwanis Club in good standing is entitled to TWO delegates and two alternate delegates. But there is no limit to the number of members who may attend. The only difference between delegates and non-delegates is that delegates sit in a designated section in the "House of Delegates" when it is in session. And they have "floor privileges" of participating in deliberations and voting. Non-delegates may attend all the same sessions.

We do expect to have a display booth at this event, and will need several members to man it. We already have several members who have indicated an intention to attend this convention. THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE!

## DUANE GREER

The newspaper (Charlotte Observer) of Wednesday, February 18 carried an obituary for MAJOR DUANE GREER. He was "promoted to glory" by the Salvation Army two days earlier.

Duane had been a long-time and very active member of Charlotte Kiwanis, having served as Club Secretary for several years.

Our deepest sympathy to the Greer family and to Charlotte Kiwanis. We'll all miss Duane.

Seems like the ranks of our Salvation Army members are dwindling fast. Ditto for the medical profession, as well as clergy. We used to have large numbers of both in Kiwanis. In fact, several medical doctors have been International Presidents.

## LES GARNER

Word just received about the death on Monday, February 23, of Past Governor Les Garner, of Greenville, NC. Les fell on some stairs Saturday evening, and died of the resulting head injuries. He was 89.

Les was very active in Kiwanis and in his community. He served as mayor of Greenville in 1986-1987.

Though there is some argument about it in some quarters, Les is widely credited with starting the first Golden K Club in Kiwanis. As Governor and previously as Lieutenant Governor, he was instrumental in building 26 new Kiwanis Clubs.

We'll miss him.

**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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