

The Mecklenburg Missile

Comin' Atcha!

Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

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

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2009

Attendance: 16 members; 1 guest

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Crohn's disease. Ever heard of it?

Tewanna Sanders, Education Support Manager for Charlotte Chapter, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, came to tell us about it.



Crohn's disease is a chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that causes inflammation or swelling of the digestive tract, also known as the gastrointestinal tract. An estimated 500,000 people in the United States have Crohn's disease. While the exact cause of Crohn's disease is unknown, researchers believe that inherited genes, environmental factors, and the immune system all play a role. Research also suggests that in Crohn's disease, the immune system reacts to a virus or bacterium in the gastrointestinal tract, ultimately resulting in swelling and subsequent bowel injury. THANKS to Mary Nethercutt for arranging today's very informative program.

THE KIWANIS WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S PLAZA

Dr. Mark advises that ground-breaking is slated to be held some time within the next few months, and that the building is expected to be occupied in 2010.



Further, about Dr. Mark: He has been promoted to an executive position in Novant Health and is now responsible for overseeing the cancer-related services at all eleven (11) hospitals in the Novant system. Some day, Mark, we'll say, "we knew you when - - - ." CONGRATULATIONS!

COW CHIPS

For several reasons, our 2009 Cow chip Festival has been rescheduled for the 4th Saturday in September, September 26, 2009. Revise your calendars accordingly.

Tickets will be reprinted, with the revised date. Do not give out the ones you have. If you have already sold some and handed them out, try to replace them when you get the new ones. But if not possible, make a note by ticket number of who has the old ones, as they will be honored.

KIWANIS MAGAZINE

The April issue has another nice article about Raschale. It's on Pages 14 through 17, plus a picture on the index page (4).

If you have not received this issue, you can bring it up on KI's web site by simply clicking on:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=282> Then click on the picture of the magazine.

Our THANKS to Kasey Jackson for this and for continuing to spark interest in our project.

In view of the program we had at our last meeting, I thought this might be interesting:

Corporate Angel Network affected by economy

Mergers and flight-department closures have reduced the number of corporate jets available to the Corporate Angel Network for transportation of ambulant cancer patients. Although the network has 566 corporations signed up to donate transportation, the ones lost were among those offering a large number of flights. [Read more >>](#)

BETTY JO HAMRICK

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of this fine lady, Dean Hamrick's wife of 53 years. She was into numerous activities and organizations in the community, and Charlotte is a better place because she was here. We're all going to miss her. Our heartfelt sympathy to Dean and family.

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

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