

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, May 18, 2009

Attendance: 15 Members; 4 Guests

Today's Program

Kristan Adkins, representing Crisis Assistance Ministry.

This is a community organization which has been around for many years. Its purpose is to assist with the needs of persons facing home eviction and/or utility disconnection - especially in winter when power is needed for heat.



They also accept clothing donations, and enlist volunteers to inspect the items. One hour of inspecting can dress a family for a

year.

Other help is provided through furniture and appliances donated to their Furniture and Appliance Store - for which volunteer drivers are needed.

An intriguing service is the Poverty Simulation clinics. Through such sessions they are able to increase the number of people who are aware of the needs.

Next Patient in our Kiwanis Pediatric Cancer Program:
AALIYAH.

Alliyah, Raschale's cousin, also from Belize, arrived with her mother, Salome, on Saturday, May 16.

Only it turns out she does not have cancer. She does have some sort of bone abnormality which needs correcting.

Plans now are to do the job at Presbyterian Hospital and have Alliyah return home on or about June 13.

From Carolinas District Weekly CD News:

It sometimes feels like we're trying to build the Golden Gate Bridge in our Kiwanis Clubs.....

.....for membership drives, service projects and fundraisers.

On this day, May 27, 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge first opened. At that time, it was the longest suspension bridge span in the world.

The proposal that took root to form this specific bridge started 21 years earlier and finally Joseph Strauss was given the responsibility to put the plan into action.

Strauss spent more than 10 years getting support because of opposition from the Department of War, Unions, and Southern Pacific Railroad.

Many experts said it couldn't be built. The channel's center has a depth of 500 ft, and the area has constant winds of 60 mph.

One of the main reasons for building the bridge was that without it, growth for the city was slowing.

Because San Francisco didn't have a permanent link with communities around the bay, the city's growth rate was below the national average.

Now an international symbol of San Francisco, quite a bit of vision had to go into getting this beautiful piece completed.

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Next Meeting: Monday, June 1 - usual time and place, with Board meeting at 11:30.

Don't forget: If you attend a regular Board meeting you're eligible for an attendance make-up credit.

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

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