

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, June 15, 2009

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Frank H. Crawford, Jr., Executive Director, Youth Homes, Inc., whose offices are located at 601 E. 5th Street.



Taken from their fact sheet:

"MISSION

Building Promising Futures with Children and their Families.

"PURPOSE

..... provides professional family intervention services that strengthen families and transform and improve lives for children and families at risk of poverty, abuse, neglect, maltreatment or violence"

"SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Foster Care and Parenting Skills Training.
- Delinquency Prevention
- In-Home Family Preservation and Strengthening
- Therapeutic Counseling"

Right up the alley of Kiwanis International, isn't it, considering our motto:

"SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD"

To learn more, visit their web site:

<http://www.youthhomesinc.org>

WALKING -

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you, at 85 years of age, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month.

Grandpa started walking 5 miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 and we have no idea where he is.

Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise" I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

As this is being written, probably about 6,000 (guessing-) Kiwanians and guests have gathered in Nashville, Tennessee for the 94th annual convention of Kiwanis International. Of those 6,000, about 3,500 (guessing again-) will be delegates. Considering that there are more than 8,000 Kiwanis Clubs in the world, each of whom

is entitled to two delegates - plus numerous delegates-at-large (all Past Governors, for example) - that is not a particularly impressive showing- -only roughly 20% of eligible voters - - which means that 100% of us are being governed by less than 1 out of every 5 members. Kinda reflects our local and national political elections, doesn't it? Are we apathetic, lazy, or ?????

The major business at International Conventions is the election of International Officers (including Trustees) and the consideration of amendments to our Kiwanis Constitution and/or bylaws. I've seen the latter spark considerable, spirited, debate. This year seems a bit unusual in that only four amendments are being proposed, all of which are submitted by the International Board. Most of them seem to be in what we would ordinarily call "housekeeping." But a couple of them could be controversial.

The Carolinas District does not currently have a member on the International Board of Trustees, nor are we offering a candidate this year.

Five members of Mecklenburg Kiwanis indicated intentions to attend. Four of them could be delegates (2 elected by the Club, plus 2 Past Lt. Governors, who are eligible to represent other Clubs who may not otherwise be represented by two delegates. They plan to make their presence known by plugging our KIWANIS PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND. We wish them well!

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

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