

# 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, July 6, 2009

Attendance: 15 members; 2 guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Unfortunately, our scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute. But she promised to reschedule very soon.

That gave us an opportunity to hear a report about the recently concluded Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee from members of our Club who attended: Doug Dickison, Matt Hagler, Frank Shepherdson, Sam McMahon, Jennifer Wittmer, and Mark Mogul.

First, of most interest to us, they had a display table there and report much interest in our cancer fund project. We also learned that KI is seeking proposals for the next worldwide service project - to be announced at the 2010 Convention in Las Vegas. Needless to say, we will be working on our proposal - which is due at KI headquarters by October 1, 2009. We understand there will be several proposals submitted; so it behooves us to outline exactly what is we propose to do, and how it will affect children around the world (including, and especially, in North America, which IDD did not do). We also intend to pull all the strings we can figure out how to pull!

Four amendments were proposed, of which three were adopted. The only one which appears to have any effect on us is the change to a common annual dues billing date for all Clubs. Defeated was a proposal to eliminate duplicate delivery of Kiwanis Magazines to households containing more than one Kiwanis member.

Elected, among others, were Paul Palazzolo to be President for 2009/2010, and Alan Penn to be Vice President (tantamount to election to the presidency in two more years). Both of these gentlemen had served as Board Counselor to our District while they were International Trustees. So they are well acquainted with the Carolinas District!

## A Government Study

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

## IN MEMORIAM

### **DR. BISHOP PATTERSON**

Word just in that Dr. Bishop Patterson (Ed.D.), Professor at Elizabeth State University, has passed on. Bishop (his first name, not a title) not only served his community and university well, but also served Kiwanis well as President of Elizabeth City Kiwanis, as Lieutenant Governor, and as President of our Carolinas District Kiwanis Foundation, not to mention service on numerous District committees.

Bishop's wife, Kitty, died quite suddenly several years ago. They were a wonderful couple - the kind of whom we are proud to say we had been guests in their home and they in ours.

### **CLAUDIE LEWIS, JR.**

A recent obituary in The Charlotte Observer indicates that Claudie died on Sunday, June 28. Claudie served Kiwanis as President of the [now defunct] Queen City Kiwanis Club, and as Lieutenant Governor of Division 6.

Our sincere sympathies to the Patterson family and to the Lewis family, especially to Claudie's widow, Margie.

## A LAND FOUNDED ON JUDEO-CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES?

Anybody want to try to identify the work where these words are found?

"O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;  
And this be our motto: **In God Is Our Trust.**"

(Answer next Missile)

**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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