

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, August 31, 2009

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our scheduled speaker found it necessary at the last minute to cancel. So we heard, instead, a report on the just-concluded District Convention. Three delegates from our Club were in attendance: Matt Hagler, Frank Shepherdson, and Jennifer Wittmer.

They reported very good reception when talking about the KIWANIS PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND - including keen interest from the KI Board Counselor, the Trustee from Japan.

President Doug then suggested we break out into our various Club Committees to meet and discuss.

Also on the agenda was discussion about the upcoming Cow Chip Festival.

PAUL NITSCH

has reported that changes in his assignment at Queens University have resulted in his having to teach classes in early afternoon on Mondays and Wednesdays. This means that he will not be able to attend our meetings.



Paul joined us in January, 2007. Senior Membership requires a minimum of 10 years Kiwanis membership. Therefore he and we have determined that there is no alternative at this time to terminating his Kiwanis membership. Your Board has VERY reluctantly accepted his resignation.

Paul: please visit us any time you can. And we sure hope that this new assignment turns out to be temporary and that we might welcome you back into the Club in the very near future.

DEAN HAMRICK

has submitted his resignation from Kiwanis, for reasons of physical inability to attend meetings regularly.



Dean Joined Kiwanis - and Mecklenburg Club - in 1956. He has been extremely diligent in his efforts on behalf of the Club ever since - including service as President in 1966.

His 53 years of faithful service, plus the fact that his father was a long-time Kiwanian before him, led your Board to very reluctantly accept his resignation, but at the same time elect him to Honorary membership, thus keeping alive his affiliation with Kiwanis.

Club bylaws provide: "...An honorary member shall not pay either a membership induction fee or annual membership dues, and shall be entitled to all privileges of the club except those of voting and holding office. An honorary member in the United States or Canada shall be a paid subscriber to KIWANIS magazine." The latter is the only financial obligation (currently \$10 annually) for an honorary member, and our Club will bear it.

Dean joins Arthur Sams as our only other Honorary member.

Clay Baker

Well, we do have one item of good news for the Club, anyway. This gentleman, sponsored by Matt Hagler, has elected to join us. Plans to formally induct him are in the works for our **next meeting, Monday, September 21.**

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

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

KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL

At the recent Key Club International Convention, a key Clubber named **Will Robertson**, from Myers Park High School here in Charlotte, was elected an International Trustee. Nice Going, Will, and Myers Park Key Club!

When Yours Truly was District Governor we had the Key Club International President in our Midst: **Tom Smith**, from Columbia, South Carolina. Tom: where are you now? (Haven't heard from or about him for a long time.)

We (Mecklenburg Club) sponsored a couple of Key Clubs some years ago, most notable of which was at East Mecklenburg High. In honor and memory of an East Meck student who died of Cystic Fibrosis they staged a Round-Ball Basketball tournament for several consecutive years, raising almost \$4,000 annually for Cystic Fibrosis. They had so much clamor among students to join the Key Club they even limited the membership to 75.

Heartiest thanks and **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Matt Hagler** on his election as a District Trustee for Trustee Region 2.

Initially, trustees were elected to one-, two-, or three-year terms, so that subsequently three trustees (one from each of the three District Regions) will be elected each year to three-year terms. thereby assuring continuity of the District Board. And no trustee will be allowed to serve more than five years (that's *years*, not terms).

Matt was elected to an initial one-year term, meaning that next year he will be eligible for reelection to a full three-year term.

GO-FOR-IT, MATT! Next step is Governor-Elect!

Matt was also appointed to a three-year term on the Carolinas District Kiwanis Foundation Executive Committee.

Your're on your way, Matt!