

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

Organized August 5, 1952

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

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2009

Attendance: 14, Plus 2 Guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Erin Culbert, from Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities Department Public Relations.



Topic was about CMUD (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department, in case you hadn't already guessed!) operations concerning our water supply and disposal of waste - both water and solids.

Quite interesting and informative.

There's more to supplying us with clean water and then disposing of the dirty than meets the eye.

Thanks, Erin. We learned something today!

## SOME THIS 'N THAT ABOUT KIWANIS

As of September 30 there were 5,812 Kiwanis Clubs in North America. Our District (Carolinas) is listed by KI as having 226 Kiwanis Clubs - which puts us in 9<sup>th</sup> place for Districts in number of Clubs. That's down a couple of notches, but still within striking distance of where we've been for a long time. For many years we had a "teeter-totter game" with Illinois-Eastern Iowa. But they're now ahead of us with their 251 Clubs (Actually in 8<sup>th</sup> place).

Some of us "old-timers" remember the days when International Conventions attracted around 20,000 attendees. The goal for the 2010 Convention in Las Vegas is to get 7,000 registered. (Those numbers include guests and well as Kiwanis members.) Our Carolinas District goal is 240. A three-year average, 2007,8,and 9 is 179. So you see, we have our work cut out for us to register 240!

## KIWANIS PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND ("Our Project")

Word from Kiwanis International is that they have our proposal - along with more than 200 others, literally from around the world.

In many ways it's gratifying that there are that many Kiwanis Clubs who have projects that they deem worthy of world-wide recognition. But, of course, that makes it obvious, too, that our competition will be pretty tough.

Well, thanks in large measure to Frank (Shepherdson), Mark (Mogul), and Don (Jonas), among numerous others, the proposal we submitted was in magnificent form, and win, lose, or draw, we have everything to be proud of and nothing to apologize for or be ashamed of.

## ROB PARKER RESIGNS

Word arrived last week that Kiwanis International CEO Rob Parker has resigned (as of Friday, October 16).

We understand that he has been studying diligently for a doctorate degree, and when he completes work on that he wants to travel the world with speaking engagements on subjects dear to his heart.

An interim CEO has been appointed, and a search committee formed to find a new "permanent" one.

If you'd like a member ID card to carry in your wallet, go to:

<http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/14948.aspx>

Fill in your name and Kiwanis ID number. If you don't know the latter, you can find it on our Club web site in any of the three member directories.

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

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