

# 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, January 4, 2010

Attendance: 15 members, 2 guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Shay Merritt, Community Development Coordinator, Second Harvest Food Bank

What's just another food service charity doing around here, anyway, you may wonder. Well, Second Harvest cooperates with others, but also provides many services others do not. For Example:



"Go Green" program  
Kids Café program  
Kids Café Backpack program  
Junior Chefs program  
Second Helping program  
Mobile Pantry program  
Disaster Relief program

Second Harvest operates in 19 counties in North Carolina and South Carolina, and currently serves about 650 different agencies, including soup kitchens, emergency shelters, group homes, food pantries, after-school programs, and rehabilitation programs.

Our former member, the late Quentin Anderson, volunteered in driving delivery for Second Harvest for several years.

To learn more about Second Harvest, visit their web site:

[www.secondharvestmetrolina.org](http://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org)

## DIDJAKNOW?

The first Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was completed on August 11, 1919, in Asheville, North Carolina. Charter membership was 100. The second Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was organized on August 27, 1919, in Charlotte; and the third on September 20 in Greenville, South Carolina. The Charlotte Club jokes that they were scheduled for #1, but the train carrying the organizers broke down in Asheville, so they had nothing to do for several days but organize a Club there! (Some versions have it as a snow storm - in August???? But then, it's a snow-job either way!)

1925: The Sacramento, California Kiwanis Club sponsors a club for "key boys" in the local high school. This first Key Club eventually grew into the world's largest service organization for high school students, but the idea spread slowly for a decade, and mostly in California, before it "took off." Many comments have been uttered to the effect that if Kiwanis did nothing else, it would all be worth while.

## NEXT MEETING

January 18 being a holiday (Martin Luther King birthday), our next regular meeting will be Monday, January 25, after which we will revert to our regular schedule, meeting again on Monday, February 1 (with a Board meeting at 11:30)..

## MORE POINTS TO PONDER FOR 2010:

5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than anyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.

--To be continued.

**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>**