

# 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, February 1, 2010

Attendance: 16 members, 4 guests

## TODAYS' PROGRAM



Speaker #1: Philip Volponi, President & CEO, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF CENTRAL CAROLINAS.

"JA" works with school children, from elementary school through high school ages. By setting up actual operating business "companies" students gain valuable knowledge of how the business world works.

"JA" relies on numerous volunteers to advise the student members as they progress in their businesses.

To learn more, visit their web site at:  
[www.jacarolinas.org](http://www.jacarolinas.org)

Speaker #2: PE & Health teacher at Garinger High School.

Brenda told us about the experimental curricula at Garinger, and how it seems to be succeeding in overcoming past drug and crime problems within the student body.

She considers the campus safe now and is quite comfortable in her teaching position.

Brenda would like us to reestablish the Key Club we once sponsored there. She feels that it could be a significant influence for good among the students.



Your Board will consider it.

Your Board approved subsidizing Queens Circle K mission trip to Costa Rica to the tune of \$1,000. And member Sam McMahon offered to match this amount. THANKS, SAM!

## KIWANIS CUP TOURNAMENT

Your Board of Directors discussed this potential project briefly. Many questions were raised which need answers before the Board is ready to recommend that the Club adopt it as a long-term fund-raiser.

Further discussions will be held very soon when more information is available.

It is an intriguing program and does seem to have significant fund-raising potential.

## JIM PENDERGRAPH

Surely by now you have heard the announcement from Jim that he intends to seek a seat on the Board of County Commissioners later this year. Jim is an "alumnus" of Mecklenburg Kiwanis, having resigned in the fall of 2002. After election as Mecklenburg County Sheriff he found that time simply would not permit his attending Kiwanis meetings regularly.

Good Luck, Jim. Now that you're back "home" why not return to Kiwanis?

Official policy strictly prohibits members from using Kiwanis to promote, or in any way, endorse, candidates for political office. But there's nothing says we can't be proud of Kiwanians who do serve their fellow citizens in such manner.

## NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 15, usual time and place.

Ronald Reagan said it: "Socialism only works in two places: Heaven, here they don't need it; and hell, where they already have it."

## MORE POINTS TO PONDER FOR 2010:

17. Is a personal will a dead giveaway?
18. Does a backward poet write inverse?
19. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
20. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
21. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
22. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
23. If a relationship has to be secret, you shouldn't be in it.
24. Burn the candles. Use nice sheets. wear your fancy clothes. Don't save for special occasions. Today is special.
25. Be eccentric NOW. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
26. The most important sexorgan is the brain.
27. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

--To be continued

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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