

# 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 4, 2010

Attendance: 14 Members + 5 Guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Meaningful dialog with President Ryan about the directions we want to take for the next year. President Ryan prepared a PowerPoint program, which he reduced to print, depicting the organization and function of our Club.

The several "slides" dealt with subjects such as the Officers and Club's Board for the coming year, meetings, the "Four Functions of Kiwanis," membership, projects - both fund-raising and community service, housekeeping, and others.

All in all, a well-prepared outline of how President Ryan intends to "run" our Club for the next year. Included was this observation, "If everyone gives 1 more hour each month to the Kiwanis. In October 2011 we will have added 7 extra full work weeks to serve children."

Sounds to me like President Ryan has a very good grasp of what Kiwanis is all about, and he intends to fulfill to the best of his ability its mission.

A man wanted a boat more than anything else. His wife kept saying NO, but he bought one, anyway. In an attempt to pacify her, he told her one day, "In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?" As the good sport that she tried to be, she accepted.

When they went to the boat for its maiden voyage, there was the name painted on the stern in big block letters:

"FOR SALE"

## COWS or MOOSE??

Didja see the article on Page 43 of the current (October, 2010) issue of KIWANIS Magazine? It describes the Palmer, Alaska Kiwanis Club's project involving moose droppings. The variation is that they collect "moose chips" prior to the event and have them dropped from a five-story ladder onto a target on the ground below. The moose chips are numbered, instead of the "arena," and assigned to ticket buyers. The winners of cash prizes are those whose chips fall closest to the target.

I don't know about you. But I'm not sure I'd enjoy running around collecting moose droppings for some time before the B-I-G day! (Even if I lived in Alaska, that is.)

## DIDJAKNOW?

1925: The Sacramento, California Kiwanis Club sponsors a club for "key boys" in the local high school. This first Key Club will eventually grow 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."

1962: The first Kiwanis Club was formed outside the United States or Canada. It was in Tijuana, Mexico. International President at that time was Joe Tally. Thus Joe Tally (one of only two International Presidents ever from CAROLINAS DISTRICT) is widely credited with taking Kiwanis truly International. Joe was an attorney from Fayetteville, NC.

## Points to Ponder for 2010

82. My first job was working in an orange juice factory. But I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.

83. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it. So they gave me the axe.

84. After that I tried being a tailor, but wasn't suited for it. It was, anyway, just a sew-sew job.

**- 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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