

# 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, March 21, 2011

Next meeting: Monday, April 4.

## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Club Committees met together to discuss, plan, and report.

The topic at one table center around our Club possibly implementing the Kiwanis Terrific Kids program at one or more elementary schools. This has been for many years a highly successful program in many localities, including by other Kiwanis Clubs in the Charlotte area. Terrific Kids was a program dreamed up and started by a member of the Carolinas District's Black Mountain-Swananoa Kiwanis Club. That gentleman (named Smith) died several years ago, at which time a Past Lieutenant Governor, Gene Parks, assumed the District Chairmanship. Gene has now joined that "Kiwanis Club in the Sky;" and is succeeded as District Chair for Terrific Kids by Kiwanian Dick Fisher, member of the Fayetteville (NC) Club.

There are several sites on the District web site pertaining to Terrific Kids, one of the most comprehensive can be found at URL:

<http://slp.kiwanis.org/kkids/terrific/aboutterrific/abouttk.aspx>

Check it out and LEARN1

## **THE KIWANIS IMPACT**

Kiwanis International and its family of clubs devote more than 18 million volunteer hours and invest more than US\$107 million annually in communities around the world.

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## **Point-for-the-day:**

Sign in a bar: Those of you who are drinking to forget, PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE.

**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>**

## **MARTHA SAMS**

The Sunday, March 27, 2011 edition of the Charlotte Observer carried an obituary for this lady. And I do mean LADY. Martha Sams was a fine person and every bit the quintessential Southern Lady, born right here in Charlotte.

She was the 70-year long wife of our only living Charter Member, Arthur Sams (now an Honorary Member of our Club).

The Sams built a house in the Foxcroft area of Charlotte, and lived in it for 50 years - - until moving into Sharon Towers in 2003. Before retirement, Arthur was owner and operator of The McDonald-Sams Insurance Agency. Over the many years he lent a great deal of advice re insurance matters to our Club and numerous individual members.

Martha Sams had observed 95 birthdays - - one fewer than husband Arthur.

Martha was a talented lady, particularly in piano-playing. Heaven will be much more enjoyable for its residents, now that Martha Sams is there.

Our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to Arthur and the entire Sams family.

## **Your Kiwanis Pediatric Cancer Fund at Work**

Having fulfilled our commitment to the family of Adam Sparks, your Board of directors has approved "adopting" two more young cancer patients.

You will hear - and see - more soon.

