

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 5, 2012

Next Meeting: Monday, March 19

Today's Program



Stephanie Hoyle, representing Youth Villages of NC.

Founded in 1986, Youth Villages serves 17,000 young people and families each year in 12 states and D.C. It uses an array of residential, in-home, and community-based programs. It's mission: "Youth Villages helps children and families live

successfully."

It would appear to this writer that its aims are quite similar to the former "Boys Town" (now Elon Homes for Children) with which we are very familiar. But it is on a much larger scale, in geographical coverage, number of families involved, and variety of programs types.

For more information look up their web site:

www.youthvillages.org

During the last five years, more than 2,500 North Carolina young people and their families have received help from Youth Villages. There are 11 offices in North Carolina alone, with more than 120 staff, both paid and volunteer.

Membership Directories

Some years ago - when our Club was M-U-C-H larger, we would annually publish printed directories of our entire membership. (That was also before the days of email, the internet, etc.) Often they had individual member photos, too.

Now, however, you will find three different directories on our web site - two for general membership info and one for email addresses only. Each one can be printed out - in color - should you so choose. The three - following KI guidelines, and to insure privacy - are in a password-protected area. To gain access to it, you need:

UserName: meckmbr

Password: club03871

Jennifer Wittmer

Our Club President has embarked on a new job, as Administrative Assistant to Mitch Genda, President and Co-Owner of Paragon Homes of Charlotte, a franchisee of Arthur Rutenberg Homes. She will be based in Matthews, at 1135-G Four Lakes Drive.

We wish Jennifer all the best in her new position.

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The Carolinas District

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!) Our Club was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Charlotte, and built in 1952.

Meets 12:00 Noon, 1st & 3rd Mondays: Villa Antonio Ristorante, 4707 South Boulevard

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