

# 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 4, 2013**

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 18, 2013**

## Today's Program

A delightful time sitting at the lunch table, eating, and talking about ourselves. And incidentally we also discussed matters pertaining to Club plans and expectations.

You have been asking for more social events. This kind of meeting fills that bill beautifully. When only seven members show up (as today), we still have a good time. But those of you who don't, don't know what you're missing! Come. Try it and see!!!

## Organization of Kiwanis International

The officers of Kiwanis International are President, President-Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and 12 International Trustees. The International Executive Director (a hired employee, formerly known as International Secretary) also sits on this Board. Trustees are elected for three-year terms, and are not eligible for re-election. Officers serve for one year only. The only constitutional requirement for candidacy for International office - other than being a member in good standing of a Kiwanis Club in good standing - is that the individual must have served as a District Governor.

International Trustees and Officers are elected by the delegate body each year at the International Convention. The normal sequence of succession is from International Trustee to Vice President, then to President-Elect, and, finally, President, then (automatically) to Immediate Past President.

Next Meeting: **Monday, February 18, 2013** - usual time and place. Come one, come all!

## Fund Raising

Unfortunately, it is a vital part of any charitable endeavor. Kiwanis is no exception. I say "unfortunately" because to me it's an enigma. But, fortunately there are many who enjoy such activity. And we are THANKFUL that there are!

Mecklenburg Kiwanis has tried several different approaches. Some successful, some not, and some so-so. Here y'are: (I do not have dates for most.)

1. The first was the "Wally Fowler Gospel Sing." Wally Fowler was a wildly successful musician in his day, offering mostly gospel and/or country music. He had a traveling troupe which was presented in many locations by sponsoring groups. Mecklenburg Kiwanis was the sponsoring group in Charlotte; and raised more than \$100,000.00 during its 10-year run.
2. Door-to-door selling night lights, light bulbs, sponges, and a variety of other such products. That was not too popular and didn't last long. But it did raise a few thousand dollars in the process.
3. "Parade of Homes." The Club operated concessions and assisted in the functioning of the event.
4. The Travelogs. For 38 years, beginning in 1961, we sponsored a series of six programs at Ovens Auditorium, beginning September each year and running through April. The talent was supplied by and scheduled through a Grand Rapids, Michigan agency known as Windoes Travelogs. Our net "take" approached \$30,000.00 in some years, but was more typically about \$20,000.00.
5. And, currently, our "Cow Chip Festival,": with which we are all familiar..

**Meets 12 Noon, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays: Villa Antonio Ristorante, 4707 South Boulevard**  
Web Site: <http://www.mecklenburgkiwanis.org>