

The Mecklenburg Missile

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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

P. O. Box 33573, Charlotte, NC 28233-3573

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Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Meeting Monday, March 4, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2013

Today's Program

Each member present was asked to write down some personal fact that nobody else would be expected to know. President Candi collected the papers and one by one read them, asking if anyone could identify the writer. Some did, some didn't. But it made for a both enjoyable and educational program.

We are, indeed, learning that members themselves can provide interesting programs.

Come and see for yourselves!

You know you live in a country run by idiots IF:

- you can get arrested for expired tags on your car
But not for being in the country illegally.
- You need parents' signature to go on a school field trip, but not to get an abortion.
- The Supreme Court can rule that lower courts cannot display the 10 Commandments, while sitting in front of a display of the 10 Commandments.
- Hard work and success are rewarded with higher taxes and government intrusion while slothful, lazy behavior is rewarded with EDT cards, WIC checks, food stamps, subsidized housing, free cell phones.
- the government's plan to get people back to work is to provide 99 weeks of unemployment checks (to not work)
- being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you "safe."

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

About US!

Let's see. Last time we left off in 1916. Lots happened - and very quickly - after that.

George F. Hixson, of Rochester, NY, was elected the first International President. You will recognize that name, I'm sure. One of the major awards from Kiwanis International Foundation bears the name "George F. Hixson Fellowship." Now you know the significance of the name!

1917 now. The 2nd annual convention, in Detroit, came complete with controversy. One group favored Alan Browne and his idea of the organization's purpose to offer mutual business benefits for members. The other group contended that long-term success of the organization depended upon a more lofty ideal: community service. Nothing was settled.

Next year, 1918, membership soared to 10,000, and a two-room headquarters office was opened in Chicago. The annual convention was held in Providence, RI.

At the 1919 convention, in Birmingham, AL, controversy continued over the purpose of the organization, and also arose over Alan Browne himself, who had not exactly endeared himself to a large block of members. The net result was the offer from Alan Browne to sell all rights to the organization for \$17,500. That sum was quickly raised right on the convention floor - - and Alan Browne was gone!

1920 is next. A spurt of growth - membership soars to 28,500 in 265 Clubs. International Convention, in Portland, OR adopts first motto: "We Build."

1921 was the year that the State of Michigan issued the charter to Kiwanis, and January 21 is ever after celebrated as our "birthday," though, as you see above, a LOT when on before that time.

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

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