

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, May 20, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2013

Today's Program

Terry Lansdell, North Carolina advocate for Safe Routes to School National Partnering.

Some of us didn't know there even was such an organization. Did you??

Terry came with Marie Parker on March 18. Marie, you remember, is the marathon bicycle rider, planning to ride next month from Oceanside, CA to Annapolis, MD, the purpose being to raise funds for cancer research.

Terry combines his love of riding with promoting bicycle safety, especially for school children. A major thrust of his efforts is to encourage building sidewalks and bicycle paths anywhere children are walking or riding to school.

Thanks to Valerie Lemond for arranging this program. We are sorry that she could not be with us, too.

Some Paraprosdokians:

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Light travels faster than sound. Therefore some people appear brilliant until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

I didn't say it was your fault. I just said I was blaming you.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You just need a parachute to sky dive more than once.

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1933 Kiwanis suggested that the U.S. set aside a day to be known as "I Am An American Day." Congress and President Roosevelt thought it a good idea. So it was done.

Kiwanis membership sank to its low point - 79,589. That was almost 25% drop in one year.

But Kiwanis picked up again the very next year (**1934**), adding about 4,000 to its membership rolls.

Kiwanis' 20th anniversary was celebrated in **1935** by placement of the first "Kiwanis Peace Marker" on the US-Canada border. Also, in 1935, a new program was adopted for "Support of Churches in their Spiritual Aims." This added emphasis to the first of our six "Objects:" to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life." Clubs now numbered 1,858, and membership about 86,000.

The **1936** International Convention opened in Washington, DC. President Roosevelt lauded Kiwanis for its efforts in combating the Depression by inviting delegates to a reception in the White House Rose Garden.

The Kiwanis Club of Pullman, Washington opened a "Circle K House" at Washington State University. This was a housing scholarship program for students - and was the forerunner of Circle K International (now known as CKI), whose official "birthdate" is 1947.

In **1937** the Convention opened in Indianapolis, Indiana, using as its theme "Kiwanis Builds Better Communities." Highlighted were the 30,000 individual Club projects accomplished in the name of Kiwanis.

The **1938** convention convened in San Francisco, boasting a 17% increase in Club activities. And the 2,000 Kiwanis Club was organized.

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

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