

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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*Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.*

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

Organized August 5, 1952

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

**Meeting Monday, June 3, 2013** Attendance: 10 Members, 3 guests **Next Meeting: Monday, June 17**

## Today's Program

Don Jones, representing Faith Family & Sports - an organization devoted to "rehabilitating at-risk" children."



Don Jones is a former NFL football player, having played college ball at University of Washington ("Huskies"), and then been drafted by the New York Jets. He also played with the Minnesota Vikings.

"Faith Family & Sports is a powerful ministry tool used to transform lives, restore families and empower communities. The bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:12 "Though one may be over powered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." This is the foundational principle we have built this tool of outreach upon, we feel that every one can relate to one of these three titles in a positive way and can benefit from what we have to offer through Faith Family & Sports."

The above paragraph taken from their web site:

[FaithFamilyandSports.webs.com](http://FaithFamilyandSports.webs.com)

For more about this non-profit organization, go to the web site. THANKS to Gerald Baysden for getting the program.

- \* Church is for Spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
- \* We never really grow up. We only learn how to act in public.
- \* The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- \* To be sure of hitting your target, shoot first and then call whatever you hit the target.

## About KI (a continuing saga)!

**1939** Canada enters WWII as a British ally. Kiwanis begins observing US-Canada Goodwill 'week annually instead of biennially. The Kiwanis International Foundation receives its corporation charter. And eight Key Clubs in Florida meet and organize the Florida association of Key clubs - the forerunner of Key Club Districts.

In **1940** Kiwanis celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Twenty-Five silver dollars decorating the cake brought \$625 at auction. This money then became the first funds donated to the new Kiwanis International foundation. Also, a wreath was laid on the grave of Kiwanian #1, Joe Prance; and a plaque erected at Detroit's Griswold Hotel, site of the first Club's meetings. In addition, Canadian Kiwanis Clubs provided food, entertainment, etc., for Canadian members of the armed services.

**1941**, of course, saw the entry of the US into WWII. Kiwanis International President Charles S. Donley, of Pittsburgh, PA, mobilizes Kiwanis Clubs via a nationwide radio broadcast, and then calls a meeting of leaders from all the major service clubs to organize a war effort.

In **1942**, with the world at war, the International Convention in Cleveland was to be the last until 1946. Kiwanis adopted the theme, "Morale Building for the War Effort." Kiwanis Clubs collected scrap metal and rubber, organized blood drives, sponsored Victory Gardens, and otherwise came to the aid of dependents of servicemen overseas. In **1943**, as a means to keep in touch with Kiwanians in overseas service, a newsy, monthly, bulletin called "Contact" was published. The first "Wartime Conference" was held in Chicago, and members present pledged "Victory! By United effort - By Individual service."

**1944**, despite the war clouds, Kiwanis membership soared to 132,000 - a new high. A second "Wartime Conference" was held in Chicago, while Kiwanians were working for a common goal: "All Out For Victory."

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**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>