

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, July 15, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, August 5 2013

Today's Program, July 15

TWO speakers today:
JOHN BRAMHALL



Self-employed with an organization called "ACN." ACN began in 1993 as a reseller of long distance services in the U.S., but over time has grown to offer all the essential services customers in 23 countries use on a daily basis. John's philosophy for living: figure out what you want to do, then DECIDE TO DO IT!

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And then RACHEL LaBARRIE, a Private Pilot and skydiving instructor. Rachel says that once someone indicates a desire to try sky-diving, they are absolutely committed once they board the airplane. He or she WILL jump!

Rachel is living proof that the sport is both safe and fun. She has made more than 1,900 dives! Most of her diving is done with South Carolina Skydiving at the Chester, SC airport.



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THANKS, Keri Brennan, for arranging a most interesting and fascinating program. You who weren't in attendance missed a great one!

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1945 Kiwanis' contributions toward war effort:

- * \$2 billion worth of war bonds and stamps;
- * 3 million tons of scrap;
- * Individually made contact to more than 3 million members of the armed forces;

Established Legion of Honor for Kiwanians of 25 or more years standing.

Held final wartime conference - in Chicago.

1946 Kiwanis gained 15,000 members in this first year of peace. Clubs were organized in Alaska (remember, not yet a state), and the Yukon Territory. Key Club became a fully recognized part of Kiwanis, with official structure and a dedicated staff in Kiwanis Headquarters (Chicago). The first postwar convention was held in Atlantic City.

1947 200 new Clubs organized, including three in Hawaii (also not yet a state). A very sad note on the eve of the Chicago convention: International President Jay Emerson dies suddenly. Circle K begins with a Club at Carthage College, in Carthage, Illinois. Dr. Charles Armstrong, of Salisbury, NC Club, became the first Carolinian to be elected International President.

In **1948** Kiwanis began actively promoting democratic values and political freedom. More than 16 million copies were distributed of two pamphlets: "It's Fun to Live in America" and "It's Great to be a Canadian." Los Angeles was host to the International Convention.

1949: The Kiwanis Pamphlet Series is cited by the U.S. Freedom Foundation. Kiwanis sponsors its first Congressional Dinner in Washington, DC, in honor of members who are serving in high governmental positions. The first Kiwanis Kids Day is organized, with 1,239 Kiwanis Clubs participating. International Convention once again takes place in Atlantic City.

1950 The Red River Vallrey floods brought substantial aid from both US and Canadian Kiwanis Clubs. A Kiwanis Club is organized in Newfoundland, the brand new province of Canada. The goal of 4,000 Clubs and 250,000 members is set, anticipating the 40th anniversary of Kiwanis 5 years hence.

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

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