

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, August 5, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, August 19 2013

Today's Meeting

Attendance: 9 Members, 2 Guests

Devoted to a report of the Board meeting held immediately prior, and reports and discussion concerning "Cow Chip Day" now just a few short weeks away.

The Board meeting was attended by a guest representing the Novant (Presbyterian) Hospital Foundation. You may recall that several years ago we elected to contract with them to manage our charitable funds. They now report that we have something in excess of \$300,000 in the endowment, plus about \$35,000 usable for projects. They will continue to manage it for us under the contract we executed several years ago.

Douglas E. Dickison

It is with a very heavy heart that we report the passing of Doug Dickison. After a lengthy battle with cancer, he succumbed on Tuesday August 6, 2013.

Doug was born on December 3, 1952. He joined Kiwanis in August, 2005, was Mecklenburg Club President in 2008/2009, and Carolinas District Lieutenant Governor 2010/2012 (2 terms)

A beautiful Memorial 'service was held on Saturday, August 10 at Providence Baptist Church, in Charlotte.

Our deepest sympathy to Doug's family...

Next meeting: Monday, August 19 - usual time and place. **Be There!**

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1951 The Korean Conflict (remember: technically NOT a war) has center stage. But Kiwanians once again were responding as if it were a war effort. Many Clubs also reflected the growing concern over the spread of communism and a threat to freedom in the world.

1952 U.S. Clubs, working alone or with other organizations, conducted a Ballot Battalion campaign designed to stimulate public awareness of issues and encourage voting in the coming national elections.

In **1953** the International Convention was held in New York City. 11,532 delegates were attracted to Madison Square Garden - so far the largest-ever attendance at such a convention. Circle K is expanding and becoming a factor-to-be-recognized in the annals of Kiwanis. And hundreds of Kiwanis Clubs joined to promote and support Radio Free Europe.

More new Kiwanis Clubs were built in **1954** than in any previous year since 1922. Kiwanians now number almost 250,000. A second series of pamphlets intended to strengthen the national heritage reaches a circulation of 6 million. 2,000 Clubs sponsor Kids Day programs. 1,400 radio stations use Kiwanis religious recordings. 114 members of Circle K meet at Carthage College. Officers are elected, and Kiwanis International is petitioned for recognition of Circle K.

The dawn of **1955** is greeted with the Kiwanis theme "Forward in Kiwanis." A record 265 new Clubs were built, one of which was Club #4000. Kiwanis sponsors first Farm-City week; and Circle K is granted official recognition as a sponsored-youth affiliate. Plans are formulated for Kiwanis to buy and own its own Headquarters in Chicago.

1956 saw Kiwanis membership surpass 250,000. Kiwanis Kids Day events in the US and Canada attracted more than 1.3 million youngsters. Land at 101 E. Erie Street, in Chicago, is purchased for the planned Kiwanis International Headquarters building.

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

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