

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 19, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2013

Today's Meeting

was attended by only six members; but was very productive concerning plans for Cow Chip Day.

With only fifteen dues-paying members in our Club now, we each must **sell more Cow Chip tickets.**

Carolinas District Convention

Mecklenburg Club was represented by three delegates - Hagler, Sherpherdaon, & Swanson - among 205 total.

Bill Clingenpeel, of Gate City Greensboro Club, was elected District Governor for 2013/2014; and Gary Cooper, from Fayetteville Club, was elected District Governor-Elect for the coming year.

Only one by-laws amendment was proposed, and it passed with minimal discussion. It now allows the District Reserve Fund a floor of 80% of the year's operating budget (instead of 100%, as it had been for many years.)

Next Meetings

Because the first Monday in September is a holiday (Labor Day in the US) we will meet instead the following week, on Monday, September 9. Then again one week later, on September 16.

We need these meetings to get "our ducks in a row" for Cow Chip Day - Saturday, September 21.

Please make every effort possible to attend these meetings and offer your help for our only annual fund-raising project.

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1957 Kiwanis partners with the US Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol with the idea being to provide a means for youngsters to gain some idea of what "Living in the Air Age." is all about. At our International Convention in Atlantic City US Vice President Richard Nixon was the featured speaker. The International Foundation for Underprivileged Children, founded by Jimmie Fidler, was being dissolved, and the corpus of \$120,000 donated to KIF for the purpose of supporting the continued observance of Kids Day. Architects were selected and drawings approved for the new Kiwanis General Office building to be built in Chicago.

In **1958** the International Convention was held in Chicago, which allowed convention goers to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the new General Office Building. Key Club membership reached 41,000, in 1,800 high schools. Convention delegates approved adding the office of International President-Elect.

1959 The Kiwanis staff occupied the new General Office, which itself was distinguished by being awarded architectural honors for design.

The **1960** convention took place in Miami Beach, Florida. Key Club membership had grown to 49,000; and Circle K to 5,500. Of special note to us in the Carolinas is that J. O. Tally, Jr., of Fayetteville, was elected International President - our second such and one of only two we've ever had.

The **1961** convention in Toronto attracted 14,000 registrants - the most to date. History was made when delegates approved building a Kiwanis Club in Mexico - the first outside the US and Canada. Thus "our" President, J. O. Tally is credited as being "the President who took Kiwanis truly International." (The Club was built the following year, 1962.) Cooperating with the National Recreation Association, plus receiving a grant from Life Magazine, Kiwanis conducted a 1,000 Club survey to determine a National Purpose.

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

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