

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, September 9, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16,

Today's Meeting

Attended by 10 members. That doesn't sound very good; but when you consider that we have only 15 dues-paying members, that's 67%.. By that standard that's not bad at all!

Discussion was almost entirely centered on plans for Cow Chip Day, September 21 -- only one more meeting before then.

Next meeting will be next Monday, September 16. Please try as hard as you can to attend. We need all the help we can get, not only to man the festivities on the 21st, but also to help set up the day or two prior.

Then we'll need help again after the event, to leave clean premises for the McMahons - who so graciously AGAIN open their grounds to us free of charge.

Carolyn McMahon

Speaking of the McMahons: Sam accompanied Carolyn on Monday (September 9) to Atlanta, where she underwent eye surgery at Emory University' early the next morning.

Matt Hagler heard from Sam that all went well, and so far everything looks very good.

Confucius did NOT say:

Man who wants pretty nurse must be patient.
Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.
Lady who goes camping should be aware of evil intent.
Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion,
Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1962: The 5,000th Club is built; one of which was the first Club outside the two founding nations. Clubs were built in Mexico and the Bahamas. We in the Carolinas can be proud that "our" International President J. O. Talley was the President of Record for that. Also, the golden age of computers dawned in the International Office: an IBM computer system was installed to handle membership records, magazine subscriptions, and other data processing tasks. The International Convention was held in Denver. **1963** was a banner year for extending Kiwanis to Europe. Clubs were built in Austria, Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland. We have truly become **KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL!** A booklet entitled "You and the Law" was written for and copies distributed to more than a million high school students. **1964** A radio forum entitled "Inquiry" was made available in 13-week segments; and the first membership film - a pseudo-history, if you will, was produced. In addition to all that, The Freedom Leadership Program is developed. AND: Clubs were built in Asia (Japan & The Philippine Islands), plus in Norway, Iceland, and Jamaica. **1965** saw the 50th anniversary of Kiwanis. A "Birthday Party" on January 21 saw more than 4,000 Kiwanians and guests gather at Detroit's Cobo Hall to celebrate. Numerous newspapers and radio stations were reporting about Kiwanis during the year, and the observance won several public relations awards. The Kiwanis International Foundation introduced the Tablet of Honor; and the first Kiwanis Clubs were built in Puerto Rico, France, and The Netherlands. The International convention took place in New York City. That brings us to **1966**. Hamilton, Ontario was the site of a celebration observing the Golden anniversary of Kiwanis in Canada. O. E. "Pete" Peterson retires after 25 years as International Secretary, to be succeeded by R. P. "Reg" Merridew, a former broadcasting executive, and Past President of both Detroit #1 and Cleveland #2 Kiwanis Clubs.

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