

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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*Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.*

Organized August 5, 1952

**Meeting Monday, September 16, 2013**

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2013**

### Today's Meeting

8 Members attended. Tasks and assignments were discussed about the looming Cow Chip Day, 5 days hence.

Don't forget: BE THERE Saturday in the back yard at Sam and Carolyn McMahon's residence on Carmel Road.

### Aging

It's commonly said that the older we get the fewer and fewer friends we still have. I was curious: in the Carolinas District we have 22 Past Governors still living. Only three served before I did.

### Gems of Wisdom

Lord, THANK YOU for all the dirty dishes. That's because we have plenty of food to eat.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day, drinking beer.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

A hole was found in a nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

She was only a whiskey maker; but he loved her still.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

### About KI (a continuing saga)!

**1967** For the first time since 1934 Kiwanis suffers a net loss: 250 members. That led to the "Let's Match" program, deigned to match Kiwanis manpower to community needs. The initial Robert P. Connelly Medal for Heroism is presented to Kiwanian Connelly's widow. The Farm-City week observance wins honors as one of the outstanding public affairs programs of the year. New countries added to the list of Kiwanis countries: Sweden, New Zealand, Colombia, Australia, Italy, Panama, and the Republic of China (Taiwan). **1968** Membership still of concern, "Operation Prevention and Retention" is added to the "Let's Match" program. Modest annual growth resumes, but remains sluggish at 1% to 2% through the 1960's and 1970's. The Kiwanis Administrative Year (October 1 to September 30) was adopted, putting all levels - International, District, and Club operating on the same annual schedule. Kiwanis conducts the first Family Reunion Day, partnering with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Kiwanis International introduces the concept of its annual Birthday Campaign. New countries added to the Kiwanis roster include Argentina and Trinidad-Tobago. **1969** The first annual Kiwanis Major Emphasis Program was introduced, this one being "Operation Drug Alert" (or "ODA" for short). Kiwanis International-Europe is organized as a federation, to enable better communication and support of the growing number of European Clubs. Provisional Districts are established in the Far East. New countries sporting Kiwanis Clubs include Costa Rica and Luxembourg. **1970** Kiwanis' 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary was observed by the Detroit Convention, with the theme "Back to the Birthplace." Operation Drug Alert receives numerous awards, and the thousands of Club projects under this program make ODA one of Kiwanis' most successful service programs to date. Hong Kong, Ecuador, and New Caledonia are added to the mix of Kiwanis countries.

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**Meets 12 Noon, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays: Villa Antonio Ristorante, 4707 South Boulevard**

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