

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, October 7, 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2013

Today's Meeting

Changing-of-the Guard.

October 1 each year begins a new administrative year for Kiwanis International at all levels. Here at Mecklenburg Club, after thanking outgoing officers and directors, we welcomed new ones for 2013/2014:

Your new Board of Directors:

President:	Valerie Lemmond.
President-Elect	
Vice President	
Secretary:	Frank Shepherdson
Treasurer:	Dan Geiser
Immediate Past President:	Candi Knudsen
Directors (Class of 2014):	Matt Hagler Ryan Shrift Bob Swanson
Directors (Class of 2015):	Keri Brennan Jeff McGuire Sam McMahon, Jr.

We're sorry that we are unable to fill the positions of President-Elect and Vice President. So, for the time being, they will be occupied by V A Cant.

Volunteer, anybody????

Despite the vacancies, we believe the Club continues in good hands, and will continue its rich tradition of serving the community and being a significant factor in promoting its welfare.

Note: A recent trend in Kiwanis is toward two-year terms for officers (not including Directors or Trustees, which are treated separately). Though our Club's bylaws specify one-year terms for officers (2 years for Directors), there is nothing in the bylaws which prevents any officer from being re-elected to another successive term.

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1969 Kiwanis International Implements first Major Emphasis Program: "Operation Drug Alert" - often referred to as simply "ODA." Kiwanis International-Europe organized as a federation within Kiwanis International. Provisional Districts established in the Far East. Initial Kiwanis Clubs aer built in Costa Rica and Luxembourg, Miami Beach, Florida hosts the International Convention. In **1970** the Detroit International Convention was dubbed "Back to the Birthplace" in observance of Kiwanis' 55th anniversary, and to honor its last living founding member, Harry Young. Operation Drug Alert, one of Kiwanis' most successful programs ever, with thousands of Club-sponsored programs, receives numerous awards from vassious sources. First Clubs are built in Hong Kong, Ecuador, and New Caledonia **1971** saw the "Distinguished" program implemented for Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Club Presidents. Net loss of 400 members encourages continued emphasis on growth programs. And first Clubs are built in Guyana, Bermuda, Singapore, and Martinique. In **1972** the International Board approved Circle K's petition to open membership to females. Atlantic City was host for the International Convention. **1973** marked the 10-year anniversary of Kiwanis in Europe. A delegation of North American Kiwanians visited the first three European Clubs: Vienna, Basle, and Brussels. The International Convention in Montreal drew record attendance, and was the first convention at which an amendment was proposed to admit women to membership. (It did not pass.) Also, first Clubs were built in Vanuatu and in England. **1974:** Overseas growth continued to outpace that of North America. Delegates in Denver convention again reject an amendment to permit women members; and charters of two Clubs (in New York and Colorado) were revoked for admitting female members. New York almost immediately filed suit in state court contesting this action.

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

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