

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, January 27, 2014

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2014

Today's Meeting

Shay Merritt, representing Second Harvest Food Bank.



Most of us have heard of this Charity, as it's been operating in the Charlotte area for many years. But how many of us really knew just what it is they do? Since 1981 their function is to educate, advocate, and facilitate getting food to low-income people. The Charlotte facility serves an area of 19 counties in North Carolina and South Carolina, and is a part of the much larger organization whose headquarters are in Chicago.

In fiscal 2012/2013 Second Harvest - in just the local 19 counties - distributed more than 40 million pounds of food and grocery products through its more than 600 partner agencies. And It has never taken United Way money.

Our own, the late Quentin Anderson, for several years picked up unsold bread from Harris Teeter and delivered it to Second Harvest. This was credited as one of our Club's charitable activities.

A most interesting and informative program.

Next Meeting

Monday February 10, at Villa Antonio..

Since Monday, February 17 is a national holiday (Presidents' Day), we will delay our regular February meetings one week. Other February meeting will be on Monday, February 24. We'll be back on regular "1st and 3rd" meetings in March.

About KI (a continuing saga)!

1988 Kiwanis enjoys best membership growth in a decade. Kiwanis International organizes a tribute dinner in Washington, DC for First Lady Nancy Reagan. Representatives from 80 organizations join to salute Mrs. Reagan for her efforts to combat school-age drug abuse. **1989** Kiwanis enjoys another brisk growth year - the second best ever in New Club Building. More than 1,000 Kiwanis Clubs participate in the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, and for the first time surpass \$1 million in donations for children's hospitals In several nations, including the US and Canada. Plans are being made to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Kiwanis and the 50th anniversary of the Kiwanis International Foundation. **1990** In the Tournament of Roses Parade was a most colorful float commemorating Kiwanis' 75th anniversary. Also to celebrate, about 2,000 Kiwanians and guests met with the Detroit #1 Kiwanis Club. And on January 21 - the actual anniversary date - the first Kiwanis Club in Eastern Europe was chartered - in Hungary. And Kiwanis International adopts its Major Emphasis Program: "Young Children: Priority One," lending emphasis to the needs of children up to the age of 5. **1991** Kiwanis now numbers more than 30,000 women as members. More than 1,000 Clubs take on projects under the "Young Children: Priority One" banner. **1992** Terry Waite, five years a hostage in Lebanon, appears at Kiwanis International Convention and personally accepts our 1987 World Service Medal. New 13-part Young Children: Priority One public-service radio series is distributed A New billboard and poster program features our "All their shots while they're Young" theme. **1993** US President Bill Clinton joins the team for 30-second TV/Radio spots promoting "All their Shots - - ." Initial steps are begun to launch Kiwanis' first-ever World wide Service Project, "IDD" (Iodine Deficiency Disorder). After years of steady growth, Kiwanis Membership declines 1.5% - mostly in North America.

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