

The Mecklenburg Missile

Comin' Atcha

Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.
6522 Newhall Road, Charlotte, NC 28270

Organized August 5, 1952

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Monday, October 27, 2014

Next Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2014

Today's Meeting

Installation of officers.

It was my privilege and honor to conduct the ceremony. Installed for the 2014/2015 Kiwanis administrative year were:

President.....Keri Brennan
Secretary.....Frank Shepherdson
Treasurer.....Dan Geiser
Immediate Past President....Valerie Lemond
Directors (Class of 2016): John Bean
Chet Helt
Jeff McGuire
Sam McMahon, Jr.
Bob Swanson

All of the above, together, comprise your Board of Directors for the current year.

They also fill the same positions and functions for our Mecklenburg Kiwanis Charities, Inc.

Our THANKS and appreciation to all for their willingness to serve. We look forward to another good year, despite our current small size.

It was nice to have the same number of guests today as we had members! It was my delight (I'm not bragging; just stating a fact), especially, to have six of my family members with me. We had all gathered around the brief leave of grandson, Sgt. Daniel Ragan, USMC. Included were Ralph (Past President of our Club and Past Lt. Governor), Cindy & Paul Ragan (my Colorado Kids), and Cheryl (wife of a Kiwanian) with one of her daughters.
Okay I'm Bragging!

Leadership

Why is Kiwanis' membership on the decline?
I guess if anyone REALLY knew the answer to that, we wouldn't have the problem.

Question: Cause or Effect?:

For 2014/2015 we had no viable candidate for the office of President of Mecklenburg Kiwanis until Past President Keri Brennan came forth and volunteered. Keri served admirably in 2009/2010; so now becomes only the second member ever to hold that office more than once. (Gerald Baysden was the first.) We are indeed fortunate to have such capable hands in charge once again.

The office of President-Elect is vacant for 2014/2015. So unless a member steps in during this year, next year's leadership will either have to continue from this year or be someone who has not had time to adequately prepare.

The Carolinas District fares little better. The offices of Lieutenant Governor AND Lieutenant Governor-Elect for Division 6 (our Club's home Division) are BOTH vacant. Divisions 3 & 19, likewise, have no lieutenant governors OR Lieutenant Governors-Elect for 2014/2015.

Further, because of the scarcity of candidates for District Governor, the District Board has voted to discontinue the practice of rotating the governorship among the three geographical areas (Western North Carolina, Eastern North Carolina, and South Carolina. (Actually this has never been demanded by bylaw; and only in recent years was it written into District Policy. Since the 1930's, started by Past Governor and 32-year District Secretary Herb Hennig, it has been enforced only by Gentlemen's Agreement, and violated only in recent years when the due area had no candidate.)

Meets 12 Noon, 2nd and 4th Mondays - Fairview Plaza Restaurant, 5950 Fairview Road, 28210
Web Site: <http://www.mecklenburgkiwanis.org>