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Al Brunner, who, along with Marlin Kent, gets our meeting fixtures and banners set up each week, delivered a Christmas prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks, Al.

Guests - Fred Pasternak was our guest this morning, and membership certificates were presented by President Bob to Tob Hendrickson and Larry Richter, who, along with all members present, were given a less pleasant but necessary type of certificate, a billing for dues, meals, etc. from Sec./Treas. Joe Marci.

Tree Lot - Frank reported that 225 trees are coming to the lot and that we need to have them stripped, measured, price tagged, drilled, and staked as soon as possible. If you sign up for a particular time slot, please be there. The guy who has been at the lot for a few hours needs to go home and get warm.

Xmas Party - Thanks to Oscar, Kent, and Tom Mauro for making this a very enjoyable evening for us all and to Ralph for providing us with the party facility. The Thomas Jefferson High School Monticello Choir entertained us with their music and dance, and Arch "Houdini" Jefferies amazed us with his feats of magic. We had to leave early because it was way past our bed time. Did those who had too good a time get a ride home in Oscar's sleigh?

Toys for Tots - Tom Mauro says that there's still more room for toys in the box at the trailer.

Xmas Food Baskets - For those participating in this project, the buying will be at the King Soopers at Evans and Monaco on the 21st at 6:00 P.M. Meet at Gene Nosal's house on the 22nd for coordination of the food distribution (9:30 A.M.).

Junior Achievement and Project Business - Pat is looking for one more volunteer for Project Business. JA will be winding up their sales on Monday, the 17th.

Calendar - Be at the meeting on the 21st and receive a Club calendar, detailing, as much as possible, the dates for projected programs and activities for the remainder of the year.

Excelsior-Optimists Outing - On the 22nd, at 5:45 P.M., the British double decker buses will be leaving the Alpine Ice Arena Parking Lot, 3601 S. Monaco, to go caroling with the girls from the Excelsior Center (40), 9 staff persons, and 40 Optimists members and their wives. The caroling sites (neighborhoods and nursing homes) are being planned. A dinner stop at Shakey's (\$4 per person) and a gift for each girl (\$15 max.) will be provided by each participating Optimist family. Excelsior will pay for the dinners for the staff members. The buses will return everyone to the parking lot at about 10:00 P.M.

Basketball - All round-ballers get with Ken Schlagel if interested in forming a team. We're looking to have an available gym the third Sunday of every month.

From the Gunny Sack - I remember his first piano lesson - that I could be there too - I s'pose he'll be another Mozart! - though something less would do. Not bad, to be a parent - to watch your own son grow and learn. If only I could follow him each day - invisible - to smooth his way. He has to learn, I realize, by doing on his own. I hope I'm there if he should need me. Its hard to let him roam.

Today's Program - Bill Sterling, of the Independent Order of Foresters, spoke to us this morning about Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The focus of both organizations is to inject an adult, a father or mother figure, into the life of a child who may be missing one or both. Bill came to us today for our support of a Bowl-a-thon involving 14 teams of little brothers and little sisters. We can get involved directly with the program by donating only 4 hours of our time per week, or we can pledge a monetary amount per pin knocked down. The bowl-a-thon is going to be held at Celebrity Sports Center in February, over a three week period. On February 23 city celebrities will bowl with the kids, and Bill mentioned that one of the celebrities might be Mayor Pena - still imagining a great city - or perhaps some Broncos or Nuggets. The bowl-a-thon is about three years old, and its goal this year is to raise contributions of \$138,000. Major sponsors of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters are Mountain Bell, Continental Home, and Independent Order of Foresters. United Way provides for most of the funding (47%). The honorary Chairman of this year's bowl-a-thon will be Keith Bishop of the Broncos (America's team). There are 500 Big Brothers and 500 Big Sisters in the Denver area.

Coming Attractions:

December 19	Meet at Todd and Becky Olson's House for Caroling
December 21	Visit by Santa (ONLY TO THE NICE)
December 22	Excelsior-Optimists Caroling
December 23	Terry Miller's Birthday (\$200. max.)
December 25	Merry Christmas to All
December 28	Kids to Breakfast - Train Module*

*Carl Burgess is heading up a 2nd project for Kids to run trains**

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**HO! HO! module group will meet 7:00 P.M.-3rd Sunday each month.

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*	AZAR's 7105 East Hampden Ave.	*
*	DENVER, COLORADO	*
*	Every FRIDAY morning at 7:00 A.M.	*
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