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Today we were graced with a prayer from our Secretary/Treasurer, Joe Marci, who also led us in saying, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Mation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all."

Joe's prayer put us in the proper perspective this morning, and it seems apt that the nouns in the Fledge are its core - allegiance, flag, United States of America, Mepublic, liberty, justice, and all, all under God.

Guests - Both of our speakers were our guests and visitors from other Optimist Clubs - Herb Doerschuk (Heather Gardens Breakfast Club) and Michael Coffman (Mile Hi Optimist Club and Director of the new Boys Club in Aurora.

Better Air - Those who helped put up or take down the signs are invited to attend a special luncheon in honor of the project and your participation in it. The place to be is at the Colburn Hotel at 980 Grant at 12:15 on the 6th of February. Its where the Charlie Brown Restaurant once was (Chinese food) for many years. That was when the whole office could get stuffed for about 12 bucks. Its gone high-class now.

Forgot to mention - V.P. Tom hauro filled in today for duties at the podium Fres. Bob Hugo, rumored to be out of town trying to recruit new members. Others reported hearing that a large group of women led by his wife Janna shanghaied him to who knows where, all in the spirit of "give every living creature you meet a smile". Stay well, Tom; who knows where these ladies may have taken him or done with him. Good job at the podium today, Tom.

Arch "Yow you see it, now you don't Jefferies and John "Tho would dare publish his real nickname" Young - provided us with a few looks from the lighter side of the aisle while somehow managing to keep a look-out for any nearby waitresses.

<u>Marlin and Allison</u> - Let us all keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

<u>Citizenship Program</u> - Charlie reported that we need help at the Holm,

<u>Samuels</u>, and Southmoor programs this month, especially someone to attend the Southmoor program next Tuesday at 10:15.

Board Meeting - Will be at the home of President Bob Hugo on the 12th. Excelsior Wives! Meeting - Scheduled for February 10.

Ski Trip - Rescheduled for March 3!! The cost is \$30 and includes bus, lift ticket and three meals. Tickets can be purchased at the Weston Hotel -- only 28 are left.

Today's Program - Tom Mauro introduced our speakers this morning - Herb Doerschuk and Mike Coffman, who gave us a presentation on the Boys Club of Aurora. The club will be dedicated on February 14 and will occupy a 16,500 square ft. Bldg. at 1620 Boston Street in Aurora. Linda Capra is heading up a fund-raising drive for the building, and, as an Aurora councilperson, the project for the new building has a good political base. The Aurora Club will have a vocational training program that will be the only one of its kind in the country. Herb has been involved with the development of the club for three years. Mike, the

Director of the club, was unable to present his slide presentation because of a power outage that affected 35 square miles of Southeast Denver. None-theless, he spoke about Boys Clubs and their theme - A PLACE TO GO, A WAY TO GROW. The Boys Clubs have been very successful for the last 24 years, serving 5,000 boys each year. Involving primarily 3rd graders through 6th graders, a Boys Club presents a boy an opportunity to change his attitudes, work with adults, and help him to solve problems in his daily life. The Boys Club has four branches in the Netro Denver area. The Aurora Club would like to reach and work with 250 juvenile delinquents, truants, or runaways and make them capable of getting jobs. The Clubs see as their #1 problem the lack of motivation to become employable. The vocational training program of the Boys Club of Aurora will provide instruction in auto mechanics as a start and build from there. The Boys Clubs often associate with organizations such as Junior Achievement and Old Timers Baseball in trying to instill in their boys the importance of belonging, achieving, and earning.

From the Gunny Sack - Patrick (a boy at Clayton College we took to a Nuggets game and the zoo but had to leave because his mother still had parental rights, alcoholic rights - Colo. Blvd. at Martin Luther Hing, Jr. Blvd. - Clayton College for hejects) - How tough life can be for a boy when he's all by himself, with a runaway father and mother as examples of behavior and self. Its so easy to label them, put them aside, shun them. What would help at this point is a hug, a simple hug; to give of our time and attention. Society's problem? The city? The state? If we each gave some thought as to how we would feel in a similar spot, would we ever ignore them this way? These children of God will grow up with the problems we'll wish we had faced in an earlier day. (I didn't think I'd ever be able to write about this 10-year old boy, Patrick. We named our second boy after him. It hurt too much to see him again)

Coming Attractions -

February S

Rob Hermanson - Future of Schlessman YNCA AND SUSTAINING FUND DRIVE

February 22

Renee Montoya - Community Tech Skills Center

March 16, 17

Brain Bowl

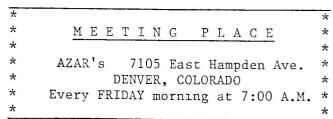
March 23

International President's Dinner

Bob Hugo	President	758-9409
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