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Mike Miller, two-time winner of the Jackpot, led us off with the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. As someone once said, "Lend me your ears", I wish that Mike, who could be no further removed from me than a 24th cousin, would lend me his luck charm, rabbit's foot, and four-leaf clover.

Guests - John Young introduced his guest, Bruce Anderson, and Oscar Sorensen brought again Chuck Gambor, an original charter member of our club, as his guest.

Oratory Contest - This will be held at the Schlessman YMCA on the 26th at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Marlin Kent - wanted me to include a special message to the members: saying, "Thank you for your many cards, visits, and moral support. You have been a second family to me. Emma is a good nurse. Your flowers were beautiful and were the first ones I received. My thanks to you all."

On the 9th of March, help launch the balloons to benefit the Denver Symphony Orchestra. Be at the downtown May D&F at 7:00 A.M. Encore!

Optimist International President's Dinner - Will take place on March 23. \$16.50/person - More later.

Blue Moon Ball - For all of you who, unlike me, went further than the two-step, this should be a very enjoyable occasion. It will take place at the Radisson Hotel (the old Hilton). The date is the 1st of March.

Colorado-Wyoming District Board Meeting - Appearing for this meeting on the 10th in Boulder were John Young, Curt Jefferies, Arch Jefferies, Russ Paul, Joe Marci, Frank Middleton, Pat Bush, and Bob Hugo. Both Pat Bush and Curt Jefferies received awards for last year's achievements.

Great American Citizenship Project - The plane ride and tour to Rapid City is planned for May 22, 1985. Dean Sotiriou presented the awards last week at Holm Elementary. Russ Paul will be trying to increase publicity for the Rapid City Tour.

Brain Bowl - March 16 - 96 schools have already signed up, so we will need 20 or more members to help with this project.

Olympics of the Mind - Bill Swigert and Tom Mauro are coaches for two Holm Elementary teams.

Induction - Mike Miller, sponsored into membership by Pat Bush, was officially inducted as a member. Mike was pinned by Pat (does B.L. know about this?). Pat responded to the oohs and aahs by saying that Bill Swigert had helped in bringing Mike into the club. Bill, however, didn't have a pin with him, so Pat had to go it alone.*

Allison Wehrer IS NOW HOME and Duane gave thanks for all the thoughts held and prayers made for her.

Skiing Outing next weekend. More later.

*Mike Miller told us a little about himself. He's a Denver native, works for Ma Bell, and became acquainted with our club through his participation in the Arapahoe Little League Project.

Letter from the Mayor..... Charlie circulated a letter which he had received from Mayor Pena, praising him and all other members who have participated in the Citizenship Program. Curt Jefferies presided over the program today at Samuels.

New Rules for the Jackpot - In the months of March and April a member must have a guest with him. The prize will be \$10 the first week, and if no guest is with the member who has the winning number, the prize will go up \$10 each week for four weeks or until there is a winner who has a guest with him. After hitting \$50 the prize will return to \$10 and possibly reach \$50 again in the tenth week. It will be interesting to see how these new rules will affect new membership.

Today's Program - Tom Mauro introduced Renee Montoya of the Community Technical Skills Center as our speaker. Renee and Ike Lanier, of IBM, talked about 50 job-skill oriented centers nation-wide, including the training and placement center in Denver (on the grounds of Clayton College for Boys at Colo. Blvd. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.). The Center in Denver graduates 123 men and women each year, who, when they graduate, have received special education and hands-on-training in typing, words processing, and other skills for placement in positions of employment. Entrants in the program must meet certain low income guidelines and adhere to employment readiness standards, a strict attendance code, and a dress. The Center in Denver places 91% of its graduates in job positions, helps them develop resumes, and provides them with the skills to market themselves in the highly competitive areas of clerical office work, typing, word processing. All learning at the Center is recognized by awards. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award is presented annually to a student who exhibits extreme courage and persistence. Congratulations to IBM and to the centers for creating positions of opportunity within the system of private industry without government handouts.

Down the Road.... WILL be programs on the Arapahoe Little League and on other programs that will soon be announced.

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*	DENVER, COLORADO	*
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