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After the ringing of the bell by President Bob, Tom Vickery began the meeting with a greeting, a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the pen began to jot things down on a pad and people rose and sat and I wrote to find where the meeting was at. And we were on the way.

Guests - Say hello to an Optimist visitor from the SE Aurora Club and welcome back, Freddie Pasternack. Dr. Dave Rawlings brought a guest who will present a program on canoeing on the 25th - Dan (now its been told to me by two of you that Dan's last name is spelled "Santum" or "Senjem", so uh we'll let Dan take his pick). The only sure way I'd know which was right would be to check it out on the membership roster. So turn in your application Dan and I'll try to get it right.

Ladies Color Coordinated - 20 of our better-halves enjoyed this program put on by Persis Wood on the 5th. They're all set up to get with the Excelsior girls on two future Sundays to be announced. (Now don't tell me I spelled "Persis" WRONG - nobody told me how to!).

Visitation - A visitation to the Optimist Club of Aurora South was made yesterday, the 10th, by Bill Eddy, Frank Middleton, John Young, Curt Jefferies, Tom Mauro, and DDS Dr. Ed (Dr. Ed) Fankhauser.

Project Business - Pat Bush (PB) is combing the bushes for a Supervisor for this project.

Oratorical Contest - Tom Mauro needs someone to work with him as the project coordinator, in addition to some assistance from someone on the Celebrity Sports Center Bowl-a-Thon in February for the benefit of the Big Sisters and Big Brothers.

Arch Jefferies - Thank you, Arch, for your jokes that you share with us. Ever notice that the waitresses cringe and run away when you move toward the podium. I guess some people just can't take a joke.

Duane Wehrer - Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and Fran as we think of Allison and pray for her recovery. Our hearts go out to you both.

Better Air - January 19 is the date for taking down the signs. Also, congratulations to you, Bill Litchfield, for having been elected to the Board of Directors of the bicycling organization MBA.

Trivial Pursuit - No winners today. Come on you guys, put on your thinking caps.

Today's Program - John Moser introduced Bob Anderson (not the CU football hero of yesteryear), who spoke to us about improvements in the treatment of Alcoholism, a disease which afflicts at least 18,000,000 Americans. Bob, whose business is converting people from alcoholism, presented some very stark statistics about the effects of alcoholism in other areas. Behind heart attacks and cancer it is the 3rd major health problem in America. In his work and research at Cottonwood Treatment Center, Bob has learned that that (1) 60 to 70% of our prison inmates are incarcerated because of alcohol-related crimes, (2) Cirrosis of the liver is the third leading cause of death in our country, behind heart attacks and cancer, (3) 50% of persons on our welfare relief programs have been affected by or are dependent upon alcohol, (4) job loss

attributed to alcoholism results in 50% of all police activity, kills 25,000 people and injures another 100,000 people every year, is a factor in 65% of all murders and 38% of all rapes. In spite of this gloomy data, AA has cured (or stopped from drinking) 200,000,000 people world-wide. I can still remember that spring night of my senior year in high school when I chug-a-lugged my first quart bottle of 3.2 beer as Frank and Jim and I American Graffitied our way down Colorado Blvd. around Celebrity and circling Shakey's and back and forth. The downtownies would cruise up and down 15th and 16th Streets honking horns in their shiny '55 Chevys or their fathers' Buicks. There wasn't much traffic in SE Denver in 1964, or policement either, except the speed trap in Glendale. Those were the days! This summer, at our 20th year reunion, we still hadn't picked up any girls on Colorado Blvd, but Jim and Frank each had two - around ages 9 and 12. I have two boys (13 and almost 10) and realize now why three kids in a car couldn't pick up any girls on the strip. Thank you, Bob, for an excellent program.

International Optimist Club Convention - This June in Albuquerque, New Mexico - not so far away!

The Jackpot - Split between Dave Rawlings and Curt Jefferies.

From the Gunny Sack - ?

SPECIAL NOTE:

Marlin Kent was injured Sat. night, Jan. 12, and is in Porter Hospital. Our prayers are with Emma and Marlin for his speedy recovery.

It asks because its arc
 has borne great weight
 of circular remark
 and tumbled straight,
 unable to embark upon response.
 or scale its arc to start an antiphonse -
 and, hence, the question mark

Coming Attractions -

January 25th Dan Santum (or Senjem) on Canoeing
 January 19 Better Air

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