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Past President Jerry L. Whitlow said a prayer this morning and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bob Hugo banged the bell and announced that the next Board meeting would be next Tuesday, January 8 at his house and at the regular time.

New Member - Rob Ducusin became a new member today. Though not present, Joe Braly was his sponsor. Past President and present Lt. Governor John Young filled in for Joe as Rob was inducted into club membership.

Presidential Announcements - A Charter Presentation Banquet is set for the Aurora Evening Optimist Club at Windsor Garden Inn on January 12 (7:00 PM), Price for the Dinner is \$12.50. Also scheduled is a visitation to the Aurora East Club meeting at Wheatfields at 7:00 AM on the 10th. The Optimist Ladies program was held on January 5 at, I think, the Monaco Place Clubhouse. On January 24 we and our wives are invited to attend the Charter Presentation Banquet of the Optimist Club of Rangeview, Aurora. Details were in the December 21 newsletter. Contact Bob Hugo before the 18th if you plan to attend.

Better Air - Bill Litchfield and those who have volunteered will be removing the signs (remember the old adage - Post no bills) on January 19.

Junior Achievement - Pat says the JA will be liquidating within the next two weeks. Pat also has a Superbowl Pool. If you win you get one of those bills with Benjamin Franklin's picture on the front.

Citizenship Awards - Charlie is looking for a member to be present at Southmoor on the 8th about 8:00 or 8:15 AM.

The Lot - Frank reported that 52 out of our 80 members worked the Tree Lot. The Top Ten worked the following number of hours - Joe Narci(70), Frank Middleton(39), Oscar Sleigh Bells Sorensen(34- he yust goes nuts at Christmas!), Curt Lorenzen(27), Kent Gloor(27), Marlin Kent(27), Curt Jefferies(29- Sorry I got you out of order-its hard to keep track of all you Curts), Al Brunner(24), Tom Mauro(24), Duane Wehrer(24), and Bill Litchfield(22). The total number of man-hours put in was 711. Thank you, Frank, for doing your usual super job on this, our only fund-raiser, and to you, Bob Finkelmeier, for coordinating the participation time and calling people and for making sure that someone was there manning the Lot.

Trivial Pursuit - Who Said:

1. Nobody roots for Goliath.
2. History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.
3. The only reason I played golf in the first place was so I could afford to hunt and fish.
4. The boys in politics are those individuals who want position in order to be something; the men are those who want to do something.
5. The trick to selling a house is to make it look as though no one ever lived in it.

6. I wish no explanation made to our enemies. What they want is a squabble or a fuss; and they can have it if we explain. And they can't have it if we don't.

Two are athletes still alive, one was a minister, an educator, and a black man. One is a columnist. One is a TV news journalist. One is a deceased former President of the United States. If you can name them all, you'll receive a prize at the next meeting.

Today's Program - Joe Marci, who, in addition to being a great bowler, is the Denver Director of the Soc. Sec. Adm. Insurance Programs, talked about changes in the Social Security system that will effect us in 1985. The biggest change is legislation that will tax Social Security beneficiaries who receive more than \$25,000 of income annually. This new development will probably, said Joe M., only affect about 10 percent of the nation's recipients of Social Security benefits but is expected to yield around \$27 billion over 5 years. All beneficiaries will receive a Form 1099. I don't know - isn't the government double-dipping a bit here - earning interest on our FICA payments and taxing those who receive more than \$25,000 income including Soc. Sec. benefits. Even though I don't know of anyone whom this tax would effect, the concept itself seems unfair. The irs, known to some as the IRS, Congress, and the Treasury Dept. surely have better ways of cutting the budget than hitting up the old and retired.

The IRS is planning to add 1,000 more phone lines. That is a move in the right direction. The amount of \$3320 is the limit that a retired person can earn as an employer or employee in 1985 without having to return Social Security payments in excess of that amount. (Age 65-69)

ON THE HORIZEN -

January 11 Bill Anderson - New Aspects of Alcohol Treatment

January 19 Better Air Project

Jackpot Winners - John Moser and Tom Vickery.

Bob Hugo	President	758-9409
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