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Dean Sotiriou gave the prayer, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and was our program speaker this morning. There were no guests today.

Two of our members who the Optimist International Convention in Albuquerque had the pleasure of attending were Bob Hugo and Frank Middleton. Curt Jefferies attended the Convention and then set sail for San Diego, California, less than 25 miles from Tijuana, Mexico. John Young also attended the Convention and came back Tuesday morning. Frank was all bedecked with pins from other Optimist Clubs, as well as one from our own club. The projection is that there will be about 160,000 Optimists in this and other countries by the end of this year and possibly 200,000 by the end of the 1900's. One of the major subjects up for consideration this year was whether women should be permitted to join Optimist Clubs as members, an issue which many men's service clubs are considering. A delegate, an attorney and Optimist Club member from California, opined that as long as an Optimist Club maintains a set of standards for initiation for club members, it would not have to allow women in an Optimist Club. Most women probably wouldn't be interested in joining anyway. They already have their church circles, the YWCA, the PTSA, their kids activities and who knows what else that holds their interest. Just think of all the commotion such a move would make. We, and other clubs that only permit male members, are dwindling. Moving to another subject the Opt. Int. Convent. in Albuq. was attended by about 3,600 members from our country and other countries. Some of the attendees had been to 35 International Optimist Conventions. The Colo.-Wyo. District was well represented by 85 members. The sites for the next three OPT. INT. CONVENTS. are Charlotte, Quebec, and Reno. The girl who won the Essay contest delivered it first in French and then in English.

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### Calendar Of Events -

- June 30 - Channel 31 Telethon for March of Dimes
- July 5 - Golf at Hyland Hills (see Doug Gill) 10:00 AM
- July 19 - Annual Picnic and Swim Party at Hampden Heights
- Aug 17 - Annual Paintathon
- July 24 - Meeting of the '85-'86 Board of Directors at Tom Mauro's house to begin planning of Citizenship Program
- June 30 - Meeting at Tom Mauro's house to plan the costumes to be worn at the Costume / Cocktail Party at Colo.-Wyo. Opt. Dist. Conven. on August 16 (Party from 6:30 to 7:30 PM)
- August 4 - Counting laps at the Celebrity Leukemia Swimathon
- August 15-18 - Colo.-Wyo. Dist. Convent. in Colorado Springs

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Jackpot Winners - Bill Swigert and Larry Stevenson.

Bob Finkelmeier introduced club member Dean Sotiriou as our guest speaker. Dean was born in Greece and his topic for today was Greek-American Relations. Dean is a professor at the University of Denver in its College of Business. Although, or maybe because, Prime Minister George Papadopoulos was educated at the Harvard College of Business, the relations between Greece and the United States aren't the

