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President Bob Hugo rang the bell to begin our special Wives-to-Breakfast at the Hilton Inn South. Bob Finkelmeier gave the prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests - Our own Lt. Gov. John Young brought three guests this morning - Hans and Heidi Hettler and Joan Gabrielson, of the Excelsior Youth Centers. Of course, we all welcomed the wives of our members as our special guests. Our "better halves" were introduced, and thank you Monty Hoyt for arranging today's program.

XMAS PARTY - Oscar reminded us not to forget the party which will be held on December 15 at the Monaco Place Apartments (3355 S. Monaco). Oscar also participated in the Thanksgiving Basket distribution - and I did not mention his name in last newsletter - Sorry!

Boys Club Dinner - Bill Walters reported that the dinner held on the 20th was a success. Thanks, Bill.

Zone Project - Set for December 22 is a dinner and caroling event catered by Bill Walters involving the Excelsior Youth Centers.

Joan Gabrielson was introduced by John Young. The Excelsior Youth Centers work with girls between the ages of 12 and 18 who are disturbed or exhibit symptoms of mental disturbance. A \$10.00 gift is asked of the members attending the dinner.

Junior Achievement - Pat Bush reported that the company formed by the J. A. youth is in the middle of its marketing period and that volunteers are needed, or a volunteer is needed, to work with Junior High or Hiddle School students for about 13 days in a project called Project Business.

XMAS Tree Project - Both Bob Finkelmeier and Frank Middleton talked about the importance of member participation in our club's only fundraising project. Bob encouraged the sign-up in three-hour segments in order to maximize our effort. President Hugo has emphasized the importance of this project by sending a letter to all members.

Bowling - Curt Lorenzen gave a boost to our team with a 234.

Janna Hugo - Janna announced plans for a January 5 program on colors and wardrobe planning. She will send a letter to the wives.

Board Meeting - Next Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7:00 P.M. at President Bob's place.

Today's Program - Monty Hoyt introduced Jim and Jackie Maurer and their young Suzuki violinists. Jim is Professor of Violin at Lamont School of Music, which is part of the University of Denver. Jackie was Concertmaster with the Denver Chamber Orchestra and the Brico Symphony. Jim introduced his young (ages 4 through 10) musicians who were taught to play the violin by the Suzuki method. We were all entertained by these marvelous musicians as the played for us. Through the Suzuki method a child can learn an instrument very early in life, given the right environment. During the instruction the child, parent, and teacher meet once a week, the child and parent practice daily, and sometimes group classes are given. The Suzuki

began in Japan with - yes - a man named Suzuki who taught instrumental music without notes on a piece of paper. Under this method of instruction, the notes come later. First comes a type of teaching which emphasizes learning at a very young age through love, encouragement, and respect. Through the Suzuki method, which is respected world-wide, almost any child can learn to play an instrument earlier than he or she normally would. The Musicians delighted their audience by playing

A Minuet by Bach
Two Grenadiers by Schumann
Humoresque by Dvorak
A short work by Vivaldi
Witches Dance by Patinini

Forgot to mention that the train module has been wired and the tracks laid - per Greg Hurd.

The Jackpot - Again the numbers and names went by in a blur and beyond my ability to put them on paper.

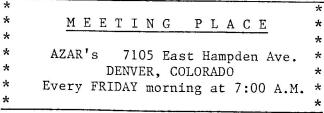
The Creed - John Young closed the meeting by leading us in the Optimist Creed.

December 7	Olympics of the Mind - Dave Thompson and Holm Principal Jim Tracy
December 14	Being arranged
December 21	Big Bothers/Big Sisters - Linda Daniell
December 28	Kids-to-Breakfast
January 5	Joe Marci - The New Social Security

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