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Breakfast came to us a little early. President Bob delivered the official gong at precisely 7:01 or thereabouts. Bill Litchfield gracefully led us off this morning with "An Irish Blessing" and the Pledge of Allegiance. Amen - we all need faith that God holds us in the palm of his hand - AMEN.

Guests - It is always good to see former Lt. Gov. Gene Nagel at our breakfasts, as he was today. A special welcome to our friend and world traveler Arch Jefferies this morning. Arch always makes an event special with his presence and good humor.

Haunted House - Tom Mauro reported that all is proceeding smoothly but that we need a few more good men to fill some slots in the schedule. Again, the place to go is to Lakeside Shopping Center, I-70 & Harlan next to Gart Brothers. Between Sunday and Thursday its open from 6-10 P.M. The House is open on Saturday from 6-12 P.M.

Citizenship Awards - Charlie has invited anyone to attend the awards today - Today we have two presentations- one at Holm Elementary at 9:10 A.M. and the other at Samuels Elementary at 2:30 P.M.

Square Dance - 10/20/84 is the night! You can give your check to Dr. Ed now or hope they aren't all sold out when you get to the Outpost tonight. If you need directions, give Ed a call or call another long-time hooper about how to get there. You'll be glad you came.

Club Visitation - Our interclub luncheon with the Cherry Creek Club has been postponed but, hopefully, will be rescheduled. It is always interesting to learn about projects that other clubs are involved with and to meet other Optimists in our area or elsewhere.

Golf - Joe has delegated to Doug Hill the responsibility of the Halloween Open on October 26. A sign-up sheet has been circulated. Isn't this the height of Optimism - golf in the snow. How many members of the PGA can you name who made names for themselves as winners of the Fairbanks Open. Oh well, I guess the only difference between a sand trap and a snow bank would be the outside temperature. Who is going to come up with the state of the art - an enclosed golf-dome with astroturf rough? Why hasn't Nicklaus thought of that? I guess its just too obvious.

New Project - I don't know, Greg - shopping center railroad. I've never thought quite the same about trains since a time in my early youth when the engineer in the caboose (the red one at the end) stopped waving back. You also have a different outlook on trains when your parents insist that you can do anything with Lincoln Logs and Fort Apache. I wouldn't want my jaded experience, however, to damper your enthusiasm for the concept. Sounds great.

Board Meeting - Set for November 13 at President Bob's house.

Basketball - Ken Schlagel says the date for this has been changed to Thursday at Cherry Creek Middle School. While you roundballers are there, would you please find Fred Tesone and ask him what happened to my alma mater's (and America's) high school football team (used to be called "Bruins", not "Creek" - maybe that's the difference.)

Bowling - Bob rolled a 224? So what! Linda once bowled a 9 (the truth). I bet it'll take a lot of time and experience to roll a game less than that, unless, based on your handicap, they finagle your real score somehow. Keep trying.

Program - Larry Richter introduced our speaker this morning - Steve Katzman, a candidate for State Representative in the upcoming elections in November. Steve wasn't embarrassed to say that he was a lawyer - good show! Steve is concerned about the ever increasing juvenile crime problem in Colorado. In 1983, 400,000 persons were incarcerated in our State and County prison facilities. This figure, says Steve, appears to be increasing at the rate of 12% in Colorado. Juveniles passing through the criminal justice system are, generally, below the poverty level, drug or alcohol abusers, or/and high school dropouts. If elected, Steve would try to get part of the problem solved by sponsoring legislation that would: (1) mandate complete physical and psychological work-ups for juveniles involved in crime (especially the repeat offenders), (2) determine a better way to handle and treat our local violent offenders, with more appropriate and more facilities, and (3) provide programs to reduce education deficiency and maximize job development. Like every system of justice that has ever been used, it relates directly to the everchanging and stressful nature of our history and our society. Like history, it repeats itself in cycles or swings of the pendulum. The liberal so-called "miranda rules of the '60s" have just about run their course, and society is wanting to protect the victims or potential victims. Cases like the Thiret case are not only making people angry with the judges who hand down such decisions but with the system of justice that built this country - in which people are innocent until proven guilty. With the deterioration of the family unit for any number of reasons, the child has less support and more distractions and stresses than we, most of us, could ever have imagined when we were growing up in the '40s, '50s, and '60s. What Steve Katzman hopes to be able to foster are some changes in the law that will reduce juvenile crime.

THE JACKPOT - split between John Young and Bill Eddy

Programs Ahead -

October 26	Betty Neale, State Representative
November 2	Susie Hoffman - Nautilus Fitness System
November 23	Wives-to-Breakfast at Hilton Inn South (bringing another member's wife is frowned upon and golfers should not confuse the location with Hilton Head Island)

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