

# Deaf Seniors Newsletter

Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Interpreter

## Annie Nathanie Sweatt Tucker's 95th



Annie Tucker, in yellow, receives birthday congratulations from her friends at SAC Hall on Tuesday, 6 March 2012. Annie's daughter and son with, from left, Roland Tucker, son; Vicki Tucker, daughter-in-law; Pasty Lebsock, daughter; Jamie Lebsock, son-in-law, takes a photo of the celebration from the SAC hall. Annie turned 95 years old Tuesday.

### Get to know Annie N. Tucker, 95

#### Birthplace and hometown:

Mineral Wells, Mississippi

#### Education:

Mississippi School for the Deaf, Jackson, Mississippi

#### Church:

Mineral Wells United Methodist Church

All Soul's Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

BY PATSY LEBSOCK

The Deaf world has changed since Annie M. Tucker first opened her eyes in the Mineral Wells section of Mississippi close to the Tennessee border in March 8, 1917. And the 95-year-old remembers many of those changes and much of the history she's seen in her lifetime.

Annie was the oldest of 5 children. All of her southern relatives call her "Big Sister". She grew up

in the county and loved to walk to the store to buy candy and treats. She lost her hearing at 5 due to a fever, but she continued to attend the local school in Mineral Wells, Mississippi. Then, when she was 9, she went with her favorite aunt on the train to Jackson, Mississippi. This was when Annie found out that she was to live at the school for the deaf. It was during the depression, so there was no money for  
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#### SAC Seniors Hours:

SAC Senior Citizen Programs are open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on every Tuesday.

#### SAC Hall:

1575 Elmira Street  
Aurora, CO 80010

We welcome seniors from the Denver area as well as other towns.

We will hold our 1st and 3rd Tuesday SAC potlucks and Volunteers of America (VOA) on the 2nd and 4th on Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 AM.

The SAC potluck will furnish the foods. Please bring dessert or anything else you might choose.

Seniors play cards to improve brain fitness and fun talk and socialize.

For more information, please contact:

Director of SAC Senior Citizen Programs, Jerry Jones

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Annie to go home during the school year, but she didn't mind because she loved it at school. She was very popular, and wanted to become a home economics teacher. She played on the girls' basketball team and even earned a letter.

While at the Mississippi School for the Deaf, a cocky, good-looking young football player from Gallaudet, caught her eye. It wasn't long before the young man, Theodore W. Tucker, from Colorado stole her heart and they married on March 10, 1937. The young couple moved to Kansas City soon after, and then to Denver in the 1940's. Annie did not graduate from the deaf school.

Annie raised a family of 5 children and is a grandma or great grandma to 28 grandchildren. But she also considers the deaf people of Colorado as part of her family. They love her. She has been active in the deaf community since she moved here so long ago. Here is a partial list of how she has been involved:

1. President of All Soul's Guild
2. Officer of the NFSD (frat)

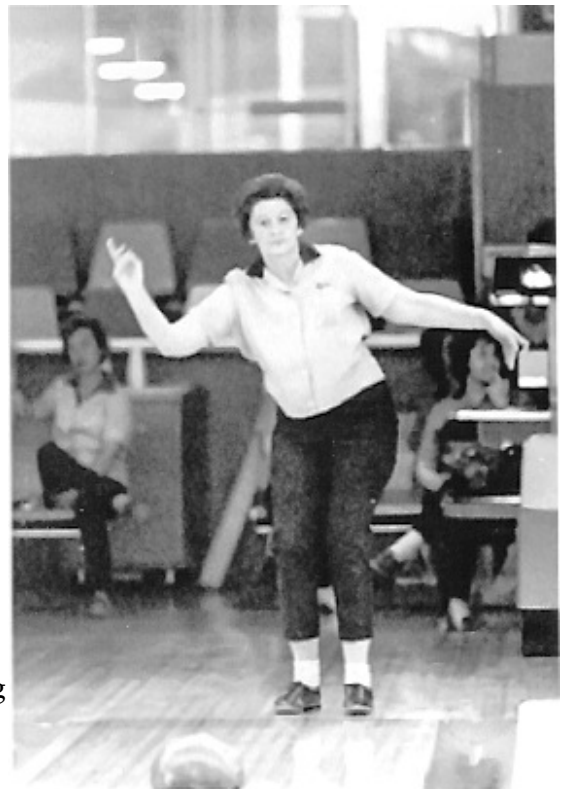
3. Officer of SAC
4. Member of CAD
5. Officer of Talking Hand Sams
6. Member of Metro Seniors
7. Member of SAC Seniors
8. Last living member of All Soul's Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal Church
9. Teacher's Aide at Ft. Logan
10. Member of Deaf Breakfast Club
11. Member of Deaf Bowling League
12. Member of Sewing Club
13. Member of Heather Gardens Ladies
14. Chairman of Seniors Bazaar
15. Chairman of more dinners, socials and parties than you and I can count

Annie loves to have a party and is happiest when she helps other people have a good time. She continues to help with the deaf socials even at the age of **95!**



Annie moved to Denver in 1944.

Annie was spotted playing bowling with Deaf Bowling League.





## Ideas for Fun Activities for the Elderly



Seniors find the best place to discuss, learn, and chat about the iPad.



Seniors love playing card games of all types.



Seniors love to play poker and socialize with fun people.



There are many fun activities elderly people can take part in to keep their mind sharp...fun talking and socializing.



## Seniors Obituaries

### **Bernard Salazar**

(April 16, 1937 - April 21, 2012)

If you have obituaries you would like to see placed here, please send me a copy of article and mail to SAC/obituaries, 1575 Elmira St., Aurora, CO 80010

## Seniors Contributors' Information

### **Contributing to the Deaf Seniors Newsletter**

The quarterly Deaf Seniors Newsletter of the SAC publishing news of current research, recent publications and events pertinent to SAC Senior Citizen Programs.

Contributions are welcome. The Deaf Seniors Newsletter is published in February, May, August and November. The deadlines for Deaf Seniors newsletter copy are December 1 (for the February issue), March 1, June 1, and September 1.

### **Send to:**

*SAC/Deaf Seniors  
1575 Elmira Street  
Aurora, CO 80010*

## Photos

Welcome to the Photos section of the newsletter/website. Feel free to look below to view galleries of pictures taken from various SAC Events.

### • Community Appreciation Italian Luncheon hosted by Sprint Denver and Relay Colorado Team on December 13, 2011.



Classics by Gloria Sanders's Christmas delightful desserts and floral arrangement



Sprint Denver and Relay Colorado Team



Gloria Sanders's catering and her three staff members



Photos by Louise Bodnar



### • St. Patricks Night on March 17, 2012.



Folks dressed in their favorite green costumes for prizes and bragging rights. It also bingo night.

Louise Bodnar and Robert Shaw won best costumes and prizes.

