

# SAC Newsletter

The Silent Athletic Club of Denver

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## Members of Silent Athletic Club Line Up in Front of Building

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### **Deaf-Mute Club Buys West Denver Building**

By Hile Goodrich  
Denver Post Staff Writer  
May 12, 1960

The Silent Athletic Club has found a home of its own.

Despite the club name, its members feel like shouting about it - figuratively speaking, that is.

Its members are either deaf or mute.  
**(see note on page 5)**

The newly acquired club home is a former Jewish synagogue at 1545 Julian St., which the club acquired for \$15,000 - \$5,000 down and a \$10,000 loan from the National City Bank.

A self-reliant bunch, the 125 members have pledged to have the one-story stucco structure spruced up enough to hold a social there June 4.

The formal opening, said Roland Greb of 5042 W. Nevada Pl., club president, continued page 4



Holding key to new clubhouse, formerly a synagogue, are (rear center) Roland Greb, club president, and Charles Avery, personnel manager for Shwayder Bros.

**NOTE:** It is that all Eldon wants to print which is just not great quality

## **Read All About Us!**

The **SAC** is a non profit organization established on March 8, 1944 and incorporated on December 29, 1944 for the entertainment of Deaf members, Social affairs, Seniors citizens and Sports activities. The SAC, highlighting our past achievements and future plans, will be available online, you can print a copy of this newsletter for yourself.

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## **Purposes**

The purposes of the SAC are:

- a. To provide opportunities for its members who are deaf to participate in athletic, social, and charitable activities.
  - b. To uphold honor, friendship, and good citizenship; to encourage ambition and honesty; to support charitable events benefiting the deaf community.
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## **Mailing List**

Stay up to date with current events and news at the SAC by joining the e-mail list. To join the SAC mailing list, simply fill out [Membership Application Form](#) with your name and email address, see page 6.

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## **Classified Ads**

Welcome to the Classified Ads section. If you see something you would like to purchase, or if you would like to place an ad here to sell something please contact the SAC secretary with your request.

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## **News & Events**

Welcome to the News & Events section of the newsletter/website. Here you can find current news and information regarding the SAC. \* [News](#) \* [Schedule of Events](#)

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## **Hall Rentals**

The dining hall space at the **SAC** can be rented by private parties or classes on any week or saturday as long as an open date is available. It is roomy and large enough to hold 106 people comfortably. For those interested in renting out the SAC hall, see the [Hall Rental Agreement Form](#) for more information on how to make a reservation. Contact SAC secretary, Eldon Ragland

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## **News Editor Wanted:**

SAC, Board of Directors, we are searching for a News Editor, if you are interested in being an Editor, please contact Eldon Ragland, SAC secretary, thank you.

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## **SAC Contributor's Information**

The quarterly *SAC Newsletter* publishing news of current researching, recent publications, history, and events pertinent to SAC memberships.

Contributions are welcome. The *SAC Newsletter* is published in February, May, August and November.

The deadlines for SAC Newsletter copy are December 1 (for the February issue), March 1, June 1, and September 1.

**Send to:** SAC Newsletter, 1575 Elmira Street, Aurora, CO 80010

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**SAC SECRETARY'S NOTE**

Dear SAC memberships and friends,

Welcome to our *SAC Newsletter*! We at SAC hope that you enjoy this second issue of our newsletter. We sincerely look forward to your feedback and newsletter submissions.

We, the SAC Board members, are very grateful to launch the *SAC Newsletter*. the Newsletter will regularly be published 4 times a year, and specifically to communicate, and share various current activities of SAC to everyone in the deaf community.

It is once again the aim of the newsletter to keep you updated of any current activities and events in Colorado.

I want to thank Karen Bellofatto for her participation in this special newsletter and her timely and detailed proofing of the *SAC Newsletter*.

We wish you all a most rewarding and enjoyable reading.

Sincerely Yours, Eldon Ragland, SAC Secretary

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**SAC Board of Directors**


Ronald Nester  
President, 2012



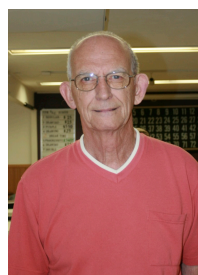
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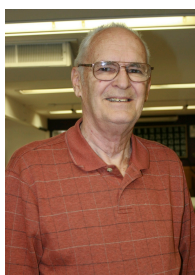
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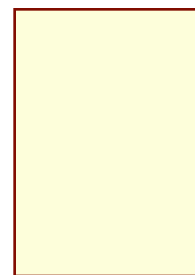
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Activities/Events)



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(Senior Citizen  
Programs)



(Vacant)  
Director, 2013  
(Recreational  
Programs)

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The contents of this newsletter are obtained from the Board of Directors meeting and other public informations sources. This newsletter is approved by the President and members of the Board.

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**Reminders:** The regular membership meeting will be Saturday, September 22, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.  
at the SAC Hall.

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## Deaf-Mute Club Buys West Denver Building, continued from page 1

will be delayed until sometime in the fall "when we really have things fixed up."

When finished, the club quarters will include facilities for receptions, meetings, dances and storage of the club's athletic equipment.

### 14 Years Old

The club had its beginnings 14 years ago when 13 young men with speech or hearing difficulties encountered each other while participating in sports at the Denver YMCA.

Somebody said they should form a club, and so they did, as Greb tells it.

The club grew to 100 members and more. Its primary interests are basketball, softball and bowling.

Until late 1958, the club rented space at 3112 W. Colfax Ave. for its business meetings and social activities. However, the building was demolished to make way for the Colfax-Federal interchange.

The club responded with a fund drive - picnics, pot luck suppers, dances and other fun for which members paid - to get money and buy a permanent home. The drive netted the \$5,000 down payment.

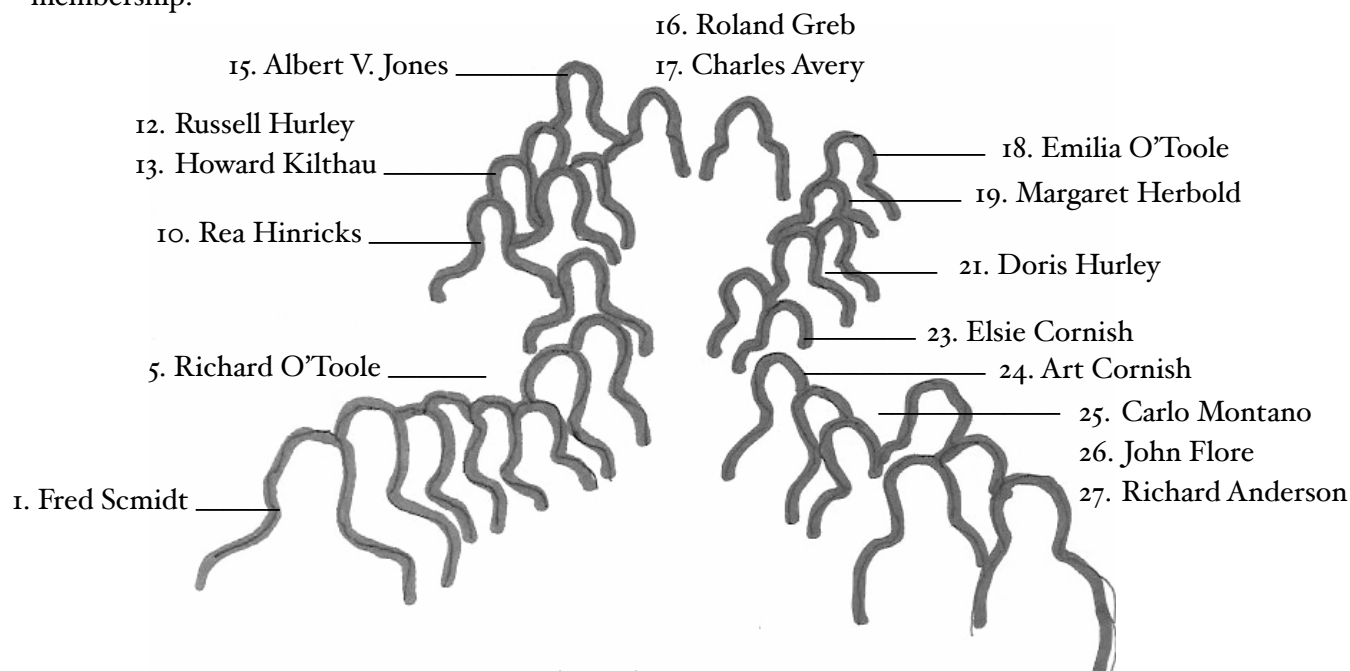
### Met at Shwayders

During most of the time during the drive the club met at the Shwayder Bros. plant, 1080 S. Broadway, where 60 club members are employed.

The Shwayder firm, through Charles Avery, personnel manager, sponsored the club basketball and softball teams this past year. The basketball team won fourth place at the Midwestern Association of the Deaf tournament in Omaha, Neb. and the softball team won the regional championship.

The club, like its members is independent. The mortgage will be paid by the club itself, Greb said.

Members, in fact, must demonstrate self-reliance before they are admitted to the group, Greb said that a person must be hard of hearing or mute and must show he holds a steady job before he is cleared for membership.



Shwayderites in the picture (page 1) including, clockwise, from left foreground...

Note: Many other Shwayderites were not able to be present for the picture.





By Eldon Ragland

When I found the Mile High Banner issues useful to the deaf community in the past. Please feel free to submit anything interesting to share. I found many interesting articles about SAC.

“The Mile High Banner was a great venture and a “mile high-light” of my life! Yes, I was the first editor but as usual, no one person alone can deserve credit. It takes a team (as with the SAC bylaws committee) to pull off something good. and it was Don G Warnick who came up with the Mile High Banner idea”, David Anthony said.

David Anthony said “with the Mile High Banner, we had a great team. Many, many people collaborated, cooperated, and contributed.”

David said “Don G Warnick was printing, but more than that: He was (actually, still is!) the real leader and the leading light of not just the SAC but also the CAD and the whole Colorado deaf community.”

### History of club newsletters:

**1948** First newsletter, Silent Athletic Club Bulletin was published for several months.

**1961** Second newsletter, the Mile High Banner, established with David Anthony as Editor on November 1961. SAC purchased an electric typewriter for the newsletter.

### History Editor of the Mile High Banner:

- 1961** David Anthony
- 1962** Ione Dibble
- 1963** Carol Sponable
- 1964** Ruby Pavalko
- 1968** Dave Sheneman
- Carol Sponable
- 1970** Marcia Boardman
- 1974** Carol Sponable
- 1977** Ray Beach

David A. Anthony's Editorial

### Volume One Number One

(January 1962)

What is the MILE HIGH BANNER?

It began as an idea in John Buckmaster's head. Mr. Buckmaster, Publicity Director of the AAAD Tournament Committee, felt that a newsletter would be one ideal way of publicizing the forthcoming tournament. Thus, the Mile High Banner was born!

Mile High Banner is intended to be the advertising medium of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD) 1962 Host Club, and as such it will be sent to every club of the deaf in the U.S.A. and to individuals who ask to be put on our mailing list.

This SAC Newsletter is intended for SAC members, SAC Senior members, and all other organizations of, for and by the deaf in the state of Colorado and USA.

...save for future reference!!

We look forward to hearing from you.  
For contributions, to the regularly be published 4 times a year.

Send to SAC Newsletter, 1575 Elmira St.,  
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### **NOTE:**

#### **deaf-mute**

*noun chiefly offensive*

a person who is both deaf and unable to speak.

*adjective chiefly offensive*

(of a person) both deaf and unable to speak.

USAGE in modern use, **deaf-mute** has acquired offensive connotations (implying, wrongly, that such people are without the capacity for communication) It should be avoided in favor of other terms such as *profoundly deaf*.

**SAC Membership Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

VP# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual ..... \$20.00 / year

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (55+) ..... \$ 15.00 / year

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold (member 40 years) ..... free

\_\_\_\_\_ 80+ years old ..... free

Member since (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive meeting and event notices: (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail or \_\_\_\_\_ Email

Contact Person: (in case of emergency)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

VP # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Text # \_\_\_\_\_

(write number)

Areas of Interest:

\_\_\_\_\_ Property/Building Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Activities/Events Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising Activities/Events Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Citizen Programs Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Recreational Programs Committee

**Make check payable and mail to:**SAC Treasurer,  
1575 Elmira Street  
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