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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear NPA Members,
 The National Pinochle Association (NPA), Inc. is headed to New Orleans; share this moment by placing a colorful advertisement of your chapter in the NPA 2013 Souvenir Booklet. Please submit your electronic ad by August 19, 2013 – full page ad for \$100 or half page ad for \$50. Email your ad to:
 lethamartin@yahoo.com

Send your payment to:
 Letha Martin
 NPA Corresponding Secretary
 P O Box 30858
 Washington, DC 20030
 Mail-in registration cut-off is August 1st; PayPal cut-off registration is August 15th. Hotel reservation deadline is August 8. If assistance is required with hotel accommodations, please contact Joyce Carter at 770-505-7650.
 Please review *The Gazette* and visit NPA website to obtain registration and hotel information for future sanctioned/non-sanctioned tournaments.

NPA President, *Jimmy Brown*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following are the nominees for NPA officers for the 2013-2015 term:

President: Dorothy Ervin
 Michael Vasquez
 Videssa Woods

Vice President:
 Homer Rickerson

Treasurer: Peter Allen
 John Carmichael

Recording Secretary:
 Elise Barr
 Emanuel Toodle

Corresponding Secretary:
 Zelma Goldsby

Tournament Director:
 Alice Cannon
 Kenneth McCants

Instructions regarding the voting process will be forthcoming.

~Lisa Massey, Chairperson~~

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The new administration will be coming into office soon and I welcome their arrival.
 It has been quite an experience and I have truly enjoyed getting

to know most of the members on a personal level. You know people by name, but when you can associate the face with the name it makes a difference, this I will miss, but I'm just a phone call away and will assist in any manner.

Please contact me or Emanuel Toodle, sweett5@bellsouth.net, if you wish to take the referee training/certification, at the annual in New Orleans.

Remember mail-in registration ends August 1, 2013, and PayPal registration ends midnight, August 15, 2013.

I cannot address the 'World Series of Pinochle' at this time. It will be up to the new administration to carry this on if they wish to do so.

If you know of anyone that would like to be a runner/volunteer at the annual, please send me their name.

If you have a reservation at the New Orleans Hilton that you'd like to give up, please contact Joyce Carter at 770-505-7650 before releasing the reservation back to the hotel. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

The FRC had a lot of side pots that were interesting and fun, so please let's keep it going. It allows those who don't win in the tournament to maybe have a chance at a side pot.

Thanks, and look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

Martha Vaughn, Tournament Dir.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The June fundraising tournament was a great success, and fun was had by all. The committee would like to

thank all who attended. I would like to commend Joyce Williams, Mary Williams, Frank Brown, Suzette Goggans and Phyllis Johnson for all their hard work.

We will be hanging NPA club tapestries at the National, so please bring them; we will be hanging them on Friday, August 30 at 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

~~Dorothy Ervin, FRC Chr.~~

RESEARCH & EDUCATION

INVITATION

National Pinochle Association Virtual Hall of Fame

1st Induction Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend this ceremony at the annual convention and tournament, Friday, August 30, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. to recognize the 2013 inductees:

Mrs. Lydia E. Walker
Mr. Andre L. DeBose

at the Hilton New Orleans Airport, Kenner, LA 70062.

Hope to see you there.

~~Ric Randle, Chairperson~~

2013 ANNUAL MEETING & TOURNAMENT

August 29 – September 1, 2013
Hilton New Orleans Airport
901 Airline Drive
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 469-5000
Contact Martha Vaughn
229-563-4965 or
MV7204@bellsouth.net

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2013 SANCTIONED

Aug. 29-Sept. 1.....NPA Annual
(New Orleans, LA)
Oct. 10-13.....20+ (VA)

2013 NON-SANCTIONED

Aug. 9-14.....NC Sandhill
Dec. 6-8.....PIPS(Augusta, GA)

Happy Birthday to _____

1st State

Lester Riddick – August 29

August Pinochle Club

Billie Brodie – August 10

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

Helen Watson Camp – August
Dora George – August 12
Jeff Greene – August 6
Cynthia McGinnis – August 31

Columbus Pinochle Club

Doris Peters – August 12
Charles Woodard – August 25

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D C Players Pinochle Club

Deborah Buckman – August 27
Patricia Frye – August 20
Joseph Story, Jr. – August 27

Derby City Qs & Js

Benny Jackson – August 23

Jacksonville Pinochle Club

Larry Coleman – August 4

LA Superstars

Alford Bloison – August 17

Montgomery Pinochle Pals

Ricardo Randle – August 17

PIPS

Suzette Goggans – August 13

Sunshine Pinochle Club

Bruce Kunkel - August

USA Pinochle Club

Belinda Brown – August 17
Sam Palmer – August 8

West Coast Best

Bill Brown – August 27

DEATH

The Memphis Connection

Beatrice Cain's mother passed.

INSPIRATION

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Never excuse yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master to yourself and be lenient to everybody else.

~~~~~Henry Ward Beecher~~~~~

Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

~~~~~Vivian Greene~~~~~

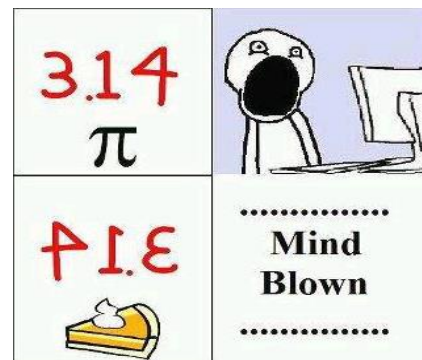
The most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.

~~~~~Pierre de Courbertin~~~~~

**LAUGHTER**

Jokes are for individuals who accept them as they are – humor! Make sure and know who is reading them.

**Funny Bone**



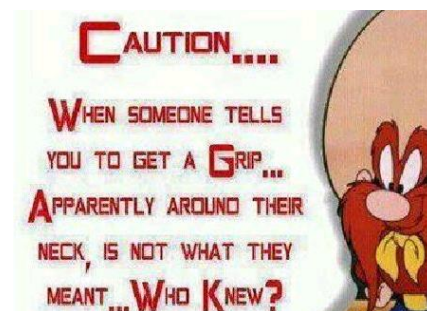
Boy: 'I think you are ABCDEFGHIJK...'

Girl: 'What does that mean...?'

Boy: 'Adorable, Beautiful, Charming, Delightful, Elegant, Feisty, Gorgeous, Hot'

Girl: 'What does the IJK stand for?'

Boy: 'I'm just kidding!'



A mother and son returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. The boy opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. 'What are you doing,' his mother asked?

'The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken,' the boy explained. 'I'm looking for the seal.'

# tomorrow

(noun)

a mystical land where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievement is stored



If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free X-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.

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**Wife:** 'Honey, if I die would you get married again?'

**Hubby:** 'No dear.'

**Wife:** 'I'm sure you would.'

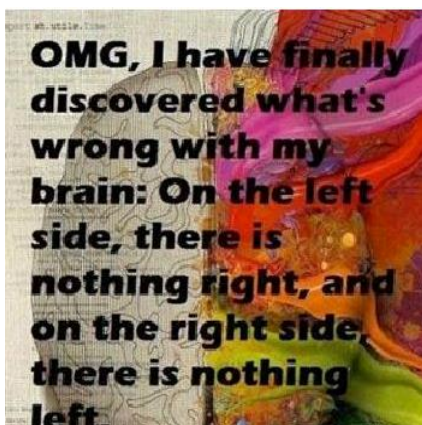
**Hubby:** 'Okay, I would.'

**Wife:** 'Would you let her sleep in our bed?'

**Hubby:** 'Yeah, I guess so.'

**Wife:** 'Would you let her wear my clothes?'

**Hubby:** 'No, she is taller than you.'



## The Usher

An elderly woman walked into the local church. The usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. 'Where would you like to sit?' he asked politely.

'The front row, please,' she answered.

'You really don't want to do that,' the usher said. 'The pastor is really boring.'

'Do you happen to know who I am?' the woman inquired.

'No,' he said.

'I'm the pastor's mother,' she replied indignantly.

'Do you know who I am?' he asked.

'No,' she said.

'Good,' he answered.

## The Best Way to Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

'Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray,' the priest said.

'No,' said the minister. 'I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.'

'You're both wrong,' the guru said. 'The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor.'

The repairman could contain himself no longer. 'Hey fellas,' he interrupted. 'The best praying I ever did was when I was hanging upside down from a telephone pole.'

The cowboy walked into the tack shop. 'How much for a pair of spurs?' he asked the clerk.

'Forty dollars.'

The cowboy looked in his wallet, thought for a moment, then pulled out a twenty. 'I'll take one spur.'

'What will you do with just one?' the clerk asked.

The cowboy replied, 'I figger if I can get one side of the horse moving, the other side'll do too.'

## CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for the perfect cruise vacation? Contact Val Culpepper of Hooked on Cruises at 770-739-7860.

Time for the family reunion? Contact JoAnn Ross for a professional research and presentation of your family tree...404-768-5698 or [www.familytreescharted.com](http://www.familytreescharted.com)

If you need professional pictures for any occasion - wedding, reunion, birthday, etc., Taylor Photography can meet your needs. Contact Roosevelt aylor at 404-758-0717.

Vulcan Princess, Inc. -- Screen printing & embroidery -- Contact Frank Turpin: 404-219-3376 or [tuako3@aol.com](mailto:tuako3@aol.com)

## NPA Website

All information to be posted on the website should be emailed to [webmaster@npapinochle.org](mailto:webmaster@npapinochle.org).

The web address is:

<http://www.npapinochle.org>



**NPA Newsletter**

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