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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear NPA Members,
 The Riviera Hotel (Las Vegas) did not meet NPA requirements for hosting the 2014 Semi-Annual Tournament. Numerous other Hotels in Las Vegas were also contacted by the Tournament Director. However, those Hotels, like the Riviera, did not meet NPA's requirements. The second choice voted on at the BOD meeting was Doubletree by Hilton, Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston, TX. The Doubletree by Hilton met all requirements. Accordingly, the Executive Committee has signed the Contract Agreement to host the 2014 Semi-Annual Tournament.

Houston has many attractions: The Houston Space Center, Houston Museum District, Downtown Aquarium, Houston Zoo and surrounding parks. Sports fans will marvel at the modernity of Minute Maid Park and Reliant Park, as well as the recently constructed Toyota Center. Houston has something for everyone. Please visit Houston.com for more attractions.

NPA is offering scholarships to first year college bound students who are children, grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren of NPA members. The application can be found on the NPA website on the Members Only (secured) page or you can contact Mr. Gilbert Railford at grailford@hotmail.com. The application must be post marked by July 1st.

In accordance to NPA Bylaws, Section 7.3, Candidates for Office may be placed on the Ballot by written request to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no later than July 1st of an election year. If you are planning on running for an NPA Office, Forward your Biographical outline to the

Nominating Committee Chair, Lisa Massey, 7856 Proud Land Dr, Memphis, TN 38119 or npanomincom@yahoo.com or lmassage50@yahoo.com by July 1st.

Please review The Gazette and visit NPA website to obtain registration and hotel information for future Sanctioned/Non-sanctioned tournaments.

NPA President, *Jimmy Brown*

ATTACHMENT TO NEWSLETTER

...Report of World Series

RESEARCH & EDUCATION

The 2013 Player of the Year competition is full of excitement and surprises. Aletta Fields is currently in the lead. The winner of the Player of the Year will win a jacket, and their fees for the Semi-Annual and Annual tournaments in 2014 will be waived. There are two more sanctioned tournaments remaining in order to determine the 2013 Player of the Year.

Remember, in order to win, players will have to play in at least four sanctioned tournaments. It is a close contest and any NPA player can still win this prestigious honor. In order to win you have to play.

See you at the next sanctioned tournament.

~~~Ric Randle, Chairperson~~~

Current Players of the Year Standing attached

**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](mailto:MV7204@bellsouth.net)

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

**2013 SANCTIONED**  
 Aug. 29-Sept. 1.....NPA Annual  
 (New Orleans, LA)  
 Oct. 10-13.....20+ (VA)

**2013 NON-SANCTIONED**  
 Jun. 21-23.....Fundraising Com.  
 Jun. 28-30.....Baltimore Bidwell  
 July 12-14.....Cin/Louis/Gateway  
 July 12-14.....20+, VA

*Happy Birthday to\_\_*

APA

**Beverly Manns - July**

**Cincinnati Pinochle Club**

Paul Brown – July 18

**Columbus Bucks & Does**

William Byrd – July 7  
 Terri Walker - July

**Columbus Pinochle Club**

James Garnett – July 10

**D C Players Pinochle Club**

Sandra Dee Dargan – July 8

**Jacksonville Pinochle Club**

Kevin Kelly – July 26

**LA Superstars**

Vick Holder – July 5

**Montgomery Pinochle Pals**

Rev. George Alexander– July 24  
 Max Chattam – July 16  
 James Peterson – July 4

**Pinochle Champs of Bowie**

Casey Ogden - July

**Queen City Players**

Minnie Allison – July 31

**Top of the Rock**

Tyrone Hodnett - July

**USA Pinochle Club**

Joe Green – July 23

**West Coast Best Pinochle Club**

Lenora Crenshaw – July 9  
 Gary Sims – July 12

**CHAPTER NEWS**

**Pinochle Champs of Bowie**

The Pinochle Champs added another class of membership to their Club: *Probee*. “The term *probee* is used as a slang term for a newbie, rookie, novice or newcomer, and can be used to describe somebody inexperienced in any profession or activity.” The purpose of opening this class of membership for probes is to ensure that the game of Pinochle will continue on. The young people know Bid Whist, Spades, etc., but very few know the game of Pinochle. The class of membership is open to any person that wants to learn the game of Pinochle. Kashava Logan is the first probe of the Pinochle Champs. She is steadily moving forward in learning the game. She attended the NPA 2013 Semi-Annual Tournament held in Arlington, VA and won the “high hand” bonus round. Congratulations to Kashava! We are looking forward to her moving her game of Pinochle forward – and who knows, she may become the next Player of the Year!

~~~~~ Letha Martin~~~~~

(Thanks to Champs for their effort in continuing one of the objectives of the National Pinochle Association, Inc.!)

INSPIRATION

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few; and let those be well-tried before you give them your confidence.

~~~~~George Washington~~~~~

**Experience is the child of thought, and thought is the child of action.**

~~~~~Benjamin Disraeli~~~~~

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.

~~~~~Arthur C. Clarke~~~~~

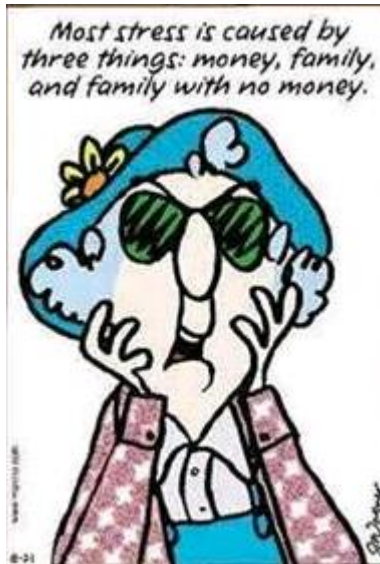
## LAUGHTER

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

## Costs

**A teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a fruitless search, he told his mother. Undaunted, she went outside and in a few minutes returned with the lens.**

**'How did you manage to find it, Mom?' the teenager asked. 'We weren't looking for the same thing,' she replied. 'You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150.'**



## No Good Deed

**After shopping for most of the day, the couple returns to find their car has been stolen. They make a report at the police station, and a detective drives them back to the parking lot to see if any evidence was there.**

**To their amazement the car had been returned with a note of apology and two tickets to a music concert. The note reads, 'I apologize for taking your car, but my wife was having a baby and I had to hot-wire your ignition to rush her to the hospital. Please forgive the inconvenience. Here are two tickets to the Garth Brooks concert tonight.'**

**With their faith restored, the couple attend the concert and return home late to find their house has been robbed. Valuable goods have been taken from the basement to the attic. And, there is a note on the door reading, 'Well, you still have your car. I have to put my newly born kid through college somehow, don't I?'**



## Picture Perfect

**An art student asked a friend if he could paint his portrait for a class assignment. The friend agreed, and the art student submitted the portrait, only to receive a 'C' minus.**

**When asked why the grade was so poor, the teacher told him the proportions in the painting were incorrect. 'The head is too big,' the professor explained. 'The shoulders are too wide, and the feet are enormous.'**

**The next day, the art student brought his friend to see the professor. He took one look at the friend and said, 'Okay, A minus.'**



## 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/>

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