



# The Gazette

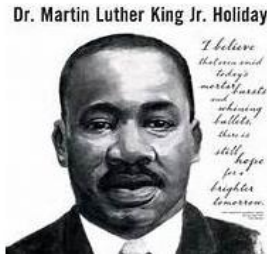
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***“Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter.”***

***~~~Martin Luther King, Jr.~~~***



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## PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Welcome to 2014! Happy New Year to the NPA Family.

Thank you to the Derby City Queens & Jacks for putting on a very nice tournament.

Open Forum Meetings are continuing and we are getting a lot of solid feedback. Please continue to provide your input to the EC as we move toward a bigger and better future.

The incident from the Richmond tournament has been resolved. Ms. Taylor chose to stop being a member of the NPA

and not to return the funds to the appropriate winners. This is an unfortunate incident for the NPA. As a whole, we need to focus more on building up the organization. I am calling on all of our members for a return to our Core Values. We are about fellowship, community and promoting the game of pinochle, and that is where our focus should always be. The proper winners are being paid by the NPA.

Card shufflers were put into use at the tournament, received a huge amount of positive feedback. Shufflers are one of the primary ways we can retain integrity in our tournaments. We will continue to have them at the tournaments and I am asking for your support with this effort.

2014 promises to be a bigger and better year for the NPA. Please continue to show support to the committees and the Executive Board as we work to make our organization better for us all.

God bless you all!

Respectfully,

*Mike Vasquez*  
NPA President

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

### REMINDER

Chapter renewals received after January 30, 2014 will require re-certification (payment of \$25.00 plus \$20.00 per member).

Members added less than 30 days of a sanctioned tournament will not be qualified to play in that tournament.

## PINOCHLE TIPS AND RULES

1. The penalty for playing at the incorrect table is 100 points.
2. Player 'B' wins the book but plays to the board before turning over the book. Another player realizes that he/she has reneged

on the open book, he/she is allowed to correct the play because the book has not been turned.

3. Please be sure to read and understand the infractions with emphasis of using abusive language and/or being disorderly. Refer to Infraction #9 for penalties for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence of the offense.

4. The cards are to be cut only one (1) time. This is to be done by the upper portion of the deck being lifted clear of the lower portion of the deck leaving no less than four (4) cards in the lower portion of the deck.

~~~Homer 'Rick' Rickerson~~~

**DCJ&Q TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all winners:

| <i>Winners</i>       | <i>Score</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 - Pleasant Parker  | 6,842        |
| 2 - Lindsey McGruder | 6,706        |
| 3 - Robert Flemming  | 6,614        |
| 4 - Rose McKnight    | 6,601        |
| 5 - Kay Dunlap       | 6,483        |
| 6 - Avon Spencer     | 6,455        |
| 7 - Mildred Wright   | 6,444        |
| 8 - Luvinia Harrison | 6,384        |
| 9 - Eugene Jones     | 6,356        |
| 10 - Moe Harrison    | 6,318        |
| 11 - Tommy Henderson | 6,262        |
| 12 - Tweed Savage    | 6,257        |
| 13 - Greg Fairbanks  | 6,234        |
| 14 - Mamie Brown     | 6,191        |
| 15 - Michael Vasquez | 6,187        |

**NPA CODE OF CONDUCT**

Inasmuch as the NPA subscribes to Pinochle as a form of entertainment, where adversaries are encountered for the length of a game, but friends are for a lifetime, where skills can be nurtured, competition cherished, trophies won, braggarts humbled, and fellowship revered...

- (1) Because we respect Pinochle as a game of skill, we will refrain from any form of cheating...
- (2) We shall strive to enjoy the game as much as possible...make all efforts not to distract other players...
- (3) We recognize that comments made by onlookers can be distracting so we pledge to eliminate comments and jesters when we are spectators.
- (4) We recognize that there are various skill levels and various approaches to the game. We, therefore, pledge to minimize comments regarding mistakes or difference of opinions on strategy, so as not to embarrass or to be overbearing.
- (5) We recognize that there are other Pinochle organizations...
- (6) We recognize that local organizations will vary by size, resources, etc. We will make every effort to assist the host organization in making its organization successful. We further pledge not to make tournaments a contest between local organizations, nor shall we compare one tournament's activities to another.
- (7) We recognize that there are Pinochle novice players and individuals who want to learn the game...
- (8) We recognize that in the course of human interaction, individuals will periodically have

problems relating to others. We pledge that personal difference will remain outside of this organization.

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

**2014 SANCTIONED**

- Feb. 14-19.....USA, Atlanta, GA
- Apr. 3-6.....Semi-Annual (Houston, TX)
- May 23-25.....Russ Raiders (Detroit, MI)

**2014 NON-SANCTIONED**

- Mar. 14-15.....Queen City (Charlotte, NC)
- Apr. 25-27.....Young Guns (Chesapeake, VA)

**Happy Birthday to \_\_**

**AMPS**

- Robert Ellis - February 7
- Brenda Johnson - February 11
- Lee Johnson - February 28

**APA**

- Olin Wilson - February

**Aces Around Pinochle Club**

- Thomas M. Jenkins - Feb. 19

**Birmingham Pinochle Club**

- Henry Dudley - February
- Craig Edwards - February

**Cincinnati Pinochle Club**

- Miles Davis - February 24

**Columbus Bucks & Does**

Charles Johnson – Feb. 16  
Robert Spivey – February 16  
Jennett Stevens – February 17

**DC Players**

James Shelton – February 7

**Derby City Queens & Jacks**

Dorothy Ervin – February 14

**Ivory Pinochle Club**

Billy Russell – February 17

**Jacksonville Pinochle Club**

Barry Brewington – February 4

**LA Superstars**

Carl Walker – February 8

**PIPS**

Delores Bynes – February 24  
Tony Ward – February 10

**Top of the Rock**

JoAnn Williams - February

**USA**

Elmore Jordan – February 28

**ILLNESS**

**BIRMINGHAM**

Jimmie Williams

**PIPS**

Cleveland Williams

**DEATH**

**Birmingham Pinochle Club**

Henry Dudley's brother passed

**DC Players**

Patricia Gates passed

**Jacksonville Pinochle Club**

Lavern Surrency's father passed

**Montgomery Pinochle Pals**

Gwen Harris' mother passed

**Riverdale Pinochle Club**

Moneek Lane's mother passed

**INSPIRATION**

I think the only answer is to live life to the fullest while you can and collect memories like fools collect money. Because in the end, that's all you have – happy memories.

~~~~~Sarah Strohmeyer~~~~~

Our lives are the only meaningful expression of what we believe and in Whom we believe. And the only real wealth, for any of us, lies in our faith.

~~~~~Gordon Hinckley~~~~~

Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself.

~~~~~Harvey Fierstein~~~~~

**LAUGHTER**

Jokes are for individuals who accept them as they are – humor!

*Make sure and know who is reading them.*

A defendant in a lawsuit involving large sums of money was talking to his lawyer. 'If I lose this case, I'll be ruined.' 'It's in the judge's hands now,' said the lawyer. 'Would it help if I sent the judge a box of cigars?' 'Oh no! This judge is a stickler on ethical behavior. A stunt like that would prejudice him against you. He might even hold you in contempt of court. In fact, you shouldn't even smile at the judge.'

Within the course of time, the judge rendered a decision in favor of the defendant. As the defendant left the courthouse, he said to his lawyer, 'Thanks for the tip about the cigars. It worked!' 'I'm sure we would have lost the case if you'd sent them.' 'But, I did send them.'

'What? You did?' said the lawyer, incredulously. 'Yes. That's how we won the case.' 'I don't understand,' said the lawyer. 'It's easy. I sent the cigars to the judge, but enclosed the plaintiff's business card.'



A bent-over old lady hobbled into a doctor's office. Within minutes, she came out again but miraculously, she was standing up as straight as could be. A man in the waiting room who had been watching her said in amazement; 'My goodness, what did the doctor do to you?' The old lady replied, 'He gave me a longer cane!'

A senior couple decided to go shopping one day, and split their efforts by going separate ways. Near the end of the shopping event they decided to get together for lunch. As the woman was on her way to the rendezvous point, she heard a traffic warning on the radio that a car was driving in the wrong direction up ahead. Knowing that her husband was near the point of the warning, she decided to call him on the cell phone. When he answered, she explains, 'I just heard on the news, someone is driving in the wrong direction on the highway!' And the husband replied, 'One? There's hundreds of folks going the wrong way where I am!'

Here's a tip as you get older:  
Never wear a hearing aid,  
because if you do,  
people expect you  
to listen to them.



'John, if I had 20 marbles in my right pants pocket, 20 marbles in my left pants pocket, 40 marbles in my right hip pocket and 40 marbles in my left hip pocket, what would I have?' 'Heavy pants, sir!'

#### 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 Taylor at 404-758-0717.

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Need a caterer for your every need? EDC (Edna's Delectable Cuisine) is waiting for your call – 404-767-1024 or email [brownednaw@yahoo.com](mailto:brownednaw@yahoo.com)

Do you know someone who would like to learn to play the piano or learn to sing? Johnnie Davis is offering lessons for both; contact her at 404-319-0316.

#### 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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