



# ***The Gazette***

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## **NPA ELECTIONS COMING UP!**

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE NPA PRESIDENT**



**MS. VIDESSA WOODS**

***“The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.”***

***—Muhammad Ali—***

***Hello NPA Family,***

***It is with heartfelt appreciation and humility that I send this message to you for the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year. On this day, as we prepare for a new fiscal year, I challenge you to take five minutes to reflect on how you viewed the world last year, two years ago, five years ago, ten years ago and note how you have changed. You are “AGING WITH WISDOM”.***

***When I look at the overall NPA Family, it is impossible for me to visualize a person without a vision. We all have a vision of our lives, which encompasses our dreams and gives us the picture of fulfillment. When we permit others to dicker with our vision, the distorted result can cease to inspire and motivate us. Perhaps just one of you aspires to become the scientist who develops a cure for sickle-cell anemia or***

***cancer; if you succumb to another’s exhortations instead, you are bound to failure and thus have cheated yourself of your dream.***

***Living means growing. As youngsters, we have limited life experience. Our parents put the roof over our head and food on the table. Our responsibilities are few. As we age, we see more of life and experience more. We have victories and defeats, moments of great happiness and satisfaction, along with rejection and disappointment.***

***With all of this occurring in our lives, we discover a lot about ourselves – and our capacity to love and nurture. We gain keener insight into ourselves and others, and become well versed in the fickleness, harshness and beauty of life.***

***Remember, “True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it***

*is thinking of yourself less”  
Love to each of you, Videssa.*

**From Lena Reid-Morrow  
Chairperson of the  
nominating committee**

**The following members  
have expressed an interest  
and been cleared by the  
nominating committee to  
run for your 2015-2017  
officers of NPA:**

**President:  
Videssa Woods**

**Vice President:  
Jerry Lane  
Martha Vaughn**

**Corresponding Secretary:  
Dorothy Ervin**

**Treasurer:  
John Carmichael  
Perry Lee**

**Tournament Director:  
Thomas Vandiver  
Arlene Avent**

**Recording Secretary:  
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**Thank you Lena**

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**ARE WE AS NPA MEMBERS  
AND CLUBS LIVING UP TO  
OUR**

**NPA CODE OF CONDUCT**

*Inasmuch as the NPA  
subscribes to Pinochle as a  
form of entertainment, where  
adversaries are encounter 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; we, as individuals,*

*local organizations and the  
collective body of the NPA  
embrace this code of conduct.*

- Because we respect Pinochle as a game of skill, we will refrain from any form of cheating. Any communications between partners shall be by numerical bidding and play of game.*
- We shall strive to enjoy the game as much as possible. We shall make all efforts not to distract other players. On the other hand, we pledge to be as accommodating as possible, as part of a diverse group, so as not to limit the enjoyment of others.*
- We recognize the comments made by onlookers can be distracting so we pledge to eliminate comments and jesters when we are spectators.*
- 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.*
- We recognize that there are other Pinochle organizations. We pledge to refrain from disregarding other organizations. We further pledge to refrain*

*from discussing this  
organization’s internal  
business to others.*

- 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.*
- We recognize that there are Pinochle novice players and individuals who want to learn the game. We pledge to make a concerted effort, both as individuals and as an organization, to set aside some time to teach the game.*
- 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.*

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**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

**2015 NON-SANCTIONED**

**Dec. 4-6....Toys For Tots, PIPS**

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1..Tidewater  
Knucks**

**2015 SANCTIONED**

**Annual Sept. 3-6... NPA  
Montgomery**

**Columbus Day Oct. 9-11....APA  
Atlanta**



**1<sup>st</sup> State**

**Lester Riddick - August 29**

**Amelia Tri-Cities**

**John Johnson - August 12**

**Bucks and Does**

**Phyllis Cornute - August 26**

**Pinochle Champs**

**Barbara Lipsey - August 13**

**Columbus Pinochle Club**

**Doris Peters - August 12  
Al Gainer - August 31**

**Cincinnati Pinochle Club**

**Dora George - August 12**

**D C Players Pinochle Club**

**Patricia Frye - August 20  
Deborah Buckman - August 27  
Joseph Stroy, Jr. - August 27**

**D C Q & J s Pinochle Club**

**Benny Jackson - August 23**

**Double Run Pinochle Club**

**Elliott Harris - August 23**

**Great Lakes Pinochle Club**

**Michael Schneider - August 25**

**Jacksonville Pinochle Club**

**Larry Coleman - August 4  
James Singleton - August 23  
La Vern Surrency - August 24**

**Montgomery Pinochle Pals**

**Ricardo Randle - August 17**

**PIPS**

**Suzette Goggans - August 13**

**Ratters Pinochle Club**

**Belinda Brown - August 17**

**Russ Raiders Pinochle Club**

**Ella Bridges - August 3  
Jessie Wilson - August 19  
Jodie Payne - August 20**

**Sunshine Pinochle Club**

**Bruce Kunkel - August 14**

**Title Town Pinochle Club**

**Virgil Turner - August 28**

**USA Pinochle Club**

**Sam Palmer - August 8**

**Victor Valley Pinochle Club**

**Bill Clark - August 3  
Edwin Perry - August 5  
Peggy Moore - August 15**

**West Coast Best**

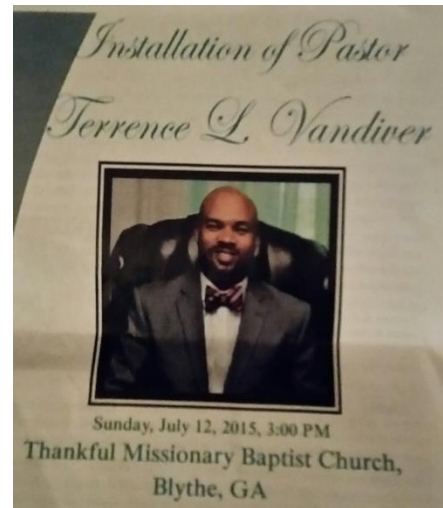
**Bill Brown - August 27  
George Hickman - August 30**

**Young Guns**

**Carol Randall - August 15  
William Sills - August 27**

**Patricia and Thomas  
Vandiver of the Augusta  
PIPS**

would like to announce that their son, Terrence L. Vandiver, was installed as pastor of the Thankful Missionary Baptist Church in Blyth, Ga. On Sunday July 12, 2015.



**Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."**

**Congratulation Pat and Thomas, from your NPA family.**

**SICKNESS**

**Matthew 21:22 "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."**

**Let us continue to lift up our sick and shut-in NPA family members in prayer.**

**Patricia Brassell (Russ Raiders)**

**Gwenda Willingham (APA) in rehab**

**Suzette Goggans (Pips)**

**Joe Hagans (Tidewater Knucks)**

## DEATHS

### **'Silent tear' by Anon**

*Each night we shed a silent tear, as we speak to you in prayer. To let you know we love you, and just how much we care. Take our million teardrops, wrap them up in love, then ask the wind to carry them, to you in heaven above.*

**NPA Member Cecil Libert (Riverdale) passed August 7, 2015**

**Past NPA Member Frank Humes (Russ Raiders) passed July. 2015**

**NPA Family member's deaths:**

**Julia Scott (Russ Raiders) mother passed**

**Richard Armstrong (Metro) mother passed**

## INSPIRATION

### **From Our Daily bread (August 11, 2015)**

**In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. — John 16:33 NIV**

*When my husband was teaching an accounting class at a local college, I took one of the tests just for fun to see how well I could do. The results were not good. I answered every question wrong. The reason for my failure was that I started with a faulty understanding of a basic banking concept. I reversed debits and credits.*

**We sometimes get our debits and credits confused in the spiritual realm as well. When we blame Satan for everything that goes wrong—whether it's bad weather, a jammed printer, or financial trouble—we're actually giving him credit that he doesn't deserve. We are ascribing to him the power to determine the quality of our lives, which he does not have. Satan is limited in time and space. He has to ask God's permission before he can touch us (Job 1:12; Luke 22:31).**

**However, as the father of lies and prince of this world (John 8:44; 16:11), Satan can cause confusion. Jesus warned of a time when people would be so confused that they wouldn't know right from wrong (16:2). But He added this assurance: "The prince of this world now stands condemned" (v. 11 NIV).**

**Problems will disrupt our lives, but they cannot defeat us. Jesus has already overcome the world. To Him goes all the credit. Thank You, Father, for being Lord over everything in our lives. We praise You for overcoming the world through Your Son.**

**While Satan accuses and confuses, God controls.**

### **INSIGHT:**

**Today's passage is part of the Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17)—the conversation Jesus had with His disciples the last time He was with them before His death. At several points Jesus tells His disciples that they will be misunderstood and hated by "the world." He also tells them that although He is leaving them, it is for**

**their benefit because when He leaves He will send the Holy Spirit (v. 7). We are not alone or abandoned in this world. Jesus has given us the gift of His Spirit to be our helper.**

**J.R. Hudberg**

## HEALTH TIPS

### **13 Best Quit-Smoking Tips Ever!!**

**The more you learn, the more you know!**

**No. 1: Know Why You Want to Quit**

*So you want to quit smoking, but do you know why? "Because it's bad for you" isn't good enough. To get motivated, you need a powerful, personal reason to quit. Maybe you want to protect your family from secondhand smoke. Maybe the thought of lung cancer frightens you. Or maybe you'd like to look and feel younger. Choose a reason that is strong enough to outweigh the urge to light up.*

**No. 2: Don't Go Cold Turkey**

*It may be tempting to toss your cigarettes and declare you've quit, plain and simple. But going cold turkey isn't easy to do. About 95% of people who try to stop smoking without therapy or medication end up relapsing. The reason is that nicotine is addictive. The brain becomes used to having nicotine and craves it. In its absence, the symptoms of nicotine withdrawal occur.*

**No. 3: Try Nicotine-Replacement Therapy**

**When you stop smoking, nicotine withdrawal may make you feel frustrated, depressed, restless, or irritable. The craving for "just one drag" may be overwhelming. Nicotine-replacement therapy can help reduce these feelings. Studies suggest nicotine gum, lozenges, and patches can help double your chances of quitting successfully when used with an intensive behavioral program. But using these products while smoking is generally not recommended.**

**No. 4: Ask About Prescription Pills**

**To ease nicotine withdrawal without using products that contain nicotine, ask your doctor about prescription medications. There are pills that help reduce cravings by affecting chemicals in the brain. They may also make smoking less satisfying if you do pick up a cigarette. Other drugs can help reduce troubling withdrawal symptoms, such as depression or inability to concentrate.**

**No. 5: Don't Go It Alone**

**Tell your friends, family, and co-workers that you're trying to quit. Their encouragement could make the difference. You may also want to join a support group or talk to a counselor. Behavioral therapy is a type of counseling that helps you identify and stick to quit-smoking strategies. Combine behavioral therapy with nicotine replacement products and/or medication to boost your odds of success.**

**\*This article will continue in the next issue of the Gazette.**

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

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**National Pinochle League**

**All NPA members are cordially invited to join the online National Pinochle League (NPL). Play pinochle online and at your convenience. Free games and free tournaments.**

**The National Pinochle League is a trendsetter for online pinochle game play. Currently, we play daily at 8:00 pm, EST, 365/yr.**

**Our game room never close. Play pinochle anytime. Free Play ... Free Tournaments ... Free sign-up.**

**Meet Chapter members online for a fun game. Hold an "online" Chapter meeting. Challenge other Chapters in free online tournaments.**

**To enter game room and to download software, register at [GamingSafari.com](http://gamingsafari.com) <http://gamingsafari.com/index.php?page=home>**

**To join the National Pinochle League (NPL), sign up at <http://www.myleague.com/npl/free-signup/>**

**Need assistance with registration ... email: [JoAnnRoss@bellsouth.net](mailto:JoAnnRoss@bellsouth.net) ... Referred by: Acey2053. (Yahoo Instant Messenger)**

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