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**MESSAGE FROM THE NPA
PRESIDENT**



MS. VIDESSA WOODS

"Courage may be the most important of all virtues, because without it one cannot practice any other virtue with consistency." Maya Angelou

I start my message to you by saying a heartfelt Thank You to our outgoing Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. I know that your road hasn't all been easy or smooth but

you held on and completed the job. For your faithfulness, on behalf of the entire NPA membership I say "Kudos and Thank You".

Words are inadequate for me to express my feelings as we begin this awesome journey together. I say Congratulations to the incoming Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. When I look at the overall NPA makeup, it is impossible for me to visualize a person without a vision and thus No Inspiration. We all have to aspire to be inspired and thus not lose sight of the ultimate prize. When we permit others to distort our vision, the distorted result can cease to inspire and motivate us. As your elected leader, I promise to remain focused on the fact that Inclusiveness and Transparency through Effective Communication is a MUST for these next two years.

I implore you to join me as I embrace the following Core Values for our organization:

- **Accountability:** We individually and collectively take responsibility for our performance and conduct.
- **Fairness and Respect:** We value each other, respect

each other, demonstrate compassion, and treat others the way we would like to be treated.

- **Integrity:** We approach each other and our work with honesty and the highest ethical standards.
- **Teamwork:** We will work together in a spirit of camaraderie, trust and collaboration. We believe that by combining our individual strengths we can accomplish more together than separately. We are open-minded, ready to adapt, and willing to embrace innovation and creativity. We will promote excitement and enthusiasm in all that we do.

We have a fantastic time ahead of us and it promises to be the best yet.

NPA, I Love You!

Videsa A. Woods

NPA President

**Nominating Committee
Report:**

Videssa Woods- 29 votes
Jerry Lane – 199 votes
Martha Vaughn – 144 votes
Dorothy Ervin – 26 votes
John Carmichael – 153 votes
Perry Lee – 185 votes
Arlene Avent – 173 votes
Thomas Vandiver – 162 votes

There were 62 discarded votes.

The Nominating Committee is requesting interested NPA members who would like to run for Recording Secretary to send their bio via email to Ms. Lena Reid-Morrow at bbvrc@yahoo.com, the final day to send bios is Sept 18, and ballots will be sent out via email Sept 25, to all clubs. Return ballots to Ms. Morrow, postmarked by Sept 30th 2015.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Morrow at 404-246-5094.

**2015 ANNUAL
TOURNAMENT**

**1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE
WINNERS**



**Cassander Slater, 1st Place
score 6716**

**Edna Bain, 2nd Place
score 6667**

**Bruceyene Hodo, 3rd Place
score 6647**

**Congratulation to All the
winners.**

**HALL OF FAME
INDUCTIONS 2015**

**Ms. Videssa Woods and Dr.
Gilbert L. Raiford were
inducted into the NPA Hall of
Fame at the 2015 Annual
Tournament.**

**Congratulations to the Class of
2015 on your Service
Achievement Award.**

NATIONAL PINOCHLE ASSOCIATION (NPA)
HALL OF FAME

SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



VIDESSA A. WOODS

Since 1998, she has been an active, dedicated, and working member of the National Pinochle Association. Served in the following NPA leadership positions: President, Vice President, National Tournament Director, Recording Secretary, Chair of the NPA Sponsorship Committee, Vice Chair of the Induction Committee, Chair of the 20th Silver Anniversary Committee in 1998, Chair of the Research & Education Committee which published the first NPA Member's Handbook, and Chair of the Mr. & Mrs. Pinochle Contest which generated over \$5,000 in profit. Served as Tournament Director for three successful "Triple" Tournaments hosted by the Atlanta Connector. President of the Atlanta Pinochle Association (APA) (an original Charter Chapter of the NPA) since 1998.

Inducted 2015



NATIONAL PINOCHLE ASSOCIATION (NPA)
HALL OF FAME

SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



DR. GILBERT L. RAIFORD

Member of the Magic City Pinochle Club and NPA since September 1995. Served as delegate at the Annual and Semi Annual Tournament and Convention for more than fifteen years. Serves as the President of Magic City Pinochle Club and Activity Director for all local events. Member of the Awesome Chastisers Progressive Pinochle Enterprises, Inc. since 2012. Served as Chairperson for the NPA By-Laws Committee in 2003. He was the branchhead for the Scholarship Committee. He is a visionary and in 2013, helped to establish a permanent place for NPA Historical Records at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Inducted 2015



**Nominations for the 2016 Hall
of Fame are being accepted**

**from September 1st to
November 30th. Nominations
should be submitted to
Ricardo Randle, Chairperson,
and Research & Education
Committee. To obtain a
nomination package please
check the NPA website or
contact Ric by calling (334)
782-7120 or send an email to
ricardorandle@bellsouth.net.**

NPA Website

**Anthony Thomas is a new
member of NPA from Atlanta,
Georgia, and has been
designated the new
Webmaster. Wanda Goodman
will continue to manage the
Facebook page. The new
webpage is up and running,
and was designed to be user
friendly. The webpage address
is the same,
www.npapinochle.org. The
password for the (Members
Only) section is: bidorpass
(lower case and case
sensitive). Chapters or
members requesting additions,
changes, or updates to the
website must submit them to
the Research & Education
Committee Chairperson.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

**The NPA gave scholarships
to three worthy students;
each student received
\$2000.00 each.**

**The three 2015 Scholarship
recipients are:**

**Leonard Lancaster, (picture
unavailable) Sponsor Joyce
Livingston (Oasis Pinochle
Club)**

Aaron Phiefer, (picture unavailable) Sponsor Jeanette Grayson (Queen City Players)



Bre Anna Randle and Ms. Videssa Woods

Bre Anna Randle, sponsor Ricardo Randle (Montgomery Pinochle Pals)

The NPA congratulates all the Scholarship recipients.

The Charities for 2015 are:

1. Alabama State University Foundation
2. Youth in Action
- And
3. United Negro College Fund

Each charity received \$1000.00 each.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2015 NON-SANCTIONED

Oct. 30th - Nov. 1..Tidewater Knucks

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

2015 SANCTIONED

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



1st State Pros.

Thomas Waddell - Sept

Aces Around Pinochle Club

Phyllis Jenkins - Sept 7

AMPS

Ernest Tolbert - Sept 3

Amelia Tri-Cities

John Hall - Sept 6

Bill McBride - Sept 22

Bucks & Does Pinochle Club

Michael Rupert - Sept 3

Ella Murphy - Sept 9

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

Donna Pace - Sept 3

Patricia Williams - Sept 4

Hayward Thompson - Sept 6

Greg Fairbanks - Sept 16

Columbus Pinochle Club

Rosetta McMurray - Sept 4

D C Players Pinochle Club

Joseph Story - Sept 15

Double Run Pinochle Club

Elliott Harris - Sept 23

Great Lakes Pinochle Club

Annie Stormer - Sept 2

Jacksonville Pinochle Club

James Singleton - Sept 23

La Vern Surrency - Sept 24

Montgomery Pinochle Pals

Thomas Parks - Sept 4

Gwendolyn Harris- Sept 11

Jimmy Brown - Sept 20

PIPS

Gloria McKinney -Sept 28

Pinochle Champs

Barbara Jones - Sept 22

Gwen Story - Sept 26

Queen City Players

Norbert Reid - Sept 30

Ratters Pinochle Club

Alice Cannon-Scott - Sept 17

Russ Raiders Pinochle Club

Mamie Brown - Sept 20

Title Town

Martha Vaughn - Oct 12

Victor Valley Pinochle Club

Karen Young - Sept 27

West Coast Best

Bill Fenrich - Sept 1

Glenda Kimble - Sept 1

Donald Bertram - Sept 7

Maurice Armster - Sept. 11

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.

Joyce Williams (Columbus Pinochle Club) going to surgery

Valeria Webster (Russ Raiders)

Gwenda Willingham (APA) in rehab

Joe Hagans (Tidewater Knucks)

INSPIRATION

**From Our Daily bread
(September 12, 2015)**

TWO BEARS



Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. Proverbs 13:10

Some years ago, my wife, Carolyn, and I spent a few days camping on the flanks of Mount Rainier in Washington State. When we were returning to our campsite one evening, we saw in the middle of a meadow two male bears boxing each other's ears. We stopped to watch.

There was a hiker nearby, and I asked him what the conflict was about. "A young female," he said. "Where is she?" I asked. "Oh, she left about 20 minutes ago," he chuckled. Thus, I gathered, the conflict at this point was not about the female bear but about being the toughest bear.

Most fights aren't about policy and principle, or about right and wrong; they're almost always about pride. The wise man of Proverbs swings his

axe at the root of the problem when he writes: "Pride leads to conflict" (13:10 NLT). Quarrels are fueled by pride, by needing to be right, by wanting our way, or by defending our turf or our egos.

On the other side, wisdom resides with the well-advised—those who listen and learn, those who allow themselves to be instructed. There is wisdom in those who humble themselves—those who set aside their own selfish ambition; who acknowledge the limits of their own understanding; who listen to the other person's point of view; who allow their own ideas to be corrected. This is the wisdom from God that spreads peace wherever it goes.

Dear heavenly Father, help me as I battle pride today. It's so easy to take my eyes off You and focus on myself.

Give me a humble heart.

Humility brings wisdom.

INSIGHT:

The book of Proverbs is often quoted for its practical and down-to-earth advice for living. However, the pithy sayings that the book is noted for are not the only part of the book. Several entire chapters are dedicated to the virtue of wisdom and how important it is to everyday life. Wisdom is more than quick wit; it is living life in pursuit of God and His plans for us. J.R. Hudberg

CLASSIFIEDS

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/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 ... Referred by: Acey2053. (Yahoo Instant Messenger)

"The Complete Guide to Double Deck Pinochle" will make you a better player. The Guide has tips anyone can use, from beginner to seasoned tournament players. Call for an autographed copy, or find it on the Amazon website. 256 pages of interesting hands, clever strategies, and hilarious

anecdotes. \$16.95 or \$24.95 for a hard copy. NPA members get free shipping when you call L Roy Ram at (704) 441-4695

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

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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