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*What the world needs now is
 love, sweet love
 It's the only thing that there's
 just too little of
 What the world needs now is
 love, sweet love
 No, not just for some but for
 everyone*

- Lyrics by Hal David



Queens & Kings Born in July

George Alexander	Jul 24
Elise Barr	Jul 5
Della Bell	Jul 6
Alford Bloison	Jul 17
Calvin Brooks Sr.	Jul 26
Frank Brown	Jul 14
Simmie Burns	Jul 14
Warren Butler	Jul 18
Bill Byrd	Jul 7
Leonard G Carter	Jul 18
Max Chattam	Jul 16
Preston Cobbs	Jul 11
Deborah Covington	Jul 8
Lenora Crenshaw	Jul 9
Sandra Dargan	Jul 8
Shirley Davis	Jul 9
Cle Dennis	Jul 14
James Garnette	Jul 10

Linda Gray	Jul 25
Joe Green	Jul 23
William Harden	Jul 28
Darnell Hargrave	Jul 1
Tyrone Hodnett	Jul 5
Vick Holder	Jul 5
Michael Hudson	Jul 6
Robert Hunter	Jul 7
Kevin Kelly	Jul 26
Lisa Massey	Jul 18
William McElrath	Jul 3
Bobbie McGee	Jul 1
Dale Pace	Jul 5
James Peterson	Jul 4
Charlene Press	Jul 7
Lewis Ragland	Jul 5
George Roberts	Jul 14
Mascelia Robinson	Jul 28
Shirley Robinson	Jul 5
Francis Rollerson	Jul 15
Gary Sims	Jul 12
Rufus Smith	Jul 26
Avon Spence	Jul 4
Bobby Terry	Jul 17
John White	Jul 1
Joyce Williams	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Videssa A. Woods
NPA President

"Our feelings are our most genuine paths to knowledge. They are chaotic, sometimes painful, sometimes contradictory, but they come from deep within us, and we must key into those feelings....This is how new "Visions begin." --Andre Lorde--

Greetings NPA Family,

Life is a struggle, and very often we tend to settle for less than our dreams. We do not realize our potential but stop far short of it. As a result, we hear the nagging voice inside ourselves; the guilty voice that tells us we have failed. It's a demoralizing force that makes us question our talents, our ability, our drive, and, in fact, our very worthiness as human beings.

Realize that it is never too late to go for your dreams. Our achievements at age fifty are as precious as those at twenty, if not more precious. We need to appraise our unique abilities and determine how we can best put them to use.

In everything you do, have a purpose. Make sure the quality of your intent is one of truth, honor and love. Prepare to pursue your purpose with prayer. Keep your purpose in mind; and let it be clear, sure and positive. Trust the guidance you receive; have faith in your ability to succeed; accept all

that comes your way; and never, ever look back. You may meet forks and turns in the road, but your obstacles shall all be removed.

Remember, there does not have to be powerlessness in anything that you think or do; the power is within ourselves.

Please remember that "Reply Cards" are due to Dr. Willie Watson, NPA Bylaws Chair and must be postmarked by August 1, 2016.

Great things will be happening at the 2016 Annual Tournament in Greensboro, NC. See you there.

Videssa



2016 NPA SANCTIONED

Sept 1-4.....Greensboro, NC
(NPA Annual Tournament & Convention)

Oct 6-9.....Charlotte, NC
(Hosted by Queen City Players)

2016 NON-SANCTIONED

Jun 18-19.....Columbus, OH
(Hosted by CWPS & Pinochle)

Jul 30 (1day)..... Columbia, SC
(Hosted by Columbia Enforcers)

Aug 11-14.....Fayetteville, NC
(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)

Nov 11-13.....Newport News, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)

Dec 2-4.....Augusta, GA
(PIPS of Augusta Toy Drive)



From the Tournament Director

I am looking forward to seeing you this year at the Annual Tournament & Convention in Greensboro, NC. Pay Pal is up and working, so you have until Aug. 16 to send in your registration fee. If sending your registration by mail, it has to be postmarked by July 31. For planning purposes, those bringing guest, please remember to include them in your registration fee.

For those that are flying into Piedmont Triad International Airport, please let the hotel know your arrival and departure times. This will assist in scheduling transportation to and from the airport.

Arlene



From the Corresponding Secretary

AS A REMINDER - Only NPA members may participate in NPA sanctioned tournaments; and must be a member thirty (30) days prior to the tournament date. The deadline to submit new member dues to play in Greensboro is August 2nd.

Dorothy



**Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee**

Please keep the below NPA members and their families lifted in your prayers.

NPA MEMBERS DEATH

Charles Paynes – Riverdale Pinochle Club

Jonathan “JT” Thompson – Riverdale Pinochle Club

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS

None reported.

NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH

Martha Autry of Metro Pinochle Social Club (MPSC) lost her mother Mrs. Mary Jones Powell.

Steve Burke of MPSC and Six Plus Six Pinochle Club lost his 15 year old granddaughter Journey Burke.

Ann Roberts of Y2K lost her son.

Please keep the family of Charles Payne, Jonathan Thompson, Martha Autry, Steve Burke, and Ann Roberts in your prayers.

Reminder:

The NPA Annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, 4 September 2016 at 7:00 am at the 2016 Annual Pinochle Tournament in Greensboro,

NC. Please email me (rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net) the club member name(s) that will light the candle for your deceased NPA club members. If you have pictures of your deceased members, please mail to me or Lester McCray, no later than 13 August 2016.

It's Ok to Go

By Lori Daoust

You were sick and tired and we all knew, that God would soon come to take you. You fought so hard, so very long, but through the pain, you stayed strong.

We all knew there would come a day, when God would come to carry you away. It doesn't make it easier to say goodbye, and I try so hard not to cry.

I can't help but feel defeated, or even maybe a little cheated. But how very selfish would I be, to hope and pray you could stay with me.

So as you laid there tubes running to and fro, I had to tell you "It's ok to go". Say "Hi" to loved ones waiting on the other side I know some day, you'll be there when I take that ride.



CHAPTER NEWS

Awesome Chastisers



**from
Empress Lydia Walker**

To My NPA Family,

As you know I suffered two strokes and a heart attack. On March 26th, I had the first stroke; and on April 2nd in the 15th round of the tournament, I had a heart attack and a 2nd stroke. I was not aware and had no knowledge of either of these events. Fortunately and thankfully, I have no side effects. I am up and about, and look forward to seeing you at the National in Greensboro.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls. GOD sent me a host of angels to help and care for me. I say thank you to Martha Vaughn, Dorothy Ervin, Jacob Greene, my caregivers from Miami (Doc Raiford, Billy Griffin, Robert Griffin, Arthur Conerson, Ed Ferguson, and Anthony Collins), and the players from Detroit. If I left any names out, please blame it on my mind, and not my heart. Much love, and apparently my work is not finished it.



REFEREE'S CORNER

Tournament Rule

You are late to the tournament table and play has begun. What is the penalty and can you dispute it? If you can dispute, what is the process?

Send responses, questions or comments to zetabj@hotmail.com



Life until the next time
Beverly J. Taylor

INSPIRATION

Where is the Safest Place?

STATISTICS DON'T LIE!!!
How to stay safe in the world today!
Where IS the Safest Place?

1. **Avoid riding in** automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.



2. **Do not stay home** because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.



3. **Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks** because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.



4. **Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water** because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.

5. **Of the remaining 33%, - 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals.** So, above all else, avoid



hospitals.

But...

You will be pleased to learn that only.001%

Of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is



at CHURCH!

And - Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths During Bible study is even



less.

**So, Attend church,
And read your Bible
IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

NPA WEBSITE

The web address is:

<http://www.npapinochle.org/>

All information to be posted on the website must be emailed to Ricardo Randle, Chairperson – R&E Committee for approval.
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NPA NEWSLETTER

The Gazette is distributed by the Research and Education Committee of NPA for its members.

Clubs and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for sharing. Thanks to Ric Randle, Dorothy Ervin & "Doc" for submitting articles this month. Articles should be forwarded to:

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