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Queens & Kings Born in May

Robert Bennett	May 20
Shirley Bevel	May 15
Wallace Brown	May 19
John Calder	May 25
Johnny Cohen	May 9
Mildred Davis	May 29
Roz Dixon	May 14
Bob Eubanks	May 21
Larry Franklin	May 12
Linda Gayle	May 27
Masalina Goodman	May 19
Jacob Green	May 14
Earlene Green	May 27
Ernest Hatton	May 4
Glenda Horn	May 16
Janice Jackson	May 1
Lydia Lewis	May 26
Mike Long	May 28

Greg Lowe	May 12
George McCall	May 27
Brenda McClendon	May 19
Lester McCray	May 4
Merl McPhatter	May 5
Ronald Moore	May 13
Al Pace	May 21
Herbert Parham	May 11
Lonnie Patterson	May 4
Louie "Jose" Pena	May 22
Bob Raferty	May 30
Yvonne Riggs	May 21
Calvin Robb	May 5
Wesley Roberts	May 17
Walter Roberts	May 29
Bettye Sain	May 27
Michael Seawood	May 23
George Simmons	May 5
Roy Singletary	May 21
Isiah Smith	May 29
George Smith	May 12
Anthony Story	May 13
Eugene Tuff	May 1
Joseph Turpin	May 12
Richard Varchetto	May 27
Jimmy Walker	May 31
Windy White	May 10
Jeannette Williams	May 18
Mildred Wright	May 25



A *Mother* is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.

Source: Flickr



**Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee**

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

NPA MEMBERS DEATH
None reported.

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS
Autry (POGO) Hasberry, (MPP), is in Montgomery Baptist East Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

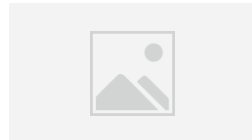
NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH

*Gwen Harris (MPP) father passed.
Dr. Beverly McCray (Y2K) mother, Mrs. Eva Kate Watt passed.
Charles Collins (MPP) sister, Ms. Shirley Ann Collins passed.
George Simmons (MPP) mother-in-law passed.
James Garnett (CPC) sister passed.
Correction to April issue:
Mildred Davis instead of Mildred Smith – (CPC) – Brother passed.*

Reminder:
The NPA Annual Memorial Service will be held Sun., 4 Sept 2016 at 7:00 am at the 2016 Annual Tournament in Greensboro, NC. Please email me: rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net with the name(s) of who will light the candle for

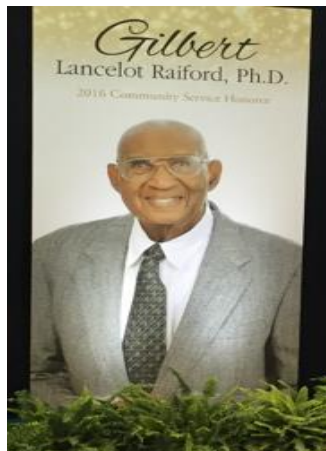
[your deceased club members.](#)

CHAPTER NEWS



FYI – while in Jacksonville for the pinochle tournament, the City will host the Jacksonville Jazz Festival. May 26-29, 2016. For the entertainment lineup go to: www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com/

Magic City Pinochle Club



2016 African American Achievers Award Honoree (Community Service)

One of our own, Dr. Gilford Raiford (“Doc”), was one of four honorees at the 2016 JM Family African-American Achievers Award Ceremony held April 20, 2016 in Deerfield Beach , FL. He was selected from over 250 nominations received.

Although “Doc” is a regular volunteer to a variety of organizations and individuals, the judges were most impressed by a project he undertook in the

depressed area of Liberty City: While tutoring school children in that area, he discovered that none of them had ever been on a plane or even a train. None had spent the night in a hotel; none had ever been served in a sit-down restaurant; and, in fact, none had left Miami-Dade County. It took him a month to raise the necessary funds to take 25 children and five adult chaperones (also people who had never left the county) to Washington, D.C. for a week. They went by train and returned by plane; they were housed in the Embassy Suites; were taken out to dinner every night to high class restaurants; visited several museums and monuments; were dined in the Senate dining room and hosted by a Representative from the State of Florida; and given \$45 per day spending money.

More than 1600 people attended the awards ceremony, including several NPA members. The award money is in the amount of \$10,000, nearly all of it donated to the project of building an NPA facility in the south Florida area. The following is his two minute acceptance speech:
“Giving to others without expectations of rewards is written in the social contract. It is the cornerstone of human society. It is like a game of tag; I give to you and you become “it”, meaning that you give to someone else and that person becomes “it” and the giving becomes a chain reaction. Four years ago, the U.S. Department of State retained me to take 105 people, of various professions, representing 95 countries, around this country to observe

and learn from our system of volunteerism. Just as we gave the world the concept of Democracy, we are now leading in efforts to institutionalize volunteerism.

For myself, I have always known and have always adopted the adage that "There is a destiny that makes us brothers. None goes this way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."



2016 Graduates

Congratulations to Elise Barr, (Pittsburg Steelers) – the proud Mother of Dr. William Barr, who received his Ph.D. in Sustainable Engineering from Arizona State University on May 9, 2016.

Congratulations to Martha Vaughn, (Title Town Pinochle Club) - the proud Grand Aunt of Eddie Hackler, III - a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and to Chanti Nacole Harris - a candidate for the degree of Master of Health Science. Both will graduate from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN on May 21, 2016.

From the Editor: Do you have a 2016 high school or college graduate you are proud of? Send their name, school and degree achieved to: npagazette@gmail.com



2016 NPA SANCTIONED

May 26-29.....Jacksonville, FL
(Hosted by Jacksonville Pinochle Club)
Sept 1-4.....Greensboro, NC
(NPA Annual Tournament & Convention)
Oct 6-9.....Charlotte, NC
(Hosted by Queen City Players)

2016 NON-SANCTIONED

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 Christmas Tournament and Toy Drive)



REFEREE'S CORNER

The Scenario:

The cards are dealt out in fives, and you are the 1st bidder, you have a very powerful diamond trump but not a good offsetting hand, what is your bid, and what is the rationale for the bid?

Bid of 50 Bid of 60
Bid of 75 or a bid of pass

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



Life until the next time

Beverly J. Taylor



*Ricardo Randle, Chairperson
 Research & Education Committee*

NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Research & Education Committee has created an NPA Online Photo Directory that is now available for membership access. Currently the directory includes photos of close to 350 members. Our objective is to include a photo of every member of NPA. To accomplish this objective, we are taking quality photos of NPA members who attend sanctioned tournaments. We will be in Jacksonville, FL May 27 & 28.

Below are the instructions for accessing the website to view the member photos.

1. Access the directory site: www.picture-directory.com. This will take you to the Picture Directory home page.
2. Click on the tab "online directory" located near the top center of the screen. This will display the Picture On-line LOGIN SCREEN.
3. In lowercase letters enter the following:
 user: npa then
 password: bidorpass.
 Click on LOGIN.
4. This brings you to the WELCOME NPA screen. Take a few minutes to

review the instructions, and let the fun begin. **Note:** "Quick Search" has been set as the default variety.

5. **Menu Options** are located in the red box in the left margin of the screen. Click on "**Directory**" – Member names and photos are listed in alphabetical order in "thumbnail" view.
6. You can now navigate through the directory by using the "**next**" or "**previous**" arrow keys located at the top right or bottom right of the page.
7. To view an enlarged photo, click on the name of the member. This will give you a larger and detail view of the photo and member information. **Note:** the photo can be further enlarged by clicking on the tab "Larger Photo" located near the right of the page.
8. You can also retrieve photos of all members of a specific "Chapter or Group". Under the "**Menu Options**" in the left red box click on "**Group**".
9. A list of the 66 chapters in NPA will appear. Select the chapter you would like to view.

10. The "**Quick Search**" option (located in the left column under the red box) can be used to retrieve an individual photo if you know the member's name. Type the last name, first name under the "keywords" field and click **GO**. **Note:** When using the "**Quick Search**" feature, make sure the "**Search within:**" option is set to "**Entire Directory**". This is done by using the drop down arrow key to the right of the option.

Play with the various features and discover what happens. For example, what happens if you use the Quick Search feature and only the last name of the member is known? **ENJOY!**

Ric Randle

Monday, May 30, 2016



Memorial Day commemorates all Americans who have died in military service for the United States. Fly your flags at half-staff from dawn until noon on **Monday, May 30th**

HEALTH TIPS

Hepatitis C and Baby Boomers

Submitted by: Dorothy Ervin,
Source: Healthy Insight, www.lifescrpt.com

An Expert's Advice on Hepatitis C Treatment

People over 50, beware: You may have hepatitis C, a life-threatening liver disease, and not know it. The viral infection has almost no symptoms. In fact, it can live in your body silently for decades, slowly causing severe liver damage, even cancer. About 150 million people worldwide, and 3.2 million Americans, are chronically infected with the virus, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Still, even when diagnosed, many patients refuse medicines. The good news is that thanks to revolutionary new treatments, over 90% of Hep C patients can be cured more effectively, more quickly and with fewer side effects than previous medications.

So you can get tested, knowing that even if you have Hep C, you may not have it for long.

"Every person born between 1945 and 1965, by CDC recommendations, is advised to get a one-time blood test" to measure hepatitis C antibody levels, says Tram T. Tran, M.D., medical director of liver transplantation at Cedars-Sinai's Comprehensive Transplant Center in Los Angeles.

The antibody test isn't routinely administered during annual health checkups, so you need to ask.

SPOT SKIN CANCER

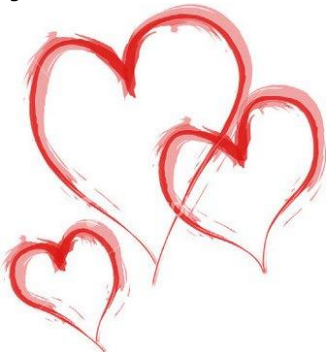
In recognition of Skin Cancer Awareness Month in May, the American Academy of Dermatology encourages everyone to make sure their skin is "Looking Good in 2016" by protecting it from the sun's ultraviolet rays and checking for signs of skin cancer. To learn more go to <https://www.aad.org>

INSPIRATION

Love is the Greatest

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

⁴ Love is patient and kind, Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.



CLASSIFIEDS

National Pinochle League

All NPA members are cordially invited to join the on-line National Pinochle League (NPL). Play pinochle online and at your convenience- Our Game Room never closes. 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

Vulcan Princess, Inc. Screen printing & embroidery, Contact Frank Turpin: 404-219-3376 or

tuako3@aol.com

Learn the game using the teaching tool 'Pinochle Mat' developed and distributed by an experienced player. Call Mrs. L. Walker at 305-255-7782 for further info.

Time for The Family Reunion?

Contact JoAnn Ross for a professional presentation of your family tree - 404-768-5698 or www.familytreescharted.com

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

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. ricardorandle@bellsouth.net

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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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