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August is Back to School for many of our children.

Let us pray that they stay safe, and are given wisdom and knowledge to understand what is right, and courage to do the right thing.



Kings & Queens Born in August

Peter Allen	Aug 22
Pennie Alston	Aug 12
Curtis Baker	Aug 20
Edward H Banks	Aug 25
Mae Barrett	Aug 22
Katrina Battle	Aug 23
Diana Benedict	Aug 11
Thomas Brooks	Aug 9
Belinda Brown	Aug 17
Bill Brown	Aug 27
Deborah Buckman	Aug 27
Jay Buxton	Aug 23
Beatrice Cain	Aug 22
Dora Chappell	Aug 12
Bill Clark	Aug 3

Phyllis Cornute	Aug 26
Kim Cotton	Aug 7
Mike Crockett	Aug 6
Stephanie Davis	Aug 24
Joe Dodds	Aug 26
Christine Elcerio	Aug 30
Patricia Frye	Aug 20
Gary Gee	Aug 3
Randy Goodbee	Aug 2
Willie Jackson	Aug 30
John Johnson	Aug 12
Bruce Kunkel	Aug 14
James Law	Aug 16
Barbara Lipsey	Aug 13
Diane McLaughlin	Aug 30
Edith Ann Moore	Aug 1
Peggy Moore	Aug 15
Brace Needham	Aug 29
Carrie Nichols	Aug 30
E. Patterson-Akoto	Aug 10
Jocelynn Jody Payne	Aug 20
Doris Peters	Aug 12
Ricardo Randle	Aug 17
Deborah Ray	Aug 6
Michael Schriber	Aug 3
Nan Smith	Aug 9
John Timmon	Aug 31
Virgil Turner	Aug 28
Clarence West	Aug 22
Jessie Wilson	Aug 19

Julia Wofford Aug 12
Robert Wright Aug 3

***Kings & Queens Born in
September***

Maurice Armster Sep 11
Johnny Benitez Jr Sep 20
Lorraine Bridges Sep 13
Mamie Brown Sep 20
Jimmy Brown Sep 20
Ruby Bullock Sep 22
Carolyn Canada Sep 24
Hubert T. Collins Sep 14
Greg Fairbanks Sep 16
Bill Fenrich Sep 1
James Fields Sep 5
Yvonne Ford Sep 18
Harriet Fultz Sep 18
Shawn Groomster Sep 14
Donald Hall Sep 19
Elliott Harris Sep 23
Gwen Harris Sep 11
Hugh Holder Sep 11
Bennie Jackson Sep 23
Phyllis Jenkins Sep 7
Anderson Johnson Sep 20
Katrina Johnson Sep 18
Raziki Johnson Sep 4
Valerie Jones Sep 25
Ruby Lewis Sep 25
Brenda Mallard Sep 19
Anna Martin Sep 19
Irvina Mayner Sep 10
Bill McBride Sep 2
Gloria McKinney Sep 24
Rosetta McMurray Sep 4
Reginald Miles Sep 23
Jack Morgenroth Sep 25
Darrell Moss Sep 5
Ella Murphy Sep 19
Donna Pace Sep 3
Edward J Parker Sep 12
Thomas Parks Sep 4
Flora Peterson Sep 16
Marvin Raines Sep 29
Esther Robinson Sep 20
Alice Scott Sep 17
James Simon Sep 1
June Smith Sep 26

Linda Tate Sep 17
Woddell Thomas Sep 1
Hayward Thompson Sep 6
Charles Washington Sep 22
Patricia Williams Sep 4
Cheryl Williamson Sep 2
Karen Young Sep 27



***Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee***

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

MEMBERS' DEATH

None

FORMER MEMBERS DEATH

None

MEMBERS' ILLNESS

None

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

None

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATH

Audrey Scott Shelton's, (CUDAS PC) father passed away.

Jonathan "Jay" Slade's, (Young Guns PC) grandfather passed away.

Please Email:
rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net
or call (706) 289-6471 to notify me of any NPA member's or family member's death or illness.

Information needed when reporting an illness or death of

an NPA Member or Family member

- Name of sick/deceased member/family member
- Sick/deceased member/family member Club name
- Address to mail Get-well/sympathy card
- Telephone Number
- If in hospital, name of hospital, room number and hospital telephone number

Information needed for NPA Annual Memorial Service to be held in Pittsburg, PA (due NLT 15 August 2017):

- Name of deceased NPA member:
- Name of Club member that will light the memorial candle:
- Send a jpeg picture of deceased member to Rosetta McMurray or Lester McCray, NLT 5 August 2017. Send jpeg copy to rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net or lestermccray@att.net.



Thank you notes received from:

**Mary Gilmore
Deborah Covington**

**Annual Tournament
Schedule of Events
Aug. 31 - Sept. 03 2017**

Thursday, August 31st

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Fundraising Committee Hearing
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Tournament Committee Hearing
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM LUNCH
1:00 PM MINI Registration
1:00 PM MAIN Badge Pick-up
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Membership
Committee Hearing
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Infractions
Committee Hearing
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Audit Committee (CLOSED
MEETING)
4:30 PM Executive Committee
Meeting (CLOSED MEETING)
6:00 PM Seating for Mini Tour.
7:00 PM Mini-Tour. (9 Rounds)

Friday, Sept 1st

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Scholarship
Committee Hearing
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bylaws
Committee Hearing
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Rainbow
Committee Hearing
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM R & E
Committee Hearing
12:30 PM MINI Registration
12:30 PM MAIN Badge Pick-up
12:30 PM LUNCH
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Delegates
Sign-in
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM NPA Board of
Directors Meeting
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM HOSPITALITY
6:30 PM Seating for MINI Play
7:00 PM MINI (9 Rounds)

Saturday, Sept 2nd

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Final Receipts
for SIDE POTS
8:30 AM Seating Adjustments
9:00 AM Play Begins

12:30 PM LUNCH
1:30 PM Play Resumes
8:00 PM - 12:00
Members Appreciation Dance
POY & HOF Presentations

Sunday, Sept 4th

7:00 AM Annual MEMORIAL SERVICE
8:30 AM Seating & Adjustments
9:00 AM Play Begins
1:30 PM Installation of 2017 -
2019 NPA OFFICERS
Payouts & Awards



2017 SANCTIONED

Aug 31-Sep 3.....NPA Annual
(Pittsburgh, PA - Hosted by NPA)
Oct 6-8.....Charlotte, NC
(Hosted by Queen City Players)

2017 NON-SANCTIONED

Nov 3-5.....Hampton, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)



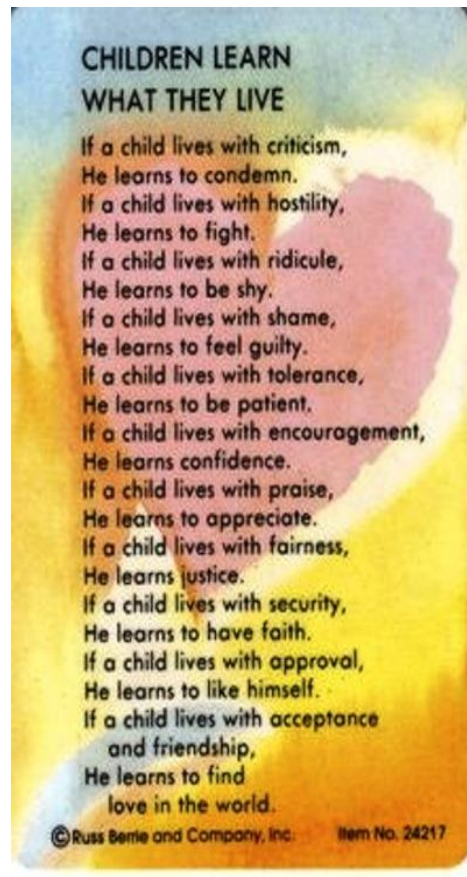
REFEREE'S CORNER

Referee Certification

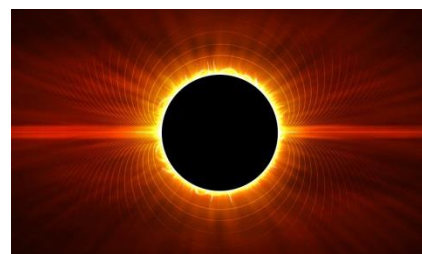
The referee certification test
will be given on Friday, Sept 1st
at the Annual Convention in
Pittsburgh, PA.

If you are already a referee,
check your referee card to
make sure it has not expired.
If it has expired, you can renew
your certification in Pittsburgh.

INSPIRATION



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



“On Monday, August 21, 2017,
all of North America will be
treated to an eclipse of the
sun. Anyone within the path of
totality can see one of nature’s
most awe inspiring sights - a
total solar eclipse. This path,
where the moon will
completely cover the sun and

the sun's tenuous atmosphere - the corona - can be seen, will stretch from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Observers outside this path will still see a partial solar eclipse where the moon covers part of the sun's disk. NASA created this website to provide a guide to this amazing event. Here you will find activities, events, broadcasts, and resources from NASA and our partners across the nation."

Source: NASA website:

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>

NPA CODE OF CONDUCT

Inasmuch as 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; we, as individuals, local organizations and the collective body of the NPA embrace this Code of Conduct.

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(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. We pledge to refrain from disregarding other organizations. We further pledge to refrain from discussing this organization's internal business to others.

(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. We pledge to make a concerted effort, both as individuals and as an

organization, to set aside some time to teach 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.

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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404-803-8702 (Cell)

NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

NPA members' photos can be accessed at: <http://www.picture-directory.com>