



The Gazette

February 2017

Monthly Publication of *National Pinochle Association, Inc.*

Vol. XXI, Issue No. 2



TABLE OF CONTENTS

- UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS.....1**
- PRESIDENTS DAY WINNERS....1**
- HAPPY BIRTHDAYS.....2**
- RAINBOW ANNOUNCMENTS....2**
- BLACK HISTORY.....4**
- CLASSIFIEDS.....4**



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2017 SANCTIONED

- Mar 30-Apr 2...NPA Semi Annual**
(Dover, DE – Hosted by NPA)
- May 25-28.....Memorial Day**
(Oxon Hill, MD – Hosted by MPSC)
- Aug 3-Sep 3, 2017...NPA Annual**
(Pittsburgh, PA – Hosted by NPA)

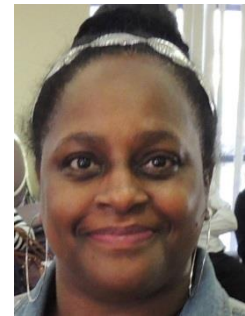
2017 NON-SANCTIONED

- Jul 28-29, 2017.....Lexington, SC**
(Hosted by Columbia Enforcers)
- Aug 10-13.....Fayetteville, NC**
(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)
- Nov 3-5.....Hampton, VA**
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)

PRESIDENTS DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The tournament was hosted by Augusta Pinochle Club and PIPS of Augusta. There were 28 tables, and a fun time was had by all. The Top 20 Winners are:

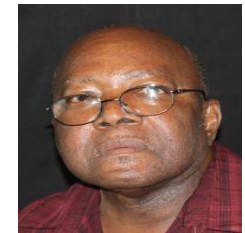
	NAME	SCORE
1	Ann Hill	6,837
2	Jay Buxton	6,671
3	Jimmy Williams	6,602
4	Lorelie Lindsey	6,495
5	Jimmy McKnight	6,481
6	Daniel Benson	6,439
7	Michael Hazel	6,283
8	Thomas Johnson	6,269
9	Clarence Johnson	6,234
10	Helen VanPelt	6,219
11	Marcelle Smith	6,190
12	Lydia Lewis	6,184
13	Curtis Baker	6,178
14	Joe Cummings	6,135
15	Holly Harris	6,070
16	Bill Turner	6,054
17	John Carmichael	6,054
18	Larry Johnson	6,052
19	Roy Simpson	6,044
20	Genail Allen	6,042



Ann Hill – 1st Place



Jay Buxton – 2nd Place



Jimmie Williams – 3rd Place



Kings & Queens Born in February

Al Adam	Feb 28
Martha Autry	Feb 15
John Briscoe	Feb 15
Earl Brown	Feb 18
James Brown	Feb 15
Curtis Brunson	Feb 23
Patricia Burnett	Feb 2
Fannie Cummings	Feb 15
Isabella Dixon	Feb 29
Eva Duncan	Feb 20
Mary Dyers	Feb 9
Dorothy Ervin	Feb 14
Rosemary Estes	Feb 13
Will Ford	Feb 1
William E. Franklin	Feb 8
Nate Gates	Feb 15
Zelma Goldsby	Feb 2
Adrian Goolsby	Feb 4
Thelma Gwin	Feb 8
Cher. Hicks-Thornton	Feb 8
Dilenia (Ann) Hill	Feb 4
Mark Hughes	Feb 18
Chris Hurd	Feb 3
Thomas M. Jenkins	Feb 19
Georgia Johnson	Feb 2
Elmore Jordan Jr	Feb 28
Roscoe Killett	Feb 14
Vivian Perry Lee	Feb 22
Beverly McCray	Feb 4
Paul McCulley	Feb 3
James McKinney	Feb 21
Rosalee McKnight	Feb 24
Betty Merriweather	Feb 5
Regina Nelson	Feb 7
Herman Noah	Feb 21
Jeronica Page	Feb 22
Michelle Parker	Feb 13
Joan Rheubottom	Feb 16
Homer Rickerson	Feb 7
Samuel Ross	Feb 18

Staci Rouse	Feb 20
Ulysses Rucker	Feb 12
Patricia Sears	Feb 27
Jack Showell	Feb 7
Kenny Smith	Feb 16
Larry Smith	Feb 28
Robert Spivey	Feb 6
Jennett Stevens	Feb 17
James Sturdifen	Feb 9
Loistine Sutton	Feb 2
Valerie Thompkins	Feb 8
Rena Turner	Feb 20
Carl Walker	Feb 28
Valeria Webster	Feb 3
JoAnn Williams	Feb 20
Vaughn Witten	Feb 18



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee*

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

NPA MEMBERS' DEATH

Johnnie "Bobo" Hall, Amelia Tri-Cities Pinochle Club

NPA MEMBERS' ILLNESS

Warren "Slim" Hairston, NC Sandhill Pinochle Club

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATH

James "Jimmy" Shelton, husband of Audrey Scott-Shelton passed

J.B. Brown's brother passed (N.C. Sandhill Pinochle Club)

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

family member's death or illness.



**Lift Every Voice and Sing
by James Weldon Johnson**

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and
Heaven Ring
Ring with the harmonies
Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as
The list'ning skies, let it resound
loud as the
Rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that
the
Dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of
The hope that the present has
brought
Us;
Facing the rising sun of our new
day
Begun,
Let us march on till victory is
Won.

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the
Chast'ning rod,
Felt in the day that hope
Unborn had died;
Yet with a steady
Beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the
Place on which our fathers
sighed?
We have
Come over a way that with tears
has been
Watered,

We have come, treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from
The gloomy past, till now we stand at
Last
Where the white gleam of our star is
Cast.

God of our weary years,
God of
Our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus
Far on the way;
Thou who has by thy
Might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us
Forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet
Stray from the places, our God,
where we met
Thee,
Least our hearts, drunk with the
wine of
The world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath the
Hand,
May we forever stand,
Tru to our
God,
Tru to our native land



Little Known Black History

By Shirley Bevel

With the recent release of the movie titled *“Hidden Figures”*, some of us now know the names of three (3) brilliant Black female scientists - Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughn. The contributions of these women helped engineer America’s space program despite facing racial and gender biases of the 60’s. The movie is based on the non-fiction book of the same name written by Margot Lee Shetterly. The movie motivated me to do more on-line research of these women, and perhaps one day I will read Margot Lee Shetterly’s book.

While watching Good Morning America last week, I learned of a fourth (4th) black female, - Ms. Raye Jordan Montague. Ms. Montague was born January 21, 1935 in Little Rock, AR. She was inspired to become an engineer after her father took her to see a German submarine that had been captured and was on tour in North Carolina. Ms. Montague says “I was the 1st person- not the 1st black female, but the 1st person who designed a naval ship using a computer”.



GROWING UP POOR IN ZUBER

By Dr. Gilbert L. Raiford

When I tell people that I am from Zuber, the response I get is “where in the hell is Zuber!” Well, Zuber is six miles north of Ocala but that does not always get it because most people don’t even know where Ocala is. It is about haft way between Tampa and Jacksonville Florida, the point where 301 and 441 converge. Now that that is out of the way:
My generation was the children of the first generation of freed slaves but you could not tell it. Theirs was a proud and upstanding generation that made tremendous sacrifices so that my generation would be able to completely break the chains of slavery and become equal to every other human being on earth.

Growing up in Zuber, we were poor but I did not know this until I took my first sociology class in college and the professor identified poor people as those who had to struggle just to eke out a daily living; they own very little; no house, no bank account; no farms; no transportation; etc. I said to myself, “By God, he is talking about us” but when he added that the poor were lazy, unkempt, childish, and lived only for today, then I was thinking that he must be talking about another kind of poor! In Zuber, we all met the first classification but absolutely none of the second. Everyone I knew was hard working and thriving.

Immediately after the end of slavery, the people in Zuber

pooled their meager resources and established a school and a church –donating land and labor and whatever chump change they could manage.(Both structures are still standing today and they both are functional.)

There were four rooms in my elementary school; first and second grades were taught together, as were third and fourth. Fifth and sixth graders were taught together. The fourth room was our dining room and kitchen.

Our teachers drove in from Ocala every day and taught many things other than academics: every morning we had to line up to be inspected for hygiene and had to open our mouths to see if I teeth were brush; the teacher would look in and behind our ears; and look to see if our hands and nails were clean and would whisper the results to each student so as not to embarrass any one. Then, we would sing and demonstrate, “This is the way we brush our teeth; comb our hair; was our face, etc.” We were also taught manners and how to shake hands.

As for the academics, we would learn our alphabets and how to count as if we were learning a song and we did so in unison until everyone knew these fundamentals of learning. We worked hard, we played hard, and we learned hard. That is how it was growing up in Zuber.

Note from Editor: Many, many, many thanks to “Doc” for his

personal human interest story. What’s your story? Perhaps there are millions out there. Publish your story by submitting an article to:
npagazette@gmail.com

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)
<http://gamingsafari.com/index.php?page=home>

To join the National Pinochle League (NPL), sign up at <http://www.myleague.com/npl/fre-e-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

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

Webmaster:
Maxim Multi Media, LLC

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. Articles should be forwarded to:
Shirley Bevel, Editor at
npagazette@gmail.com
404-803-8702 (Cell)

NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

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