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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Videssa A. Woods
NPA President

*Your crown has been bought
and paid for. All you must do is
put it on your head.*

James Bryant

Happy New Year NPA Family,

There is nothing you need that you don't already have. There is nothing you need to know that you do not already know. There is nothing that you want that does not already exist. There is nothing that exists that is too good for you. There is nothing anyone has that you cannot have. There is nothing more powerful, more intelligent, more sacred than you. You are the stuff life is made of. You are the essence of life. You have been chosen at this time, in this place to be among the living. You come from a long line of successful living beings. You are one of the King's kids, born into the world to inherit the kingdom. You are equipped to handle anything. You love by grace, built by love. You are the cause and the reason of everything you see. You are one with the Source. You are creative, you are alive. What else could possibly matter? Just for this time, allow yourself to embrace all that you are every moment.

Know that you are a vessel of light. Allow yourself to release all doubts about your ability, the mistakes of the past, the fear of the future, just for now allow yourself to remember that you have grace. It is called breath. Just for now, be a little child. Know that the world is safe. Know that you are loved. Just for now, be free, be peace-filled, be loving to yourself and all others. Know that you shall not want for any good thing. Just for now, give praise and thanksgiving for everything and let the universe know that you are ready to receive more.

As we enter into this New Year, let us take the time to reflect on the dreams that we had during 2016 and the vision that we have for 2017 and set our sights on accomplishing them One-At-A-Time. To visualize success is one thing; to live it, another. It's time to move from dreaming to making what we dreamed about A Reality. This is what makes us look forward to tomorrow. Without it, our days have little meaning, and contemplating the

rest of our life can depress us enormously.

NOW IS THE TIME.....

It's time to begin to think about NPA's Semi-Annual Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. If you have any items that you would like to place on the agenda for the 2017 Semi-Annual BOD meeting please forward them to me and copy Dorothy Ervin, our Corresponding Secretary, so that we can prepare the agenda for the meeting.

Happy New Year NPA Family

Videssa H. Woods



2017 SANCTIONED

- Feb 17-19.....Presidents Day (Augusta, GA - Hosted by PIP/APC)
- Mar 30-Apr 2...NPA Semi Annual (Dover, DE – Hosted by NPA)
- May 25-28Memorial Day (Oxon Hill, MD – Hosted by Metro)
- Aug 31 – Sep 3.....NPA Annual (Pittsburg, PA – Hosted by NPA)

2017 NON-SANCTIONED

Aug 10-13.....Fayetteville, NC (Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)

2017



of Pinochle

You are cordially invited to participate
In the 5th annual World Series of Pinochle--
Tournament of Champions

Friday, February 17, 2017
9:00 AM
Cost: \$50.00

President's Day Tournament
Weekend
Quality Inn & Suites
1052 Claussen Road,
Augusta, Ga. 30907
706-737-5550

DEADLINE for mail-in entry fee: Postmarked by 2/7/2017
Perry Lee (NPA Treasurer)
4361 Quail Creek Road
Martinez, Ga. 30907

Sponsored by NPA



MLK TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all winners!

Baxton	Jay	6771
Williams	Jimmy	6731
Jones	Eugene	6714
Smith	Al	6661
Mosley	John	6624
Thompson	Alvira	6547
Sattlewhite	William	6537
Lewis	Lydia	6533
McCulley	Paul	6343
Fargo	Donna	6329
Adcox	Lashadra	6317
Turner	William	6284
Pickett	Troy	6283
Perry	Ed	6176
Goston	Aaron	6169
Ellis	Bob	6167
Jackson	Karen	6131
Coverson	Arthur	6079
Spence	Avon	6069
Benson	Daniel	6037



Jay Baxton – 1st Place



Jimmie Williams – 2nd Place



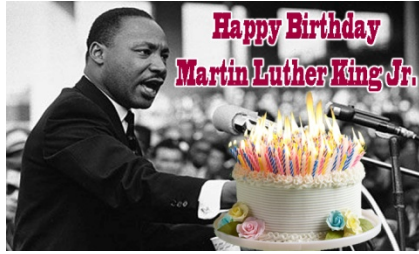
Eugene Jones – 3rd Place



*Queens & Kings Born in
January*

Cynthia Arthur	Jan 30
Edna Bains	Jan 17
Daniel Benson	Jan 11
Charlie Black	Jan 24
Edna Brown	Jan 19
Pat Cargill	Jan 23
Allen Covington	Jan 18
James Davis	Jan 14
Lillywood Dillard	Jan 24
Andre Douglas	Jan 27
Sharon Dubose	Jan 6
Howard Fitzgerald	Jan 18
Maude Freeman	Jan 31
Grant Golden	Jan 13
Phil Goodman	Jan 10
Gary Harp	Jan 7
Virginia Harper	Jan 29
Dennis Hartbarger	Jan 29
Jill Hill	Jan 11
Eugene Jones	Jan 18
Laura Walker Holmes	Jan 28
Raymond Horn	Jan 6
Kathy Hubbard	Jan 8
Elsie Jefferson	Jan 29
Jennie Jensen	Jan 11
Sylvia McGuire	Jan 14
Sylvester McWhorter	Jan 13
Christine Mendez	Jan 7
Malik Muhammed	Jan 29
Paul Owens	Jan 9
Pleasant Parker	Jan 20
Milton Pitt	Jan 8
Candice Radcliff	Jan 31
Janet Richardson	Jan 7
Dottie Roberson	Jan 17
Allen Simmons	Jan 7
Will Singleton	Jan 1
Harold Spencer	Jan 21

Annie Stephens	Jan 25
Rutha Stewart	Jan 7
Russ Tapplar	Jan 23
Jeannetta Taylor	Jan 16
Shirley Thomas	Jan 19
Willie Valdez	Jan 28
Barbara Waters	Jan 4
Crawford Webb	Jan 21
Beverly Williams	Jan 24
Brandon Wyatt	Jan 6



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee*

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

NPA MEMBERS DEATH

Thurman Toodle, Birmingham Pinochle Association, passed away Friday, January 20, 2017.

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS

Vielka Downer, DC Players, is at home recovering from surgery.
Address: 1314 T Street SE # 4
Washington, DC 20020

Ozella Walker, Columbus Pinochle Club, is at home

recovering from surgery.
Address: 2930 King Street
Columbus, GA 31906

Luvinia Harrison, 31-19 Pinochle Club, is in the hospital. She had surgery on Monday, 23 January 2017. Chippenham Hospital
7101 Jahnke Road Richmond, VA 23225 (804) 483-0000.

John Hall, Amelia Tri-Cities Pinochle Club and a former NPA King, is in the hospital. Riverside Walter Reed Hospital
7519 Hospital Drive Gloucester, VA 23061 (804) 693-8800.

Janet Richardson, Amelia Tri-Cities Pinochle Club, is recovering from surgery. REHAB Center 243 Rosegill Road
Richmond, VA 23236

Chrystabel (Chris) King, Montgomery Pinochle Pals, is in Diversicare - Montgomery 2020 N. Country Club Drive
Montgomery, AL 36106

Gwen Harris, Montgomery Pinochle Pals,

NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH

William (Bill) Ray, Derby City Queens and Jacks, wife passed away.

Emanuel Toodle brother, Thurman Toodle passed away.

NPA FORMER MEMBERS ILLNESS

Lawrence "LARRY" Coleman, former member of Jacksonville Pinochle Club, is at home.
Address: 7218 Blakeford Mill Lane Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Alva Sanks-Weeks, former member of Columbus Pinochle Club and former NPA Secretary, is in Columbus Regional Hospital.

"In Happy moments, Praise God.
In Difficult moments, Seek God.
In Quiet moments, Trust God. In every moment, Thank God."

CHAPTER NEWS

Note from the Editor: This article was unintentionally omitted in the December issue of The Gazette.



The PIPS of Augusta Pinochle Club continues to make a difference in the lives of children by hosting its 17th annual toy drive tournament and charitable donation event on December 2-4, 2016. The club donated \$500.00 to three (3) different non-profit organizations in the Metropolitan Augusta area. The three (3) organizations are: (1) *Men Making a Difference* (MMAD). This donation will help them in their goal of improving the quality of life for at risk youth across the CSRA. This is accomplished by providing mentoring, tutoring, and character developing programs. (2) *Teens in Action with Goals*. This is another organization that help young girls build self esteem, character, and social skills to help reduce teenage pregnancy, high school dropout, drug sells, drug abuse, suicide, and gang related crimes that are

the main weapons behind destroying our teens and their future. (3) *The Hale Foundation* where the Pips are dedicated to providing support to help men with substance abuse issues in our community.

This years' Toy recipients were:

(1) Georgia Department of Public Health for HIV/AIDS related illnesses in the East Central Health District. The PIPS enjoy assisting them in bringing smiles to our less fortunate children for Christmas.

(2) The Safe Homes were also given toys provided by our tournament players. Safe Homes provide life changing services to the children of Domestic and Family Violence.

Thomas Vandiver and the entire PIPS organization would like to thank the NPA family for your many years of support for this worthy cause!

THOMAS VANDIVER
PRESIDENT PIPS of AUGUSTA

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/fre>
[e-signup/](#)

Need assistance with registration? email:
JoAnnRoss@bellsouth.net

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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