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Kings & Queens Born in July

George Alexander	Jul 24
Arnold Artis	Jul 26
Elise Barr	Jul 5
Mascelia Blissitt	Jul 28
Alford Bloison	Jul 17
Calvin Brooks Sr.	Jul 26
Frank Brown	Jul 14
Iva Bunn	Jul 15
Simmie Burns	Jul 14
Bill Byrd	Jul 7
Leonard G Carter	Jul 18
Max Chattam	Jul 16
Preston Cobbs	Jul 11
Alonzo Cotton	Jul 15
Deborah Covington	Jul 8
Lenora Crenshaw	Jul 9
Sandra Dargan	Jul 8
Shirley Davis	Jul 9
Cle Dennis	Jul 14
Denise Elbeck	Jul 21

James Garnett	Jul 10
Roberts George	Jul 14
Johnny Gordon	Jul 4
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
Walee Jackson	Jul 20
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
Sheila Reed	Jul 20
Francis Rollerson	Jul 15
Lee Smith	Jul 4
Rufus Smith	Jul 26
Avon Spence	Jul 4
Bobby Terry	Jul 17
John White	Jul 1
Joyce Williams	Jul 10

The History of the 4th of July

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

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



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

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

NPA MEMBERS DEATH:

Carl Walker (Victorville Pinochle Club)

NPA FORMER MEMBERS DEATH:

Olin Dorsey (PIPS)

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS:

Alice Scott (Rattlers Pinochle Club), recovering from surgery.

Cornell Underwood (Empire State Pinochle Club), recovering from major surgery.

Renee Burdick (JPC), recovering from surgery.

Toni Forrest (PIPS), in ICU in Augusta, Georgia.

NPA FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

None

NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH

Mary Gilmore's brother (Carl Walker)

Ruby Bullock's mother (MSPC)

Sharon Smith's father (Pinochle Champs)

Stonewall "Stoney" Heard's daughter (Columbus Pinochle Club)



Thank You Notes

**Deborah Covington, USA
Pinochle Society)**

Ruby Bullock (MSPC)

W.E. Stevens

Lena Reid Morrow

Bobby Mackey

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 (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.

SHOUT OUTS



**Robert F. and Stella I
Baxter of West Coast Best,**
celebrated their 49th anniversary
on June 8, 2017 with a trip to
Yellowstone National Park, Mt.
Rushmore and Denver, CO.



REFEREE'S CORNER

Tournament information

FYI:

**When you have a dispute with
your score at an NPA sanctioned
tournament, there is a form that
you fill out for your dispute. By
filling out the form and turning it
in to the designated area or
person, the official score keeper
can promptly check and make
corrections if needed and
respond to you in a timely
fashion.**

FROM THE DESK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



**The following NPA members
have submitted their bios
expressing their intent to run for
office in the upcoming election
in Pittsburg, PA.**

**President: Jerry Lane and
Videssa Woods**

**Vice President: Eugene Jones
and Emanuel Toodle**

**Corresponding Secretary:
Dorothy Ervin**

**National Tournament Director:
Arlene Avent and Lena Reid-
Morrow**

**A complete package that
includes bios and other election
information defined within NPA's
Bylaws will be mailed via USPS
within defined deadline of July
21, 2017.**

**Thanks for all of your votes and
support,**

**The 2017 Nominating
Committee**

Vielka A. Downer
Chairperson
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CHAPTER NEWS

Magic City Pinochle Club

Submitted by Gilbert (Doc) Raiford



Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice. One may protest against evil; it can be exposed and, if need be, prevented by use of force.

Evil always carries within itself the germ of its own subversion in that it leaves behind in human beings at least a sense of unease. Against stupidity we are defenseless.

Neither protests nor the use of force accomplish anything here; reasons fall on deaf ears; facts that contradict one's prejudice simply need not be believed – in such moments the stupid person even becomes critical – and when facts are irrefutable they are just pushed aside as inconsequential, as incidental. In all this the stupid person, in contrast to the malicious one, is utterly self-satisfied and, being easily irritated, becomes dangerous by going on the attack. For that reason, greater caution is called for when dealing with a stupid person than with a malicious one. Never again will we try to persuade the stupid person with reasons, for it is senseless and dangerous.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 - 1945)

"On Stupidity" - Letters and Papers from Prison



**UPCOMING
TOURNAMENTS**

2017 SANCTIONED

Aug 31-Sep 3.....NPA Annual
(Pittsburgh, PA – Hosted by NPA)

2017 NON-SANCTIONED

Jul 28-29.....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)

INSPIRATION

THE FIVE W's OF LIFE

***WHO* you are is what makes you special. Do not change for anyone.**

***WHAT* lies ahead will always be a mystery. Do not be afraid to explore.**

***WHEN* life pushes you over, you push back harder.**

***WHERE* there are choices to make, make the one you won't regret.**

***WHY* things happen will never be certain. Take it in stride and move forward.**

Author Unknown

CLASSIFIEDS

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

tuako3@aol.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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**NPA ONLINE PHOTO
DIRECTORY**

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

