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"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln



MOMMA KNOWS

"It is not surprising that even after we are grown, our mother's teachings, corrections and words of advice still guide our lives. Even as adults, when contemplating doing something that we know would go against our mother's better judgment, because of the values she instilled in us, we often stop ourselves.

As children, we felt that momma knew all and could see all. We were also aware that momma had super hearing. She knew what we were thinking just by looking at our expressions. While we thought she was not looking, we still got caught in mischievous acts because mom "had eyes in the back of her head." And, somehow, she could hear loudly and clearly those grumbles we whispered under

our breaths although she was in another room.

Momma also knew when we were feeling down and needed words of support or when just an affectionate touch would suffice. With a mother's intuition, she could sense when something was wrong even if we were miles apart. It is no coincidence that a mother's unexpected call comes right on time.

Whether our mothers are with us or with the Lord, there is no doubt that these special women will continuously influence our lives...."

Carolyn M. Crowder
"Seeing God in Everything"
Devotional Series





Kings & Queens Born in May

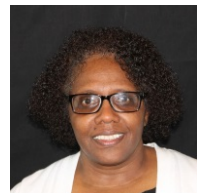
Robert Bennett	May 20
Shirley Bevel	May 15
John Calder	May 25
Johnny Cohen	May 9
Charles Coleman	May 3
Leon Cowell	May 29
Ann Craig	May 4
Mildred Davis	May 29
Roz Dixon	May 14
Bob Eubanks	May 21
Gordan Fleming	May 21
Clarence Flemings	May 24
Larry Franklin	May 12
Brian Gaines	May 27
Linda Gayle	May 27
Masalina Goodman	May 19
Earlene Green	May 27
Jacob Green	May 14
Elwood Hawkins	May 1
Glenda Horn	May 16
Janice Jackson	May 1
Pam Johnson-Smith	May 5
Lydia Lewis	May 26
Mark Lewis	May 5
Mike Long	May 28
Greg Lowe	May 12
George McCall	May 27
Brenda McClendon	May 19
Lester McCray	May 4
Merl McPhatter	May 5
Norma Mebane	May 20
Al Pace	May 21
Herbert Parham	May 11
Lonnie Patterson	May 4
Louie "Jose" Pena	May 22
Jack Pines	May 9
Bob Raferty	May 30
Yvonne Riggs	May 21
Calvin Robb	May 5

Walter Roberts	May 29
Wesley Roberts	May 17
Leroy Ross	May 16
Bettye Sain	May 27
George Simmons	May 5
Roy Singletary	May 21
George Smith	May 12
Isiah Smith	May 29
Nathanel Truesdale	May 11
Eugene Tuff	May 1
Joseph Turpin	May 12
Richard Varchetto	May 21
Jimmy Walker	May 31
Linda Wilkerson	May 11
Jeannette Williams	May 18
Mildred Wright	May 25

Kings & Queens Born in June

Nancy Arrington	Jun 2
Nathaniel Austin	Jun 8
Ora "Liz" Bailey	Jun 17
James "JR" Barnes	Jun 2
Sondra Blakey	Jun 8
Curtis Boyd	Jun 10
Evelyn Brown	Jun 7
Ernest Bruce	Jun 16
Ted Cady	Jun 8
Jacquinta Clark	Jun 4
Darlene T Cowell	Jun 7
Willie Culpepper	Jun 1
John Davis	Jun 2
Shirley Dumas	Jun 4
Robert Flemings	Jun 9
Darlene Ford	Jun 10
Zollie Ford	Jun 24
David Gholson	Jun 27
Joy Grant	Jun 20
Chris Ham	Jun 15
Wanda Harris	Jun 17
Lovie Hill	Jun 19
Shirley Hinton	Jun 6
Karren Jackson	Jun 29
Margaret Jackson	Jun 24
George Jefferson	Jun 19
Kenneth A. Jenkins	Jun 21
Larry Johnson	Jun 23
Wayne Johnson	Jun 21
Perry Jones	Jun 10
Annie King	Jun 4
Susan Koetzell	Jun 30

John Marable	Jun 20
Shirley Neeley	Jun 8
Leon Mike O'neal	Jun 9
Joe Owens	Jun 17
James Parker	Jun 12
Darryl Parraway	Jun 22
Joyce Pettaway	Jun 26
Troy Pickett	Jun 17
Jack Priestler	Jun 19
Allen Prince	Jun 9
Allen G Prue	Jun 6
Alton Richardson	Jun 4
Carlton Richardson	Jun 4
Karen Rudder	Jun 1
Leland Scott	Jun 23
Arthur Scurry	Jun 12
Alfonso Smith	Jun 10
John Smith	Jun 17
Mildred Smith	Jun 29
Charles Thomas	Jun 3
Frank Turpin	Jun 26
Carole Walker	Jun 25
Charles Ward	Jun 28
Lloyd Williams	Jun 21
Mary Williams	Jun 30
Lynn Wilson	Jun 21
Emmett Wilson Jr	Jun 18
Videssa Woods	Jun 3



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee*

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

NPA MEMBERS' DEATH

None

FORMER MEMBERS' DEATH

Bob Colclough, MPP
Walter Peoples, Magic City

NPA MEMBERS' ILLNESS

Janice Jackson, MPSC

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

None

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATH

None

Thank You Note!!

Dear NPA Members,

Thank you for the beautiful cards of Get-Well wishes. It's nice to know that people really care. I am doing better. Hope to see you soon. May God bless each of you.

Dorothy Coles, 31 - 19

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 picture of deceased member to Rosetta McMurray or Lester McCray, NLT 5 August 2017. Send pdf copy to rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net or lestermccray@att.net.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



It's Election Year 2017 and all Officer Positions are open -- President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Director.

Nominating Process: Candidates for office must be NPA members and may be placed on the Ballot by written request to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no later than July 1 2017, (vielkadow@gmail.com).

A biographical outline must be submitted by each Candidate to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no later than July 1. The biographical outlines will be limited to one (1) page of single spaced 12 point type or larger; and each outline meeting the

deadline will be published and distributed to each Chapter President no later than July 21, 2017.

Thanking you in advance,

Vielka Downer,
Nominating Committee Chair
vielkadow@gmail.com



To members of the NPA family:

We are nearing that time of the year when your loved ones may have already considered the college of their choice.

Our organization has been instrumental in providing scholarship awards to deserving young persons who were directly related to NPA members. For those families who anticipate submitting an application for a scholarship through National Pinochle Association Inc., it is imperative that you and your children carefully and thoroughly review the requirements identified on the scholarship application. The application and some of the requirements for its completion have changed. The scholarship committee cannot emphasize enough the importance of familiarizing yourselves with what is needed for applying for a scholarship. Application requirements can be found on our website: www.npapinochle.org.

Roberta Johnson,
Scholarship Committee
410-265-7127

CHAPTER NEWS

**2017 Memorial Day
Tournament & Celebration in
Washington, DC Area**

The Metro Social Pinochle Club will host this year's 2017 Memorial Day Tournament & Celebration. The tournament will be held in Oxon Hill, Maryland at the Harbor Side Hotel. There are several activities available for family members and non-players.

- Visit MGM Grand Casino
- Visit the National Museum of African American History & Culture
- Honor Vets at the Rolling Thunder Rally
- Attend Memorial Day Parade
- Enjoy National Memorial Day Concert
- Tour Arlington Cemetery

Hope to see you there!!!!!!

Note: A limited number of walk-up passes are available at the National Museum of African American History & Culture starting at 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, Veterans can walk up and show their military I.D card or DD214 and go right in. For more information visit the NMAAHC website for Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/visit/faq>



ACES AROUND PINOCHLE CLUB



Dr. Tammy Bowling-Jenkins, principal of Sunnymead Elementary School, was named the 2017 Visionary Principal of the Year (Elementary Level) by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA), and was also selected as the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Distinguished Principal of the Year.

Dr. Tammy Jenkins is the wife of Dr. Anthony Andre Jenkins and Daughter - in - Law of Thomas and Phyllis Jenkins of Aces Around Pinochle Club. "We're extremely proud of the fact that our Daughter -in - Law has been recognized for the innovative programs she has implemented, and that other important educators have taken notice too."

As Elementary School Principal of the Year, Dr. Jenkins will receive \$7,000 for Sunnymead School and a \$1,000 personal award. Dr. Jenkins will formally be awarded at the NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference October 19-20, 2017, in Long Branch, NJ.

Congratulations Dr. Jenkins on a job well done.

Monday, May 29, 2017



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 29th

 **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

2017 SANCTIONED

May 25-28.....Memorial Day
(Oxon Hill, MD – Hosted by MPSC)

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

2017 NON-SANCTIONED

Jul 7-9.....Montgomery, AL
(Hosted by Montgomery Pinochle Pals)

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)

HEALTH TIPS

May is American Stroke Awareness Month.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of serious disability for adults. About 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke each year.

Stroke is preventable. You may be able to prevent or lower your chances of having a stroke.

Stroke is treatable. Learn the signs of stroke, and call 9-1-1 right away if you think someone might be having a stroke. Getting fast treatment is important to preventing death and disability from stroke.

To learn more about stroke, and the risks, preventions and treatments, visit the CDC's website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/>

INSPIRATION

Life by the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

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

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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Clubs and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for sharing. Articles should be forwarded to:

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npagazette@gmail.com

404-803-8702 (Cell)

NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

NPA members' photos can be accessed at:

<http://www.picture-directory.com>