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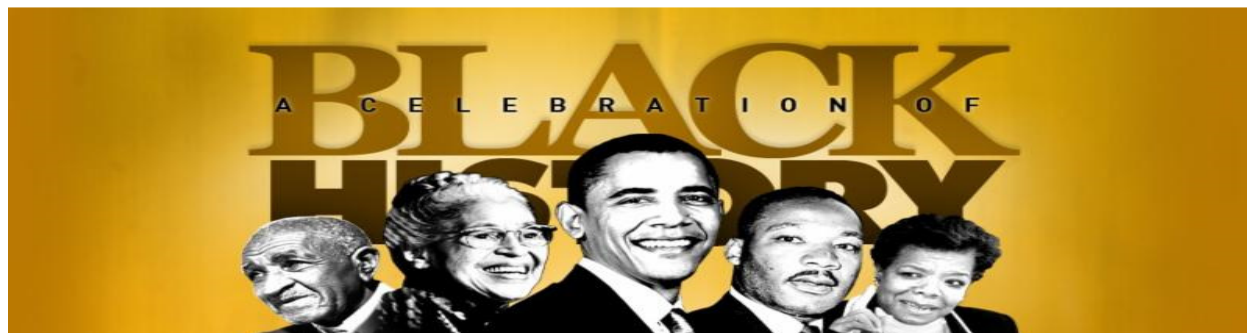


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Jerry Lane, NPA President

Thinking of our history,

It is important to know who's shoulders we stand on to make us tall.

Black History month should not be a passing thought only recognized during the month of February.

The making of history and being a part of history is within all of us. The questions we should ask each other - what price are we willing to pay, and what are we willing to sacrifice?

I'm convinced that making the ultimate sacrifice or willing to become a martyr is not in most of our DNA.

To become a part of history or to shape our history, what would you sacrifice today - your fabulous home, luxury car, 401-k, your life or a loved one's life? Well if you have to think about it we know what choices you would make.

As President of NPA I see a vibrant and bright future. A future full of possibilities and inclusion.

Let's make a unified effort to make our history within NPA. For us to become historical we must first become unified.

Let's make history NPA.

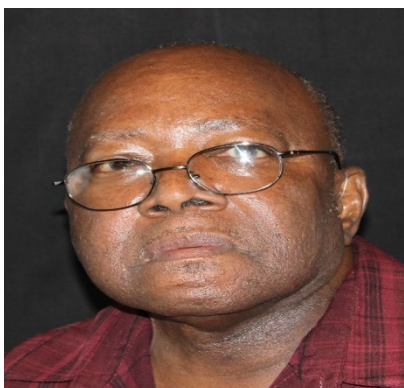
President Jerry Lane

PRESIDENT'S DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Top 10 winners are listed, and CONGRATULATIONS to all!

| NAME | SCORE |
|-------------------|-------|
| Jimmie Williams | 6,908 |
| Clarence Flemings | 6,603 |
| Valerie Jones | 6,308 |
| Johnnie Gordon | 6,223 |
| Dave Coleman | 6,188 |
| Flora Peterson | 6,167 |
| Stephon Seymour | 6,159 |
| Henry Green | 6,121 |
| Troy Pickett | 6,121 |
| Luvinia Harrison | 6,038 |

TOP THREE (3) WINNERS



Jimmie Williams – 1st Place
(Birmingham Pinochle Association)



Clarence Flemings – 2nd Place
(NC Sandhills Pinochle Club))



Valerie Jones (photo not available) – 3rd Place
(NC Sandhills Pinochle Club)



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 |
| C. 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 |

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|-------------------|--------|
| 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 |
| Renae Turner | Feb 20 |
| Valeria Webster | Feb 3 |
| JoAnn Williams | Feb 20 |
| Vaughn Witten | Feb 18 |

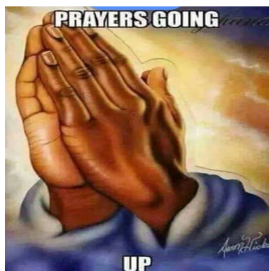
Kings & Queens Born in March

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Merice Amiker | Mar 23 |
| Wallace Archie | Mar 13 |
| Colorado Barrett | Mar 7 |
| James Bond | Mar 11 |
| Michael Bowman | Mar 28 |
| Pat Brassell | Mar 1 |
| James Brown | Mar 28 |
| Geno Campbell | Mar 19 |
| Curtis Carson | Mar 17 |
| "Harris Chambers Jr | Mar 6 |
| Minnie Cooper | Mar 23 |
| Charles B Cooper | Mar 17 |
| Regena L Edwards | Mar 8 |
| Shirley Ephram | Mar 24 |
| Pearlie Faulkner | Mar 20 |
| Edward Ferguson | Mar 22 |
| Paul Flight | Mar 1 |
| Nicholas Fluker | Mar 31 |
| Gale Franklin | Mar 28 |
| Janice Graves | Mar 24 |
| Connie Harper | Mar 24 |
| Charlene Harven | Mar 19 |
| Donna Henson | Mar 25 |
| Nellie Herbin-Whitfield | Mar 24 |
| Darren Hill | Mar 12 |
| Harry Hoskins | Mar 18 |
| Kitty Jackson | Mar 24 |
| Anthony A Jenkins | Mar 11 |

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Roberta Johnson | Mar 27 |
| Edgar Johnson | Mar 1 |
| Louise Jones | Mar 27 |
| Deatra Jones | Mar 21 |
| Linda Leonard | Mar 4 |
| Gloria Lewis Randall | Mar 20 |
| Lorelei Linsey | Mar 30 |
| Tom Longo | Mar 29 |
| Carol Manning | Mar 21 |
| James Matthew | Mar 25 |
| Joyce Medley | Mar 1 |
| Alice Moore | Mar 17 |
| Marvin Mundy | Mar 2 |
| Betty Neal | Mar 22 |
| Robert Parker | Mar 2 |
| John Perkins | Mar 12 |
| Keith Price | Mar 28 |
| Sylvia Purnell | Mar 1 |
| Fred Smith | Mar 8 |
| Eric Swann | Mar 25 |
| Carolyn Taylor | Mar 18 |
| Delores Thornton | Mar 3 |
| Audrey Walker | Mar 13 |
| Cherry West | Mar 6 |
| Will White | Mar 19 |
| Douglas Wilform | Mar 31 |
| Oscar Wright | Mar 17 |



**Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
Rainbow Committee**



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

MEMBERS' DEATH

Stonewall "Stoney" Heard,
Columbus Pinochle Club passed
Tuesday, 13 February 2018

NPA MEMBERS ILL

Alvira Thompson, Riverdale
Pinochle Club

John Perkins, Columbus
Pinochle Club in REHAB due to
massive stroke

NPA FAMILY MEMBERS ILL

None

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATH

Lillywood Dillard, Columbia
Enforcer, sister - Julia Dillard

Joe Green, USA Pinochle
Society, daughter - Bridget
Green

Ruby Lewis, DC Players, son -
Joseph M. Lewis, II

Joyce Williams, Columbus
Pinochle Club, niece - Bernetta
Huff

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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**



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2018 SANCTIONED

Mar 22-25.....NPA Semi-Annual
(Robinsonville, MS - Hosted by NPA)

May 24-27.....Memorial Day
(Atlanta, GA - Hosted by AMPS)

2018 NON-SANCTIONED

May 24Atlanta, GA
(2018 World Series of Pinochle)

Aug 9-12.....Fayetteville, NC
(Hosted by NC Sand Hills Pinochle Club)

FROM THE DESK OF THE NTD

Get Ready! Get Ready! Get Ready!

Are you ready to experience resort amenities, delectable southern cuisine with one of a kind specialties, live entertainment, friends, fun, fellowship, and pinochle? If yes, then get ready and join your NPA family and friends in Robinsonville (a.k.a. "Tunica"), Mississippi, March 22 - 25, 2018, as we gather for the Semi-Annual Convention and Tournament. This event promises to be one of the best. We are coming by plane, train, car, and chartered bus - by any means necessary. Are you ready to meet us there?

If you have not registered, you still have time. The deadline for room reservations is March 7th. Sam's Town is offering great room rates of \$49 per night from Sunday to Thursday and \$119 for Friday and Saturday nights. If

you plan to mail your tournament registrations, you have until February 24th. If you use PayPal you have until March 10th. If you experience any issues processing your PayPal transaction, please contact John Carmichael, NPA Treasurer on (404)-202-9582 or email at johndcarmichael@yahoo.com.

If you have been itching to make that referee call, now is the time to join the ranks of NPA's enforcers of tournament rules – Referees. Referee testing and certification will take place on Friday, March 23. If you are interested in being tested and in becoming a certified referee, contact Arlene Avent, National Tournament Director at arleneavent@bellsouth.net.

See you there!!! Don't miss this one!!!!

2018 WORLD SERIES OF PINOCHLE

The 2018 World Series of Pinochle will take place on Friday, May 24, 2018, during the Memorial Day Tournament week in Atlanta, GA. The tournament is sponsored by NPA and is a premiere Pinochle Championship, where 64 players vie for that all-elusive title of "Champion".

This competition follows a round-robin styled format that begins with 64 players who are ultimately reduced to the Final Four, using a process of elimination. Each player will compete in at least 6 games before the elimination process

goes into effect. At that point, the losers are eliminated from the competition 2 by 2, until only 4 players remain. The remaining 4 will compete in the final rounds. The player with the most points after the final round of play will be declared "The Champion".

If you didn't put the "P" in Pinochle, or consider yourself "Queen" of Pinochle, or "King" of Pinochle, or even the "World's Greatest" Pinochle Player, don't worry, you can still compete in this event. The only criterion is that you must have played in at least one sanctioned tournament within the year. For detailed information on the tournament's format and rules, please download the 2018 World Series of Pinochle flyer and rules from the NPA website at npapinochle.org, or contact Arlene Avent, National Tournament Director at arleneavent@bellsouth.net

See you Atlanta!!

LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS



Dr. Carter G. Woodson

Launched Negro History Week in 1926, chosen in the second week of February between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, which

evolved into Black History Month in 1976

While watching The View this week, I heard Whoopi speaking about Janice Bryant Howroyd as the 1st Black women billionaire, and ended with "check her out". I did.

-gazette editor

According to [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janice_Bryant_Howroyd)

Janice Bryant Howroyd, (born September 1, 1952) is an entrepreneur, educator, ambassador, businesswoman, author, and mentor. She is founder and Chief Executive Officer of The ACT-1 Group, the largest privately held, woman owned workforce solutions company founded in the U.S.

Born: September 1, 1952 (age 65), [Tarboro, NC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarboro,_North_Carolina)

Net worth: \$420 Million (2016)

Spouse: [Bernard Howroyd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernard_Howroyd) (m. 1983)

Education: [North Carolina A&T State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Carolina_A&T_State_University)

Children: [Brett Howroyd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brett_Howroyd), [Katharyn Howroyd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharyn_Howroyd)

According to *Black Enterprise* Oprah Winfrey may be the first Black woman self-made billionaire, but Janice Bryant Howroyd, Founder and CEO of [Act-1 Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACT-1_Group), is the first Black woman to own a billion-dollar company.

In 1862, Mary J. Patterson graduated from Oberlin College, becoming the first Black woman to receive a B. A. degree from an established American college. Eventually, four Patterson children graduated from Oberlin College, and all became teachers.

Griot - grē'ō, grēō'

According Merriam-Webster a griot is:

"An African tribal storyteller and musician is called a griot. The griot's role was to preserve the genealogies and oral traditions of the tribe."

According to Britannica.com,

"The griot profession is hereditary and has long been a part of West African culture. The griots' role has traditionally been to preserve the genealogies, historical narratives, and oral traditions of their people; praise songs are also part of the griot's..."

INSPIRATION

HEY BLACK CHILD

By Useni Perkins

Hey Black Child

Do you know who you are
Who you really are

Do you know you can be
What you want to be
If you try to be
What you want to be

Hey Black Child

Do you know where you're going
Where you're really going

Do you know you can learn
What you want to learn
If you try to learn
What you can learn

Hey Black Child

Do you know you are strong
I mean really strong

Do you know you can do
What you want to do
If you try to do
What you can do

Hey Black Child

Be what you can be
Learn what you must learn
Do what you can do

And tomorrow your nation
Will be what you want it to be

Note: Hey Black Child is now in book form. For more information on Useni Perkins, see article by Christopher Borelli published in the Chicago Tribune -Dec 8 2017.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/ct-ent-useni-perkins-1208-story.html>

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NPA WEBSITE

<http://www.npapinochle.org/>

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CORRECTIONS

The list of MLK Tournament winners omitted Videssa Woods as 5th place winner with a score of 6,442 points. Renne Turner's score was listed incorrectly. Her correct score was 6,461 points. We apologize for any confusion. *Editor*