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NPA SEMI ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Mar 22nd

11:00 am - 11:30 am
Membership Committee Hearing
11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fundraising Committee Hearing
12:00 pm - 12:30 LUNCH
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
Rainbow Committee Hearing
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Bylaws Committee Hearing

1:30 pm - 5:45 pm

Mini Registration & Prepaid

Badge Pick-up

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Scholarship Committee Hearing

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Infractions Committee Hearing

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Research & Education Hearing

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - Seating for Mini

6:30 pm - until

Mini Tournament play begins

Friday, Mar 23rd

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Internal Financial Audit

Committee - (Closed Meeting)

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Financial Disclosure Hearing

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Tournament Committee Hearing

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Referee Certification

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm - 5:45 pm

Mini Registration & Prepaid

Badge Pick-up

1:30 pm - 2 pm

DELEGATE CHECK-IN

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

NPA Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hospitality/Reception

6:00 pm - Seating for Mini

6:30 pm. - until

Mini Tournament play begins

Saturday, Mar 24th

8:30 am

Player, Seating & Adjustments

9:00 am

Main Tournament Play Begins

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm - LUNCH

2:00 pm - until

Tournament Play Resumes

Sunday, Mar 25th

8:30 am

Player, Seating & Adjustments

9:00 am - until

Tournament Play Begins

1:30 Prizes & Awards



Kings & Queens Born in March

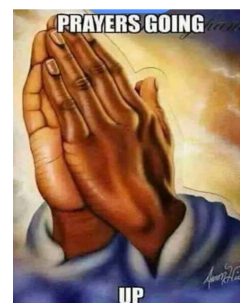
Merice Amiker	Mar 23
Wallace Archie	Mar 13
Colorado Barrett	Mar 7
James Bond	Mar 11
Michael Bowman	Mar 28
Pat Brassell	Mar 1
James Brown	Mar 28
Geno Campbell	Mar 19
Curtis Carson	Mar 17
"Harris" Chambers Jr	Mar 6
Minnie Cooper	Mar 23
Charles B Cooper	Mar 17
Regena L Edwards	Mar 8
Shirley Ephram	Mar 24
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

Kings & Queens Born in April

Everett L. Adams	Apr 17
Arlene Alexander	Apr 9
Charles Barkley	Apr 13
Aleen Bates	Apr 12
Gregory Battle	Apr 2
Harold Blue	Apr 20
Bertie Bowman	Apr 12
Matthew Boyd	Apr 6
Bobby Brown	Apr 10
Jasper Brown	Apr 17
Kary Chappell	Apr 4
Anthony Collins	Apr 1
Joseph Daniel	Apr 17
Rose M. English	Apr 5
Valerie Farr	Apr 14
William Fennoy	Apr 23
Dallas Freeman	Apr 2
Henry Green	Apr 19
Ivor Griffin	Apr 8
Charles Haynes	Apr 6
Nathan Hill	Apr 1
Clinton Hoggard	Apr 3
Darrell Jackson	Apr 25
Willie Jefferson	Apr 13
Phyllis Johnson	Apr 12
Don King	Apr 17
Miriam Lucier	Apr 28
Cheryl Mackey	Apr 11

Clarice Mackie	Apr 15
Valerie McCall	Apr 12
Jacqueline McCray	Apr 21
Cassandra Ogden	Apr 7
Florida Parker	Apr 17
James Presley	Apr 27
Ann Roberts	Apr 27
Roxanne Robinson	Apr 28
Audrey Scott-Shelton	Apr 17
Barbara Scurry	Apr 4
John Smith	Apr 5
Lindsey Smith	Apr 25
Lenore St. Rose	Apr 13
Tennetta Starr	Apr 26
Lori Swanier	Apr 29
Shelton Swanier	Apr 5
Thomas Vandiver	Apr 3
Renee Walker	Apr 29
Lydia E. Walker	Apr 7
Benjamin Washington	Apr 17
Willie Watson	Apr 2
Cornelius Williams	Apr 7



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

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

MEMBERS' DEATH
None

NPA MEMBERS ILL
**John Perkins, Columbus
Pinochle Club, is in Canterbury**

Nursing Home Phoenix City, AL

NPA FAMILY MEMBERS ILL

None

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATH

Valjean Culpepper, Atlanta
Pinochle Association, mother
passed away.

Ricardo Randle, Montgomery
Pinochle Pals, father-in-law
passed away.

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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**



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)

Jun 22-23.....Lexington, SC
(Hosted by Columbia Enforcers)

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

***FROM THE DESK OF THE
NTD***

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 in Atlanta!!



Greetings,

It's a new year and a new season of the year. With all things new, this is a good time to remind you that it's almost time to consider new applicants for NPA scholarships. It seems like only yesterday that we were honored to present scholarships to very qualified applicants from our NPA family. For members who have children, grandchildren, and/or great grandchildren who are considering entering college, now is the time to carefully review the scholarship application and the application process as it is shown on the NPA website. Now is also a great time to develop or construct a checklist of all that is required to complete the application, and to begin the process of gathering vital materials.

Respectfully,
NPA Scholarship Committee

GREAT REASONS FOR CHOOSING AN HBCU

*Dr. Gilbert Lancelot Raiford
Magic City Pinochle Club*

High achieving Black high school graduates are heavily recruited by prestigious universities and are very much flattered by the attention and the promise of a “free ride”. A “free ride” typically means full tuition. Room and board, as well as books and incidentals, create a tremendous loan package - money that usually takes years to pay back. However, this is not the reason I strongly recommend HBCUs. These are the reasons:

1) PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:

At 17 or 18, a graduate is no longer a child but not yet an adult. These are the critical years when life enhancing decisions are to be made. Parents are no longer available for immediate guidance. The university, then, must serve as a parent surrogate. Black students in *other* universities will not get this.

2) THE NEED FOR

PERSONHOOD: Black students in some schools are reminded every day, in so many various ways, that they are Black, - not just another person but a Black person. This does not give you a good sense of self.

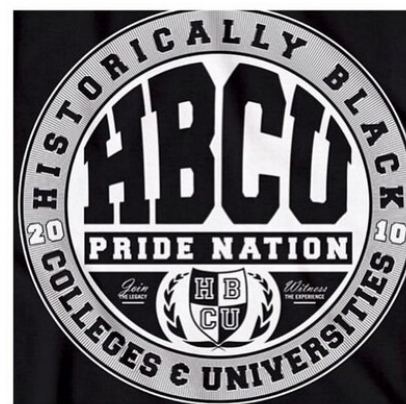
3) ACADEMICS: Everyone, including the professors, will see you as “Affirmative Action” – not a fully qualified university student, even if you are the valedictorian of your class. But, that is not the worst of it. In every classroom where crime, poverty, unwedded pregnancy, and social pathology are the topics, Blacks will be singled out as examples and everyone in class, (including the professor), will look at you as either an expert on the subject or someone to be pitied.

4) JOB PLACEMENT: In the spring of every year, industries and graduate schools send their recruiters to universities for what is known as a “Job Fair”. They are looking for the “best and the brightest”. Recruiters do not go to white universities looking for black graduates. They, too, see the Black student as affirmative action. However, top students at HBCUs are heavily recruited both for very good positions in industry and to attend graduate school.

5) FINDING A HIGH-QUALITY SPOUSE: Never again in this life will a Black student find such a pool of

potentially qualified mates-for-life. Students who eventually marry their university schoolmates tend to stay married. I encourage all students to get involved in campus life. That is the only way to become a part of it. Join the choir, the glee club, a fraternity/sorority, a social club, the drama club, run track, play basketball, play football or at least join or organize a book club if you are a nerd!

There are, of course, many other reasons for attending an HBCU. There, you are at home and you know that you have just as much ownership as the next student. (You are always seen as a visitor at those other institutions, an interloper really). You can look forward to the annual classics – the traditional friendly rivalry between HBCUs. And Homecoming is really coming home, the home that nourished you through your final teen years.





Congratulations to Clarence "Ice" and Daphne Walker as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) on March 30, 2018. "Shout Out" messages can be texted to 240-601-1445.



INSPIRATION

A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (NLT)

"¹There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heaven.

²A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

³A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.

⁵A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

⁶A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away.

⁷A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak.

⁸A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace...."

A SONG FOR LAUGHTER

I'm A Senior

(to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

1st Verse

I'm a senior, this I know. For my body tells me so. Aches and pains to me belong, head to toe the hurt so long.

Chorus

Yes, Advil helps me. Yes, Gas-x helps me. Yes, Ben-Gay helps me. Cause my doctor tells me so.

2nd Verse

I'm a senior, that's my stride. On a tour bus I will ride. Motels, hotels let us in. I am ready you say when.

Chorus

Yes, Aspirin helps me. Yes, Centrum helps me. Yes, BC helps me. Cause my doctor tells me so.

3rd Verse

I'm a senior with gray hair. Wrinkles, age spots everywhere. In retirement I will spend, time with grandkids with a grin.

Chorus

Yes, Clairol helps me, Yes, fade cream helps me. Yes, Ensure helps me. Cause my doctor tells me so.

4th Verse

I'm senior aches will stay, bladder weakness every day. I just thank GOD that I'm here. When I pray here's what He'll hear:

Chorus

Thank you for Vioxx. Thank you for Depends. Thank you for my heavenly home; I'll be there, YOU know when.

Author Unknown

HEALTH TIPS

Is Turmeric the Natural Remedy of the Century?

There is a lot of "buzz" around turmeric these days, so I (Shirley Bevel), am doing some reading on the Internet about this miracle root. Some of the promises include: stronger heart, sharper brain, pain-free joints, and youthful energy. I have been taking turmeric supplements for a few months now, without having done any research; and I must admit, I do

not feel any of the promises! Ha ha. After my readings, I am convinced that I have been taking the wrong supplement. I chose what I was taking because it was readily available and in plain view in the Walmart main aisle - (stupid me).

Now I am watching videos, and reading advertisements to determine why I should choose one product supplement over another. I am now looking for a supplement that contains Bio Perine® (black pepper) in the right amount. It is the black pepper that enhances the body absorption of the turmeric curcumin by 2000%. Without the black pepper, the curcumin simply passes through the digestive tract.

There are many, many products to choose from, so I continue to read and watch testimonials to assist in my decision. So far, I have reached the conclusion that the following factors are important to me, and the product I chose must meet these criteria:

- Pure Natural Ingredients
- At least 1000 mg of Turmeric Curcumin
- 10mg of BioPerine (black pepper)
- Third Party Tested
- Backed by User Testimonials
- Manufactured in The USA

I am looking for my own testimony! Stay tuned.

-Editor

CLASSIFIEDS

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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 information.

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NPA WEBSITE

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

All information to be posted on the website must be emailed to Kevin Kelly, Chairperson – R&E Committee for approval.

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The Gazette is distributed by the Research & Education Com.

Clubs and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for sharing. A special thank you is extended to "Doc" Raiford for his contribution to

this month's issue. Articles for publication should be forwarded to:

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CORRECTIONS

We attempt to be accurate; and apologize for any errors that may occur. When notified we will print appropriate corrections in the next issue of the Gazette.

