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## SPOTLIGHTING...



*Linda Gayle*

It is Linda's time to shine, and she is on a roll! Linda has placed in mini and main tournaments played in Fayetteville and the Annual.

**YOU GO GIRL!**

## 2018 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The main tournament had 49 tables. The top 20 winners were:

Winners	Score
Edward Ferguson	6,670
Lester Dent	6,570
Rob Roberts	6,477
Jimmy McKnight	6,410
Linda Gayle	6,378
Avon Spence	6,263
Cleveland Williams	6,228
Slim Hairston	6,215
Loistine Sutton	6,185
Barbara Lipsey	6,183
Aletta Fields	6,122
Audry Scott-Shelton	6,121
Wilfred Slater	6,104
Bruceyene Hodo	6,102
Lenny Grant	6,096
Erroll Perry	6,087
Pat Brassell	6,073
Robert Griffin	6,018
Arthur Coverson	6,004
Donna Oliver	6,000



*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Edward Ferguson  
Magic City Pinochle Club,*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lester Dent  
Atlanta Pinochle Association*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rob Roberts  
Sunshine Pinochle Club*

## **NPA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jimmy Brown, (*Montgomery Pinochle Pals*), and Thomas Vandiver, (*PIPS of Augusta*) - inductees into NPA Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2018 Induction Ceremony was held on 31 August 2018 in Orlando, FL. Jimmy and Thomas were presented with the Service Achievement Award.



**Eugene Jones (VP), Jimmy Brown (inductee), Jerry Lane (Pres.), Thomas Vandiver (inductee)**

**Attendance at the ceremony** included family and friends of Thomas & Jimmy, as well as members of NPA.



**Left to right: Bernice Brown, Jimmy Brown, Thomas Vandiver, Pat Vandiver**



**Thomas & Patricia Vandiver**



**Alberta Pritchett, Jimmy Brown, Bernice Brown**



**Thomas & Patricia Vandiver & Family**

**CONGRATULATIONS, JIMMY & THOMAS - HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018!**



## **Kings & Queens Born in September**

Maurice Armster	Sep 11
Johnny Benitez Jr	Sep 20
Lorraine Bridges	Sep 13
Jimmy Brown	Sep 20
Mamie Brown	Sep 20
Sherman Brown	Sep 3
Ruby Bullock	Sep 22
Carolyn Canada	Sep 24
Hubert T. Collins	Sep 14
Sylvester Cox	Sep 16
Greg Fairbanks	Sep 16
James Fields	Sep 5
Yvonne Ford	Sep 18
Harriet Fultz	Sep 18
Shawn Groomster	Sep 14
Donald Hall	Sep 19
Terence Hansbrough	Sep 13
Elliott Harris	Sep 23
Gwen Harris	Sep 11
Evelyn Hearn	Sep 15
Edward Henry	Sep 4
S. Hodge-Coleman	Sep 13
Hugh Holder	Sep 11
Bennie Jackson	Sep 23
Phyllis Jenkins	Sep 7
Anderson Johnson	Sep 20
Katrina Johnson	Sep 18
Moe Johnson	Sep 4
Valerie Jones	Sep 22
Ruby Lewis	Sep 25
Brenda Mallard	Sep 19
Anna Martin	Sep 19
Irvina Mayner	Sep 10
Gloria McKinney	Sep 24
Rosetta McMurray	Sep 4
Reginald Miles	Sep 23
Darrell Moss	Sep 5
Donna Pace	Sep 3
Edward J Parker	Sep 12
Thomas Parks	Sep 4



Flora Peterson	Sep 16
Marvin Raines	Sep 29
Valerie Richards	Sep 3
Esther Robinson	Sep 20
Alice Scott	Sep 17
James Simon	Sep 1
June Smith	Sep 26
Gwendolyn Story	Sep 26
Linda Tate	Sep 17
Woddell Thomas	Sep 1
Helen VanPelt	Sep 7
Charles Washington	Sep 22
Todd West	Sep 19
Patricia Williams	Sep 4
Sheila Williams	Sep 30
Karen Young	Sep 27

### ***Kings & Queens Born in October***

Joe Abram	Oct 3
Earl Allen	Oct 5
Darryl Anderson	Oct 28
Kirby Ray Anderson	Oct 3
Larry Arvila	Oct 27
Austin Ash	Oct 9
William C Bowers	Oct 10
Benzena Brown	Oct 14
Lillian Brown	Oct 6
Sylvia Burke	Oct 21
John Calloway	Oct 2
Willie Collins	Oct 10
Robert N Cooper	Oct 15
Joe Cummings	Oct 30
Roy Doss	Oct 15
Vielka Downer	Oct 27
Cin-dee Dunn	Oct 31
H. Maurice Elbeck	Oct 2
William Evans	Oct 30
Aletta Fields	Oct 1
Roosevelt Freeman	Oct 27
Arthur Gainer	Oct 3
Thelma Gregory	Oct 16
Zora Hargrave	Oct 31
Gary Harrison	Oct 19
William "Bill" Harrod	Oct 19
Autry Hasberry	Oct 9
Richard Hawkins	Oct 22
Bernard Jackson	Oct 14
Alpheus B Jones	Oct 10
Patricia Jones	Oct 18

Earnestine Martin	Oct 6
Kenneth McCants	Oct 1
Curtis McGee	Oct 16
Lois Mitchell	Oct 23
Herbert Morris	Oct 26
Jennifer Newby	Oct 30
LaTondra Okeke	Oct 23
Carolyn Pender	Oct 5
Devonta'e Pettitway	Oct 24
Joey Petway	Oct 29
Patricia Peyton	Oct 15
John Pitts	Oct 17
Phyllis Ransome	Oct 25
William Ray	Oct 28
Valerie Revere	Oct 25
Dennis Smith	Oct 4
Lewis Taylor	Oct 8
Barbara R Thomas	Oct 26
James Thomas	Oct 2
Joyce Thomas	Oct 2
Martha Vaughn	Oct 12
Vivian Wallace	Oct 6
Michael White	Oct 29
James Williams	Oct 9
Sandra Zastrow	Oct 24



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson  
Rainbow Committee*

National Pinochle Association, Inc. (NPA) held its Annual Memorial Service on 2 September 2018 at 7 am with 38 NPA members and family members attending. Dr. Beverly McCray, a member of Y2K Pinochle Club, gave the reflections for this service. Dr.

McCray spoke about the Fruits of the Spirit. Other participants in the service were: Prayer by Flora Peterson (JPC), Solo by Jeannette Williams (MPSC), Reading of the Resolution by Shirley Bevel (The Renegades), Solo by Thomas Vandiver (PIPS), Lighting of the Candles by deceased club members' representative, and final remarks by Eugene Jones, NPA Vice President.

As chairperson of the Rainbow Committee, I would like to thank all participants and those that came out to fellowship with the committee. **"THANKS"**.

### **NPA MEMBERS DEATH**

None

### **NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS**

Gwen Stroy, Pinochle Champs  
Curtis Boyd, Augusta PIPS  
Joelene Hayling, Y2K  
Stanley Higgins, Baltimore  
Bidwell  
Kenneth Wilson, Pittsburgh  
Stealers

### **FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS**

None

### **NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH**

Andrew Skipper, Riverdale PC,  
father passed away.

Edith Skipper, Riverdale PC,  
husband passed away.

Joe Cummings, JPC, grandson  
passed away.

Garey "Moe" Harrison, Black  
Diamond, father passed away.

Please keep our NPA members  
and their family in your prayers.

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or call (706) 289-6471 to notify me of any NPA member's or family member's death or illness.

**Please, please, please** use the below format when reporting an illness or a death to the Rainbow Committee Chairperson.

- **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

**Oct 5-7.....Columbus Day**  
(Montgomery, AL – Hosted by MPP)

### 2018 NON-SANCTIONED

**Nov 2-4.....Hampton, VA**  
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)

**Nov 29-Dec 2.....Augusta, GA**  
(PIPS Tournament & Toy Drive)

### 2019 SANCTIONED

**Mar 28-31.....NPA Semi-Annual**  
(Kenner, LA – Hosted by NPA)

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **WASHINGTON D.C., THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CULTURE AND EDUCATION**

By Doc Raiford

Washington, D.C., is much more than the Nation's Capital. In fact, that is probably the least of its attraction for me. The city is a virtual university, and one that is essentially FREE. Here is a very short list of all the great treasures you will find in DC:

**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES:** This museum houses millions of original historical documents. It is the permanent home of the U.S. Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Emancipation Proclamation.

**THE MUSEUM OF AIR AND SPACE:** This is probably the most visited museum in the world. There is so much to see and do there that even a full day will not be enough time. The vehicles that were sent to the moon and back are there, as well as specimens that were brought back from out of space. The interactive history of air travel and space exploration is so fascinating.

**THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:** This library has a copy of every book and pamphlet that has ever been copyrighted in the United States. Library cards are free to all American citizens and you will find extremely helpful librarians available to assist.

**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF CULTURE AND HISTORY:** This museum, alone, is worth the visit to DC. It is so popular, that you need time-sensitive tickets for admission. The tickets are free, but you must order them ahead. To really see the museum, you will need more than one day.

**THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL:** This is the second largest church in the U.S. and can accommodate more than 3000 people. (This is where McCain's D.C. funeral was held.) It is one of the most impressive religious structure in the world, right behind the Vatican and St. John Devine in New York.

**THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSE:** To really understand the significance of Mr. Douglass, you must find time to visit his very impressive home and be escorted through it by a U.S. Park Ranger. Don't miss the introductory movie which dramatizes his life from slavery to U.S. Marshall.

Finally, there are more than a half dozen NPA chapters in the DC area; all very active – with practically weekly mini-tournaments!

I am a new resident in D.C, and I'm loving it!



## INSPIRATION



**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)**

## HEALTH TIPS

### September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

**“One in 5 children in the United States are obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.**

**The good news? Childhood obesity can be prevented. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for kids to eat healthier and get more active.”**

**Make a difference for kids:  
spread the word about**

**strategies for preventing childhood obesity and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.**

**Here are just a few ideas:**

- **Encourage families to make small changes, like keeping fresh fruit within reach or going on a family walk after dinner.**
- **Motivate teachers and administrators to make schools healthier. Help them provide healthy food options and daily physical activities for students.**
- **Ask doctors and nurses to be leaders in their communities by supporting programs to prevent childhood obesity.”**

**Find out more about obesity awareness by visiting:**

**<https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/SeptemberToolkit.aspx>**

## NPA NEWSLETTER

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**Clubs and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for sharing. A special thank you is extended to “Doc”**

**Raiford, who continues to support the Gazette. Articles for publication should be forwarded to:**

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## NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

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

## 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.**

