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*Kings & Queens Born in July*

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| --- | --- |
| Arnold Artis | Jul 26 |
| Bobby Black | Jul 4 |
| 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 |
| Todd D Cross, Sr. | Jul 10 |
| Wesley Culler | Jul 14 |
| Sandra Dargan | Jul 8 |
| Shirley Davis | Jul 9 |
| Cle Dennis | Jul 14 |
| Denise Elbeck | Jul 21 |
| James Garnett | Jul 10 |
| Wanda Goodman | Jul 28 |
| Johnny Gordon | Jul 4 |
| Michael Graves | Jul 9 |
| Linda Gray | Jul 25 |
| Joe Green | Jul 23 |
| William Harden | Jul 28 |
| Amos Haynes | Jul 4 |
| Tyrone Hodnett | Jul 5 |
| Vick Holder | Jul 5 |
| Michael Hudson | Jul 6 |
| Robert Hunter | Jul 7 |
| Walee Jackson | Jul 20 |
| Nathaniel Jett | Jul 1 |
| Kevin Kelly | Jul 26 |
| Elvin Lobbins | Jul 20 |
| Lisa Massey | Jul 18 |
| Dale Pace | Jul 5 |
| James Patterson | Jul 2 |
| James Peterson | Jul 4 |
| Charlene Press | Jul 7 |
| Lewis Ragland | Jul 5 |
| Sheila Reed | Jul 20 |
| George Roberts | Jul 14 |
| Cynthia Smith | Jul 21 |
| Lee Smith | Jul 4 |
| Avon Spence | Jul 4 |
| R L Taylor | Jul 21 |
| Charles Teel | Jul 11 |
| Bobby Terry | Jul 17 |
| Rueben Thomas | Jul 9 |
| William Tingle | Jul 11 |
| Jean Wallace | Jul 4 |
| John White | Jul 1 |
| Jimmie Williams | Jul 8 |
| Joyce Williams | Jul 10 |
| Patricia A Williams | Jul 8 |

### Kings & Queens Born in August

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| --- | --- |
| Tormenta “DJ” Allah | Aug 8 |
| Peter Allen | Aug 22 |
| Curtis Baker | Aug 20 |
| Edward H Banks | Aug 25 |
| Katrina Battle | Aug 23 |
| Diana Benedict | Aug 11 |
| Thomas Brooks | Aug 9 |
| Belinda Brown | Aug 17 |
| Deborah Buckman | Aug 27 |
| Sandra Butler | Aug 18 |
| Jay Buxton | Aug 23 |
| Beatrice Cain | Aug 22 |
| Dora Chappell | Aug 12 |
| Phyllis Cornute | Aug 261 |
| Kim Cotton | Aug 7 |
| Mike Crockett | Aug 6 |
| Stephanie Davis | Aug 24 |
| Christine Elcerio | Aug 30 |
| Patricia Frye | Aug 20 |
| Al Gainer | Aug 31 |
| Gary Gee | Aug 3 |
| Randy Goodbee | Aug 2 |
| Stanley Green | Aug 12 |
| Melvin Hilliard | Aug 13 |
| Willie Jackson | Aug 30 |
| John Johnson | Aug 12 |
| James Law | Aug 16 |
| Barbara Lipsey | Aug 13 |
| Maxine Maclin | Aug 28 |
| Lydia Martin | Aug 15 |
| Diane McLaughlin | Aug 30 |
| Edith Ann Moore | Aug 1 |
| Peggy Moore | Aug 15 |
| Brace Needham | Aug 29 |
| Carrie Nicholes | Aug 30 |
| E. Patterson-Akoto | Aug 10 |
| Jocelynn Payne | Aug 20 |
| Doris Peters | Aug 12 |
| Carol Randal | Aug 15 |
| Ricardo Randle | Aug 17 |
| Deborah Ray | Aug 6 |
| Lester Reddick | Aug 29 |
| William Sills | Aug 27 |
| Nan Smith | Aug 9 |
| John Timmon | Aug 31 |
| Virgil Turner | Aug 28 |
| Clarence West | Aug 22 |
| Jessie Wilson | Aug 19 |
| William Wilson | Aug 26 |
| Julia Wofford | Aug 12 |
| Robert Wright | Aug 3 |



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson*

*Rainbow Committee*

**NPA’s Annual Memorial Service** will be Sunday, 2 September 2018 in Orlando, Florida at 7 a.m. Please submit names of deceased members and who will light the candle for your deceased member no later than 15 August 2018. Please submit photos of your deceased members to Lester McCray by hand copy or jpeg format to [**lestermccray@att.net**](mailto:lestermccray@att.net). The 2018 NPA Memorial Service will be for NPA members who passed away between August 15, 2017 to the present date. Please provide above information to me no later than 15 August 2018 to [**rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net**](mailto:rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net). Thanks in advance.

*NPA MEMBERS DEATH*

None

*NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS*

Troy Briscoe, DC Players

*FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS*

Edna Bain’s (Title Town) mother recovering from hip replacement due to a fall.

David Cole’s (Washington National), wife, Janice Cole is ill.

*NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH*

Cornell Adcox’s, Jr. (BPA) son passed away.

William “Bill” Harrod’s (Tidewater), sister passed away.

Audrey Scott-Shelton’s (Cudas), mother passed away.

T.C. Walker’s (PIPS) brother passed away.

**Please Email:**

[**rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net**](mailto:rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net) **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

***Comfort Quote***

**“I’m here. I love you. I don’t care if you need to stay up crying all night long, I will stay with you. If you need the medication again, go ahead and take it—I will love you through that, as well. If you don’t need the medication, I will love you, too. There’s nothing you can ever do to lose my love. I will protect you until you die, and after your death I will still protect you. I am stronger than Depression and I am braver than Loneliness and nothing will ever exhaust me.”**

**- Elizabeth Gilbert,**

**Eat, Pray, Love**

*FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR*

**The hotel reservation link for the 2018 Annual Tournament and Convention in Orlando, FL is:**

[**National Pinochle Association**](http://usfhc.webhotel.microsdc.us/bp/search_rooms.jsp?checkinYear=2018&checkinDay=29&checkinMonth=8&numberOfNights=5&groupCode=03g&utm_source=hotelsales&utm_medium=groupbooking&utm_campaign=groupbookings)

**Attendees can also contact the hotel directly during business hours of 8am -9pm daily. You may do so by calling the Reservations Department at 800-588-4656; and ask for the National Pinochle rate.**

*Options for airport transportation from Orlando International Airport:*

***Transportation:***

**We are conveniently located 6 miles from the Orlando International Airport. There are taxi and shuttle services available on Level 1.**

**Transportation rates average $33.00 roundtrip, per person, for Shuttle service through** *MEARS Transportation Group; OR* ***$27.00, one-way for a taxi.***

**To book Mears Shuttle:** [**https://shuttles.mearstransportation.com/**](https://shuttles.mearstransportation.com/) **(we are listed as** *Florida Hotel & Conference Cnt). Remember to hold down the Ctrl Key while clicking on link.*

*Alternate Transportation from the Hotel:*

KOSMOS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: (407) 680-9469. Scheduled airport transfers for two (2) or more at $20 one way or $30 round trip.

For questions, contact Arlene Avent, National Tournament Director at [arleneavent@bellsouth.net](mailto:arleneavent@bellsouth.net)

# UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2018 SANCTIONED

Aug 30 - Sep-9.…...…NPA Annual

*(Orlando, FL – Hosted by NPA)*

Oct 5-7…….…......Columbus Day

*(Montgomery, AL – Hosted by MPP)*

2018 NON-SANCTIONED

Aug 9-12...……….Fayetteville, NC

*(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)*

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)*

*SHOUTOUTS*



The granddaughter of Robert Baxter and Stella Baxter (702 Pinochle Club) received her degree in Fine Arts with a minor in Afro-American Studies from UCLA. She was one of the recipients of NPA Scholarships in 2014. Again, The Baxter Family thanks NPA for the scholarship.

*INSPIRATION*

***The Suitcase***

(Author Unknown)

A man died, when he realized it, he saw God coming closer with a suitcase in His hand.

God said: Alright son it’s time to go.

Surprised the man responded: Now? So soon? I had a lot of plans...

God answered: I'm sorry but it’s time to go.

What do you have in that suitcase? the man asked.

God answered: Your belongings.

My belongings? you mean my things, my clothes, my money?

God answered: Those things were not yours they belonged to the earth.

Is it my memories? the man asked.

God answered: those never belonged to you they belonged to Time

Is it my talents?

God answered: those were never yours they belonged to the circumstances.

Is it my friends and family?

God answered: I'm sorry they were never yours they belonged to the path.

Is it my wife and son?

God answered: They were never yours they belonged to your heart.

Is it my body?

God answered: that was never yours it belonged to the dust.

Is it my soul?

God answered: No that is mine.

Full of fear, the man took the suitcase from God and opened it just to find out the suitcase was empty.

With a tear coming down his cheek the man said: I never had anything??

God answered: that is correct, every moment you lived were only yours. Life is just a moment,

a moment that belongs to you. For this reason, enjoy this time while you have it.

Don't let anything that you think you own stop you from doing so.

Live Now…...Live your life

Don't forget to be happy, that is the only thing that matters.

Material things and everything else that you fought for stays here.

YOU CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING!

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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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*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.