



# THE CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

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*Christ Temple Cathedral Church  
Chicago, Illinois*

## *God's Plan, My Purpose, Our Mission*



**DEACON  
JAMES A. "TONY" ROSS**  
*National Congress President*

**LOCATION:**

Hyatt Regency DFW  
International Airport  
Dallas, Texas

**DATE:**

July 22-28, 2015

[www.cochusacongress.org](http://www.cochusacongress.org)

**THEME SCRIPTURE:**

I Peter 2:9

**THEME SONG:**

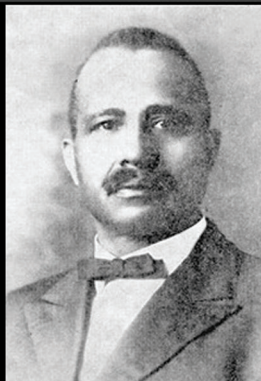
"Jesus Only"  
HF #1

**BIBLE QUIZ:**

I Peter and II Peter

**Pre-Congress Highlights of the 75th Annual Session  
of the National Sunday School and H.Y.M. Congress  
of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.**

**The MAN  
The MOVEMENT  
The MUSIC**



The 150th Celebration of  
**Bishop Charles Price Jones, D.D. LL.D.**  
July 22-28, 2015  
National Convention  
Dallas, Texas



*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should shew forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*  
- 1 PETER 2:9

Well bless the God of our salvation, he has declared that we part of a chosen generation...not only chosen, but we are royalty! Part of a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people. It was always God's plan that we would show forth his praises. Because this is God's plan, we should live with purpose and intent to glorify his name in all the earth. Our mission, whether you accept it or not, is to let your light so shine before men that we glorify our Father in heaven. We have the plan...we know our purpose...now we must accomplish our mission. We challenge each delegate to get on the mission train and let's evangelize our communities and let the world know about our God, his plan of salvation and about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the Great Southwestern Diocese and Dallas, Texas, where everything is big and great...hats, attitudes, houses, ranches, praise, worship and the glory of God! We invite you to experience God's glory as the congress celebrates our 75th (diamond) anniversary of the Sunday School and HYM Congress. Come and help us celebrate the 150th birthday of our Founder, Bishop Charles Price Jones. Oh, what a time this convention promises to be, and you don't want to miss this great gathering of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. We look forward to seeing you July 22-28, 2015. Turn out and turn up. Let's celebrate our rich heritage and the great things God has done!

Deacon James A. "Tony" Ross  
National Sunday School and HYM Congress President



Elder Benjamin J. Winn, Sr. called into the gospel ministry at the tender age of 14 years and preached his first sermon during his final week in high school. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Administration from Moody Bible Institute. In 1992 he was ordained into the ministry.

He has successfully served as a pastor of several churches throughout the Church of Christ Holiness USA for over twenty-three years. He has served in Indianapolis, Indiana, Ford Heights, Illinois, Berkeley, California, Norfolk, Virginia, and presently he is the eighth senior pastor of Christ Temple Cathedral Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Beyond his pastoral responsibilities, he serves as the chairman of the National Evangelists. Presently he is enrolled in graduate school at Trinity Evangelical Divinity Seminary. He is the recipient of several scholarships and pastoral awards.

Professionally he served as a coroner investigator, and he is a licensed embalmer and funeral director in Illinois and California.

As a passionate evangelist and pastor, he has a love for people and a heart for the lost. He and his beautiful wife of twenty-one years, Donna Renee, have two loving children, Lauren Alyse and Benjamin Jarrid II.

## OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Operation Giveback - Service Project  
Dallas Ronald McDonald House  
*Deacon Stephen Hill, Coordinator*
- 12:00 p.m. National Congress Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner
- 10:00 p.m. Kerry J. Allen National Scholarship Board "Bowling-A-Thon"

### FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Quiz Team Preparation
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Children's Convention: "Agent's of Truth - Mission Holiness" (Ages 6-13) *Sis. Sylvia Broxton Riddick, Coordinator*
- 9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Greetings: *National Congress President Deacon Tony Ross*  
*National Convention President Bishop Vernon Kennebrew*  
*Senior Bishop COCHUSA Dr. Emery Lindsay,*  
*Chairman of Board*
- Welcome: Southwestern Diocese
- 10:00 a.m. C.C. Carhee Bible Quiz: *Sis. Sandra Dixon, Quiz Master*
- 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Youth Convention
- 12:30 p.m. Opening of Congress Session and Committee Assignments and Committee Work  
M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest: *Sis. Tekesia McClendon*
- 1:00 p.m. CM&I Presentation
- 2:00 p.m. COCHUSA M.R. Conic Foundation Health and Wellness Fair  
Bible Quiz Part II 2nd Chance, *Deacon Kenn Winn*
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Committee Work

- 3:30 p.m. Celebrating Our Founder Bishop Charles Price Jones (Play)
- 6:00 p.m. Committee Work
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service: "The Man, The Movement, The Songs"  
A Celebration of Bishop Charles Price Jones, Founder, COCHUSA

### SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Children's Convention: "Agents Of Truth - Mission Holiness" (Ages 6-13), *Sis. Sylvia Broxton Riddick*  
Youth Convention (Ages 14-18)
- 9:00 a.m. Praise and Worship, *Congress Praise Team*
- 9:30 a.m. Bishop Charles Price Jones Music Contest, *Brother Tony Ross*  
Kerry J. Allen National Scholarship Presentation,  
*Brother Kerry Allen*
- 11:45 a.m. Youth of the Year Presentation, *Sister Helen Bennett Jackson*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Maude Conic Chorale Festival, *Brother Franklin Turner*  
Fine Arts and Crafts, *Sister Cheryl Winn*
- 2:45 p.m. COCHUSA Conference and Training Workshops Sessions
- 4:30 p.m. Final Business Session
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

### SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. National COCHUSA Children's Choir Concert and Junior Music/  
Oratorical, *Sis. Cherrita Speech*  
Children's Choir Concert and HYM Presentations - *COCHUSA's Talented Youth!*

# Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner

COCHUSA  
 THURSDAY  
**JULY 23**  
 DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
 STARTS AT 7PM

THE 75TH SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM CONGRESS  
**RAINER B. WILSON**  
**FELLOWSHIP BANQUET**  
 RECOGNIZING 2015 GRADUATES

GUEST SPEAKER  
**DR. TONY EVANS**  
 AUTHOR AND PASTOR OF OAK CLIFF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

BET SUNDAY BEST WINNER!  
 GEOFFREY GOLDEN  
 SPECIAL GUEST

TICKET PRICE: \$55  
 HYATT REGENCY DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 2334 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY DFW AIRPORT, TEXAS, 75261  
 FOR MORE INFO: LISA WILLIS RBW COORDINATOR | RBWFELLOWSHIP@YAHOO.COM | 773-370-1724

## DR. TONY EVANS 2015 Graduates Recognition

Individual Tickets \$55.00  
 Tickets Sold on Websites,  
 Congress and COCHUSA

Tables of 8-10 can also be  
 reserved for auxiliaries,  
 churches, families, friends, etc.

**RESERVE  
 NOW!!!!**

For more details and  
 to make reservations,  
 contact:

Danyel Castilla  
 601-968-7206  
 463 North Livingston  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 sethspen2@yahoo.com



### RESERVATION FORM

Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner  
 Tickets are \$55.00 General Admission - Thursday, July 23, 2015 • 7:00 p.m.  
 Please purchase your tickets online at [www.cochusa.org](http://www.cochusa.org) or [www.cochusacongress.org](http://www.cochusacongress.org)

### GRADUATE INFORMATION

*(If you are a graduate, please provide the following additional information.)*

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

### GRADUATE SURVEY INFORMATION

Please forward ticket request form with check payable to National Sunday School & HYM Congress to:  
 Sis. Lisa Willis • (773) 370-1724 • E-mail: [lccwpioneer@aol.com](mailto:lccwpioneer@aol.com)  
 or 611 Old Whitfield Road, Pearl, MS 39208

Graduate Survey Deadline is June 30, 2015. • All seats must be reserved at \$55.00 per ticket.

For more information, please contact Danyel Castilla  
 E-mail [sethspen2@yahoo.com](mailto:sethspen2@yahoo.com) or call (601) 968-7206

### GRADUATES

In order to be recognized at the event, please send your graduate survey and photo to [lccwpioneer@aol.com](mailto:lccwpioneer@aol.com).

COCHUSA CONGRESS PRESENTS

NATIONAL BISHOP C.P. JONES

# MUSIC CONTEST 2015

**JULY 22ND - 28TH**  
DURING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COCHUSA IN DALLAS, TX

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SUBMIT AN AUDITION CLIP OF THEIR CLASSICAL, ART SONG, OR SPIRITUAL IN MP3 OR MP4 VIDEO FORMAT BY APRIL 13TH @ MIDNIGHT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTEST

CALLING ALL GIFTED AND TALENTED INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS ON THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LEVELS! YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF COCHUSA IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AND PRESENT 2 SELECTIONS DURING THE CONTEST. (1 CLASSICAL ART SONG, OR SPIRITUAL & 1 C.P. JONES COMPOSITION)

**REGISTER | MORE INFO**  
**CPJONES.COCHUSA@GMAIL.COM**  
TONE ROSS, C.P. JONES MUSIC CONTEST COORDINATOR  
JAMES A. "TONY" ROSS, CONGRESS PRESIDENT

## OPERATION GIVEBACK: *We Care*

We are excited to bring you once again an awesome Operation Giveback service project. Please help us spread the word. This year like last year every member of COCHUSA can participate in the service project for the Dallas area Ronald McDonald House. Sign up for this Operation Giveback session on Thursday, July 23, 2015, 7:00 am - 10:00 am. Volunteer to giveback as we engage the families of the Dallas area Ronald McDonald House. This promises to be one of the most rewarding experiences our youth will have!!!!

How can the rest of us help and contribute? Last year we blessed the families of the Ronald McDonald House with handcrafted gifts and items, and it was such a blessing, we will continue this project for 2015. We are calling for the COCHUSA family of crafters, knitters, sewers, creators of fine art items like hats, scarves, blankets, throws, shawls, etc., to create pieces to bless the families. And kids who are at the Ronald McDonald House, if you are not so crafty, you can still purchase items to donate to bless these families. We want COCHUSA to be a blessing and create a life-long memory for families as we show the love of God to those in need and are facing health challenges.

Please bring or ship your items. If you have local church, district or diocese members who won't be attending the convention but still would like to be a blessing, please encourage them to help us with this project. COCHUSA, let's show our love and let's be a blessing.

For more information contact Deacon Steven Hill at 302-981-4924, email smarhill@yahoo.com

## *Milestones and Guests*

We are celebrating several milestones during this year, 2015.

We are celebrating what would have been the 150th birthday of our Founder, Bishop Charles Price Jones with the theme: "Bishop Charles Price Jones: The Man, The Movement, The Music."

Our National Sunday School & Holiness Youth Ministry is celebrating our 75th (diamond) anniversary with the theme: "God's Plan, My Purpose, Our Mission."

On Thursday night, July 23, 2015, Dr. Tony Evans will be our Keynote Speaker at the Dr. Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner where we honor our high school and college graduates.

Our musical guest is our very own, Minister Geoffrey Golden, BET Season #7 SUNDAY BEST WINNER.

## CONGRESS YOUTH SUMMIT 2015

This year the National Sunday School and HYM Congress will continue to include on our agenda the Second Congress Youth Summit for 2015. We have specifically programmed our convention time agenda to include planned activities for you and your peers, our youth! All junior high/middle school 6-8 graders sign up and be one of the first to register on site for this special event. Join us and your peers...for the start of something awesome. These sessions promise to be engaging, challenging and fruitful. Be part of a summit that will change everything!

*Deacon James A. "Tony" Ross*  
*Congress President*

# announcements

## NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Online registration is now open and available for the 2015 National Convention for the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. Click on the registration link at [www.cochusa.org](http://www.cochusa.org). Early registration will make your life easy once you arrive on site. Don't wait in long lines, and you may be eligible for an early bird bonus??? Your pre-registration package will be there waiting for you. You can register for the RBW Fellowship Dinner, UCWM event, Brotherhood, general delegate registration, Children's Convention. Online registration is open until July 10, 2014 midnight. **Don't delay! Register today!**

*Sis. Angela Pierre, Registrar*

## FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Don't forget to pack your fine arts and crafts items. We have several categories for you to participate. Encourage all your local churches, districts and diocese members to bring some kind of craft item for display. Make sure your youth and young adults participate. We have 4 age divisions and who knows, maybe your diocese will win bragging rights and win the most items displayed award. This year we will have a special Bishop Charles Price Jones display commemorating our Founder's 150th birthday. Bring your special Bishop Jones items for display as we celebrate our Founder. Encourage your adults and youth to bring their Sunday School arts and crafts items or maybe some of their VBS craft items. We are looking for participation from each diocese. If you have any questions, please contact Sis. Cherlyn Winn at email [sheafirst@hotmail.com](mailto:sheafirst@hotmail.com), 530-713-0052 cell.

## NAOMI DOLES MITCHELL SELLERS NATIONAL YOUTH MISSIONARY GRANT (NDMSNYMG)

The National SS&HYM Congress is proud to announce that the NDMSNYMG will be available for 2015. The grant was created by the Congress and the World Mission Board to honor the life-long commitment of Missionary Naomi Doles Mitchell Sellers. Her legacy will live on, and the work she did will never be forgotten. Grant applications and rules are available on the Congress website [www.cochusacongress.org](http://www.cochusacongress.org).

## CHILDREN'S CONVENTION 2015

Theme: "Agents of Truth Mission Holiness"  
(ages 6-12)



Bring your young people and allow them to network and meet and make life-long relationships with kids from all around the country. We have special pricing and discounts for families with multiple kids.

**COST:** \$25.00 1st child

\$10.00 2nd child

\$5.00 each additional child

This will be an experience they will never forget. Don't let them miss out on all the fun, food and much more! You can register online at [www.cochusa.org](http://www.cochusa.org). There will be fun Bible learning, children's choir, peer projects, fun games and exciting ministry opportunities. Make sure your kids get the most out of this year's national convention experience.

**Friday, July 24, 2015 - 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

**Saturday, July 25, 2015 - 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

For more information please contact:

Sis. Sylvia Broxton Riddick

510-684-8278 cell or [gds lady@yahoo.com](mailto:gds lady@yahoo.com)



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - KJA SCHOLARSHIP

KJA Scholarship/Alumni Association is on the move as its members are serving by "giving back" with their funds and time. The officers of the Association are: Bro. Richard Lee, President; Bro. Kristofer Smith, Vice President; Sis. Tamekia Stewart, Secretary; and Sis. Shalandrea Smith, Fund-Raising Coordinator. Brothers Lee, K. Smith and Benjamin Moore are also serving on the Scholarship Board. Please add this group to your prayer list as they follow the Board's motto:

**"BUILDING TODAY'S CHRISTIAN YOUTH  
FOR TOMORROW'S FUTURE"**

*Sis. Rita McCray, Alumni Coordinator*



# COCHUSA WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCE TRACKS

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015  
2:00 p.m.

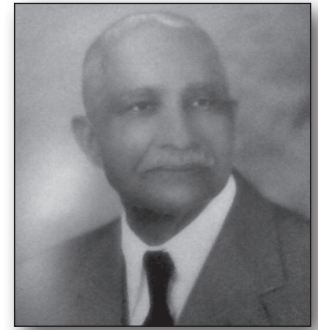
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Health and Wellness Fair

## COCHUSA CONFERENCE / TRAINING SESSIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015  
2:45 p.m.

- WORKSHOP A** YAM Facilitated Workshop
- WORKSHOP B** Connecting My Life to His Purpose
- WORKSHOP C** Moving Past My Past to Embrace My Future
- WORKSHOP D** Reality Check: Living Today

# CM&I Celebrating 75 Years



As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Sunday School/HYM Congress, accept our challenge of supporting Christ Missionary and Industrial School by making a gift of \$75 to the CM&I Capital Campaign Fund.

*This gift represents one dollar for every year the Lord has blessed us to serve the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA.*

*"The work must not fail – it is the Lord's work!"*  
– BISHOP CHARLES PRICE JONES

## CONGRESS CHOIR

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands... Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*  
–PSALMS 100:1,2



Excitement has filled my heart as the Congress Music Ministry team prepares for an awesome worship experience this 2015, "God's Plan, My Purpose, and Our Mission." This year is a special year of celebration for our founder, Bishop Charles Price Jones. We will render selections written by our founder, both original and arranged. We are looking for voices to join us from the north, south, east, and west.

Rehearsals are as follows:

July 23	July 24
Praise Team - 1 pm-3 pm	Choir - 10:30 pm or
Choir - 3 pm-5 pm	immediately following service

We will be ministering Friday and Saturday.

Attire for choir for Friday night is any combination of black, yellow, and white. Attire for Saturday night is black dresses with red accessories (ladies), and black suits, or any vest, pant combination (gentlemen). Please dress appropriately.

The Congress Music Ministry team (Taryn Johnson, Kevin Golden, and Min. Geoffrey Golden) looks forward to seeing you in Dallas 2015. For more information, contact me at [elycia13@gmail.com](mailto:elycia13@gmail.com) or visit our COCHUSA musicians page on Facebook.

*Musically Yours,*  
Tiandra Bland, Congress Choir Director

*Theme:*  
"God's Plan, My Purpose,  
Our Mission"

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM CONGRESS  
**M.R. CONIC**  
*Oratorical Contest*

**HIGHLIGHTED RULES**

At the time of entering the contest, each contestant must:

- Have written his/her own oration
- Be in the 11th or 12th grade

The subject of each contest's oration will be the current theme of the National Sunday School and HYM Congress.

Each contestant will deliver orations from memory at each level.

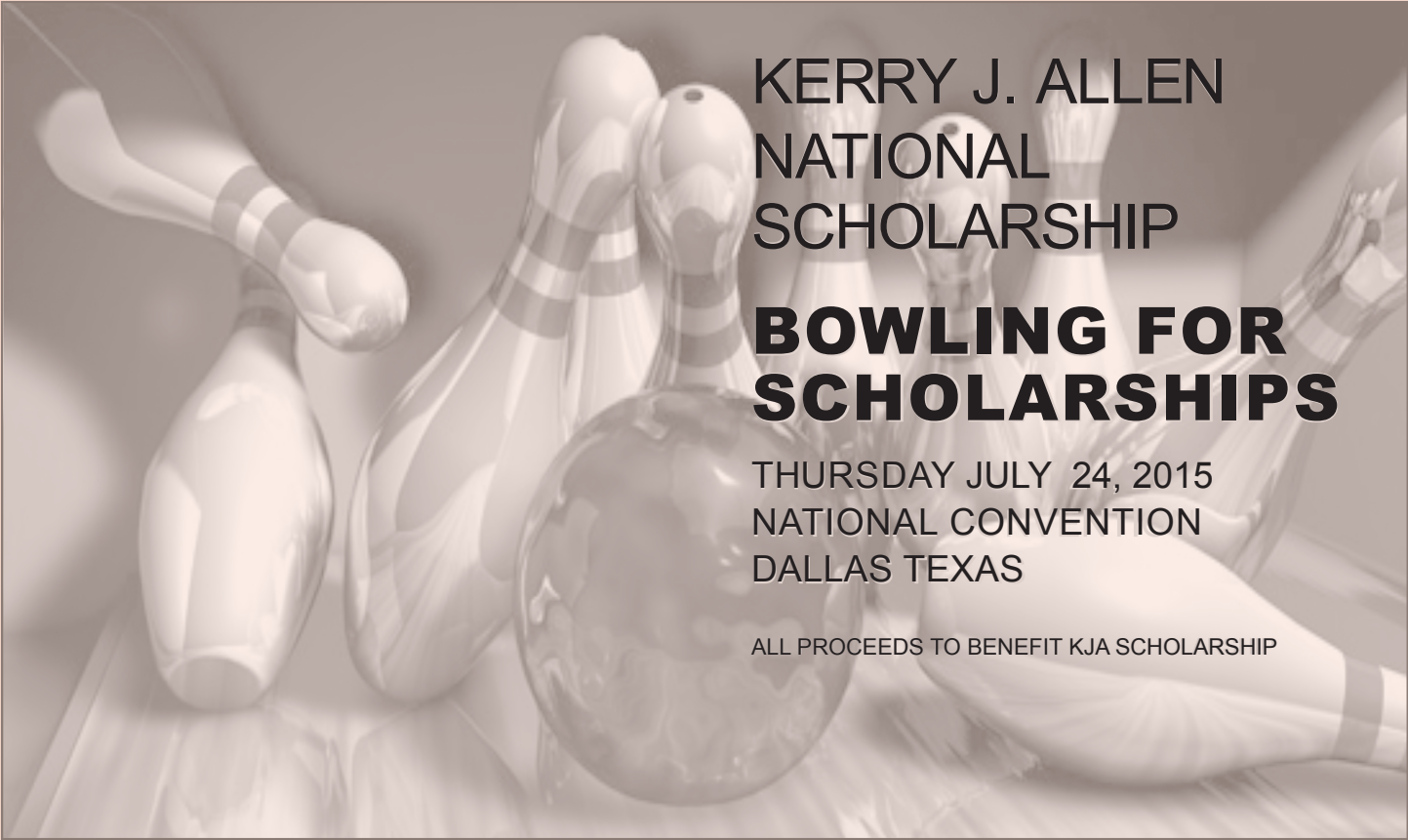
Each contestant shall submit a copy of his orations to the Supervisory Committee at the time of the contest at each level.

Each contestant shall be judged in the following categories:  
*Originality of thought, Orientation, Coherence, Deliberation, Articulation, Gesticulation, and Time.*

Each contestant in the contest at level four shall register with the National Sunday School and HYM Congress on the opening day of the Congress.

**FRIDAY  
JULY 24TH  
DALLAS, TX**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CONTEST RULES,  
VISIT [WWW.COCHUSACONGRESS.ORG](http://WWW.COCHUSACONGRESS.ORG) OR CONTACT TEKESIA MCCLENDON, COORDINATOR  
AT [TOLIVIAM@AOL.COM](mailto:TOLIVIAM@AOL.COM).



# KERRY J. ALLEN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

## **BOWLING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

THURSDAY JULY 24, 2015  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
DALLAS TEXAS

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT KJA SCHOLARSHIP

### **KERRY J. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

We welcome you to the KJA Scholarship Bowling Tournament. We thank you for participating in this epic and FRIENDLY adventure. All funds received will go toward the scholarship fund.

You are simply asked to enjoy yourselves and let the pins fall where they may. Also please complete the survey to let us know if we should continue with this competition next year.

The rules for the game are as follows:

1. Each team may be made up of 4 or more players. However only 4 players may bowl a game against another team.
2. Games will be played with alternating lane play.
3. Teams are competing not only against the team they are currently bowling against but the other teams competing as well.
4. Scores from each game will be collected. Score for all games must be certified by captain of opposing team via signature.
5. The team with the high team score total after 3 games will be declared the winner.
6. In the event of a tie the number of strikes for the 3 games will be used as a tie breaker.
7. In the event the strikes tie as well then we will use spares total.
8. Only bowlers who have bowled all 3 games can compete for top bowler.
9. Player with the highest average will be declared the winner.

### KERRY J.ALLEN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AUCTION

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