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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been an unprecedented year for all of us, filled with lots of uncertainty, changes in our plans, learning how to use Zoom, but at least golf is one of the few sports that we could still play together while practicing social distancing.

As I reminisce about my last three years as President (and one year as Vice President), I am thankful for all my golf sisters who generously gave your time, talent and treasures to TWIG. This is one of the few organizations that I belong to where I can truly say the axiom that 20% of the members do 80% of the work is not true! It has been a labor of love for me to serve along with the other members of our Executive Board and Foundation Board. Let me take this opportunity to thank and highlight them.

Angela Allen, our Membership Chair, worked hard to coordinate our Kick-Off meeting at Heritage Golf Club with 9 holes of golf afterwards. We ultimately decided to cancel the meeting due to the pandemic and held a virtual Kick-Off Meeting instead. Many thanks to Angela for responding to inquiries from prospective members about TWIG. Despite the pandemic, we still managed to recruit quite a few new members and to recognize our Big Shot accomplishments with the new linked golfer concept.

Loretta Hicks, our Handicap Chair, continues to serve as our GHIN administrator which includes the requirement to pass a test on the Rules of Golf. Many thanks to her and her committee members for hosting an informative Virtual Education Session on the '15 Rules Every Golfer Should Know' in the spring, including mailing a poster with those 15 rules to members who signed up to participate.

Valerie Willis continued her outstanding leadership as Chair for our TWIG Kidz Program and TWIG Invitational. Many thanks to Valerie and her TWIG Kidz committee members for their dedication as she coordinated with Scott Clagg at Lonnie Poole Golf Course the necessary modifications to the program so that the girls could continue to take lessons and play together. Our "Sold Out" TWIG Invitational successfully raised almost \$15,000 for our TWIG Kidz Program next year in spite of the many modifications that we made due to the pandemic.

Our Vice President, Rose Foster served as Chair of our Scholarship and Social Committees. Many thanks to Rose and her committee members for reviewing the applications received. Our 3rd annual scholarship recipient was Nyilah Anderson, one of our former TWIG Kidz, who is a senior at North Carolina A&T State University. Rose was also a member of the TWIG Invitational Planning Committee and volunteered to send the almost 100 individual thank you letters to our sponsors and in-kind donors

and took that task off my to-do list. Thank you for stepping up to assume the role as President of TWIG for the next two years!

Let me take this opportunity to thank the other dedicated TWIG Invitational Planning Committee members who took the time over several months and bi-weekly meetings to discuss and strategize about the necessary modifications to make the Invitational a success

Janine Rouson, our Treasurer worked diligently with me as we tested through trial and error the many online platforms we implemented including Eventzilla for registration, CharityAuctionsToday for our online auction, and Chase WePay to transfer funds from those platforms to our bank account. Many thanks to Janine for serving as our Treasurer for the past four years!

Joselyn Williams, one of our Foundation Board members and Linda Gorham also served on the TWIG Invitational Planning Committee. Many thanks to Joselyn for coordinating booking a radio spot for me and one of the TWIG Kidz on The Sports Shop with Reese and Kmac to promote the Invitational. Linda Gorham coordinated all the hole sponsor signs including starburst recognition for higher level sponsors. Her graphic design skills and attention to details are very much appreciated especially since she managed to convince me a few years ago to give up that task too.

Even though golf league play was cancelled this year, Barb Webb, our Program Chair organized a Saturday '36 & Under' league play date at Wil-Mar in mid-October after North Carolina moved to Phase 3. Many thanks to Barb for her many years of coordinating our Spring and Fall Trips, especially our fabulous trip to Kingsmill Resort last year with 28 participants!

I would also like to thank the other members of our TWIG Executive Board. Carmella Hart for tirelessly taking minutes at our meetings. Kaja Heater-Lee for serving as our Communications Chair and now stepping up to serve as our incoming Vice President. Perriane Davis for serving as our Nominations Chair and soliciting a complete slate of officers and Foundation Board members for the next two years. Esther Morse for serving as our Sargent-at-Arms. Thank you also to our other TWIG Foundation Board at-large members (Linda Carnes, Erica Colleton, Irie Jenkins, and Perdita Spriggs) for their creative ideas, hard work and support this year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the president of this sisterhood of dynamic, fun loving, female golfers! It has filled me with immense pride and joy to reflect on our accomplishments despite the pandemic. I look forward to spending time with each of you on the links next year!

Renee Allain-Stockton, President



2020 TWIG FOUNDATION INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT



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We started planning our 2020 TWIG Foundation Invitational Tournament during our wrap-up meeting after the 2019 Tournament. Needless to say, we had no idea that the best laid plans would have to be changed due to the pandemic. However, our TWIG Invitational Planning Committee thought outside of the box and made the necessary modifications for the tournament to be a success!

Despite the modifications, we sold out three weeks in advance of our tournament. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers and 80 golfers who arrived for staggered tee times at Lochmere Golf Club on Saturday, September 19th to compete in the 17th Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament to benefit our TWIG Kidz program. All golfers pre-registered for the tournament since we eliminated our normal registration process to promote social distancing.

Registration bags were donated again this year by **G. Alan, Inc** and filled with lots of healthy snacks. All golfers checked in with volunteers staged at Hole 1 or 10 to receive their goody bags, scorecards and Rules of Play. The goody bags included a sleeve of Callaway Golf HEX Diablo Golf Balls from our Logo Golf Ball Sponsor, **eZTagile** and golf towels donated by **Dick's Sporting Goods** and **The Hardy Financial Group, LLC**.

There were 16 two-person women's teams, 16 two-person men's teams and 8 two-person mixed teams competing, resulting in a tournament with an equal number of female and male competitors. The field included five of our TWIG Kidz (and alumni): Nyilah Anderson, Genesis Lewis, Gabrielle Pace, Justine Pennycooke, and Mya Smith. The TWIG Kidz were sponsored to play in the tournament by the following sponsors: **Pamela Bright; Camp Hart; Malinda Cayton; Tammy Cook; Davis Psychological Services, Inc.; Richardson Private Wealth Advisors; Darron Spann; and VallartaJoy Golf and Spa Vacation Rentals.**

Players were greeted on both the women's and men's tee boxes by 42 hole sponsor signs from our generous sponsors. Hole in One contests on all four Par 3s were sponsored by **Hendrick Kia of Cary** which gave our golfers opportunities to win fabulous prizes including a 2021 Kia K5. Most golfers completed their rounds in approximately five hours despite the course conditions being 'cart part only' due to rain a few days earlier. Our Beverage Cart Sponsor, **Keith Beverly**, kept our golfers hydrated during their round.

All golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious take-home dinner catered by the **Doug Boyd Foundation**, including barbeque chicken with optional pulled pork and delicious peach cobbler for dessert. Many thanks to our generous Awards Dinner Sponsors, **Angela Stewart** and the **Henry J. Rehberg Family Foundation**.

We recognized the winning teams the next day on our online GolfGenius platform in each of the following flights (Women's flights A & B; Men's flights A & B; and Mixed flight). Due to modifications for social distancing, we mailed each member of the winning teams cash prizes of \$50 each donated by the following Winning Teams Sponsors, **Batten Lee, PLLC; Flora B. Brown & Kenneth F. Edwards; Dmitri Stockton & Renee Allain-Stockton; and the TWIG Kidz Parents.**

This year our donated raffle prizes and silent auction prizes were available for bidding on the CharityAuctionsToday online platform donated by our many generous sponsors. It was quite successful and will probably be continued in future years.



We could not have done such an amazing job without the dedication of the TWIG Invitational Planning committee. Many thanks to our dedicated chairperson, **Valerie Willis**, and crew including Rose Foster, Linda Gorham, Janine Rouson, Joselyn Williams and Renee Allain-Stockton.

Congratulations to all the winners at our **2020 TWIG Invitational Tournament!**

Women's Flight A Winners

Pat Brogden & Angela Stewart (Gross)

Jessica Davis & Naoko Higashide (Net)

Men's Flight A Winners

Antonio Hill & Lou Torres (Gross)

Danny Scott & Percy Taylor (Net)

Mixed Flight A Winners

Gabrielle Pace & Elton Pace (Gross)

Dick Harlow & Karen Morris (Net)

Women's Flight B Winners

Denise Atkins & Carla Sadtler (Gross)

Gigi George & Stracy Steel (Net)

Men's Flight B Winners

Mike Floyd & Tony Hale (Gross)

Antonio Anderson & Queron Smith (Net)

Renee Allain-Stockton, TWIG Invitational Planning Committee

TWIG MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS

Membership has its **BENEFITS**. Even during a global pandemic, golf was a welcome activity for most members. TWIG deferred normal golf league programs in 2020, but TWIG members made their way around the golf course. Members created foursomes, two-person teams, and ad hoc play dates to have fun, achieve new golf milestones, and stay active during the 2020 shutdowns.

TWIG KICKOFF | APRIL 2020 | ZOOM



Renee Allain-Stockton, President, opened TWIG's Annual Kickoff meeting. We reviewed the previous year's financials, TWIG invitational, and membership growth. Prior to the Kickoff in early March, Loretta Hicks taught "handicap" rules during a session for members at the Country Club of Wakefield. Due to CoVid-19, TWIG deferred its normal in-person Kickoff meeting from March to April for a zoom start of the year. During the Kickoff, we introduced seven new members Cynthia Braswell, Pamela Bright, Darlene Brooks, Santia Bullock, Andrea Eskin, Brenda Harrington, and Alice Huryk. We rounded the year out with 42 returning members and 8 new members. Our newest member, Dr. Cheryl Rowe Rendleman, joined TWIG in September. This brought us to 50 members for the year. 2020 members get a double year benefit with membership dues conferring into 2021. With most of normal play curtailed, the membership directory allowed eager golfers the chance to reach out and play.



TWIG members played in several tournaments after NC's Phase 3 opening.

- TWIG Invitational
- Prestonwood Member-Guest
- TWIG Member-Member
- Keith Hills with the LPGA Amateurs
- The Omega's Noble Aspiration Tournament

A PLAY DATE AT WILDWOOD GREEN

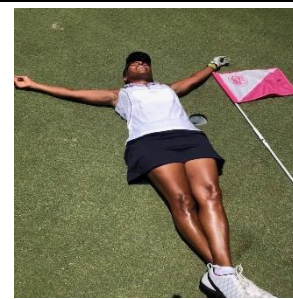
Foursome Fun

The Omega Nobel Aspiration Tournament was held at Eagle Ridge Golf Course on November 20, 2020. Four TWIG members were sponsored by Mr. Ron White. For the day, we were the Fearless Foursome proudly representing TWIG. There were several male and mixed teams, but only one female team. Several ladies in the mixed teams and our foursome competed for closest to the pin and the longest drive. Angela won the longest drive and Barb pulled the award for closest to the pin. For the overall tournament, the winning team had a 52 with the highest score on the board from all teams posting at 82. The TWIG team scored a very respectable 62 ahead of many other teams.

During the year, several weekly TWIG foursomes formed, along with TWIG members playing with "linked golfers" to achieve outstanding golf goals and TWIG 'big shot' awards.

Check out Linda's "linked golfer" →

TWIG members approved linked golfers at the October quarterly meeting. A linked golfer may verify a TWIG "big shot" achievement for a pin or recognition during the year. To date, we have seven linked golfers identified.



The Omega Noble Aspiration Tournament
Sponsor Ron White
Longest Drive (Angela)
Closest to the Pin (Barb)

This foursome played each Wednesday throughout the Triangle. We formed a bond representative of sisterhood on steroids. We had 25 cents on the line and laughed so hard trying to compete on the par 3s and 5s. It made us competitive and we worked hard to improve our games. The Omega tournament was an unexpected treat at the end of the season. Winning!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! 2020 BIG SHOT ACHIEVERS

Eagle	2-Club	Sandie
Renee Allain-Stockton (PIN)	Renee Allain-Stockton	Renee Allain-Stockton
Jacklyn McClamb (PIN)	Angela Allen	Angela Allen (PIN)
	Flora Brown (PIN)	Linda Gorham (PIN)
	Linda Gorham (PIN)	Barb Webb (PIN)
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Chip-In	Birdie	Broke 90
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Angela Allen	Angela Allen	Angela Allen
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Linda Gorham (PIN)	Carolyn Daye	Barb Webb
Barb Webb	Linda Gorham	
Joselyn Williams	Andrea Hardy (PIN)	
	Kaja Lee	
	Jacklyn McClamb	
	Deb Sanders	
	Barb Webb	

Keith Hills Golf Course
TWIG participants

Angela Allen
Linda Carnes
Carolyn Daye
Andrea Hardy
Carmella Hart
Linda Gorham
Kaja Lee
Kathryn McManus
Deb Sanders
Joselyn Williams
Valerie Willis

**Triangle Women in Golf
and LPGA Amateurs
Play Date**

The Biggest Shots: Renee, (Eagle), Jackie (Eagle), Linda (Triples from a Chip-in)!

Angela Allen, Membership Chair and Barb Webb, Program Chair

2020 Highlights from the Handicap Committee

Your Handicap Committee has been hard at work in 2020. The highlights of our activity are:

- In January, we distributed to TWIG membership (via email) information concerning the 2020 World Handicap System (WHS) and links to USGA online educational materials about WHS and Rules of Golf.
- On February 25, Loretta completed successfully the annual certification test required for all USGA/CGA member clubs.
- Angela hosted a TWIG New Golfer's Education session at Wakefield Plantation on March 5. The session was conducted by Loretta and covered basics about the 2020 WHS. Suni and Loretta had attended the WHS training seminar conducted by CGA in November 2019 at North Hills Country Club.
- Because the TWIG Kickoff was cancelled due to the pandemic, the Handicap Committee delivered copies of the USGA poster *15 Rules Every Golfer Should Know* to about half of the membership during the spring. The distribution targeted members who had registered for the upcoming June education session. We plan to distribute the remaining posters at the 2021 TWIG Kickoff.
- On June 4, Renee hosted a TWIG Golfer Education session via Zoom. The session was presented by Jessica Davis, who is a Certified Personal Coach and the Center Manager at GolfTec in North Raleigh as well as an LPGA Member. The session covered the poster *15 Rules Every Golfer Should Know*.
- In November, Loretta worked with members who needed to set an email address in their GHIN profile. In January 2021, GHIN will enable a more secure method for logging in. That method will require using an email address and password instead of the user's GHIN number and last name.

The Committee is happy to see people posting their scores when they have been able to play this year. Continue to be safe when you play and observe course guidelines related to the pandemic. We look forward to new opportunities to serve you in 2021.

Loretta Hicks, Handicap Chair

TWIG Kidz



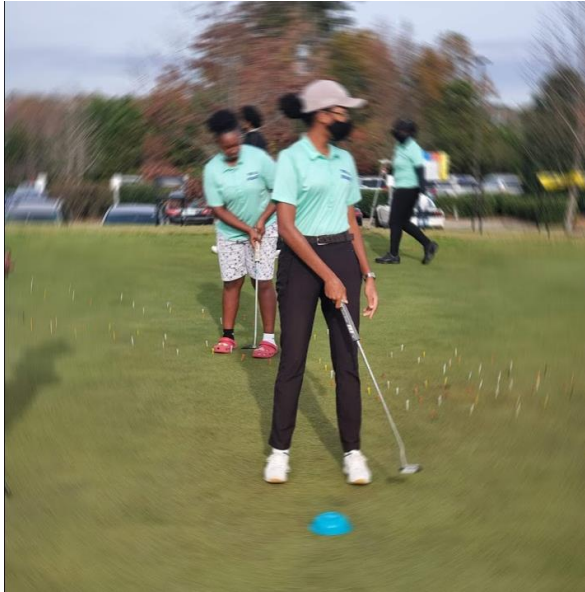
TWIG Kidz Kicked Off 2020 with a new look – Our 2020 Triangle Women in Golf (TWIG) Kidz started the year with new bright colored golf shirts and a virtual meet and greet opening ceremony with contestants sending in photos of their marked golf balls showing how they're prepared for their golf season. We had 12 to 15 TWIG Kidz young ladies who were selected to participate this year ranging from beginners to tournament level golf players. This year our TWIG Foundation, Inc. 501(c)(3) funded TWIG Kidz golf seasons one and two, plus we received a grant from Carolinas Golf Foundation, which afforded us to fund an additional season three with PGA Coach Scott Clagg at North Carolina State University's Lonnie Poole's Youth Golf program.



The Year of Social Distancing - TWIG Kidz were faced with the difficult challenge of COVID-19 this year by incorporating social distancing during golf lessons and matches. The Sr. and Jr. TWIG Kidz maintained their sisterhood connection by using Marco Polo and video text messaging to encourage each other to practice and stay safe. The TWIG Kidz committee members; Lavetta McClorin, Linda Carnes, Jackie McClamb and Valerie Willis, hosted zoom workshops to continue building life skills with the TWIG Kidz by checking in with their Playbook assignments and progress.



Seasons #1/#2/#3 Golf Lesson – TWIG Kidz *Genesis Lewis, Isabel Barnes, Rachel Barnes, Zariel Rivera, Madison Knight, Makayla Bizzell, Morghan Knight, Justine Pennycooke, Tyla McAffity, Tyler Spriggs, Arianna Beverly, Gabrielle Pace, Kameron Hargrave, Megan DeVaul and Mya Smith* participated between May – October, 2020. They had their lessons and match play with their coaches to learn skills and techniques in putting, driver/pitch shots and golf course management. After two years of watching her big sister, six-year-old Rachel (*above raspberry pink shirt*) became TWIG Kidz first and youngest member to join by participating in the Coach Scott’s little Tykes league. Makayla (*above red cap*) advancing to the next level after her match play. The twins, Morghan and Madison (*above grey caps*) exhausted after their golf lessons.



TWIG Kidz Closing Ceremony – The Sr. players had the opportunity to pair with the Jr. players to show off together their new golf skills for their parents at Lonnie Poole’s putting range. Afterwards, each TWIG Kid received a trophy with their name and unique character trait inscribed. The theme inscribed this years on their trophies was “TWIG Kidz Achievers” of 2020! Along with their trophy, each young lady received a golf towel from Golf2Win that provided a reflection of themselves.

Reading clock wise, a few pairings shown in photos above; (1) Sr. Tyler and Sr. Mya demonstrating to their Jr. TWIG Kidz how to complete the putting obstacles (*above pink shoes/Mya and grey cap/Tyler*), (2) Senior players Justine, Tyla, Gabrielle and Tyler holding their yellow bags planning their next golf practice after the ceremony, (3) Pairing of Sr. Tyla/Jr. Rachel, Sr. Justine/Jr. Isabel (*above in pink, green and black shirts*) and (4) Sr. Mya and Sr. Genesis watching their Jr. TWIG Kidz complete their putting obstacles (*above pink shoes and black warm up suit*).



TWIG Kidz Closing Ceremony Deliveries – Visiting a few young ladies who were not able to attend the closing ceremony, by dropping off their achievement trophies and Golfin’ Sistah towels. TWIG Kidz participants ranged from Cary, Durham, Fuquay Varina and Raleigh, NC this year.



TWIG Kidz Committee Members & Coach – Signing off for the year on Sunday, November 22, 2020.

Valerie Willis, TWIG Kidz Chair

Grant Received from Carolinas Golf Foundation

The Carolinas Golf Foundation approved a \$4,800 grant to the Triangle Women in Golf Foundation, Inc to support our TWIG Kidz Program for the calendar year 2020. The Foundation has donated over \$250,000 to various junior golf programs including over nine Carolinas First-Tee programs, several city-wide developmental programs, the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, the Women's South Carolina Golf Association, and many other start-up initiatives.

The Carolinas Golf Foundation for years has been funded principally by the Carolinas Golf Association and by contributions from individual golfers. Donations are used to support and promote junior golf, women's golf, turfgrass research and management, disabled golfers and many other worthwhile Carolinas projects. According to Internal Revenue Service regulations, the Foundation must generate at least 10 percent of its receipts from golfers who want to give back something to our game.

How You Can Help

All contributions to the Carolinas Golf Foundation are tax deductible and go directly to various Carolinas programs. The CGA absorbs administrative costs of the Foundation. Donations should be made payable to the Carolinas Golf Foundation and mailed to: Carolinas Golf Foundation, 140 Ridge Rd., Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387.



Renee Allain-Stockton, President

Triangle Women in Golf Foundation

3rd Annual Shirley A. Cook Scholarship



The Triangle Women in Golf awards an annual scholarship in honor of Shirley A. Cook. Applicants are evaluated based on scholastic achievement, performance on a written essay, level of community involvement and teacher recommendations.

It was our pleasure to award the 3rd Annual Triangle Women in Golf Foundation Shirley A. Cook Scholarship to Nyilah Anderson in the amount of \$1500. Nyilah is a senior at North Carolina A&T State University majoring in Sports Medicine and Fitness Management with a concentration in Business Administration.

We wish Nyilah and all the candidates much success in their future endeavors.

Rose Foster, TWG Foundation Scholarship Chair

2020 TWIG Annual Holiday Party

TWIG has a strong tradition of celebrating the end of your season with a wonderful holiday party. We could not celebrate in person so we had a Zoom holiday celebration. This year's party theme was Holiday Cheer.



Angela Allen, our Membership Chair, started our celebration by presenting the Big Shot Winners of 2020. Congratulations to all the ladies that are members of the Big Shot Club.

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We also celebrated with a Holiday Cheer Contest in which members presented their favorite holiday beverage to the group. Each contestant gave the name of their drink as well as a description of the beverage including the recipe. They explained to us why this drink was special to them during the holiday season.

Congratulations to our Holiday Cheer Winners:

---Renee Allain-Stockton- Blue vine (German/Austria) hot beverage

--- Linda Gorham—Stella!!

---Carmella Hart --- Cherry-Lime& Sparkling Orange Margaritas

--- Joselyn Williams- Tell you brother you need a drink! “Santa Approved”

--- Loretta Hicks ---Golf inspired Cherry Coke (nonalcoholic)

The party was a great success with considerable laughter and holiday cheer. Everyone was dressed in their most festive holiday attire with Christmas decorations in view. The party concluded with remarks from our President.

See you all next year!!

Rose Foster, Social Chair

From the Editor:

2020 was quite a year! We managed to have an abbreviated but meaningful golf season due to the hard work and dedication of our TWIG members. We not only worked hard but we played hard as well. Many of us played golf with our significant other, family members, friends, and our sister TWIG members. The proverbial phrase “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade” comes to mind when I think of the year 2020. TWIG made lemonade and made it well.

Thank you to our outgoing officers for their stellar contribution to our organization. Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2021-2022.

President – Rose Foster

Vice President – Kaja Lee

Secretary – Flora Brown

Treasurer – Andrea Hardy

I would like to thank Renee, Angela, Barb, Valerie, Loretta and Rose as well as their committee members for their contributions to the 2020 TWIG Annual Newsletter.

I am looking forward to our 2021 golf season.

Cheers!

Kaja Lee

Communication Chair