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It's been a whirlwind year filled with emotional highs and lows for Triangle Women in Golf. The year started on a high note after successfully obtaining 501(c)(3) status for the TWIG Foundation last fall and celebrating our 20th Anniversary with our founding members, past presidents, current and alumni members. But prior to our Kick-Off Meeting in March, we lost our dear friend, sister golfer and immediate past president, Shirley Ann Cook.

Shirley was the inspiring and motivating force who encouraged us to establish the TWIG Foundation in order to take our TWIG Kidz Program and TWIG Invitational to the next level. The theme from our 20th Anniversary Celebration of "Still Soaring After Twenty Years" was definitely exemplified in Shirley's commitment and devotion to TWIG.

After celebrating Shirley's life, we carried on with our Annual Kick-Off Meeting. A new "Meet and Greet" event was hosted at TPC Wakefield to welcome our new members. Many thanks to Carmella Hart, our Membership Chair and her committee members, especially Angela Allen, who generously underwrote the cost of this event at her club. We welcomed seven new members and seven returning alumni at the beginning of our golf season.

Golf season started in April with league play dates on the 1st Tuesday evening, 2nd Thursday morning and 3rd Saturday morning of every month with lots of enthusiastic participation! Many thanks to Barb Webb, our Program chair and her committee who coordinated our Tuesday and Saturday play dates along with our well-attended Spring Trip to the Grandover Resort and Fall Trip to Myrtle Beach.

Loretta Hicks, our Handicap chair, helped to coordinate our Thursday play dates along with successfully obtaining club membership for TWIG in the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA). This club membership allows our members to obtain USGA handicap indexes through GHIN. We recently learned that our CGA membership gives us access to GolfGenius online software at no additional cost, so we will utilize this process next year to sign up for our league play dates.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our membership continued to grow throughout golf season as a result of our updated website which appears at the top of any Google search for African-American female golfers in the Triangle area. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our TWIG Communications committee members, Valerie Willis and Lavetta McClorin for sharing their expertise. Our Membership Chair, Carmella Hart, and our Program Chair, Barb Webb, followed up with potential members who reached out through our website to join us and seven additional new members joined in the second half of our golf season.

Our TWIG Kidz Program soared to new heights under the leadership of Valerie Willis, our TWIG Kidz and TWIG Invitational Chair. Many thanks to Valerie and her planning committee members for their dedication and commitment to both our TWIG Kidz Program and our "Sold Out" TWIG Invitational. With 501(c)(3) status, our TWIG Invitational successfully raised over \$13,000 for our TWIG Kidz Program next year, almost double the amount we have raised in prior years!

In lieu of flowers, the Cook Family asked friends to make contributions to Shirley's favorite charity, the TWIG Foundation. These donations enabled us to establish the first annual TWIG Foundation Scholarship in honor of Shirley. Our first scholarship recipient was Nyilah Anderson, one of our former TWIG Kidz. Many thanks to the members of the Scholarship Committee, Peketa Long, Erica Colleton and Rose Foster, for drafting the scholarship requirements and reviewing the applications.

I would also like to thank the other members of our TWIG Executive Board (Janine Rouson, Deb Sanders, Esther Morse, Perrienne Davis) and TWIG Foundation Board (Erica Colleton, Irie Jenkins, Rosa Sherk, Perdita Spriggs, Joselyn Williams) for their creative ideas, hard work and support this year. Several of them also served on the By-Laws Committee chaired by Carmella Hart to update our TWIG Member Handbook and By-Laws. Many thanks to Carmella for leading this project through multiple conference calls and drafts.

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

Renee Allain-Stockton, President



Carmella Hart, Membership Chairperson

Kick-Off Meeting

The Kick-off Meeting represents the beginning of the TWIG golf year, *where the season's excitement all begins*. This first TWIG Quarterly meeting is always highly anticipated and had been set for March 12, 2018. The usual format of this gathering is a luncheon and business segment, with adjournment in order to play a 9-hole round of golf, then 10th-hole refreshments and prizes. Plans were underway to continue this kickoff tradition for a 2nd year in a row, again at Heritage Golf Club.

But due to the sudden loss of our president, we agreed to have a quiet luncheon meeting at Brio's Restaurant on the day after Shirley Cook was laid to rest. Given the circumstances, the turnout seemed impressive with many members still wearing their purple corsages in Shirley's honor. We were joyful about seeing each other again after the season recess and delighted to welcome the 2018 new and returning members: Stellyne Curtis, Leslie T. Moore, Suni Winslett, Kim Rehberg (not present), Pam Schooler, and Rosa Sherk. Under Renee Allain-Stockton's leadership as newly appointed president, Peketa Long accepted nomination and appointment to fulfill the term as vice president for the remainder of 2018. Despite our sorrow, the mood was lifted as we shared many of our fondest memories of our late sister, Shirley, who gave us so much of a legacy to carry on.

Membership Growth

Since my tenure as chair the past 4 years, TWIG Membership rosters have steadily hovered between approximately 35 to 40 members. Each year, we experienced a slight turnover of ladies who leave, balanced with new ladies who join or return as members. Over the last couple of seasons, however, we have witnessed the spike in females interested in playing golf in the Triangle at all skill levels along with member retention.

At the 3rd Quarter meeting, I was happy to announce a 16% increase in membership when the headcount grew from 38 members in 2017 to 44 members. Since the October meeting, we've added 5 more brand new members, [Avis Bostic](#), [Linda Carnes](#), [Andrea Hardy](#), [Kathryn McManus](#) and [Shannon Parker](#). Now, TWIG membership has increased to 49 current members, and one confirmed pending member for 2019, which is a 24% growth from 2017. As outgoing chair, I couldn't be prouder of this accomplishment.

We attribute much of the growth's success to the new and improved look of the TWIG website -- the approach that many new members used to inquire about African-American female golfers in this area. But, we must also credit the interest in TWIG from our exceptional reputation and mentorship of TWIG Kidz. And, lastly growth comes from word-of-mouth, as we've encouraged our own friends and acquaintances to consider joining us for not only the enjoyment of the game but the pleasure of their company. As members of a growing organization of soon-to-be 50 fabulous women, we are each special, wonderfully connected by what we do around the game of golf, and that's fantastic!

Dots Board Contest

How do I participate? Let me count the dots ... That was the theme of this year's idea by President Renee Allain-Stockton to foster more participation in our golf outings. The official contest was tagged "Getting to Know You" with the clever purpose of increasing golf participation. The tracking method, colorful dots that members placed on a life-sized board, each dot across the gridlines representing each member that golfed with one another, inspired everyone to post more dots – or play more golf. It was introduced at the Tribeca Grille 2nd Quarter meeting and by the 3rd Quarter meeting at Nantucket Grille, there was fierce competition with dots filling the board by nearly every member's name. Did I mention visual inspiration?

The participation in Saturday league play was up for the first time in a long period; Thursday league play was extremely busy; Tuesday 9-hole outings along with our Spring and Falls Trips, the Invitational plus any other golf tournaments played with TWIG members counted towards dots positioning. One thing for sure, this season ladies knew who they played with, or had not played with (but wanted to), and the final results clearly showed it.

By the conclusion of the contest, we ended up in dramatic fashion with several ties. Third Place winners were tied between Deb Sanders, Barb Webb and Suni Winslett with 19 dots each; 2nd Place winners were also tied between Angela Allen and Carolyn Daye with 21 dots each; and best of all, 1st Place winners were tied between Renee Allain-Stockton and Peketa Long with 22 dots each. How fitting that they took home the grand prizes, beautiful GolfTwin towels and \$50 gift certificates. Congratulations to the winners and all participants! We are going to keep this idea going next season, but it won't be with the treasured dots board. Renee has found out about access to GolfGenius software with our membership in the Carolinas Golf Association in order to track participation, so we'll automatically know our statuses.



Dots Board Contest Winners, Renee Allain-Stockton & Peketa Long



Membership Chairperson, Carmella Hart (center) with Renee, Peketa & Janine

Angela Allen, Membership Committee

Our TWIG new year started with an exciting group of new members. In 2018, TWIG had sixteen new and returning members. Wow, this was a tremendous growth year! TWIG kicked-off golf season for **all members** in March 2018. A New Member Orientation event was hosted at TPC Wakefield Golf Club on April 14th, 2018.

The event hosted by the Membership Committee members Angela Allen, Carmella Hart (Chair), and Irie Jenkins was designed to welcome new members, recruit perspective members, and give returning members a chance to hear more about the organization and ask questions. It was a warm and delightful social event, as existing and new members mingled and shared their love of golf. The orientation started with 'get-to-know-you' chats over wine and shrimp. It fostered new friendships and renewed old acquaintances backed by lots of laughter and a few 'ah ha' moments.



Starting the meeting, Carmella Hart shared TWIG's background and pertinent information to get new members off to a successful start for the season. Renee Allain-Stockton shared her experiences with TWIG and perspectives as the organization's President. Each member had a chance to introduce themselves and share their impressions of TWIG and relate their backgrounds and a few golf anecdotes. The TWIG Executive Committee was introduced and the names of the major committees. The members heard about the TWIG Kidz Program, the new TWIG Foundation and the annual TWIG Invitational tournament. Common golf experiences were shared as everyone got to know each other in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The 2018 new and returning members who joined through the end of our golf season in October included [Gwen Conley](#), [Stellyne Curtis](#), [Pat Douglas](#), [Bonnie Hargis](#), [Jeanne Holmes](#), [Keja Heater Lee](#), [Jacklyn Mclamb](#), [Leslie T. Moore](#), [Kimberly Rehberg](#), [Karen Robinson](#), [Pam Schooler](#), [Connie Scott](#), [Rosa Sherk](#), [Linda Taylor](#), [Acie Ward](#) and [Suni Winslett](#). The members who joined engaged in various TWIG golf league play dates, TWIG Invitational Tournament, and club activities during the year. The participants commented that this event helped them transition into TWIG. As we look to 2019, the TWIG Membership Committee looks forward to ongoing engagement and lots of 'fun' and informational meet ups for the new and existing members.

Erica Colleton, Ad Hoc Training Coordinator

During the month of April 2018, TWIG women attended golf lessons at Brier Creek Country Club hosted by Dona Lerner Academy in record numbers. There were 24 ladies who signed up for the 4-part lesson series held on Wednesdays, with half of the women attending the noon clinics and the other half attending the evening clinics. The instructions were adapted to meet the skill level of the students.

The Golf Instructors were very professional and covered the following topics: Class #1 – Short game chipping, pitching shot selection options & club options, Class #2 – Putting & green reading, becoming efficient with short putts, and finishing more lag putts close to the hole; Class #3 – Full swing exercises & swing corrections, Scoring Irons & Hybrids; Class #4 – Driver Club, Fairway woods, and how to make the right choices on the tee box. Many of the ladies who were able to attend all of the sessions expressed that they have improved their golf game & committed to practicing the skills developed during the clinics.

We are in the process of coordinating the 2019 TWIG Spring Lesson Series. I am very excited that this year we will be working with Jimmy Hamilton, the golf pro at Wildwood Green. Please make sure that you respond promptly to the email when the communication comes out regarding the series. It is extremely important to commit to some level of professional training periodically in order to make significant improvements in your golf game. The professionals take lessons on a continuous basis. Golf is a sport which cannot be mastered, so there is ALWAYS room for improvement. If you cannot attend the TWIG group lessons, make sure you arrange for private lessons at your convenience. As your ad hoc Training Coordinator, I am always happy to make recommendations for professionals in the area whom I have enjoyed working with in the past and have seen significant results on the golf course!

#KeepItInTheFairWay #ParGolf #MentalGame #Live2Golf



Erica Colleton making announcements at Invitational

TEE TIME

LEAGUE PLAY, SPRING & FALL TRIPS

Barbara Webb, Program Chairperson

TWIG's 2018 League Play Dates: The league started the 2018 golf season with a Kick-Off meeting on March 13th at Brio's Tuscan Grille. Our 2018 play dates were the 1st Tuesday, the 2nd Thursday and the 3rd Saturday of each month. Our first play date for the season was at RGA on April 3rd. Throughout the 2018 season, we played various courses in Wake and Durham counties ending the season on Saturday September 22nd with a round of golf at Wilmar. During the season, member participation was at a high! Everyone enjoyed meeting up to play a competitive round of golf or just to work on their short game during a casual nine-hole evening. All considered, the season rendered many opportunities for members to meet and create lasting relationships and warm memories!



First Tuesday evening league play date at RGA on April 3rd



Awesome scores in the mid 80s & low 90s at Zebulon on July 21st



Saturday morning league play date at Wil-Mar on Sep 22nd



Thursday daytime league play date at River Ridge on Nov 8th

TWIG's 2018 Spring Trip at The Grandover: Our spring trip convened at the Grandover Golf/Spa Resort in Greensboro NC April 26th-28th. The accommodations were newly renovated and included immunities that met our every need! The trip package included 2 rounds of golf and breakfast each day. We checked in Thursday morning to prepare for an afternoon practice round on the Grandover West course. We met afterwards for a social gathering in the Provencial Room where we enjoyed casual dining and an evening of music, dancing and games.



Friday, we played Grandover West again for our tournament. After a full day of golfing, we met for the welcome dinner in Grandover's Di Vallette restaurant where we raised a toast, led by Peketa Long, to our beloved past president Shirley Cook. During dinner, tournament prizes were handed out. If my recollection doesn't fail me, Team #3 - Erica Colleton, Kim Rehberg, Irie Jenkins and Pat Douglas had best team score. Erica Colleton won the longest drive and Kim Rehberg won closest to the pin. Saturday noon, we checked out and headed home. Thanks to everyone for making our spring trip a memorable success!



TWIG's 2018 Fall Trip at The Legends: We journeyed to The Legends in Myrtle Beach SC October 4-7th for our fall trip. Our package included 3 rounds of golf, breakfast, lunch and evening drinks. We checked into our accommodations Thursday afternoon. To officially kick off our trip, we headed to the Hard Rock Café at Broadway At The Beach Thursday evening for dinner.

With a Friday noon tee time and a few bets waging, it was time to swing some clubs, so we headed out for a practice round on the Heathland Course. Friday evening, we shared food and drinks during our welcome dinner at the Ailsa Pub and afterwards returned to our quarters to settle bets. With bartender, Carmella "The Grey Goose" Hart serving up the drinks and DJ "Angelita" Allen spending the tunes, we attempted to stage the saddest floor show ever known to mankind, we line danced and topped off the evening with our favorite table game of CLR. The evening was blast!

Saturday, we teed off at noon on the Parkland course for our tournament. Afterwards we met at the Ailsa Pub for dinner and drinks. The food was fabulous! Some ladies took advantage of the onsite cookout and others ordered from the menu. Later in the evening, tournament prizes were announced for the best team score, the longest drive and closest to the pin. Deb, Cassandra and Suni won prizes for the best team score. Suni won closest to the pin and Jackie McLamb won longest drive.



Sunday morning, we tackled the toughest of the 3 courses, the Mooreland. Some Ladies opted to play 9 holes and others played the round. Erica Colleton and Carolyn Day had their game on and went toe to toe with the Mooreland. Carolyn broke 100 and Erica broke 90! Now that's what I call stamina! In conclusion, we had a ball, but we were all ready to get home to our own beds.

Peketa Long, Vice President

The TWIG Foundation was notified in October 2017 of its designation as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Former President Shirley Cook was instrumental in pursuing the idea of achieving this status. In 2018, the Foundation completed its first full year as tax exempt organization. The Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of TWIG. The Foundation is a member of The NC Center for Nonprofits. This organization provides access to resources to help manage non-profits in North Carolina as well as access to pro-bono professionals for legal and financial assistance.

Foundation Board members include the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the TWIG. Additional Board members are Erica Colleton, Irie Jenkins, Perdita Spriggs, Rosa Sherk and Joselyn Williams. All members of TWIG are members of the Foundation.

The TWIG Invitational is the primary fundraising event of the Foundation. The TWIG Kidz program, led by Valerie Willis, is supported by funds raised and is used to cover golf lessons, mentoring events, recognition and awards for the KIDZ program. This year's Invitational was sold out and was extremely successful. Members of the Invitational committee, led by Valerie spent many hours organizing, collecting prizes, advertising, promoting to achieve such success. This event is now one of the premiere golf tournaments in the area.

The Foundation developed and presented the First Annual Shirley Cook Scholarship at the TWIG Invitational. Shirley passed away in March of 2018 and her husband, Dr. Charles Cook generously asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the TWIG Foundation. Donations were received and used as seed money to fund the scholarship. Nyila Anderson, former TWIG KID and a student at NC A&T was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship at the TWIG Invitational.



Peketa Long with Nyilah Anderson, scholarship recipient, and Valerie Willis

Valerie Willis, TWIG Kidz Chairperson & Kimberly Rehberg

TWIG Kidz 2018 Kick-Off Ceremony's venue was hosted at DelliEMC in Research Triangle Park, NC. There were a total of 19 girls who joined and committed to learning golf this year. We also had a rare opportunity for the lower handicap girls to talk about the importance of "practice, practice, practice" to develop and excel in the game of golf. Each TWIG Kid received a welcome package after our meet, greet and pairing ceremony.



TWIG Kidz began their golf lessons at the Dona Lerner Golf Academy (DLGA), at Brier Creek Country Club for our fourth season on May 9, 2018. This year a special invitation was extended to two of our girls: Tyla McAffity and Tyler Spriggs, to participate in the DLGA advanced golf workshops at Level 5. Three TWIG Kidz were instructed at Level 2 including sisters, Christine and Sophie Lauture, and Gabrielle Pace.

The remaining TWIG Kidz at Level 1 were Amina Johnson, Aniyah Wiley, Asha Johnson, Ava Cash, Hannah Holder, Isabel Barnes, Jordan Parker, Madison Parker, Mya Smith, Nyema Henningham, Shea Aaron, Zariel Rivera and Zoria Smith. Genesis Lewis, who is privately coached, participated with TWIG Kidz during special events outside of the DLGA lessons. Coach Nick Zurowski laid out many fabulous golf training exercises from putting, hitting the irons and drivers plus implementing strategy on the fairways to get to the greens. The TWIG Kidz mentors from TWIG were Valerie Willis, Chairperson, Kim Rehberg, Glenda Apple, Karen Robinson and Esther Morse.

In addition to attending TWIG KIDz clinics from May to October, a number of TWIG KIDz athletes are on course developing their game and engaging in highly competitive golf.

Golf Camp & Tournaments

Level 5 athlete and 10th grader Tyla McAffity attended the Dianne Dailey Junior Girls Golf Camp at Wake Forest University in June. She won the longest drive contest on the first day of camp, carrying one of her drives 250 yards. Tyla was also in the group that won the 9-hole competition during the camp session. She received one-on-one instruction from Dianne Dailey, who retired in May 2018 after 30 years at the helm of the WFU Women's Golf Program, and tips on fitness, nutrition, and the college application process.

TWIG KIDZ HIGHLIGHTS



Level 5 Tyla McAffity and Level 2 TWIG KIDz athletes (and sisters!), Christine and Sophie Lauture competed in the SAS Junior Championship held at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary, NC. All three girls made a terrific showing with Sophie finishing 3rd in the Girls 12-13 Age Division, Christine tying for 5th in the Girls 14-18 Age Division, and Tyla tying for 13th in the Girls 14-18 Age Division.

Several girls were successful on local golf tours, including Sophie and Tyler, who both competed in the Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour. Notably, Sophie Lauture was the 2018 Sandhills Spring Tour Champion for the Girls 12-14 Age Division. Tyler Spriggs finished tied for 2nd place at the Peggy Kirk Bell, North Carolina One Day Series @ Pinehurst Resort #1.

The TWIG Kidz Program was super proud to have Zariel Rivera participate in a Local Qualifier for the Drive, Chip & Putt competition at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, NC on August 1st. Zariel made a great showing, coming in 2nd in the Drive competition and 4th overall, which made her an alternate for the Sub-Regional competition in the Girls 10-11 Age Division.



This year we caravanned to Charlotte, NC to socialize, eat and compete at Top Golf on July 22, 2018. The TWIG Kidz, parents and TWIG Kidz mentors had a blast hitting the golf ball into the targets. We had team building between the lower handicap girls with the novice and intermediate handicap golf players. We also had a special treat with our upcoming four-year-old Rachel, who is Isabel's, little sister. She partook on the golf mat and had also been watching and learning from her sister while at the DLGA golf lessons. We expect to see Ms. Rachel joining TWIG Kidz in the very near future.

TWIG KIDZ HIGHLIGHTS

In regards to other special events, the Level 2 and 5 TWIG Kidz played with TWIG members and their spouses at Prestonwood Country Club on July 5th and Northridge Country Club on August 16. TWIG Kidz and their parents attended the SAS Championship golf tournament on Oct 12th to 14th at Prestonwood Country Club. The TWIG Kidz mentors set time to work with the girls to practice in between their DLGA golf lessons at other golf courses during their spare time.



At the end of the season, Coach Nick helped TWIG Kidz mentors - Valerie, Esther, Glenda, Karen and Kim - select winners for end-of-season recognition awards. The award recipients were **Aniyah** (Triple A – Awesome Attitude Award); **Hannah** (Most Consistent); **Shea** (Most Improved) & **Zariel** (Love of the Game).



Award Winners—Aniyah (Triple A), Hannah (Most consistent), and Shea (Most Improved). Not pictured: Zariel (Love of the Game)



Ava Cash models the 2018 TWIG KIDz medal and TWIG visor, generously donated by TWIG Member, Edwina Devins

The other TWIG Kidz received recognition and accolades for completing the TWIG Kidz 2018 program during our Closing Ceremony, which was hosted at Lonnie Poole golf clubhouse. Special guest speaker was former TWIG member Cindy Yokley, who spoke about the correlation between golf and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). In summary, we had a great year with all 19 TWIG Kidz. A huge thank you to TWIG member Edwina Divins who donated the golf visors to the TWIG Kidz!

Renee Allain-Stockton, TWIG Invitational Planning Committee

We sold out two weeks in advance of our tournament this year! Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers plus 100 golfers who arrived bright and early at Hillandale Golf Course in Durham on Saturday, September 8th to compete in the 15th Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament hosted by the TWIG Foundation, Inc to benefit our TWIG Kidz program.

Golfers were greeted in the parking lot by Boy Scouts from Troop 411 who volunteered to provide a “golf bag valet” service to transport golf bags to the players’ assigned carts. All golfers were pre-registered for the tournament, so the registration process ran smoothly, with most players purchasing the maximum of two mulligans to remain competitive with the field. Lots of raffle tickets were sold in anticipation of having a chance to win one of 20 raffle prizes that were donated by various sponsors.

Registration bags were donated again this year by **G. Alan, Inc** and filled with healthy snacks. After completing the registration process, the golfers enjoyed croissant breakfast sandwiches and coffee purchased from William’s Gourmet Kitchen and Starbucks by our Breakfast Sponsor, **Davis Psychological Services, Inc.**

Based on feedback provided by our Survey Monkey, we added a new mixed flight to accommodate male and female teammates who have historically competed in the men’s flights. There were 18 two-person women’s teams, 19 two-person men’s teams and 13 two-person mixed teams, including seven of our TWIG Kidz (and alumni): Nyalah Anderson, Christine Lauture, Sophie Lauture, Genesis Lewis, Tyla McAffity, Gabrielle Pace and Tyler Spriggs. We added a new option to sponsor a TWIG KIDZ and received donations from **The Christy Foundation, Forrest Firm and Quick’s HVAC, Inc.**

Golfers were set to head off to their respective holes shortly after 9:00 am after hearing the Rules of Play and introductions of our TWIG Kidz by our TWIG Kidz Chairperson, Valerie Willis. Players were greeted this year on both the women’s and men’s tee boxes by a record number of 41 hole sponsor signs!

A few new contests with cash prizes were added thanks to the generous support of our sponsors including the Closest to the Pin contest sponsored by **Dona Lerner Golf Academy**; Longest Drive contest sponsored by **Richardson Private Wealth Advisors**; and Longest Putt contest sponsored by **VallartaJoy Golf & Spa Vacation Rentals**. Our Hole in One contests on all four Par 3 holes were sponsored by **University Kia Durham** which provided opportunities for our golfers to win fabulous prizes including a 2018 Kia Stinger AWD. Although no one made a hole-in-one, six players split the cash pots from the other three contests, receiving \$105 each for their \$10 contest entry fee!

Temperatures were in the high 80s to low 90s with the humidity and **Pepsi-Cola (Garner)** donated Gatorade, soft drinks and water for our thirsty golfers. The pace of play was good for a tournament with a full field with everyone completing their round in approximately five hours. All golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by the **Doug Boyd Foundation** (one of our Award Luncheon sponsors along with **ECM Enterprises**) including fried fish, barbeque and grilled chicken with delicious banana pudding for dessert.

Another new feature this year were silent auction prizes generously donated by the following sponsors (**Brier Creek Golf Club, Hasentree Golf Club, Heritage Club, International World Tour Golf Links, North Ridge Country Club, Planet Fitness Six Forks Road, Prestonwood Country Club and TPC Wakefield Plantation Country Club**). We raised an additional \$1,700 towards our TWIG Kidz Program from the silent auction.



Based on feedback provided by our Survey Monkey, we recognized both the 1st place gross and 1st place net winning teams in each of the six flights. Each winning team member was presented with a crystal engraved mug sponsored by **Dmitri Stockton and Renee Allain-Stockton**, our Trophies sponsor.

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**, and crew including Erica (operations chair), Janine (finance chair), Renee (marketing chair) and Rose (registration chair), Esther, Garnett, Joselyn, Leslie, Linda G. and Loretta!

Congratulations again to all the following winners at our **2018 TWIG Invitational Tournament!**

Women’s Flight A Winners

Malinda Cayton & Tamara Hart (Gross)
Judy Martino & Margaret Sutter (Net)

Men’s Flight A Winners

Chris Phillips & Tiff McCarter (Gross)
Nelton Pace & Herbert Higgs (Net)

Mixed Flight A Winners

Brenda Graham & David Graham (Gross)
Nyilah Anderson & Jimmie Anderson (Net)

Women’s Closest to the Pin

Margaret Sutter

Women’s Longest Drive

Andrea Hardy

Women’s Longest Putt

Lisa Morgan

Women’s Flight B Winners

Deb Sanders & Cassandra Evans (Gross)
Kim Rehberg & Joselyn Williams (Net)

Men’s Flight B Winners

Dustin Marsh & Paul Harris (Gross)
Thurman Spicer & Alton Marsh (Net)

Mixed Flight B Winners

Jaclyn McClamb & Wilbert McClamb (Gross)
Elaine Hart-Brothers & George Brothers (Net)

Men’s Closest to the Pin

Larry Edwards

Men’s Longest Drive

Tiff McCarter

Men’s Longest Putt

Nelton Pace

Loretta Hicks, Handicap Chairperson

The Handicap Committee (Irie Jenkins, Myra Smith, and I) commend you on recording your golf scores in GHIN in 2018. The TWIG Club roster in GHIN includes 31 TWIG members and 6 TWIG Kidz. The remainder of our TWIG members are recording their scores in GHIN under other club memberships. In 2019, we hope that all TWIG members will enter enough scores to receive a handicap index. Please let the committee know what we can do to help you in achieving that goal.

Keeping your score is related to your understanding of the Rules of Golf. As of January 1, 2019, some of those rules have changed. Some of the changes remove penalties, provide another way out of bad situations, and help to speed up play. A few TWIG members will be attending local seminars on the rule changes. You can get details on the 2019 changes and all of the rules by using written and video resources at USGA.org. Take a look at these:

- Very good video that discusses 5 of the rule changes in about 5 minutes: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2018/12/21/usga-golf-journal-have-fun-learning-the-new-rules-of-golf-5982612697001.html>
- Great collection of videos that cover all of the rule changes by grouping the changes in categories: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/major-changes.html>
- 1-minute video (from Golf.com) with humor about 12 of the changes: <https://www.golf.com/tour-and-news/2019/01/01/12-rules-changes-for-2019-how-they-help-you/>
- Complete 2019 Rules of Golf with explanations: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=pe§ion=rule&rulenum=1>
- New Rules of Golf App (for Apple and Android): <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/apps.html>

Let's have even more fun golfing and learning the rules in 2019!



Irie Jenkins, Winnona Swazy, Loretta Hicks



Myra Smith & Carmella Hart

Peketa Long, Vice President

TWIG members gathered on December 8, 2018 to celebrate as our golf year ended. Twenty-five festively attired members arrived at The Midtown Grill in North Hills for a wonderful luncheon and fellowship. Carmella and Peketa served as hostesses and coordinated the flow of the activities.

Members donated a large assortment of new toys that were delivered to the Marine Toys for Tots charity. The toys were delivered and very much appreciated by the volunteers at the collection site in Raleigh. Each year we strive to remember others who are less fortunate. Thank-you ladies for this spirit of giving.

Carmella distributed new and revised handbooks to all members and welcomed our newest members. Members discussed mentoring for our newest members. More to follow from Membership.



Carmella Hart, Carolyn Daye, Cassandra Evans, Suni Winslett & Rose Foster

A special tribute was made to our deceased Former President, Shirley Ann Cook. Pictures and memories were shared. The Trophy was presented by Tanya from Dr. Cook's office to the winners of the First Annual Shirley Cook Golf tournament. The winners were Cassandra Evans (third from left), Joselyn Williams, Suni Winslett (second from right) and Clarissa Henderson (non-member).

Awards were given for Big Shot accomplishments as well as our new award, the Dot Board. Winners of Dot Board were Renee Allain Stockton and Peketa Long. These two competitive ladies were tied for playing rounds of golf with the highest number of members. Renee announced that next season will be an electronic version of the Dot Board that will be automatically calculated.

The year in Review covered the many firsts and accomplishments of an outstanding year. Increased membership, phenomenal website, sold out TWIG Invitational, the First Annual Shirley Ann Cook Scholarship, first full year of the TWIG 501(c)(3) Foundation, and amazing Spring and Fall trips. Thanks and accolades were offered to the membership for great participation and superb leadership

Perrienne Davis introduced the TWIG Executive Board for 2019-2020.

President - Renee Allain-Stockton, Vice-President - Rose Foster, Secretary - Carmella Hart, Treasurer - Janine Rouson, Parliamentarian - Esther Morse, TWIG Kidz Chair- Valerie Willis, Membership Chair - Angela Allen, Program Chair - Barb Webb, Handicap Chair - Loretta Hicks.

TWIG Foundation Board Members in addition to the TWIG President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer include Erica Colleton, Irie Jenkins, Perdita Spriggs, Rosa Sherk, and Joselyn Williams.



The party concluded with an original story written and presented by our Story Teller, Linda Gorham (pictured on left along with Esther Morse on right). Ladies participated by playing a Left/Right Christmas gift exchange. It even included some dance moves from left to right. Linda always knows how to entertain us with laughter and a good time!

Linda Gorham, Renee Allain-Stockton & Esther Morse



Many thanks to all the ladies who took the time to write articles for our TWIG Annual Newsletter during the busy holiday season. As I was drafting this newsletter and including all the different events over the past year, I was so impressed and filled with pride at both the quantity and quality of the events that we organized and executed.

I'm pleased to announce that Kim Rehberg has agreed to serve as our Communication Chair next year. I look forward to her new approach for our TWIG annual newsletter. As always, we appreciate your feedback and look forward to seeing you next year on the links! 🎵

Please enjoy this Throwback Thursday Photo from our 1999 Member Member tournament. Who do you recognize?

Renee Allain-Stockton, Editor

