



Tree Talk



Pride and Professionalism

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[Practicing the Golden Rule is not a sacrifice; it is an investment.](#)

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If you would excuse me, due to time constraints and the holiday falling the way it has, I am bringing back an article that I wrote back some 7 or 8 years ago. It still holds true today.

My first newsletter of the New Year is usually about resolutions. The only difference this year would be that I actually intend to keep them. How many of you have heard of Karma. The idea that the moral quality of one's actions influences other events in his or hers life. I think the golden rule is a lot like karma.

Matthew 22:36-40

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and

the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

The Golden rule: **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** Think about it. If you are nasty to people on a regular basis, well I would think that most people are going to ignore you or be nasty right back. If you talk ugly, again the same, it's going to come back. If you hurt someone's feelings, do you really think that yours are not going to hurt eventually?

Well this is my New Year resolution and maybe it should be yours as well. I am going to practice the golden rule. No I mean it. I am really going to try. It's got to be the right thing to do.

As a youngster, I can still hear my father every time I complained to him that someone had wronged me. "What did you do to them" as if I did something wrong first. I think this was his way of teaching me the golden rule. Today has not changed much from those days. If I really try, I bet I can find when I really feel like I have been wronged, there may just be something that I did not do right first.

Let's all try to think of the golden rule the next time we play golf, go shopping, or just everyday interaction with other people. I bet it will be a better day.

HAPPY NEW YEARS EVERYONE

Lane Tree Ladies Happy New Year from the Lane Tree Ladies Golf Association!

The New Year gives you a fresh 365 days to play with – fill them up with whatever your heart desires so that you have no regrets.

Forget all the unpleasant experiences of the previous year and look forward to the happy things kept in store for you.

Life may not always give you a second chance so be grateful to God that you are alive to see another year of happiness, wealth, prosperity, and joy. We should thank God for opening yet another new page of our lives and hope to live each moment to the fullest.

On this celebratory occasion, hope you have a fabulous January, peaceful February, enjoyable March, lovely April, stress-free May, joyous June, happy July, blessed August, wonderful September, festive October, nice November, and ultimately the happiest December! Last but not at all the least, have the most exciting and charming New Year ever.

We would like to invite all Lane Tree lady members to come out and join us.

New Officers for 2017

President: Lou Ellen Wilson

Vice President: Cathy Sager

Secretary: Pam Ginn

Treasure: Novella Zambelli

Tournament Chairman: Sue Glover

Eastern League Chairman: Cathy Garris

Sand Trappers League: Eileen Henderson

Social Chairman: Betsy Clark---

The ladies would like to thank Lane Tree Golf Course Management and Staff for supplying us with the best Range, Course, Food, and Dining in Wayne County.

Barbara Hill

LaneTree Kids Golf Update

It has been an eventful, successful, memorable and rewarding year for the Lane Tree Hannant kids. Ella June (age 7) and Karsyn (age 10) have been practicing regularly and competing nearly every weekend in Golf tournaments. Zada (age 4) also plays golf routinely in preparation for the Wilmington U.S. Kids Golf tour. She will begin competition for the 2017 Spring Season tour in February when she will be qualifying age of 5 years old.

Last summer, when Ella was six years of age, she was the only contender at that age to be in the top 20 players in the World Championship tournament held in Pinehurst. In the Seven and Under division Ella placed 17th in the World Championship tournament. Ella recently triumphed her personal best score and kids course record when she shot a 31 (9 holes) at the Neuse Country Club in Clayton. Ella was also very successful in this years Drive, Chip and Putt contests earning her way to the Regionals in Pinehurst in the 8 and under division.

Karsyn continues to improve in the 10-11 Age Division. She now plays from the longer tee markers and is working on increasing her driving distance and long iron game. Karsyn and Regan (mother) recently competed in their first Parent/Child tournament and they captured a Second Place win with a amiable score of 39. Regan holed out on the 1st hole with a 50 feet chip for a birdie.

Lane Tree member, Phil Hannant, also competed in the Parent/Child tournament in Pinehurst with Ella June. They won their 5th consecutive Parent/Child tournament to remain undefeated at the Pinehurst Long Leaf Country Club Parent/Child Tournament with a score of 34.

The Hannant family wishes to thank Lane Tree Country Club staff and members for all the their continued support.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year!**