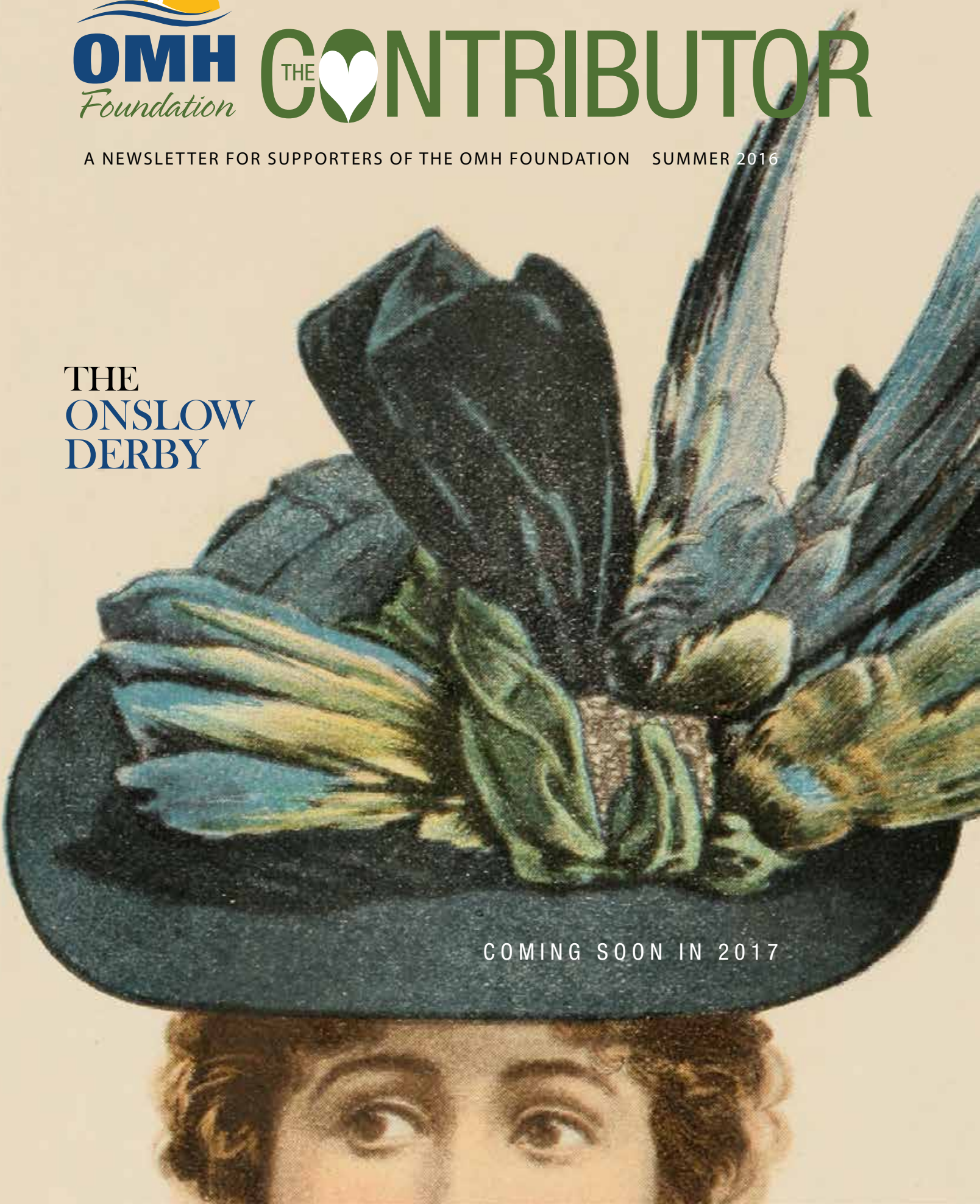




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A NEWSLETTER FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE OMH FOUNDATION SUMMER 2016

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### MISSION

To generate financial and other public support for the mission of Onslow Memorial Hospital through fund-raising and friend-raising activities.

### VISION

To empower Onslow Memorial Hospital to become the hospital of choice in Onslow County.

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**Although horse racing** was an accepted part of French and British society in 1875, it was a foreign affair to most Americans.

Brought to the U.S. by Col. Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr., who saw the profit to be made, the Kentucky Derby faced an immediate obstacle: proper American women hesitated to be seen at an event where gambling and drinking were celebrated.

Knowing the Derby could not succeed if viewed as disreputable, Clark and his wife devised a plan: they would position the horse race as a respectable fashion and social event for high society.

The Clark's invited the ladies of Louisville to picnic with their friends at the races, specifying a formal dress code requiring "full morning dress" for men and women. The local ladies responded enthusiastically, turning out in their 'Sunday best' dresses, complete with hats and gloves!

The gloves eventually fell by the wayside (a bit too hot for May in Louisville) but the hats have flourished ever since!

Please plan to join the Onslow Memorial Hospital Foundation next February for our very own see-and-be-seen 'Derby' event, as we raise funds for a great cause!

*Look for more Derby hat lore to follow in our next Contributor!*

S A V E T H E D A T E

*February 25th, 2017*



**T H E O N S L O W**  
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OMH FOUNDATION'S 9TH ANNUAL EVENT  
TO SUPPORT ONSLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



# Generous donation of **Cuddle Cots™** helps grieving parents

In February, **Onslow residents Lisa and Joel Crenshaw** lost their unborn sons **Paul and Christopher** from twin to twin transfusion. This May, the couple and their families donated three CuddleCots to help grieving families facing the same loss. The presentations were made at the Labor and Delivery Unit of Onslow Memorial Hospital and Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune.

The CuddleCot™ was developed in the United Kingdom and brought to the United States in 2013. It is a cooling system that preserves stillborn babies, giving their parents precious time to grieve. Over 90% of U.K. hospitals use the important devices, according to Flexmort, the manufacturer. About 24,000 babies are delivered stillborn in the United States every year, and yet very few American hospitals have the devices.

“We were very excited when Lisa contacted us about these units, because we didn’t really know about them,” said **Lee Ann Thomas**, Onslow Memorial Hospital Foundation executive director. “Each Cuddle Cot device is \$3,290, and Lisa raised enough money for three of them in a matter of days.

“Having these CuddleCots will make a huge difference in the lives of many grieving parents, and for that gift we are all extremely grateful.”



*L to R: Lee Ann Thomas, Angel Pollock, Dr. Piper, Lisa and Joel Crenshaw*

# Welcome to our NEW Contributor Spotlight!

**If you don't already know your fellow Contributors,** we hope this new column will help you become better acquainted! In each edition, we will feature one or more Contributors.

We recently caught up with long-time Foundation supporters Drs. Scott and Carol Johnston. Dr. Scott Johnston, of Johnston Pain Management, is an anesthesiologist and Onslow Memorial Hospital's chief of staff. Dr. Carol Johnston, of Jacksonville's Office Park Eye Center, is a leading ophthalmologist who has been practicing in Jacksonville since 1990. She currently serves as a trustee on the Onslow Memorial Hospital Board. The Johnston's have three children together.

**Foundation:** What inspires you to give to the Foundation?

**Dr. Carol:** *God has blessed my husband and me with a wonderful community in which to practice medicine and raise our family. We've always felt it's important to give back and support our local community in any way we can.*

**Dr. Scott:** *Part of the joy in life is sharing with others, not just with family but also with community. We put our priorities in giving locally; giving at home is number one.*

**Foundation:** How does giving enrich your lives?

**Dr. Scott:** *It's almost a proverb that it's what you give—not what you take—that enriches you and the people around you, and that's so true.*

**Dr. Carol:** *Yes, it's a blessing to give.*

**Foundation:** What is the most satisfying part of working with the Foundation?

**Dr. Scott:** *You experience the success in a more meaningful way when you are participating in it.*

**Dr. Carol:** *It's so satisfying to see the projects that have been completed through the fundraising efforts.*

**Foundation:** Have you made friendships along the way?

**Dr. Carol:** *Absolutely! As a previous Foundation board member, I've enjoyed getting to know and working with the many volunteers as well as the other board members.*

Dr. Carol Johnston and Dr. Scott Johnston



**Dr. Scott:** *Yes, it makes you feel a lot more closely knit to people in the organization as well as the community when you're involved in these kinds of [fund-raising efforts].*

**Foundation:** Which project(s) have you found most fulfilling?

**Dr. Carol:** *Helping to build Onslow Radiation Oncology was the most fulfilling for me. I'm so proud we can now alleviate the need for patients to travel out of the county for radiation treatment, knowing that we provide high quality care locally.*

**Dr. Scott:** *I agree with Carol. Onslow Radiation Oncology is a great example of the Foundation's success. I hope we'll continue to develop the hospital facility.*

# EXTREME Makeover-

**Thanks to the incredible turnout of support, the OMH Foundation was able to raise over \$120,000 from our 2016 "Roaring '20s" Fundraiser. The majority of these funds went to support Project Healthy Spaces, our campaign to renovate the patient lobby and waiting areas of Onslow Diagnostics.**

The Extreme Makeover of Onslow Diagnostics was a huge success! The new and improved seating is covered in environmentally-friendly fabrics that are easy to clean, significantly reducing the risk of healthcare-acquired infections. In addition, the new furniture has firmer cushions and arm rests to assist people with the transition from sitting to standing. This is especially helpful for the elderly, ill patients, or patients with disabilities or injuries.

Onslow Diagnostics also got a fresh coat of beautiful paint and some soothing new pictures. We were thrilled to be able to renovate the patient lobby, waiting areas and exam rooms to help create a more healing environment. Clinical studies show that improved hospital design can reduce stress and anxiety, and have a measurable and significant impact on clinical outcomes, patient costs, and patient satisfaction.

***The Extreme Makeover was made possible by you, our generous sponsors and donors! A special "thank you" goes out to Paula Garris and her team of dedicated volunteers.***

-Lee Ann Thomas  
OMH Foundation Executive Director



*Before: Lobby*



*Before: Waiting Room*



# Onslow Diagnostics Edition



*After: Lobby*



*After: Waiting Room*



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**SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 25TH, 2017**

