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A patient awaiting tests in the REU consults with Dr. Goodyear.

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In the coming months, the construction will proceed in phases, having already started with the reconfiguration of the entrance, parking lot and ambulance entry. Next up is an expansion to the front of the current facility that will house the permanent REU, new ED entrance and reception and waiting areas. Once that addition is finished, physicians and staff will move into it so that the existing structure can be renovated. In the meantime, Donna Cantalupi and the staff are working to outfit the new ED with the most up-to-date, patient-centered technology and equipment.

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Tom and Kate Bruder
Making the Largest Individual Gift in Riddle’s History

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Some have taken to calling them “the odd couple,” a nickname they find humorous but not completely off the mark. In January 2012, John Unangst and Don Saleski began leading the effort to raise several million dollars in support of Riddle’s Emergency Department expansion. John is President and CEO of Franklin Mint Credit Union and a highly decorated U.S. Army Captain who served in the Vietnam War. His partner in this effort, Don Saleski, spent nine seasons in the National Hockey League and played for the Stanley Cup Champion Flyers teams of 1974 and 1975. After hockey, he built a distinguished career as an executive with companies such as ARAMARK, SMG and ClubSystems Group. Today he is a partner with Cherry Hill-based PRN (Professional Receivables Network), which consults to hospitals and health-systems on their billing and collection practices.

The two men admire they have different styles, but they clearly have respect for what each brings to this effort. They also share an abiding commitment to the people of Delaware County and the improvement of Riddle Hospital through the Emergency Department project. Riddle Matters recently sat down with the co-chairs to learn more about them, their reasons for getting involved, and their vision for Riddle Hospital.

Can you tell us about your ties to this area and to Riddle Hospital?

John: I grew up in Prospect Park and graduated from Interboro High School in 1964. After college and a few years in the military, I started working at the Provident National Bank of Lima, right next to the firehouse. This was 1973 and there wasn’t much else here, so I started getting to know the Riddle physicians and staff. In the 1980s, my three children were born at Riddle. By that time, I was with the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and we had opened a branch inside the hospital, which deepened my connections to the people here. I was living in Chester Heights so I would use Riddle’s Emergency Department for my own injuries—when I broke my nose, when I broke my foot playing basketball. So I was not only providing a service to hospital employees, I was also using Riddle services.

Don: I’m from Saskatchewan but came to this area in 1972 when I started playing for the Flyers. After a year in Lansdowne, I moved to Media and have lived here for 38 years. My wife is from Ridley Park and went to Cardinal O’Hara High School. We’ve moved once within Media but have never lived more than five miles from Riddle. Even when I was traded to the Colorado Rockies during the 1978-79 season, I kept my home here.

My kids weren’t born at Riddle, but they grew up coming here. Their pediatricians were here, they had other doctors’ appointments here. Over the years we all used the Emergency Department often.

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Now, as co-chairs of The Campaign for the Riddle Emergency Department, you have ramped up the amount of time and energy you give here to an even higher level. What motivates you?

Don: It’s an honor to be asked to lead an effort like this, because it’s a good indication of how people feel about you and what value you can bring to the table. Yes, it’s a lot of work. But the more knowledge I gain about Riddle and the Emergency Department—what it does for the hospital, what the need is and what this new ED is going to do for the community—the more energized I feel to push ahead. The fact that we have an Emergency Department designed for 22,000 patients per year handling 33,000, and that the demand is going to head up to 50,000 plus, shows that the need is there.

John: The Emergency Department is your first exposure to the hospital. It may be the only part you ever see. I think the merger with Main Line Health has created a great sense of momentum here. We have been saying that Riddle was a good community hospital before, but with Main Line Health behind us, we are now working to become a truly great community hospital. And I am proud to be part of what I see as a great hospital expansion.

What else are you saying as you go out and spread the word about this project and ask people to support it?

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Our Mission

We exist to provide quality healthcare and superior service in order to promote and improve the quality of life in our communities.

Our Vision

To be the best place to receive care. To be the best place to give care.

The Riddle HealthCare Foundation provides a philanthropic venue for members of the community to support Riddle Hospital in fulfilling the mission and vision stated above.
When did you start getting more involved at Riddle? And why?
John: My role just kind of evolved because I was here so much and felt connected to the place and its people. The Credit Union had participated in many of Riddle’s fundraising events for more than 35 years—the golf outing, the Gala, the Country Fair, other Auxiliary events. By 2003 I had joined the Riddle Hospital Board, and I joined The Riddle HealthCare Foundation Board after the merger with Main Line Health.

Don: My story is a little bit different. I had worked with other charitable organizations and on fundraisers for St. Mary Magdalen Parish and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Then a few years ago, I started attending some gatherings hosted by Riddle. I got to know the hospital and some of the key people there better, and I liked what I saw. So when they invited me to join the Board, I thought, “It makes sense for me to do something right here in our community.” It was a natural fit. That was about two years ago.

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How are you bringing in new people to your Board?
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