Age: 51.

Hometown: Fairfax, Va. Moved to Moore County in 1989. Lived in Southern Pines until 2007. "We (she and husband, Link) built our dream house in Pinehurst in 2007 and have been there ever since. This is officially home."

Occupation: Former emergency room doctor who founded The Laser Institute of Pinehurst in 2006. Professionally dedicated to "Keeping North Carolina Beautiful" with laser teatments, Botox and Dermal injectables on the clinical side and, on the spa side, offering spa treatments, massage therapy and professional makeup.

DR. OFELIA MELLEY classic comfort

Style: "My professional style is organized, focused and loyal. My fashion style is feminine, classic and comfortable."

Favorite "look": A classic suit with fabulous shoes.

Pairs of shoes: Less than 100.

Fashion weakness: Shoes.

Favorite color: Carolina blue.

Favorite accessories: Jewelry, preferably from Fiskin and Fiskin in Pinehurst.

Favorite stores: Eve Avery, Opulence, Botanicals and Gentlemen's Corner (for my husband), all in Pinehurst or Southern Pines.

> Piece of clothing or accessory you could never part with: Any pair of socks knitted by my mother. I have a whole drawer full of them.

Style icons: Eve Avery. She is always funky, yet classic. Donna Swantkowski. She is never shy about fashion.

Hairstylists: Tracy Woods at Capelli in Southern Pines. Diana Godwin at The Mane Issue in Fayetteville.

Makeup artist:

Alicia Deese at The Laser Institute of Plnehurst.

Cause: Healing children. "I've been on two mission trips to El Salvador and will go again and again."

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