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Spring-Summer Newsletter 2014

Dear Friends of Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, We welcome our summer weather with all its adventures.

# **Emmitsburg Community Health Fair Day**

Frederick Memorial Hospital has partnered with Emmitsburg EOPCC and others to bring a fantastic health fair day October 4, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. 16 phlebotomists will be there to draw your blood. Lab prices \$10 TSH for thyroid, \$10 HbAlc for diabetes, \$10 for Cholesterol panel, \$10 for prostate PSA level, \$5 for CBC check anemia and platelets, \$5 for iron level, you can have all those tests done that you have been putting off due to deductibles and co-pays or worrying about out of network fees or looking for affordable labs for uninsured. Pay by cash or check made out to Frederick Memorial Hospital.

But that is not all: Free skin cancer check, free dental information, free assistance with insurance applications, free information and assistance for kicking tobacco and drug habits. Lions Club will be there to help you learn how to get free or discounted hearing aids and eyeglasses. PIVOT (Sportscare and Rehab) will help you join their discounted keep fit program and help you know about their other services. Free vitals, weight and BMI, Blood sugars. Call 301 447-6715 to register. If that line is busy call 301 447-3310 and our staff will assist you.

#### Thank You

With Great Gratitude we honored many of our volunteers (not all could attend) at our annual **Thanks 4 Giving** luncheon April 26, 2014: **Clifford Sweeney,** our newest board member, who has worked many years behind the scenes, and **Ray Speciale** our wonderful lawyer who is our unseen unsung hero and has also been so generous in his guidance and generous in many other ways to EOPCC.

Thank you to The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and Norman Birzer who honored Dr. Portier, D.O. for her efforts in Emmitsburg. They have donated the funds needed to purchase as refrigerator/freezer unit that meets the new Maryland State requirements for the children vaccine program. The unit will serve for years to come.

#### **Students**

First and foremost we cheer our students on:

Roxanna Durrani is a WVSOM 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student rotating with this August. Laura Barbour has been accepted by WVSOM and other osteopathic medical schools. Sheharyar Sawar is also accepted by medical schools, Matthew Copeland who is now a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student, graced us with a Spring rotation. Anh Tu T. Luu is also accepted in medical school. Jacqueline Cleary has completed her applications for medical school and is on eager standby. Jamile Shands has completed her first year of medical school.

#### Staff

To those who have served and moved on to other positions:

*Janeen Lyche*, CRNP is now working closer to home as nurse practitioner at a Mac Truck work site, the medical practice is a part of Walgreens. Janeen was one of our students whose life journey allowed her to come back and serve several years before finding this new niche. We wish her well.

Brittany George has decided that perhaps a whole new career was needed and had not yet decided her direction. With her move to Lancaster, PA. The adventure continues. Lily Piechowski has taken a job close to home in Walkersville, but still works with us during our evening hours Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Join us in our Upcoming Fundraisers

Wine Tasting: It is time now for you to mark your calendars and not miss out on our annual fun filled wine tasting event this **September 27, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Dr. David Rehm** is again our esteemed **Wine Master.** We will again enjoy both silent and live auction as well as goodies that can't be beat. We want you there! Call 301-447-2690 for more details and look for your invitation in the mail. The Seminary Dining Room at Mount St. Mary's our new location, this year with better signs and less rain (at least we have placed our weather order). The tickets for this great event remain \$35.00 per person.

**Dancing the Night Away:** Back to the 50's with Retro Rockets November 15, 2014. Tickets at the door will be \$20, \$35 per couple; advance sales tickets \$15.00 per person, \$100 per table of 8. Doors will open at 7:00, dancing starts at 8:00 p.m. and will rock until midnight. Chances, 50/50 and door prizes better than ever. Call Melissa Wetzel to find your spot and get those tickets: 301-447-3797.

### **Our Completed Fundraiser Events**

We have had many wonderful fundraisers with a goal of paying down our debt. The **Celtic Spring Fling** netted \$2700, thanks to the generosity of **Bill O'Toole** donating the wine/beer and underwriting the cost of the band **Cormorant's Fancy** who then refunded \$50.00, **St. Joseph's Church** who donated the Hall, to **Margaret and Ed Baker** providing the dinner, to **Cathy Bodin** and **Pat Cairo** who did the set up and many others who baked, donated auction items and those who bid on them to make it happen.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual His Place Car Show netted \$1900 thanks to the incredible kindness of Bill Kuhn of His Place, Vicky and James Fraley and Renee Fraley of Rocko Meats.Libby Briggs, John Dowling, Karen Adelsberger, Melissa Wetzel, Pat Cairo, Linda Junker Sites, and Cathy Bodin.

The Easter Bake Sale, St Anthony Yard sale and Emmitsburg Community Day, also helped contribute to the coffers. Thanks again to Pat Cairo, Cathy Bodin, Paula Fish, Donno Cuseo, Kate Warthen.

**Dr. Bonnie Portier's** 70<sup>th</sup> birthday surprise celebration also became an unexpected fundraiser with \$2200 donated to EOPCC in her name. Thanks especially to **Bill O'Toole** who donated \$1500.00.

### Mortgage/Business Loan

We had a startling revelation that our mortgage/business loan was not benign to our non-profit in that we are unable to pay it down without serious penalty for the next 15 years. While that information initially felt like a deep winter freeze, we have a plan for a warm thaw. It is new plan—sort of the radical kind of plan that is like going for it at the 4<sup>th</sup> down with 8 feet to go in the last 2 minutes of a football game. We owe \$660,000 to PNC (added) bank. If we had 300 people to pledge \$2000 we could pay off our debt. Sister Gloria Gilman,DC., Linda Junker Sites, Roy and Cathy Beverage and Dr. Bonnie Portier, D.O. have pledged \$2000 which means we only need more of you to pledge. We know we can do it! We will keep the barometer on our web site to show how many more pledges we need. Join us in this rush.

### Founder's 300 Club

Join the founders of EOPCC in leaving a legacy for our community's health. With your help, the organization will raise \$600,000 to fully fund the beautiful facility that serves the healthcare needs of more than 1,200 residents of the Emmitsburg community.

With a commitment of \$2,000 or more you'll join the Founder's Club, a dedicated group of no more than 300 supporters. Your commitment can be paid all at once or pledged over a period of up to four years.

As a member of the **Founder's Club** you will have special privileges. These include: •Invitation to an exclusive annual dinner just for Founder's Club members, where you can talk with some of EOPCC's founders including Dr. Bonnie Portier and Linda Sites, and others who are key players in making our community a healthier place.

- Permanent recognition on a donor plaque honoring Founder's Club members.
- Premier seating and recognition at a "Burn the Mortgage" party to be held when all four-year pledges are paid and EOPCC owns its building free and clear.

Yes! Count me in: send me Founder Club Donation Envelope:

Name/address/contact information

Mail all donations to: EOPCC Founders Club, P.O. Box 291, Emmitsburg, 21727