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# EOPCC News

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## Support EOPCC - Wine Tasting, Oldie's Rock & Roll Night and more

**On September 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting our **EOPCC Wine Tasting** at a new location: **Mount St. Mary's University's Founders' Plaza** from 4:00 PM though 7:00 PM. This wonderful location is made possible though the generosity of Mount St. Mary's **President Thomas H. Powell**. Come join us in our celebration, our suggested donation remains \$35 per person. Our Wine Master, **Dr. David Rehm** will again guide us as we taste and come to appreciate the many different nuances of the various wines we will share. We will be serving hearty hors d'oeuvres, and of course, having our silent auction: your donation of auction items are most appreciated! . For more information visit our web site under the events section: [www.eopcc.com](http://www.eopcc.com)

**On November 3**, come join us at the **Emmitsburg Ambulance** building on Creamery Road for our **Oldie's Rock and Roll Night, 6:30 through 11 PM:** \$20 per person at the door, \$15 per person for advanced donation. While we will have snacks for purchase, if spirits are desired, it is BYOB. Let your feet be light and your hearts merry. Fifty-fifty raffles may ensure a small windfall for some.

Thank you to all those who have participated in our earlier fundraising events this year!

**His Place Car Show May 12, 2012:** Thank you again to **Vicky Fraley and James Fraley of Rocko Meats**, donors and short order cooks. We are celebrating that **Bill Kuhn's His place Car show** netted over \$2,500 for EOPCC. Other donors and supporters included **Linda Junker, Sr. Gloria Gilman, Karen Adelsberger, Melissa Wetzel** of our Board and **Patricia Cairo and Sue Pierotti** of our Auxiliary Board.

**Community Day, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012:** In 100 degree weather **Brenda Liu**, our office nurse, and her family provided homemade eggs rolls, water and face painting, **Cathy Bodin** and **Pat Cairo** held a bake sale, **Joan Freeze** with **Dr. Portier** ran the bingo operation, **Sue** and **Nick Pierotti** sold their famous homemade breads and ran our pizza stand. **John Marsh** gave a donation of \$400 from his photo work We were able to raise \$700 with these efforts as well as be part of the community fun. We are grateful to **Cliff Sweeney** who invited us to this opportunity, helped us plan it and provided us with tents to shield us from the heat. Our legion of bakers who furnished baked goods includes: **Ann Ruppert** and grand-daughter **Carrie Ruppert, Paula Fish, Donna Cuseo, Melissa Wetzel, Rose Ferguson, and Judie Hogan.**

## Giving Back to the Community

EOPCC is committed to providing compassionate medical care regardless of a patient's ability to pay. In 2011 EOPCC provided \$65,000 *pro bono* direct medical care. EOPCC has provided another \$37,000 non-reimbursed/discounted services through our participation in many medical assistance programs. EOPCC also continues to provide thousands of dollars of free medications to needy patients through pharmaceutical assistance.

## Our Students

**Our West Virginia school of Osteopathic Medicine; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Medical Students: Charles Clifton, Linda Bernard, Terry Nguyen, Stephen Senichka, Caitlin Warf, Nicholas Tomasello** have both learned and given good medicine through our clinic. Our students learned that, through Osteopathic Principles and Practices, healing and relief of pain and suffering can happen without pills, but that for some illnesses medications remain very much needed. These and other students honored **Dr. Portier** at WVSOM, May 24, 2012, presenting her with the **West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Family Outstanding Preceptor Award, 2012**. Dr. Bonita J, Krempel-Portier, D.O. is a 1991 graduate of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Nurse Practitioner Students:** Working with the **University of Maryland: Jaclyn Doyle** and **Olawe Olufemi** completed their required hours with us. Each has contributed to our patients with their insight and encouragements toward better health.

**Medical Assistant Students:** These are students who train to do the needed work of preparing the patient for the doctor visit, recording vitals, drawing blood draws, keeping the medical rooms ready and assisting in any way they are needed: **Anjali Bain**, now in India, **Healthier Feit**, our newest, **Lily Piechowski, Katie Veron**. As some former employees have moved on to find their way, they have made room for Lily and Katie to join EOPCC. Many of you will now understand why we have so many new faces and we appreciate your patience and understanding as all our new staff are getting up to speed.

## Healing Garden Complete, New EKG Machine and other generous gifts

Though the work of **Catherine Beverage** we have been blessed with two major grants: We are grateful to the **France-Merrick Foundation** for their Grant of \$23,000 that has enabled us to complete our Healing Garden. The garden will be dedicated to **Viet Nam Veteran Captain William Colby, M.D.**, honoring Viet Nam Veteran **John Bennett** who donated his services as electrician, saving EOPCC \$40,000 in the Phase II of the building project. The Grant also allowed us to side the East Wing of the historic 1790 building. With the modern siding we were able to protect the future of the clinic while maintaining visual access to its historical building materials through a window on the past.

We are grateful to the **Sisters of St Francis** whose designated \$5,000 operations grant has allowed us to purchase a much needed replacement EKG machine as well as making it possible for us to provide flu vaccine to patients for the 2012-2013 flu season regardless of their ability to pay.

**Donors** have come forward to help us pay down the debt for the beautiful building that houses EOPCC. These have made it possible to route operational receipts direct into patient care and services. Major donors include **Bill O'Toole** and **Cathy Bodin, Ray and Rose Marie Lanier, Sr. Gloria Gilman, Dr. Bonnie Portier, Patricia and Rodney Milnes**. 100% of all donations go toward the building fund, except when designated for operations. While all of the named donors have donated \$1000 or more, we are grateful for each and every gift.

## Dr. Bonnie Portier - Named "Phenomenal Woman"

**Cathy Beverage** was also the instrument of an amazing award to **Dr. Portier**. The **Phenomenal Woman** award is granted by **Ulla Popken** ([www.UllaPopken.com](http://www.UllaPopken.com)). Ulla Popken sells women's apparel through their catalog and website. Part of Ulla's mission is to encourage women, regardless of circumstances, to pursue their dreams, be their personal best, and to not put their lives on hold. Every 6 months nominations are accepted and a woman is chosen as their **Phenomenal Woman** for the next six months. A "YouTube" five minute interview with the recipient is used to help encourage women to go forward. Ulla Popken is a local company located in Maryland and while Dr. Portier enjoyed being treated like royalty for a while, she greatly treasures the gift of getting to know the Ulla Popken staff **Phyliss Mosca, Babe Hope, Kat Burch, Cheryl Brown**. Access **Dr. Portier's** interview: <http://tinyurl.com/phenomenalbonnie>

## Podiatry Close to Home

We are delighted to announce that podiatry has become more available as **Dr. Douglas Butler, D.P.M.** has expanded his hours to weekly Wednesday afternoon. Do not hesitate to call to schedule an appointment.

## Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccinations will be arriving to EOPCC the end of August. Do not be shy! Get yours early!



### I would like to make a donation to EOPCC!

Donation Amount:  \$25  \$15  \$10  \$5  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Want to help give free care for those less fortunate? Here's how your donation helps:

\$100 (complete office visit)  \$50 (EKG)

\$35 (flu shot)  \$20 (blood glucose test)

Please accept the enclosed check, made payable to EOPCC. **OR**

Please charge my:  Visa  Mastercard

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## About EOPCC

Called the “Miracle on Main Street” by the Frederick News Post, Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to providing medical education and patient-centered osteopathic healthcare.

EOPCC operates a medical center in the heart of Emmitsburg, Maryland, where the organization provides primary care services for more than 1,500 residents of northern Frederick County, Maryland and southern Adams County, Pennsylvania. In addition, EOPCC’s medical center serves as a hub for medical services in the community by renting space for other healthcare services, including cancer treatment.

The organization serves the needs of our community’s working poor by providing care with compassion and dignity regardless of patients’ financial situations. EOPCC provides nearly 10% of its total office visits free of charge to the uninsured and provides more than \$90,000 in free medicines each year to the uninsured and underinsured. EOPCC also educates future medical care providers, including medical students, nursing students, and college students.



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