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EVERYONE HAS A GOOD TIME



Tom and Julie Adams, owners of Julienne Tomatoes, enjoyed themselves as they dished up delicious food at NCM's fourth annual Theatre Party. Pictured behind them is Rufus, who is the person who makes everything happen at the Petoskey Cinema. Without his help, the event could not take place.

As always, people enjoyed themselves. Who knows what the best part of the evening is. The food, the company, the door prizes, the movies? It's probably a combination of all four.

Of course, none of it would be possible if it were not for the support of our sponsors, restaurants, door prize donors, and inkind donors.

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, June 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the King's East Garden Room at Castle Farms in Charlevoix, the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix is sponsoring Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction. NCM is one of the benefiting organizations from this fund-raising event.

Tickets are only \$25 per person. For this you will receive complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and will be able to participate in both a silent and a live auction if you so desire.

More information will follow in the May and June newsletters.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Did you see Bert's birthday picture in the paper?

ANNUAL AWARDS

Since very few people come to the Annual Meeting, we tried a new approach to the presentation of the annuals awards. This year the awards were announced at the Theatre Party. All four of this year's recipients were more than deserving.

NCM Advocate of the Year	Dick Pajtas
Rookie Mediator of the Year	Gary Barfknecht
Veteran Mediator of the Year	Bob Harkness
The Leah Award	Dick Hendrian

Congratulations to all four of you. It was an honor to present the awards to you.

Fortunately, there were many people who witnessed the presentation of the awards. Unfortunately, there was a lot of fun conversation while the awards were being presented. So, for the 2009 awards, we are going to see what happens if we present them at our annual holiday party.

40-HOUR TRAINING

This year's 40-hour training will take place at City Hall in Charlevoix on the following dates:

Thursday, May 8	5:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday, May 9	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, May 10	8:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday, May 15	5:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday, May 16	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, May 17	8:00am – 5:00pm

For individuals who are willing to mediate for NCM, there is a \$100 deposit that will be refunded upon completion of the training and the internship. For those who are taking the training so that they can go on the court roster, the fee is \$750.

NOT SO GOOD NEWS

Julie Witthoef has resigned from the Board of Directors. She was a valuable member of the Board. Her resignation, however, is understandable. She has recently taken on a new job with the *Petoskey News-Review* and had a baby only a few months ago. I would say that she has her hands full.

ALL IS WELL

June Jackson and Ron Moore are recovering. Bruce Herbert will be recovering soon. Good luck.