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WE WILL MISS YOU



Pictured from left to right: Ray Kiogima, Christine Gebhard, Suzanne LaBeau

On July 23, Ray Kiogima “walked on from complications of the heart.” Although he actively served on our Board of Directors from 2005 through 2009, Ray, along with his wife Mary Jane, will always be known as “bartenders” at our annual Theatre Party. That is why it is fitting to have a picture of Ray in his “bartender” attire at the 2011 Theatre Party. Ray accomplished a great deal in his life. What stands out to me, however, is his genuine belief in peace and mediation as a means of resolving conflict. Ray lived his life not necessarily preaching what he believed, but actually practicing what he believed. Ray will be missed by his family, community and Northern Community Mediation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 16 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm
The Access & Visitation roundtable will address issues that impact Access & Visitation cases, also known as Parenting Time.

Tuesday, October 7 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm
The Child Protection Mediation roundtable will focus on specific information and knowledge necessary for facilitating Child Protection Mediation cases.

To register for either or both of the above roundtables, call NCM at 231.487.1771 or e-mail jane@northernmediation.org

USELESS FACT

Samuel Clemons also wrote under Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass, W. Epaminondas Adrastus Blab, Sergeant Fathom, and Rambler during his career.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEDIATION PROGRAM

In last month’s newsletter, the collaboration between the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and Northern Community Mediation to implement the School Attendance Mediation Program in the 11 school districts and 3 charter schools within the Char-Em ISD service area was announced. Since this program requires specific knowledge and some unique skills, mediators will need to participate in a two-hour training that will be offered from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 19 at Char-Em ISD, which is located at 08568 Mercer Boulevard in Charlevoix.

Mediating these types of cases is very rewarding. It does, however, require a certain knowledge basis and some specific skills. If you are interested in mediating school attendance cases, sign up for the training as soon as possible. If you received the training two years ago, you should still consider taking the training because there will be some changes to the process.

Further information about the School Attendance Mediation training, go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/> on the NCM website.

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FRIENDLY REMINDER

There is no doubt about it. Reading the Consent to Mediate form each and every time there is a mediation is tedious and quite frankly, boring. It is essential, however, that the entire Consent to Mediate is read. Although the mediators and attorneys at the table have heard the Consent to Mediate many times, for the most part the disputing parties have not heard it. Second, there may be someone at the table who cannot read. We have no way of knowing for certain one way or the other. If someone cannot read, it would be totally unethical to ask that person to sign the document. Third, in the court room itself, there would be no toleration for dispensing with certain formalities simply because the attorneys and judge present have heard the words time after time after time. Conclusion? Please, dispense with beginning to read the Consent to Mediate followed by “Blah, blah, blah” after one or two of the points.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. ~ Mark Twain