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## BRIDGES

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### MERRY CHRISTMAAS

#### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

We hope all of you can make our holiday party from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 9. If you have not yet called Janice with your RSVP, please, do so. There will be goodies to nibble on, drinks to quench your thirst, and friends to share in the festivities of the season. We want to see all of you here so that we can say "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays," Happy Hanukkah," and even "Happy New Year."

### HO! HO! HO! HO!

#### ANOTHER DATE

Do not forget that we have a 40-hour training scheduled for the first of the year.

January 13 & 20: 5:00 pm – 9:00

January 14, 15, 21 & 22: 8:30 – 5:30 pm

If you know of anyone interested in participating, let me know so that I can make contact and send a brochure.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

#### ANNUAL MEETING

In previous years, our annual meeting was held in November. The problem with this date was that our fiscal year is a calendar year. Hence, the annual report had to be compiled prior to the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, our by-laws were changed to "A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the first quarter of the year for the previous fiscal year."

Our 2005 annual meeting is scheduled at noon on Friday, February 4 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in the Edith Gilbert Gallery. Lunch will be provided for all mediators and board members. For now, just mark the date on your calendar. Details will be sent out after the first of the year.

### GOD BLESS US EVERYONE

### HAPPY HANUKKAH

#### OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THESE PEOPLE

Sincere condolences to Bob Cardinal on the death of his 31-year-old daughter. If we can help in any way, let us know.

Our sympathy is also extended to Pat Bloom on the death of a family member.

On the brighter side, George Lewis is doing well after surgery. We also thought you might like to know that Fran Pletz's granddaughter was a contestant in the Miss Illinois contest.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generous donation of John Campbell, we have a beautiful Christmas tree. Students from St. Francis Xavier School are going to decorate it in time for our holiday open house.

### ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

#### HOUSEKEEPING

If you make-up your own packets, be certain to include the case number and write the mediators' initials on the evaluations.

### DEAR SANTA, I'VE BEEN GOOD

#### HELP US

If you see articles in the newspaper or hear of accomplishments of our mediators or Board members, let us know so that we can include that information in our newsletter.

### WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS