



Northern Community Mediation

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ANNUAL MEETING

February 4 is the date of our annual meeting. It will be held in the Edith Gilbert Gallery at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. It will begin at noon with a light lunch, which is being catered by Julienne Tomatoes. This will be followed by the meeting itself.

Not only is our annual meeting an opportunity to present a report on the state of Northern Community Mediation and install the new officers, it is also a chance to recognize and honor our volunteer mediators and board members. In order to create a more festive occasion, light hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks will be served.

You will receive an invitation in the mail within the next week. Please, take the time to RSVP whether or not you will be able to attend. We look forward to seeing all of you on February 4.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

If you know of anyone who is interested in taking the 40-hour training, tell him/her to contact us immediately. Although there are still a few places remaining for the training, we do anticipate that we will reach our capacity. Just in case you have forgotten, the dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 13	5:00pm – 9:00 pm
Friday, January 14	8:30am – 5:30pm
Saturday, January 15	8:30am – 5:30pm

Thursday, January 20	5:00 pm – 9:00pm
Friday, January 21	8:30am – 5:30pm
Saturday, January 22	8:30am – 5:30pm

LAPTOP COMPUTER

We now have the laptop computer that was donated by Dick Arlen set-up so that the mediators can use it to write-up mediation agreements. The computer itself is stored in the bottom right-hand drawer of the desk in the large meeting room. The printer is sitting on top of that desk. Paper for the printer is in the top left-hand drawer.

If you need instructions on how to operate the computer or printer, call us. We will gladly help you.

Again, thanks to Dick Arlen for his generous contribution

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THEATRE PARTY

Our Theatre Party, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, is being met with positive responses. So far, six restaurants have agreed to provide an array of appetizers:

- City Park Grill
- Julienne Tomatoes
- Kilwin's
- Stafford's Perry Hotel
- The Village Inn
- Victorie's Casino

Not only is Petoskey Cinema donating the use of their lobby for our affair, they are also charging us a discounted rate for the movie tickets.

Additionally, we already have seven sponsors that have committed \$1050:

- Waldvogel Insurance
- Northern Michigan Hospital
- Mason & Kammermann
- Kilwin's
- Charlevoix State Bank
- Bearcub Outfitters
- Bank One

Even with this initial response, we can use your help. If you know of a company or organization that would be willing to be a sponsor, let us know. Also, if you are able to obtain the donation of a door prize, please, feel free to do so.

Most importantly, however, is your cooperation by selling tickets. The tickets are priced at \$25.00 each. This will entitle each individual to food and drinks prior to attending a movie, potentially winning a door prize, and admission to the movie of choice.

If each mediator sold six tickets, 204 would be sold. That is not necessarily unrealistic because I would hope that each mediator would buy one for himself/herself plus spouse or significant other. All that remains, then, is to sell tickets to two other couples.

The Board has a goal of each member's selling ten tickets. If this were to occur, that would account for 120 tickets. Plus, the staff itself will be selling tickets.

The tickets will be available no later than Friday, January 14. If you would like tickets, call the office at 231.487.1771. I hope we can count on your support.