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HAPPY BOARD MEMBERS



Not only is serving on the Board of Directors for NCM rewarding, it is fun as well. If you know of someone who might be interested in being a Board member, especially if he/she might be from Charlevoix County, contact President Jill Ryan or Jane Millar.

Board Members Pictured. Seated from left to right: Bruce Herbert & Connie Saltonstall. Standing from left to right: Steve Tresidder, Bill Lovett & BJ Shawn.

DID YOU KNOW

This may surprise you, but research shows that having a little sugar before making a decision makes for better choices.

CLARIFICATION

At a recent SCAO meeting, the issue of destroying notes upon completion of a mediation session was brought up. There seems to be some confusion as to what is the appropriate thing to do. In a memorandum to the Executive directors of the CDRP centers, Doug Van Epps, Executive Director of the Citizen Dispute Resolution Program for the state of Michigan, summarized the situation.

“An agreement to maintain confidentiality does not include a requirement of destroying notes....In short, while a mediator can certainly state that as an assurance of the mediator’s confidentiality she/he will destroy notes made in mediation, the requirement of parties’ destroying their notes lacks both authority and necessity.”

WOW!

Thanks to the efforts of Joyce Herbert and her committee, the Chair-ity Auction held at the Castle on June 25 was a huge success. And, thanks to Bruce Herbert for recommending that NCM be one of the recipients of the proceeds from the fundraiser. Although the final numbers are not yet in, it looks as if NCM will receive approximately \$4,500. With the state cutbacks this year, this is exceptionally good news. Thank you, Bruce.

GRANT APPROVALS

We have submitted four grant applications this year, and all four have been approved. Funding from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will cover the costs of designing and printing a brochure for our Shoplifting Programs. Money from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation will go towards designing and printing a workbook for each fourth grader who participates in the Preventative Shoplifting Program. With funding from the Revenue Sharing Board, we will produce a DVD explaining the mediation process. And, funding from the Bay Harbor Foundation will help support our Parenting Time Program. A huge thank you to all four of these organizations is definitely in order.

DIVORCE TRAINING

If you are interested in taking the divorce training that will be offered in October, be certain to contact the office to get your name on the sign-up list. The dates are October 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31.

IN THE NEWS IN MAY

When asked if gas prices will hurt or help Northern Michigan tourism, Hugh Conklin replied that it would hurt some people and help others. He also said that it creates a “What’s the future hold?” feeling.

“Sensing some unresolved questions about a controversial injection well proposed near Alba,” Connie Saltonstall is calling for further study of the plans by environmental regulators.

GOOD NEWS

Suzanne LaBeau’s sister was in a serious accident. Fortunately, she is recovering even though the process is a slow one.

After spending months in a hospital out East because of a rare illness, Bob Harkness’ wife Pat has returned home.