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ANNUAL MEETING



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Paul Welmers, Kirk Raymond, Bert Rousseau, Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Jim Raber, Terri Sevener, The Honorable Frederick Mulhauser, Bruce Herbert, Joel Wurster, Dr. Roger Postmus

Due to the fact that we had a cartoon as last month's newsletter picture, we did not have space to include the above picture of some of the illustrious attendees at NCM's Annual Meeting, which was held at noon on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at City Park Grill in Petoskey.

SPEAKING OF CARTOONS

In last month's newsletter, there was a picture of a little boy who had been sent to sit in the corner. He is saying to his mother, "I'll appeal this case all the way to Grandma." Ed Engstrom suggested that the title of the cartoon could have been "Respect Your Elders." Bert Rousseau had three suggestions for the quote of the little boy:

- We can mediate that.
- Let me see if I understand...
- What would Grandpa say?

Life is too short not to incorporate fun into our lives, which are often all too serious.

CELL PHONE NUMBERS

If you have a cell phone and NCM does not have your cell phone number, please give that number to us. It is the only means we have of getting in touch with you if you are already on your way to mediation and the mediation gets cancelled at the last minute. This scenario occurred during our last winter storm when one of the parties could not get to our office.

THEATRE PARTY

The big event is soon to be! NCM will be holding its 9th annual Theatre Party on Monday, March 11 at the Petoskey Cinema. It is not too late to get tickets, which are still only \$25.00 each. The price of a ticket includes a grazing meal, non-alcoholic wine and beer, and door prizes between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. At 7:00, everyone gets to go to the movie of his/her choice. What a deal! Not only is it a fun evening, the success of this fundraiser is essential to revenue for NCM.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

If you know of anyone who is interested in taking the 40-hour training that is scheduled in April, please encourage him/her to do so. This year, the training will be held at City Hall in Petoskey on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 10	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 11	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, April 12	8:00am – 5:00pm

Wednesday, April 17	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 18	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, April 19	8:00am – 5:00pm

The registration is available on our website at <http://www.northernmediation.org/forty-hour-training-100/> or by calling NCM at 231.487.1771.

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Mediator Roundtable that was scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 due to the weather. We felt it would be unsafe for people to be driving when it was not absolutely necessary. We will keep you posted as to a re-scheduled date. In the meantime, put **Tuesday, April 30** on your calendar as the next Roundtable. It will be held at the courthouse in Petoskey. Wendy Viles, who is the Civil Deputy Clerk for the 90th District Court in Petoskey, will lead a discussion about small claims cases.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The superior man understands what is right; the inferior man understands what will sell. - Confucius

USELESS FACT

The blue whale is so large that if it were laid lengthwise on a basketball court, the game would be cancelled.