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### CELEBRITIES AMONG US

Jane Gootee Nelson has earned a certificate of completion in the areas of probate and estate planning. This certificate was issued by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Congratulations, Jane! You are exemplary in modeling the need to learn on a continuing basis.

Lou Fantini is one of four volunteers who helps individuals better understand the Medicare program. This assistance includes helping people decide which Plan D is best suited for them. Lou is careful to explain that he does not make recommendations, but merely assists in explaining the options.

Lee Hornberger is at it again. He has written another article. This time the subject matter was "Police and Fire Department Compulsory Arbitration." You can find this article in the GTLA Newsletter.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Those of you who were able to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 25 know what a wonderful time everyone had. In fact, I had several phone calls expressing the fact that the late afternoon/early evening time frame was ideal. And, the hors d'oeuvres and wine certainly helped to make things festive.

Bruce Herbert and Lou Fantini were recognized for their services to NCM. Dick Hendrian received the mediator of the year award. A new award to honor an individual who over the years has demonstrated commitment to the center and the mediation process was given to Leah Green. In order to honor Leah all the more, this award has been named The Leah Award.

### THEATRE PARTY

Get your calendars out. Set aside Tuesday, March 14 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Petoskey Cinema. Buy your tickets and come to NCM's Second Annual Theatre Party. For \$25 you will get enough food to suffice as dinner, soft drinks or non-alcoholic wine or beer, potentially winning a door prize, and the movie of your choice.

Better yet. Help the center by selling some tickets, being a sponsor, and/or helping on the night of the event. Call Jane at the center if you are willing to help in any of these areas.

### INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2006

The 2006 graduating class from the 40-hour training will be providing a superb source of mediators. Besides their understanding of the process and their diligence in mastering the techniques, they are a fun group of people. Although some of them either live downstate or plan to use the skills in private practice, we hope to maintain contact with all of them. Listed in alphabetical order are

- Jamie Winters
- Don Strehl
- Debra Reed
- Ken Rapelje
- Elizabeth Most
- Gayle Miller
- Doug McGeorge
- Melissa Ludwig
- Keith Lapp
- Jeanne Katz
- Michael Elcoate
- Keith Cermak
- Carolyn Bartz
- Phil Anderson