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NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Pictured from left to right: Izabela Babinska & Nikki Devitt

Northern Community Mediation has two new board members. Izabela Babinska, who goes by Iza to her friends, is the Foundation Relations officer for McLaren Northern Michigan, and Nikki Devitt is the Events & Communications Director for the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce. Both bring valuable expertise to the board. Iza's fundraising knowledge and Nikki's marketing skills will do much to enhance NCM's outreach.

MORE INFORMATION

In last month's newsletter, we featured Bruce Emmet Platte, son of past board member Chelsea Platte and her husband Pete. What we did not tell you at the time because we did not have the information is that baby Bruce weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz., was 19 1/2" long and was born at 6:45pm on November 30, 2018.

JOB WELL DONE

Stuart Fenton, who is the NCM board secretary, ended his tenure as president of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association. Although he will be a "tough act to follow," Jenny Deegan has been selected as the new president of the local bar association. She will do an outstanding job and is a big supporter of mediation.

USELESS FACT

There are 6.8 billion people on the planet at present. Only 3.5 million use a toothbrush.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You can't outwit fate by standing on the sidelines placing little side bets about the outcome of life. Either you wade in and risk everything you have to play the game or you don't play at all. And if you don't play you can't win." – Judith McNaught

PETOSKEY THEATRE PARTY

This is another reminder of NCM's upcoming annual Theatre Party in Petoskey. It is hard to believe that this will be the 15th year that NCM has been hosting this event. As always, there will be food and drinks from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Around 6:15pm, two drawings will take place. There will be the drawings for numerous door prizes, as well as the drawing for the 50/50 raffle. Then, at 7:00pm everyone will be able to go to one of the eight movies that will be showing.

So, be sure to set aside Monday, March 11 on your calendar. And, if anyone is interested in being a sponsor or if you need tickets, just call the NCM office at 231.487.1771.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will be offering the 40-hour, 2.411 general civil mediation training this spring. The dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 29 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Thursday, May 30 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Friday, May 31 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Wednesday, June 5 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Thursday, June 6 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Friday, June 7 8:00am – 5:00pm

No, these dates are not impacted by Memorial Day, which is on Monday, May 27.

There is a \$100 fee for those individuals who will be mediating exclusively for a Citizen Dispute Resolution Center. For all others, there is a \$750 charge. Further information and the registration form are available on the NCM website at <http://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-training/>

If you are a mediator and would be interested in helping as a coach for the training, call the NCM office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mediator Amy Stikovich has opened her law office on Mitchell Street in Petoskey. The Petoskey chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting was held this past October.

And, mediator Lee Kramer just celebrated his 42nd year of practicing law.

One more thing, the 57th Circuit Court under the leadership of Judge Johnson was recognized for the outstanding job that it does in serving the citizens of Emmet County.