



Northern Community Mediation

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PRETTY AS A PICTURE



NCM Board President Jill Ryan (second from left) stands with those who received special recognition at the Annual Meeting in January. With her from left to right are 1) Steve Tresidder, NCM Advocate of the Year, 2) Kathy Lane, the Leah Award recipient, 3) Connie Saltonstall, Veteran Mediator of the Year, and 4) Karen Cole, Rookie of the Year.

IN THE NEWS

Jamie Winters wrote a compelling letter to the editor relating to domestic violence. She called for abusers to be held accountable for their actions, and that they not be allowed to hide behind excuses such as being drunk to justify their actions. As she said, "Domestic abuse is not OK."

Past President Cathy Atchison's husband was in the news. He co-defended Danny Lee Russell on charges of armed robbery and other related offenses. The jury acquitted Russell after 40 minutes of deliberation.

ENJOY YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL THEATRE PARTY

Although there are still some minor amounts of money to come in, NCM has done it again. Not only did everyone seem to have a grand time at the event, the Theatre Party was financially successful. There should be a profit of approximately \$8,000.

The success of this fund raiser is dependent upon several factors. It is our sponsors, those companies and individuals who donate door prizes, and the eating establishments who cater the affair, and those of you who sell tickets who make the event profitable.

A special thanks should also go to those of you who helped on the night of the Theatre Party: Amy Blomberg, Dee Dilworth, Pat Dull, Christine Gebhard, Jeff & Ronnie Higgs, Ray & Mary Jane Kiogima, Kathy Lane, Josie MacLean, Bert Rousseau, Connie Saltonstall, and Nancy Sherman.

SPEAKING OF OUR THEATRE PARTY

Jackie Burrell has supported our Theatre Party from its inception. She has been both a sponsor and given a gift certificate for a door prize. In case you are not aware, Jackie is the owner of Flowers from Sky's the Limit in Petoskey. Well, she was just named State Florist of the Year. Way to go, Jackie!

PROUD PARENT

Rachel Rousseau, daughter of our Intake Coordinator Bert Rousseau, had her picture in the *Petoskey News-Review*. Rachel was pictured with seven other Lincoln Elementary School students showing off their "Plant People," a project made during a six-week Junior Master Gardening class.

REMINDER

Remember to shred or ask staff to shred any sensitive material after mediation.