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HAPPY MEDIATORS



Averaging 16 attendees per session, the divorce training has been a wealth of knowledge for the participants. The Honorable Dick Pajtas was the keynote speaker for divorce law and process; Chris Krajewski for domestic violence, and Jim Raber from Friend of the Court for child development. The fourth session will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 11. Attorney David Fershee will address the issues involved with divorce. A fifth session is being added to the series. It will be a wrap-up session scheduled for Thursday, September 27. If you want to attend either of these sessions, call the NCM office.

Pictured: Mediators Lou Fantini and June Jackson taking a dinner break during the second session of divorce training.

SPEAKING OF LOU FANTINI

Lou's picture was also in the Petoskey News-Review as the July Senior of the Month for the Petoskey Friendship Center. If you did not know, Lou is an amazing volunteer not only in the time he gives but also the quality of services he provides. Congratulations Lou on a well-deserved recognition.

YOU WILL BE MISSED

If you have not yet heard, our Program Coordinator Pat Dull has decided to retire. Her last day of work will be Friday, August 10. All of you are invited to attend a farewell coffee for her from 10:00 am to Noon on that day.

Pat has been instrumental in the success of NCM. It is her effort that has made the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) meaningful and significant. And, it is her dedication that has maintained the integrity of the Child Protection Program, formerly known as PPMP.

SOUND ADVICE

In the August 2006 issue of The ADR Newsletter, Lee Hornberger stated, "If the mediation results in a final written settlement agreement, that would be a good place to end the mediation. But what if the mediation does not presently result in an agreement? The decision then has to be made as to how and when to end the mediation session. A mediation session should end with a clear understanding of what will happen next. This might be another mediation session, a partial agreement, a reconsideration period, or selection of a third-party or other method to decide some or all of the remaining issues."

CHARLEVOIX OFFICE

Through a grant from the Charlevoix County Area Community Foundation, there will be a laptop computer and printer for use by the mediators in the Charlevoix office. This equipment will be in place the end of the working day Monday, August 13.

This means that we now have a laptop computer in both offices for the mediators to use if they so desire.