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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to John Jarema for being elected Prosecuting Attorney for Charlevoix County. John is a member of our Board of Directors.

Congratulations are also in order for Jim Linderman on his successful run for Prosecuting Attorney for Emmet County. Jim has long been a supporter of NCM

MANY THANKS

All of us have to be grateful for the contributions of our mediators Jane Gootee and Bruce Herbert. Their donations allowed us to be ablke to purchase an air conditioner for the smaller mediation room. As all of us know, that room can get quite hot and stuffy with several people in it and the door closed. So, THANK YOU, BRUCE AND JANE.

DATE TO REMEMBER

On **Tuesday, September 14**, there will be an updatetraining workshop for all mediators. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Some of the issues that will be addressed are funding formulas for the mediation centers, other changes at the state level, and pointer on writing effective agreements. The meeting will last from **4:00 to 5:30**, and will be held at NCM.

FALL PICNIC

Just a reminder to mark **Saturday**, **October 9** on your calendars for the NCM picnic. Board members, mediators, staff members, and their families (including the kids) are all invited. Beginning at noon, the affair will be held at Depot Beach in Charlevoix. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. There will be foot to eat, drinks to quench your thirst, conversation with friends, and even games like badminton and horseshoes for those who choose to p lay.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

Help us spread the word about our upcoming forty-hour training.

Dates & Time

Thursday	September 16	5:00 pm–9:00pm
Friday	September 17	8:30 am- 5:30pm
Saturday	September 18	8:30 am-5:30 pm
Thursday	September 24	5:00 pm–9:00pm
Friday	September 25	8:30 am- 5:30pm
Saturday	September 26	8:30 am-5:30 pm

For those individuals who are willing to mediate for NCM, there will be no charge.

POST JUDGMENT CASES

Ten of you have expressed interest in participating in the post judgment pilot project. If you are planning on attending the training on September 22 and 23 and have not already done so, you do need to get your registration form to me so that I can ensure that you will have a spot. That form also has a place for reserving a hotel room. If you need a copy of the registration form, call Jane.

For everyone who plans to be involved with this program, there will be a meeting on **Tuesday**, **September 28 at 9:30 AM** at NCM. The purpose of this meeting is to become acquainted with the policies and procedures of Friends of the Court that have an impact upon this project.

YOU WILL BE MISSED

Holly Ferguson, Larry Funk and Jeff Holbrook will no longer be mediating for NCM. We do appreciate all the work that they have done for us.