



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### CPR TRAINING

There is still time to sign-up for the adult CPR and first aid class scheduled from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday, February 13. This Red Cross certified course is free to mediators for NCM. Call the center if you are interested in participating.

### NEWEST NCM SUPPORTER

On Saturday, January 20 at 4:40 pm, Ted Teller, one of our new board members, and his wife Sue brought the latest NCM family member into this world. Elisabeth Lynn weighed 7 lbs, 6.2 oz, and was 20 ½ inches long. Congratulations, Sue & Ted.

### UPDATE TRAINING

Just a reminder that all mediators must participate in at least 8 hours of update training every two years. This is a requirement of the ADR plan.

### ANNUAL MEETING

For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the following individuals were honored:

- Rookie Mediator of the Year – Karen Cole
- Veteran Mediator of the Year – Connie Saltonstall
- NCM Advocate of the Year – Steve Tresidder
- The Leah Award – Kathy Lame

A special thanks goes to Cathy Atchison, our outgoing president. She was a dutiful leader who was instrumental in the growth both qualitatively and quantitatively of NCM. Although she will be a tough act to follow, Jill Ryan is definitely up to the challenge.

Other outgoing board members who were recognized were John Rohe and Ken Winters. Our new board members are Connie Saltonstall, B.J. Shawn, Ted Teller and Julie Witthoeft. Welcome aboard!

### CLARIFICATION

At the Annual Meeting, we introduced a display that will be used for our first-time offender, shoplifting program. The display depicts that for every \$1000 shoplifted, a merchant must sell 900 candy bars per week per year to recoup the loss or she/he must sell 380 cans of soup per week for a year in order to recoup that same loss. Those are mind-boggling figures.

### THEATRE PARTY

The date has been set. Tuesday, March 13 at the Petoskey Cinema, we will have our annual theatre party. The tickets will be ready shortly for you to buy and sell. If you are interested in being a sponsor and/or helping with the event, call the center.

### 40-HOUR TRAINING

We had to postpone the 40-hour training that was scheduled for January. It has been re-scheduled to May

Thursday	May 10	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	May 11	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday	May 12	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Thursday	May 17	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	May 18	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday	May 19	8:30 am – 5:30 pm

If you know of someone who is interested in taking the training, encourage him/her to call the office to get information and the registration form.

### NEW INTERN

As was the case last year during the second semester, we have an intern from North Central Michigan College. Amy Blomberg will work for us on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. As this newsletter is being written, she is in her second day, and already she has gotten many things done for us. What a great addition she is to our team. Stop by to meet her.

### AGREEMENT FORMS

The agreement forms have recently been revised. The biggest change is that the mediators should no longer sign the agreement. Only the parties who are a part of the agreement itself should sign.

### IN THE NEWS

Just ask Keith Williams if he is a proud father. His son Garrick is a member of The University of Michigan's Solar Car Team that will be racing across Australia this summer.

As a county commission, Bob Drebenstedt has demonstrated that he believes in doing business locally whenever possible even if there is a slightly greater cost. As he said about Bartlett's of Charlevoix, "They're in the county. They pay taxes in this county."