



Northern Community Mediation

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Pictured from left to right: Franklin, Woodstock, Lucy, Snoopy, Pigpen, Charlie Brown, Peppermint Patty, Sally

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLES

Take note of the fact that there will be four Mediator Roundtables in 2015. The Tuesday, **February 10** Roundtable will focus on the School Attendance Mediation Program. This will be quite different from the training that was offered at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. The Tuesday, **April 14** Roundtable will address issues relating to the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program. There will be two additional roundtables: **June 9** and **October 6**. Details will be available at a later date.

PICTURES IN THE NEWS REVIEW

Twice in one month. Jamie Winters' picture was in the paper. In one she was receiving a donation on behalf of the Women's Resource Center from the Eagles Auxiliary for the Safe Home, and in the other, a donation from Zonta for the Domestic Abuse Program. Lisa Hoyt was pictured with Bob Reedy as she presented him with the 2014 Ambassador of the Year Award at Breakfast for Champions. Patti Forster, along with four other women was pictured reading the *Petoskey News-Review* in Venice, Italy.

TWO QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Sharks are as tough as those football fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent."
~ Dave Barry

"A year from now, you're gonna weigh more or less than what you do right now." ~ Phil McGraw

2015 CALENDAR

Take note of the upcoming events for 2015. Additional information and details are available on the NCM website www.northernmediation.org

January 22	Annual Meeting at City Park Grill
February 10	School Attendance Roundtable
February 23	Board Retreat
March 9	Theatre Party
March 12	Board Meeting
March 18	Project Connect
April 14	VORP Roundtable

Forty-Hour Training

Wednesday, April 29	from 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 30	from 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, May 1	from 8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, May 6	from 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, May 7	from 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, May 8	from 8:00am – 5:00pm

May 14	Board Meeting
May 18	Appreciation Luncheon
June 9	Mediator Roundtable
June 10-12	Peace Making Conference
July 9	Board Meeting
September 10	Board Meeting
October 6	Mediator Roundtable
September 9-11	MACM Conference
September 10	Board Meeting
October 2-3	SBM-ADR Annual Meeting
October 6	Mediator Roundtable
November 12	Board Meeting
November 13	Staff Retreat
December 3	Board Meeting
December 8	Holiday Party

ANNUAL MEETING

At noon on Thursday, January 16, NCM will hold its annual meeting at City Park Grill. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend, please let one of the NCM staff members know so that we can give City Park a head count. We will order off the menu.

USELESS FACT

In 2002, officials in Queensland, Australia, removed coconut trees from local beaches to guard against death by coconut, leading one newspaper to dub coconuts "the killer fruit."