



Northern Community Mediation

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HOLIDAY PARTY



Pictured from left to right: Kimberly Jencka, Herb Carlson, and Scott Kingdon.

Northern Community Mediation held its annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 10. Approximately 35 mediators, board members and friends of NCM braved the winter, snow storm so that they could celebrate the festivities.

THINKING OF YOU

Pat Seagmen, one of our board members, is having one of those years in which way too many adversities are coming her way. Let's pool our positive energies for 2014 to be a better year for her family and her.

ONE PROUD MOTHER

Rachel Rousseau, daughter of our Executive Assistant Bert Rousseau, is a member of the Petoskey High School girls' varsity bowling team. This incredible team claimed the Big North Conference conference championship on Saturday, December 7. Congratulations and WAY TO GO!

GRANTS RECEIVED

From the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, NCM received \$2,708 for the purchase of a new laptop/table and printer to be used primarily for the School Attendance Mediation Program.

From the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, NCM received \$1,484 to go towards the board retreat, which will be facilitated by Sky North.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Here's to health, wealth and happiness in the new year.

2014 CALENDAR

January 14	School Attendance Mediation Roundtable
January 16	Annual Meeting at City Park Grill
March 10	Theatre Party
March 13	Board Meeting
March 18	Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program Roundtable
March 19	Project Connect
April 25	Advanced Mediator Training
May 8	Board Meeting
May 9	Michigan Mediates in Petoskey
May 19	Appreciation Luncheon
July 10	Board Meeting
September 9	Access & Visitation Mediation Roundtable
September 11	Board Meeting
October 7	Child Protection Mediation Roundtable
November 14	Staff Retreat
December 4	Board Meeting
December 9	Holiday Party

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

From 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Tuesday, January 14, NCM will conduct a roundtable that will focus on the School Attendance Mediation Program. This roundtable is for those of you who are interested in serving as mediators for this type of mediation and have not yet been trained. For those of you who are already trained, you could use this to get updated on the status of the program. Please, contact the center if you plan to participate.

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. We wish that we could afford to pay for lunch for everyone, but that does not fit into the budget.

USELESS (OR USEFUL) FACT

Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all of the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combines.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

When people are doing a not-so-good job, we tend to speak up. When people are doing a good job, however, we often forget to let them know. In 2014, my new year's resolution is to say "thank you" to all of you for your dedication to and good work for NCM.