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## BRIDGES

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### PROUD PARENT

Our very own Judge Fred Mulhauser has every right to be a proud parent. His son Travis has written a book entitled "Greetings from Cutler County." It is a collection of six short stories and one novella. .” Travis portrays youthful enthusiasm blossoming in a small town. Cutler County is the setting for all of the stories. As Travis said, "I used Emmet County until I was afraid someone might sue me.

### MILEAGE

Please, please, please remember to submit your mileage when you turn in the agreement forms and other data upon closing a case. We have a new tracking system which is reconciled on a weekly basis. Once that procedure has been completed, we cannot go back and enter your mileage. Having accurate mileage is important so that we can reimburse you at the end of the year.

### PPMP TRAINING

We have three newly trained PPMP mediators. Dick Arlen, Pat Dull and Connie Saltonstall participated in the most recent PPMP training in Lansing. Kathy Lame is delighted to have three new additions to her roster.

Speaking of Kathy, as the PPMP guru in the state of Michigan, she was one of the two trainers for the workshops. How fortunate for us to have Kathy as a part of our team.

### STILL THINKING ABOUT YOU

Our thoughts are still with Hugh Conklin in the loss of his son. We are delighted, however, to know that Hugh plans to continue in his observations so that he can be one of our full-fledged mediators.

### OBSERVATIONS

Five of our participants in the January, 40-hour training have either completed or are close to completing their 10 hours of observations. Way to go Rob Billideau, Jeff Higgs, Walt Hufford, Suzanne LaBeau and Paul Schemanski.

### ANOTHER AUTHOR?

During mediation, it is imperative that the mediators remain neutral and unbiased. Their role is to facilitate the participants in reaching an agreement that voices their wishes and opinions. Outside of mediation, however, mediators are often individuals who have strong convictions about specific issues. Such is the case with Josie MacLean. She wrote a letter to the editor entitled "Women's Rights in Jeopardy, which appeared in the June 14 issue of the *Petoskey News-Review*. Whether or not you agree with Josie's position, her letter was well-articulated and developed.

### OCTOBER 14, 21 OR 28

Ann Bachle-Fifer is a highly regarded expert in the field of mediation. Throughout the state, she conducts workshops for attorneys and mediators. It is our plan to bring Ann to Petoskey for one of three Fridays in October: 14, 21 or 28. If you have strong feelings as to which date would be better, let me know ASAP.

The day will be divided into two four-hour sessions: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The overall topic will be "Becoming the Mediator I Want To Be." The training will be available to NCM mediators at no charge. There will be a fee for attorneys and mediators from other CDRP centers. Her trainings meet SCAO standards for CEUs.

More detailed information will appear in next month's newsletter.