



Northern Community Mediation

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PETOSKEY CINEMA COMMERCIAL



Pictured from left to right: Cosmo Franseth, Lauren Cole & Ezra Franseth

Thanks to the generosity of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Northern Community Mediation received a grant to produce commercials that will be shown at the Petoskey Cinema prior to every movie in all eight theatres for one year. The first of the two commercials will begin around June 15.

The three Sheridan Elementary School students pictured above “star” in the commercial that promotes using mediation as a means of resolving differences—arguments over the controls for a video game. To see the ad prior to its appearance at the Petoskey Cinema, go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/> on the NCM website and scroll down.

OUR HEARTS ARE SADDENED

Assistant Administrator Kristy Whitman’s mother passed away on Thursday, May 26 after a brief battle with an unexpected illness. The visitation was held the evening of June 1, and the funeral on June 2. Memorial contributions may be made in the name of Rosemarie Sluyter to the Hiland Cottage of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or to the Petoskey United Methodist Church. We are certain that Kristy would also appreciate cards, e-mails, or even hugs.

MAKING MEDIATORS HAPPY

We finally broke down, got rid of the old printer in the main mediation room, and have a brand new printer hooked up for all of you to use. Enjoy. No more paper jams.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Nothing of significance in the world has ever been or will ever be accomplished without passion.” ~ Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



Pictured from left to right: Mary Horan, John Marshall, John Hoffman

On Monday, May 16, NCM held its annual Appreciation Luncheon. As always, the event gave mediators and staff an opportunity to socialize and have a good time with one another. Recipients of the awards for 2015 were Mary Horan for Veteran Mediator of the Year, John Hoffman for Rookie Mediator of the Year, and John Marshall for Advocate of the Year. Following the presentation of the awards, Scott Brinkmeyer shared his observations about mediation in northern Michigan as compared to mediation in the southern part of the state. He also spoke about the value of the mediation process in relationship to the services provided by the Citizen Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) centers and those provided by private, attorney mediators.

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

A tentative date of Friday, September 23 has been set for an eight-hour, advanced mediator training. The topic will be “Writing an Effective and Enforceable Agreement.” Several of you participated in the four-hour training on agreement writing last fall. If you did so, you will not have to repeat what will be the morning version in order to participate in the afternoon version. Please, let NCM staff if you might be interested in taking this training, and if so, whether you would need the full eight hours or only the four-hour afternoon session

USELESS FACT

On May 27, 2000 more than 100 syndicated cartoonists paid tribute to Charles Schultz and Peanuts by placing a “Peanuts or Schultz reference” in their cartoon.