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APPRECIATION LUNCHEON & 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



May 20 was an exciting day for Northern Community Mediation. The lunch event began with non-stop chatter, followed by lunch. As two of the original board members, Attorney Dave Fershee and Judge Charles Johnson then reflected upon the early years of NCM. Other original board members in attendance were Dennis Halverson, Murray Kilgour and Mona O'Neil.

Another highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of the annual awards. The Rookie of the Year Award goes to a mediator who is relatively new to NCM. Tom North received this recognition, especially for his involvement in the newly formed School Attendance Mediation Program. Veteran Mediator of the Year went to Karen Cole for her years of service to NCM, her dedication to the process and her mediation skills.

In the past, the Advocate of the Year Award has gone to an individual. For the 2012 year, however, NCM bestowed the recognition on the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association, which has been actively involved in supporting mediation and NCM. Bill Meengs accepted the award on behalf of the bar association.

BE CERTAIN TO DELETE

When a mediation session is held in Charlevoix and the agreement is written up on the computer, be certain to delete that document and any others containing confidential information when the mediation is over.

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

On Tuesday, June 4 our third Mediator Roundtable of the year will be held at NCM. Jim Raber from Friend of the Court will discuss the processes relating to parenting time issues and the importance of addressing those issues as identified by the Court. The Roundtable will begin at 3:30pm and last approximately one hour. If you plan to attend, let us know by calling or e-mailing the center.

YOU WILL BE MISSED

After years of service to NCM, Pat Pulver is retiring. Between the fact that she has to drive in from Williamsburg in order to mediate and that she is getting more and more involved with activities closer to her home, she has decided to move on. Perhaps, the Traverse City could convince her to mediate for them.

UNITED WAY GRANT

We are very grateful to the Charlevoix-Emmet United Way. They approved our grant application in the amount of \$4,346. The money will be used to help expand our School Attendance Mediation Program into the school districts of Alanson, Beaver Island and Boyne Falls, as well as continue working with the Pellston School District.

IN THE NEWS

As Tip of the Mitt Sail & Power Squadron, ex-board member for NCM Bill Lovett had his picture in the paper with Roger Gauthier who was a guest speaker at one of the organization's meetings. The Tip of the Mitt Squadron is affiliated with the all-volunteer United States Power Squadron, the nation's oldest fraternal boating organization.

OUR SYMPATHY

Condolences to Polly Cheney on the death of her sister and to Wayne Tri on his mother's death.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you think golf is relaxing, you're not playing it right." ~ Bob Hope

USELESS FACT

Norman Manley of California holds the record for most holes in one with 59.