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ANNUAL AWARDS



Pictured from left to right: Kendal Taylor, Tom Schraw, Lisa Hicklen, The Honorable Richard May

The Honorable Richard May was the guest speaker at Northern Community Mediation's Annual Appreciation Luncheon, which was held at City Park Grill on Monday, May 21. Judge May spoke about his retirement plans. His wife Janet Potter and he have made humanitarian trips to both Haiti and Honduras where the needs are great and the resources less plentiful.

What Judge May did not realize, however, was that he was also to be the recipient of the Leah Award. This award was created in honor of Leah Green, who served as a long-time mediator and trainer for Northern Community Mediation, and died in 2005 of cancer.

Three other individuals were also recognized for their dedication to Northern Community Mediation. Lisa Hicklen received the Rookie Mediator of the Year Award, and Kendal Taylor was the recipient of the Veteran Mediator of the Year Award. Also recognized for his support of Northern Community Mediation and the mediation process in general was attorney Tom Schraw, who received the Advocate of the Year Award.

WE WILL MISS YOU

After many years of volunteering as a mediator for NCM, Gary Barfknecht is stepping down so that he can pursue other dreams. Gary was an excellent mediator, who was able to facilitate the toughest of cases, but never considered himself above mediating simple small claims cases. Gary's absence is a loss for NCM.

IN THE NEWS

You will never believe whose pictured appeared on the front page of the *Petoskey News-Review*. Mediator Paul Schemanski was pictured with Jessica Dowty as they ran along the foot path on the Petoskey breakwater during the Memorial 5K race in Petoskey on Memorial Day. The run, entitled "Freedom from Childhood Obesity" was a fundraiser for Camp Daggett on Walloon Lake.

NEED WE SAY MORE?



ALSO IN THE NEWS

Mediator Jon Paul Bautel will be one of the featured table designers for the sixth annual, Charlevoix Women Can/Women Do luncheon, which will be held at Castle Farms on Wednesday, June 20. More than 28 designers will donate their time and talent to decorate elaborate tables at which the guests will enjoy lunch and a program. This event is a fund raiser for the Women's Resource Center.

SO BAD

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.