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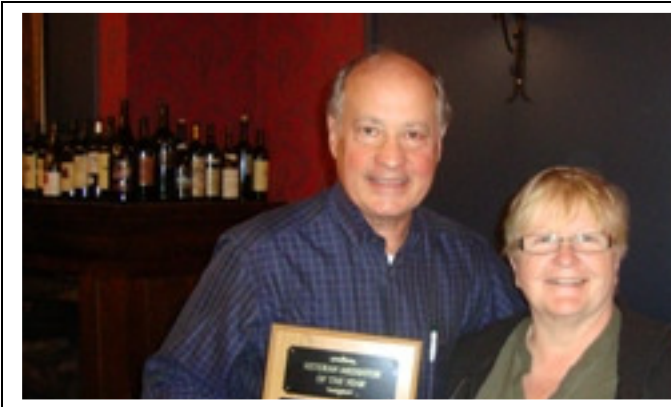
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RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



Approximately 35 people attended the appreciation luncheon on May 16 at City Park Grill. Emily Meyerson, a Rotary Peace Scholar, was the guest speaker. She spoke about her experience studying at the University of Chulalongkorn in Bangkok, Thailand. Following her talk, the annual awards were presented. Jeff Higgs (pictured above) received the Veteran Mediator of the Year Award, and Marge Parish (pictured above) received the Advocate of the Year Award. Kendal Taylor, who was in California at the time of the luncheon, received the Rookie Mediator of the Year Award. Consensus of those in attendance was that we should continue having an appreciation luncheon in future years.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Intake Coordinator Bert Rousseau successfully completed the Leadership Little Traverse program. Bert described her involvement as "Awesome! It has to have been one of the most eye-opening experiences of my life. Working for a service organization, there was so much I learned that I did not know." Along with 11 other participants, Bert's class formally graduated at a reception held at the Bay View Country Club on May 20. Pictures of the graduating class are on the bulletin board at NCM, along with a copy of the graduation program.

BULLETIN BOARD

Also on the bulletin board is a picture of Mediator David Pizzuti that appeared in the *Graphic*. David along with two others is seen in a kayak going down the Bear River near the Mitchell Street Bridge. What fun!

PUN FUN

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

MORE GOOD NEWS

In last month's newsletter, mention was made of the fact that Northern Community Mediation had received a \$3,200 grant to go towards defraying the costs of the 40-Hour Training. NCM has been awarded another grant. United Way has earmarked \$3,765 to go towards the expenses of the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program. How fortunate NCM is to have support from the various funding agencies in our community.

GO TO THE PELLSTON AIRPORT

During the month of June, the rotating billboards at the Pellston Airport will feature non-profit organizations in the area. Northern Community Mediation is one of those agencies. So, take the time to drive out to the airport, stay and have some dinner, and watch the rotating billboard so that you can see the featuring of NCM.

POINT OF INTEREST

The Executive Director of NCM has been asked to serve on an advisory panel for the *Petoskey News-Review*.

THINKING OF YOU

On May 11, Jim Smith had surgery on his arm. We hope all is going well, Jim.

On May 18, Dick Hendrian had a shot in his spine. Again, we hope all is going well.

MEDITOR ROUNDTABLE

On Tuesday, June 14 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, there will be a Mediator Roundtable. One of the topics that will be discussed is how to write into an agreement the information that the court needs in order to proceed with the case. Another subject matter will relate to wage assignments. All of this is essential knowledge needed by mediators.

ADVANCED MEDITOR TRAINING

Even though summer is just beginning, it is not too early to set aside the date of Tuesday, October 11. NCM will be offering "Mediating Monetary Claims and Damages." Steve Tresidder will be the trainer. Although there is no charge for the training for those of you who mediate for NCM, there is a \$42.00 charge for the book *Making Money Talk*. Registration is available on the NCM website.