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PROUD GRANDMA!



Intake Coordinator Dixie Bunker pictured with grandson Leonardo, who was six hours old at the time of this picture.

On Friday, February 27, Intake Coordinator Dixie Bunker became a grandmother for the fourth time. At 12:50pm, Dixie's daughter Tessa gave birth to an 8-pound, 14-ounce baby boy, who was named Leonardo Colpean. Mother and son are doing fine, and so is Grandma Dixie.

BE THINKING ABOUT HIM

On Thursday, March 5, mediator Dick Hendrian will be having hip replacement surgery. Hopefully, all will go well, and we will see him at the Theatre Party.

REMINDER

If you are going to be gone for a while, please let us know so that we do not keep trying to call you to mediate. On the other end, when you return, please remember to let us know that you are back in town so that we know to resume contacting you.

MEDIATORS' VALUE

It cannot be said enough times, without the volunteerism of our mediators, NCM would be out of business. Thank you for all that you do.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The hardest years in life are those between 10 and 70."`
Helen Hayes

THEATER PARTY

It is not too late to get tickets for NCM's 11th, annual Theatre Party beginning at **5:30pm on Monday, March 9 at the Petoskey Cinema**. Tickets are still only \$25.00 per person. For that price, you get appetizers that are sufficient for dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, a chance to win one of ten door prizes, and a movie of your choice. Additionally, if you so desire you can get in on a 50/50 raffle. To top everything off, there is fun to be had seeing friends of Northern Community Mediation.

In next month's newsletter, the sponsors and other contributors will be listed. Do take note of these generous organizations, companies and individuals, and support them with your business.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Northern Community Mediation will be participating in Project Connect on Wednesday, March 18, the Charlevoix Chamber Business Expo on Thursday, March 19, the Petoskey Business Expo on Thursday, April 16, and the Boyne Chamber Expo on Thursday, April 23.

Directly impacting the mediators is the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program training scheduled from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 7. This training will be casual in nature as it will take on the format of a Mediator Roundtable.

Do not forget the 40-hour, general civil training scheduled for April 29& 30 and May 1, 6, 7 &8. If you know of someone who is interested or who would be a good mediator, let us know. We will contact them and send them a brochure.

BOARD RETREAT

On Monday, February 23, NCM held its annual Board retreat from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Weathervane in Charlevoix. Margo Johnson and Tom Smith from SCORE were the facilitators. The Board focused on three challenges that face NCM: 1) facilities; 2) financial resources; and 3) succession planning for board and staff. Committees were established from within the board to study these challenges and hopefully, develop strategies to address the issues.

USELESS FACT

Lipstick was considered an essential item for female nurses in the armed forces during the Second World War, both to remind women that they were ladies first and military second, and because it might have a calming effect on the male soldiers.