



Northern Community Mediation

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FORTY-HOUR TRAINING



Pictured is the 2007, 40-Hour-Training class along with the lead trainer and one staff member. Do you recognize several of those faces?

If you know of anyone who is interested in taking the 40-Hour, General-Civil Training, share the following information with him/her.

The training meets the 2.411 requirements, and will be offered on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 22	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 23	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, April 24	8:00am – 5:00pm

Wednesday, April 29	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 30	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, May 1	8:00am – 5:00pm

The sessions will take place at the Charlevoix City Hall.

Registration forms are available online at

<http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/> or by calling the NCM office.

UPDATE TRAINING

Thirty-three people participated in the Advanced Mediator, Update Training on February 27: 24 are mediators for NCM (eight being attorneys), eight are attorneys from outside of our service area, and one is a mediator for another center. It was a very worthwhile workshop—and a beautiful winter day.

GO TO www.northernmediation.org

That's our website. It is up and running.

THEATRE PARTY

It is not too late to get your tickets for our Theatre Party on Tuesday, March 10. I think Slumdog Millionaire will still be playing. Also, we need volunteers to help during the social time prior to the movie. Call the center if you need tickets or would be willing to help.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE TRAINING

Although only a few of you are impacted by the need for Special-Education, Update Training, there is a session coming up in May. For further information and the registration form, go to

<http://www.northernmediation.org/state-12/>

IN THE NEWS

In a Letter to the Editor, mediator George Lewis shared some interesting statistics relating to the economy that he retrieved from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Ask Intake Coordinator Bert Rousseau about her recent acquisition of a diamond.

NEW PRINTER

Just a reminder that there is a new printer in the large mediation room. One of the nice features is the fact that it is a copier as well. Hence, you no longer have to go to the workroom to make your copies.

VORP TRAINING

On Tuesday, March 24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, NCM will offer training for the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program. If you are interested in mediating these types of cases, this training is for you. Registration forms are available on line at <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/>. Feel free to call the office for further information.

PROJECT CONNECT

Many thanks to the following people who helped with Project Connect: Gary Barfknecht, Cheryl Bauman, Jon Bautel, Karen Cole, Deb Eklund, Lisa Hoyt, Kathy Lame, Keith Lapp, and Nancy Sherman.

CREATIVE PUNS

x No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.