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Forty-Hour Training



Pictured from left to right back row: Don: Swank, Trainer Kenzi Bisbing, Wendy Viles Christy Cloud-Webb, Scott Kingdon, Diane Huff, Kristyn Balog, Terri Sevener, Kimberly Jencka, Patty Forster. Pictured from left to right front row: Mike Vanast, Julie VanZee, Herb Carlson, Analisa Charlton.

What an excellent facility in which to hold the forty-hour training. Petoskey City Hall had it all. As beautiful as the view of the bay was, however, trainer Kenzi Bisbing was so dynamic that the class remained engaged for all 40 hours. Words like enthusiastic and dedicated definitely describe all of the participants in the class. A special thank you goes to Karen Cole, Hugh Conklin, Betsy Hanson, Dick Hendrian, Mary Horan, Lee Kramer, Kathy Lame, and Steve Tresidder for volunteering as coaches. A special thank you also goes to Doug Basel, Jon Paul Bautel, Hugh Conklin, Wayne Tri, and Kay Winslow for their acting skills as disputants.

NEWLY FORMED ORGANIZATION

The Michigan Citizen Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) Center Association, which is made up of the Executive Directors of the 18 CDRP centers in the state of Michigan is making significant strides in the advocacy and promotion of mediation throughout the state. Our motto says it all:

Mediate – Communicate
Save Time, Money, Grief

COPY MACHINE

Thanks to the generosity of Stroup, Lyons & Meengs Law Firm, we have a fancy-dancy copy machine in the work room. The machine that used to be in the work room is now in the break room. Since we prefer to lock the work room at night, please use the copy machine in the break room if you have an evening mediation.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On May 20 from noon until 1:30pm at City Park Grill in Petoskey, Northern Community Mediation will hold its Annual Appreciation Luncheon. This will be an especially meaningful event because we will also be celebrating the 20th anniversary of NCM's existence. The Honorable Charles Johnson was one of the founding fathers, as was attorney David Fershee, who served as the first president. As our guest speakers, they will reflect upon the early years of the organization. This will be followed by the presentation of the annual awards.

The cost of the lunch is \$15.00 all inclusive. Call 231.487.1771 to make a reservation.

THIS IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND

Mediator Bob Harkness was signed up to take the Advanced Mediator Training on May 10. He called us the other day to let us know that he had to cancel his registration because his son surprised him with a trip to London for his birthday, which will entail his being gone during the training. Tough decision!

IN THE NEWS

Thanks to people such as Suzanne LaBeau, the Petoskey Library received the Outstanding Michigan Friends of the Library award for 2012.

CONNECTIONS ARTICLE

Connections is a quarterly publication put out by the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Section of the State Bar of Michigan. In the last issue, there was an article featuring our center and its contribution to the Child Protection Mediation Program throughout the state of Michigan. The Honorable Frederick Mulhauser and Kathy Lame were cited for the important role they played in the establishment of the program. To read the article, go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/adr-newsletter-113/> on our website and scroll down to page 6.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Over 40% of the companies that were at the top of the Fortune 500 in 2000 were no longer there in 2010. Brian Solis quoted from SlideShare.net

USELESS FACT

Fifty four of 498 Fortune 500 companies that reported their profit/loss figures were in a loss. That's about 10.04%.