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ALWAYS TIME FOR FUN



Kristy Whitman and Karen Cole just could not resist getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

There are only a few spots remaining for the 40-Hour Training. If you know of anyone interested in participating, have them get in touch with us sooner than later at 231.487.1771 or by going to <http://www.northernmediation.org/forty-hour-training-100/> on the NCM website. The dates and times for the training are below:

- At the Charlevoix Library
 - Monday, May 22
 - Tuesday, May 23
 - Wednesday, May 24
- At the Demmer Wellness Center
 - Wednesday, May 31
 - Thursday, June 1

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The manager started his speech at 10 a.m. sharp and ended at 11 a.m. dull.”` Anonymous

USELESS FACT

Coca-cola would be green if coloring weren't added to it.

THOUGHTS ARE WITH OUR MEDIATORS

Board members Mark Fralick and Stuart Fenton both had surgery in April. Fortunately, both are recuperating rapidly and doing very well.

Jim Raber, our Restorative Practices Coordinator at Boyne City High School, recently was involved with making arrangements for the funeral of his mother-in-law. Jim's wife Joy and he are doing well all things considered.

As president of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association, Stuart Fenton was instrumental in organizing the “Ask the Lawyer” event, which took place on Law Day, which was May 1. This free event featured local attorneys who volunteered their time to answer legal questions in the areas of criminal law, domestic/family law, probate, personal injury, automobile/no-fault insurance, business and copyright/trademark law. Val Meyerson, Director of the Petoskey District Library, and Tina DeMoore, local attorney and past president of the bar association, also worked on the coordination of the event. As Stuart Fenton said, “We are so grateful to utilize the occasion of Law Day to give back to the community and provide this free legal service.”

And, Board member Christian Smith is heading out West the end of May so that he can go backpacking with four of his friends for five days in the Grand Canyon. Yes, they will be camping at the bottom.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

If you have not already signed up for the Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, May 15, you will want to do so as soon as possible. This is the one time in the year that we have the opportunity to thank all of you who give so much of your time as volunteers. We literally could not do it without you. So, please attend the event so that we can formally express our gratitude. The Honorable Fred Mulhauser will be our guest speaker, and he will reflect upon his years on the bench.

PRISON CREATIVE ARTS GALLERY

At the Duderstadt Center Gallery in Ann Arbor, there is a display of art work that has been created by women who are presently in prison. One is a painting with the words, “Don't judge me by the choices I have made unless you know the options I had.” This might be worth remembering when we sometimes find ourselves frustrated at the mediation table.

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO GIVES OF YOUR TIME TO NCM.