



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### WHAT A WOMAN

On Monday, October 29, the *Petoskey News-Review* published a special section of the newspaper entitled "Woman Today." One of the women featured was board member BJ Shawn. One of the things she talked most about was Northern Community Mediation. "It is an area-wide group that facilitates conflict resolution so you can avoid the expense in the court system and solve issues in a less expensive, less emotional and less bureaucratic way."



### BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Bert Rousseau will be the guest speaker at the November 19 meeting of the Petoskey Lions Club. She will be talking about none other than NCM.

### SORRY DELL

In last month's newsletter, I failed to list Dell Weitzel's name as one of the mediators who attended four sessions of the Divorce Training. Sorry about that, Dell.

### FIRST MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

The two main topics discussed at the roundtable on October 23 related to the new templates and forms that we are now using and some of the difficulties involved in maintaining confidentiality. The consensus of the group was that we should have roundtables on a quarterly basis. Therefore, we will have another roundtable in January, the date of which will be announced in the December newsletter.

### DETAILS MATTER

When you complete the Mediation Follow-Up Form, it is very important that the time you enter for the duration of the mediation is accurate. This information is entered into our data system and monitored by the state.

### CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Pat and Al Dull on the death of his mother on September 26.

### GENERAL CIVIL TRAINING

Set aside from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 17. NCM Board Vice-President and attorney Steve Tresidder will be the lead trainer for a general civil workshop. Assisting him will be Kathy Lame, Jane Gootee Nelson, and Jim Erhart. The topics to be covered are the Michigan Court System, Steps in a Civil Lawsuit, and Substantive Law of Torts, Contracts, Business Organization, Property, and Employment Relations. This is free to NCM mediators. Call the NCM office to sign up for this training.

### DONOR CAMPAIGN

Our donor campaign is proving to be very successful. To date \$5,340.00 has been contributed. Thank you to all of you who have given. And, thank you in advance to all of you who have not yet given but plan to do so in the near future.

### HOLIDAY PARTY

It is hard to believe that the holiday season will soon be upon us. It is even harder to believe that already there are many conflicting dates in December. Therefore, we did not have a lot of flexibility when it came to choosing a date for the party, which will be Tuesday, December 11 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. You will receive an invitation in the mail. We hope all of you can make it.

### OTHER MEDIATORS IN THE NEWS

Karen Tank is one of six team members who have recently been trained to "serve as the helping hands of the police, fire and medical personnel, freeing the departments to do their jobs without leaving the victim or their family during their time of need."

Josie MacLean is one of three Christian Science practitioners who have a newly established office in Petoskey. They will "apply their faith's principles to clients' life issues—such as health problems, financial difficulties and more."

Adolph Cwik has recently been approved as a Tricare service provider. Tricare is the United States military's healthcare plan for personnel and their dependents. Veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq and their families are covered by Tricare.

Ron Moore has been appointed to the Human Services Board by the Charlevoix County Commissioners. The Board is responsible for oversight of and planning for the Charlevoix County Medical Care Facility and Department of Social Services.