



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### HAPPY LEARNERS



Northern Community Mediation joined with the mediation center in Traverse City to offer divorce/domestic violence training. Thirty-two people participated in the six day workshop, 17 of them representing NCM. Thirteen were mediators for NCM, three were attorneys, and one was from Friend of the Court. Pictured are three of the participants: Jim Erhart, Susan Davis, and Christine Gebhard.

### HOLIDAY PARTY

Do not forget that the annual holiday party is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 16. You will receive an invitation in the mail the beginning of December.

### A REMINDER

The Consent to Mediate form should be signed by everyone who is at the table, even if one of the people is there as a support person only. It is the agreement that should be signed only by the involved parties (those entering into the agreement itself).

### VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Just in case you have forgotten—it is hard to believe anyone could forget—remember to vote on Tuesday. I suspect that most of us will be glued to our TVs on Tuesday evening.

### A HEADS UP

Within the next few weeks, we will be sharing our Charlevoix office with Linda Donner, the new Human Resources person at City Hall. Linda will be in the office Monday through Wednesday. This will not interfere with our use of the office. We will continue to use the office for making copies, using the computer, storing supplies, etc. Linda is a personable individual, and I think you will enjoy meeting her.

### CELEBRITIES, CELEBRITIES, CELEBRITIES

Jamie Winters was recently recognized when she was named recipient of the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Award for Outstanding Advocacy and Community Work in Ending Violence Against Women. Let's see. Would the acronym for that be MCADSVAOACWEVAW? All kidding aside, Jamie was a wonderful resource during our recent domestic violence training.

New members will be joining our board in January. One of those individuals is Lisa Hoyt, who is the Membership Director for the Petoskey Area Chamber of Commerce. Lisa was one of ten local women recently featured in the 2008 Women Today issue of the Petoskey News-Review.

Mediator Adolph Cwik is both a songwriter and performer. He was an open-stage performer at RAGE (Revolution Against Garbage Everywhere), an event held at NCMC. According to Adolph, "The green movement, the green industry is something that could give us a lot of hope."