



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### ALWAYS SMILING



Kathy Lane must be smiling because of the highly successful divorce training that she developed and then presented for our mediators. All of the evaluations indicated that the sessions were extremely worthwhile. Congratulations to Kathy for a job well done.

As a matter of interest, the average attendance at the sessions was 14. Dick Arlen, Karen Cole and Connie Saltonstall were able to participate in all five sessions. Kirsten Cochran, June Jackson, Josie MacLean and David Searles attended four of the sessions. Good job!

### PREVENTATIVE SHOPLIFTING DVD

We received \$1,000 from the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa to go towards the production of the DVD that will be used in our preventative shoplifting program that will target fourth-grade students in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Revenue Sharing Board also contributed to this project by giving us the funding for the purchase of a laptop computer, projector and speakers. So, a huge thank you to these two agencies.

### MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

On Tuesday, October 23, we will hold a mediator roundtable from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns with one another. If you have any specific issues you would like to be addressed at the roundtable, let one of the staff members know, and we will be certain to include it in the dialog. One of the topics of conversation will be the various forms that we use.

### WE LIKE WINNERS

Mary Jane Kiogima, wife of board member Ray, recently won the first-place award and \$100 prize for her fry bread recipe at the second annual Andrew J. Blackbird International Corn Soup and Fry Bread Cook Off. She says her recipe is a secret, but I am wondering if Ray could talk her into sending some of her fry bread to our next board meeting. Yum-yum!

### TRUE LOVE AND DEDICATION

Although we do not see that much of Gayle Miller Mroczkowski, her absence is a result of love. On October 5, Gayle and her husband Tom will officially adopt a wonderful, beautiful little girl named Marissa. We just hope that we get to see Marissa every once in a while.

### MEDIATORS DO HAVE OPINIONS

Mediator Lou Fantini's letter to the editor appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review* on September 18. He expressed his concern over the lack of a business plan on the part of Sovereign Deed. As Lou wrote, "A business without a business plan is like a ship without a rudder; it can't get out of the port."

### GET WELL

Mediator Pam Hagel is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Good luck in physical therapy.