



# Northern Community Mediation

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### KUDOS TO THE PETOSKEY CHAMBER



Picture presents plaque to Chamber President Carlin Smith & Membership Director Lisa Hoyt

NCM president Lisa Hoyt is a busy lady. She was a major player in a recent honor bestowed upon the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber received state-level recognition for its achievements as the 2014 Outstanding Chamber of Commerce Award—Mid-Size Chamber Category. The Petoskey Chamber was in contention with other chambers of its size, such as Macomb, Dearborn and Rochester. Specific accomplishments recognized were The Chamber’s Customer Service Training in hospitality, “I Belong Campaign,” and 92% retention rate.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and her husband Scott are proud parents of a baby boy born on September 12. He weighed 7 lbs. and is healthy. What more could a parent ask for? His name is Bennett Jonathon.

### WE’LL MISS YOU

Unfortunately, Jim Raber has had to resign from the Board.

### MORE THAN A SORE FOOT

Mediator Bruce Herbert broke his heel and will have a long time recovering. Worst of all, he is dependent upon others to drive him around. Get well soon, Bruce. We need you as a mediator.

### USELESS FACT

The “Door Close” button in elevators is there mostly to give passengers the illusion of control. In elevators built since the early ‘90s, the button is only enabled in emergency situations with a key held by an authority.

### CELEBRITIES

Lisa Hoyt, president of the Board of Directors of Northern Community Mediation, has really impressed the Chamber world. Upon completion of the Institute for Organizational Management, Lisa was nominated for the Michigan Chamber Professional Award, which she won. On top of that, she was asked to join their board of regents, which is a by invitation only position.

Another one of our Board members also received high honors. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, who is the chief judge for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa, received the Woman of the Year Award from Michigan Lawyers Weekly. To learn a little bit more about her background, go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/uploads/Allie.PDF> on the NCM website.

### UPCOMING ROUNDTABLES

First of all, apologies for having to postpone the Child Protection Mediation Program Roundtable that was scheduled for Tuesday, October 7. The following roundtable schedule has been revised for the remainder of the year.

Tuesday, November 11 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

The Child Protection Mediation roundtable will focus on specific information and knowledge necessary for facilitating Child Protection Mediation cases. In particular, recent legislation will be addressed.

Tuesday, December 2 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

The Victim-Offender, Reconciliation Program roundtable will review both the standard VORP process, as well as the First-Time, Offender Shoplifting Program.

To register for either or both of the above roundtables, call NCM at 231.487.1771 or e-mail [jane@northernmediation.org](mailto:jane@northernmediation.org)

### MEDIATION OF TRAFFIC FINE

Go to <http://www.legalnews.com/ingham/1395386/>. This is an interesting article that discusses a pilot program that allows people to dispute traffic fines online. The Online Court Project, funded by the University of Michigan and developed by Court Innovations, Inc., allows citizens who’ve received minor civil infractions or traffic tickets to seek reduced charges or other solutions to their problems online.

### QUOTE FOR THE DAY

“A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.” ~ Steve