



Northern Community Mediation

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BRIDGES

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The CDRP Team



Twice a year, the 18 Citizen Dispute Resolution Center (CDRP) Directors gather in Lansing for a two-day meeting. The picture above, which was taken at the spring meeting, features those 18 directors plus the three, CDRP staff members at the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO).

LOTS OF NEWS

1. Board member Stuart Fenton has announced his engagement to Laurie Fantozzi. The big day has yet to be announced.
2. Mediator Ingrid Tomey is an author. She has written *Nobody Else Has to Know*. Amazon describes "That bright afternoon stretched before 15-year-old Webber, free and clear like the empty country road where Grandpa let Webb practice driving. Webb wakes up in the hospital, his leg shattered and his future as a runner in doubt. He can't remember anything about that day, but he learns: Grandpa was driving. The car hit a little girl. She's in a coma, and she might never walk again. Weeks later, Webber remembers: He was driving."
3. Mediator Ron Moore had back surgery on Thursday, August 29. Heal soon.
4. We also want mediator Dick Hendrian to heal soon from a broken femur.
5. Mediator Paul Schemanski was the leading vote getter for Resort Township Trustee.
6. Case Manager Kirstyn Horan wrote a book review for *The Charm Bracelet*, a novel about love, family and life by Viola Shipman.
7. Thanks to the generosity of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, NCM now has a mock 48"x24" check that can be used for photo ops when we receive funding for various projects.

CHARLEVOIX THEATRE PARTY

On Monday, October 10, NCM will hold its first Theatre Party in Charlevoix. At 5:30pm, people will gather at East Park Tavern for dinner. At 6:45pm, everyone will go to the Charlevoix Cinema. Tickets are only \$25 each. What a deal!

And, it is not too late to be a sponsor for the Theatre Party, as long as we know by Friday, September 9.

- \$25 Your name will be listed in the program.
- \$100 You will receive 2 tickets and an 1/8 page ad in the program.
- \$250 You will receive 4 tickets and a 1/4 page ad in the program.

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

Registration information for the Advanced Mediator Training on Friday, September 23 is available on the NCM website at <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/>. The topic is "Writing an Effective and Enforceable Agreement." It will be held at the Bay View Inn. This is a SCAO approved training.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

NCM will offer the 2.411, forty-hour, general civil training in the spring of 2017. If you know of someone interested in becoming a mediator, encourage him/her to sign up. The dates are as follows:

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| Wednesday, May 3 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, May 4 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Friday, May 5 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Wednesday, May 10 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, May 11 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Friday, May 12 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |

Details and registration information are available on the NCM website at <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/>

USELESS FACT

A recent survey suggests that more people are born on October 5 in the United States than any other day.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I've never been a millionaire, but I know I'd be excellent at it."
~Anon