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THE COMMUNITY MEDIATOR

The Community Mediator is a quarterly publication of the National Association for Community Mediation. The summer edition focuses upon diversity in relationship to mediation. The article entitled "Culture is to People Like Water is to Fish" stresses the importance of understanding the cultural identity of each individual who enters into mediation. This influence is so strong that it permeates the process itself. The other articles in the newsletter are equally as informative. If anyone is interested in having a copy of the publication, stop by the Center. We have extra copies.

PICNIC REMINDER

WHAT: A Picnic
WHEN: October 9 12:30 pm
WHERE: Depot Beach in Charlevoix
FOR: Mediators, Board, Staff & Their Families
WHY: For Fun & To Say Thank You

NCM will provide chicken, lemonade and coffee. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass.

RSVP: 487.1771 by Tuesday, September 28

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 14: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm - NCM Continuing Education Meeting for all mediators

September 16 & 23: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm – NCM
September 17, 18, 24 & 25: 8:30 – 5:30 pm – NCM
Forty-hour training

Wednesday, September 22 & Thursday, September 23
All-day trainings in Oakland for those who need training in order to participate in the post judgment pilot project with Friends of the Court

Tuesday, September 28: 9:30 am – 11:30 am – NCM Professional Development Workshop with Friends of the Court for all mediators who plan to participate in the post judgment pilot project. Attendance is required. Call if you are unable to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Honorable Charles Johnson was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at its annual meeting. Judge Johnson, who presides over the 57th Judicial Circuit Court in Petoskey, will be an excellent addition to the Board.

LET'S GO SHOPPING

Screen Masters, a company that puts logos on clothing, is willing to put our logo on individually ordered merchandise. In other words, we do not have to make minimum orders.

If you are interested in having a vest, a jacket, a hat, or whatever else might tickle your fancy, stop by the center to look at the catalog. It has everything you can imagine in it. Or, you can stop into Screen Masters itself. There you can see samples that can be tried on for sizing purposes. Two other points need to be made. The quality is good, and the price is right.

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WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jane Gootee and Bob Harkness as mediators and Karen Tank as Intake Coordinator received a thank-you note as a result of one of their mediations.

"(We) would like to thank you for helping us reach an amicable solution to our dispute.... It is said in a time filled with real anguish and despair that such a petty issue was allowed to fester. One especially important lesson was learned in this issue. Ignoring something does not always make it go away. Addressing a problem directly in a calm sensible way should be done whenever possible.

Bob and Jane, we thank you for your guidance in helping all parties reach a mutual consensus. Karen, we thank you for your patience with our many phone calls and requests.

Your organization is a much needed and greatly appreciated asset in our community."