



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### THANK YOU PHSACF



Pictured from left to right: Carolyn Belknap, Terri Sevener & Tom Morrow

Thanks to the generosity of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Northern Community Mediation was able to purchase 12 new, upholstered chairs to replace the metal, foldable, broken chairs that were used in two of the caucus rooms. Many of you have commented on how comfortable they are.

### OOPS

In last month's newsletter, mention was made of Terri Sevener's father celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was actually Terri's father-in-law.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Herb Carlson and Diane Clark have completed their 10 hours of observations. They are now official mediators for Northern Community Mediation and have several mediations under their belts. Also, congratulations are in order for Lee Hornberger, who was recently re-elected to his second, three-year term on the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan.

### WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF IT?

When caucusing in Charlevoix, have those individuals not involved in the caucus go into the NCM office rather than the hallway. Reason? Those individuals waiting in the hallway can overhear what is being said in the conference room.

### SMALL CLAIMS

As a small claims mediator, double check to make certain that you record the correct phone numbers and addresses for the participants.

### GENERAL CIVIL MEDIATION TRAINING

It is not too late to register for the General Civil Mediation Training, Part I scheduled from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, September 20 to be held on the second floor of Petoskey City Hall. This workshop is targeted for non-attorney mediators. The topics to be reviewed are as follows: court system, steps in a civil law suit, substantive law of contracts, and MCR 2.411, 2.416, 3.216 and 2.403. To register go to the NCM website <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-83/>

### HELP NEEDED

The nineteenth annual Human Services Coordinating Body Information Summit is scheduled for Friday, September 20 from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the United Methodist Church on Mitchell Street in Petoskey. Unfortunately, that is the same day as our general-civil, advanced-mediator training. Therefore, NCM needs two mediators or board members who would be willing to be at the NCM booth.

Actually, this is as an interesting opportunity to meet directors and staff from the various non-profit organizations in our community. The keynote speaker is retired, school superintendent John Jeffrey. If you could assist in this capacity, please contact Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

### CHARLEVOIX OFFICE

You may have noticed that there are two things missing from the Charlevoix office. We will no longer be providing individual water bottles because they have been disappearing faster than the number of mediations would indicate. The coffee pot has also been removed because it had been left on without anything in it numerous times. We hope you understand.

### PROUD OF OURSELVES

Northern Community Mediation received an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We value virtue but do not discuss it. The honest bookkeeper, the faithful wife, the earnest scholar get little of our attention compared to the embezzler, the tramp, the cheat." – John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*

### USELESS FACT

It takes about 2 ½ pounds of grapes to produce a bottle of wine.