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CHARLEVOIX THEATRE PARTY



Jane Millar greets guests at the 2016 Charlevoix Theatre Party.

Mark Monday, October 9 on your calendar for the second-annual, Charlevoix Theatre Party. Those of you who attended last year know what a fun event it was. The cost remains at \$25 per ticket, which gets you an array of appetizers (sufficient for dinner) and non-alcoholic beverages at East Park Tavern, a chance at a 50/50 raffle and to win one of several door prizes, plus the movie of your choice at the Charlevoix Cinema.

For tickets, call NCM at 231.487.1771. If you are so inclined, sponsorships are still available at the \$100, \$250 and \$500 level.

SEVERAL USELESS FACTS

1. All polar bears are left handed.
2. Elephants use the skin folds on their backs to crush mosquitoes.
3. A group of kangaroos is called a mob.
4. A giraffe can clean its own ears with its tongue.
5. A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
6. Cats can't taste sweet things.
7. Bees have five eyes. There are three small eyes on the top of a bee's head and two larger ones in front.

SOME SADNESS

Board member and treasurer Bill Meengs lost his mother Helen Meengs following complications from knee surgery. Case Manager Karen Cole's aunt also recently died. Our sympathy goes out to both Bill and Karen.

REASON TO CELEBRATE

Mediator Ron Moore and his wife Linda recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. As if that was not enough, Ron arranged for a solar eclipse on the day of their anniversary. What an anniversary gift! Way to go Ron! That got you some brownie points!

AMERICAN VETERANS MEDIATION PROGRAM

For those of you who are interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation's American Veterans Mediation Program, there will be a one-hour workshop beginning at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 28. If you have not yet indicated your interest in participating, please do so by calling 231.487.1771. Peter Pallas, who is the Ombudsman Director for Michigan will be joining us.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Last month we indicated that our new website would likely be up and running by October. As it turns out, it will probably be in November for two reasons. One, it will not be ready until the latter part of October. Second, having our new website make its debut in November is ideal because that is the month in which we will be kicking off our 25th anniversary celebration. So, November 1 is the target date.

LET'S NEGOTIATE

According to an article in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, negotiating works better when each side has similar personalities, even if those personality traits are not particularly pleasant. Researchers surveyed 200 individuals and ranked them on agreeableness and extroversion, then randomly assigned pairs to conduct mock negotiations. The pairs with similar agreeableness and extroversion scores said negotiations went more smoothly than the negotiations between people with dissimilar personalities. Something to keep in mind next time you facilitate a mediation.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Team work means never having to take all the blame yourself.