



Northern Community Mediation

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WHAT A DAY!



Pictured from left to right: Chris Etienne & Jane Millar

On Tuesday mornings, weather permitting, the women's 18-holers plays golf at the Petoskey-Bay View Country Club. Following golf, they have lunch together. Once a year, they invite the executive director of a non-profit organization to make a brief statement (five to seven minutes) about the organization. On Tuesday, July 31, Executive Director Jane Millar had such an opportunity. The frosting on the cake is the fact that they individually make donations to the presenting organization. The women were more than generous to NCM. They gave us \$835.

A FUTURE MEDIATOR

Former board member Chelsea Platte and her husband Pete are expecting a baby in December. How exciting for them.

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Just in case you have not seen it, be sure to take the drive from Petoskey to Charlevoix. Just past the entrance to Bay Harbor on the right, you will see a billboard that features Northern Community Mediation. Then, in August be certain to watch TV 7&4 because NCM will be featured on Circles of Kindness. These are just two of the exciting things that are happening to draw attention to our 25th anniversary. Much of the funding for all of this is coming from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Petoskey.

USELESS FACT

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

ANOTHER PLEASANT SURPRISE

The Michigan Land Title Association recently held its annual conference. At this event, attendees can enter their names for a drawing to receive \$500 that the winner can stipulate to go to the non-profit organization of his/her choice. And, guess what. Board member Brian Kasiborski won the drawing and has designated Northern Community Mediation as the recipient. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Brian.

SNEAKY! SNEAKY! SNEAKY!

Every once in a while, one of the mediation parties will try to record via his/her cell phone what is being said at the mediation table. Just keep your eyes open and be on the lookout if someone has a phone that could be recording the proceedings.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts are with board member Mark Fralick on the death of his father.

FORTY HOUR TRAINING

A forty-hour training is being offered this fall at the Citizen Dispute Resolution Center (CDRP) in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The training will take place on five days from 9:00am to 5:00pm on the following dates:

- Friday, September 14
- Saturday, September 15
- Thursday, September 27
- Friday, September 28
- Saturday, September 30

The cost for those of you who are willing to mediate exclusively for Northern Community Mediation is \$100. For more information and registration, call Nikki Dowd McKechnie at 906.253-9840.

Community Mediation Services, which is the CDRP center located in Gaylord, is also planning on offering a 40-hour training this fall. No details are yet available. Call Annette Wells at 989.732.1576 for the latest information.

And, it is the intention of Northern Community Mediation to offer the 40-hour training this coming spring, probably in May.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

My wife and I are dieting now...And by dieting, I mean we're not telling each other about the junk food we eat. ~ Anonymous