



Northern Community Mediation

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CONGRATULATIONS



Approximately 50 people attended our annual holiday party held on Tuesday, December 15. There was yummy food from Julienne Tomatoes, thirst-quenching drinks, and plenty of conversation. The annual awards were also presented. Pictured from left to right are Wayne Tri, Rookie Mediator of the Year; Susan Capaldi, NCM Advocate of the Year; and Polly Cheney, Veteran Mediator of the Year.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

There is still time to sign up for the General Law Training for Non-Attorneys that is scheduled from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, January 15. Steve Tresidder will facilitate this SCAO-approved course. Morning snacks, coffee, bottled water, lunch and afternoon cookies will be provided. There is no charge for NCM mediators. Details and registration information is available on the NCM website www.northernmediation.org

ANNUAL MEETING

NCM's annual meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, January 14 in the back room at City Park Grill. Everyone is welcome. Lunch is at your own expense.

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION

Calling all mediators who are involved with the Child Protection Mediation Program. We will have a Mediator Roundtable specifically targeting issues relating to child protection mediation from 4:00 pm 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 26 at NCM. Those who are interested in becoming involved with the Child Protection Mediation Program are also encouraged to attend. Please, call the NCM office 487.1771 to let us know if you plan to attend.

On Friday, March 12, there will be Child Protection Mediation Program training for those who have not been trained as Child Protection mediators, but would like to become involved in this specific type of mediation. Details will be available in February.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts are with mediator Betsy Hanson on the death of her father.

PROJECT CONNECT

We still need one more person to help cover our booth at Project Connect on Wednesday, February 3. Or, you may want to volunteer your time to help at the event in general. If so, call 487.1006. The purpose of Project Connect is to provide services to those in need without the traditional run-around usually required for attaining services.

VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

The Char-Em United Way has launched a new website called Volunteer Connections. People who are looking for volunteer opportunities in the community can go to <http://volunteer.united-way.org/charemunitedway/volunteer/> to find non-profit organizations for which they might want to volunteer.