



# Northern Community Mediation

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Serving Emmet & Charlevoix Counties

## BRIDGES

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### WHAT HAS THE STAFF BEEN UP TO?



Pictured from left to right: Caroline Smith, the Queen of Hearts & Karen Cole

As part of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Northern Community Mediation staff designed one of the tables at Women Can/Women Do, which was held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on Wednesday, June 12. Once the table was decorated, there just had to be a picture for the newsletter. NCM will decorate in the same manner for Women Can/Women Do at the Lange Center in Bay Harbor on Wednesday, September 12.

Women Can/Women Do is a fund raiser for the Women's Resource Center. In Charlevoix, 30 tables were decorated to the amazement of over 240 women. In Petoskey, there will be 61 tables, which will account for over 500 women. These two events are a great opportunity for NCM to promote itself.

A special thanks goes to William from Monarch. Not only did he loan NCM the Queen of Hearts, he helped us with ideas for the design of the table. If anyone wants to see the Queen in person, just drop by the NCM office. She stands at the end of one of our hallways.

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT

On Monday, July 16 everyone needs to take a ride going from Petoskey to Charlevoix, Just after you pass the main entrance to Bay Harbor, there is a billboard on the right. What you will see on one of those bill boards is a big Northern Community Mediation promotion. It will be there through Sunday, August 12.

A special thanks goes to board member Liisa Morley, who designed the advertisement. Her artistic flair and talent definitely shines through.

### CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts are with mediator Katie Eberly on the death of her grandmother.

### FORTY HOUR TRAINING

We are still waiting to hear from the Gaylord center when they will be offering the 40-hour training this late summer / early fall. The last information that was received was that it would be the end of August or sometime in September. I will keep you posted.

### ANOTHER PARTY

There are many contributing factors to the success of Northern Community Mediation. Without the staff, however, NCM would cease to exist. In order to express gratitude to these individuals, they are being invited to a private party in their honor. In the meantime, if you happen to know any of them, make a point of saying thank you for the long hours, the sometimes difficult clients, the not always ideal working conditions, and the low pay they are willing to encounter because they believe in the difference that NCM and mediation can make in the lives of the people in Charlevoix and Emmet counties: Ed Cole, Karen Cole, Pat Dull, Janice Elliot, Kirstyn Horan, Celia Partida Kelly, Kathy Lane, Maartje Nolan, Jim Raber, Bert Rousseau, Terri Sevener, Caroline Smith, Karen Tank, Wayne Tri and Kristy Whitman.

### USELESS FACT

Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realize what is occurring, relax and correct itself.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A good example is the best sermon. ~Anonymous