



Northern Community Mediation

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PETOSKEY CHAMBER EXPO



Pictured left to right: Case Manager Karen Cole, Case Manager Caroline Smith, NCM Board Secretary Stuart Fenton, Mediator Amy Stikovich

Northern Community Mediation hosted a vendor table at the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on Thursday, April 19. What a great opportunity it was to promote the services offered by NCM. In addition, everyone had a fun time. Food, laughter and friends! And, one lucky person won our door prize, which was a beautiful

IMPRESSIVE

On April 18, NCM Board Vice-President Bob Banner was sworn in by the State Attorney General's Office as the Charlevoix County Public Administrator. When asked what that means, Bob responded, "Every county has a Public Administrator. Simply put I will handle decedent estates in Charlevoix County when there are no heirs or devisee's of the decedent. It can get more involved than that but you get the gist."

It is official. Mediator Caitlin Koucky has completed her Masters Degree in Nonprofit Management with certificates in fundraising and nonprofit leadership. Finishing graduate school looks like a thumbs up (with a bottle of champagne).

USELESS FACT

101 Dalmatians, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp, and Mulan are the only Disney cartoons where both parents are present and don't die throughout the movie.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Do not be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave. ~ Anonymous

A HUGE THANK YOU

Just this past week, the Rotary Club of Petoskey awarded Northern Community Mediation \$2,470 to go towards its 25th Anniversary Celebration. This is coupled with \$2,470 from each of the community foundations (Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and Charlevoix County Community Foundation). Among other things, the funding will be used for a month's advertising on the large billboard near the entrance of Bay Harbor, a month's concentrated promotion on Lite 96.3, and the Circles of Kindness promotion on TV 7&4.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, NCM is hosting a reception from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 15 at City Park Grill in Petoskey. NCM wants to say thank you to the court personnel, attorneys, mediators, and staff members (past and present) who have supported NCM over the years. The celebration will also serve as a means of recognizing the visionaries who originally started the ball rolling to establish the Citizen Dispute Resolution Center (CDRP) to serve the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Since October 2017, Northern Community Mediation has been participating in a pilot project through Western Michigan University and the State Court Administrative Office. The grant comes to an end this coming June. That is the unfortunate news. The exciting news, however, is the fact that the program has been so successful that the involved schools plan to maintain the program. Both Restorative Practices Coordinators will continue in their positions, Jim Raber with the Boyne City School District and Ed Cole with the Pellston school District.

PRINTER/COPIER, FAX MACHINE DIES

After years of dedicated service to NCM, our main printer, copier and fax machine could give no more. And, so we said good bye to our dear friend and welcomed a new machine. A special thanks goes to the discretionary fund of Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and to the Sunshine Fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Each of them contributed \$1,000 to help defray the costs of the purchase of the new equipment.

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

Only two spots remain for the June 1 training.