



Northern Community Mediation

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DIVORCE TRAINING



Kendal Taylor, Wayne Tri, Mark Hess and Doug Basel recently attended the 44-Hour, Divorce Training in Lansing. During a break, they took the time to have their pictures taken in the Supreme Court of the State Court Administrative Office.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEDIATORS

About two weeks ago, George Lewis gave all of us a little scare when he was taken to the hospital, but all is well. Within a day or so, he was back at work and looking forward to mediating.

Lee Hornberger was the featured speaker at the Community Mediation Services (CMS) annual dinner and awards ceremony in Gaylord. As is Northern Community Mediation, CMS is one of the 20 Citizen Dispute Resolution Centers in Michigan.

If you did not see it, Jamie Winters wrote an article about homelessness for the *Petoskey News Review*. To quote Jamie, "Nearly 15,000 people across Michigan were helped through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) during its first year." If you are interested in reading it, the complete article is posted on the NCM bulletin board.

Jeff Higgs, Kendal Taylor, Bert Rousseau and Wayne Tri recently attended the Michigan Association of Court Mediators Conference at Crystal Mountain. Jeff's tenure on the Board of Directors expired, and Kendal is going onto the Board. This is just one more example of NCM involvement around the State.

A CHUCKLE

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

On Tuesday, November 9 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, we will gather for a Mediator Roundtable. A primary focus of the Roundtable will be the results of the evaluations of the Center that you did. Thanks to all of you who sent in your evaluations. We will also discuss the agreement checklist and the intake process.

DINNER WITH THE JUDGE

By now, you should have all received a personal invitation to the Wednesday, November 17 dinner at Birchwood Country Club. We want to encourage you to attend. Not only will it be an enjoyable, social evening, you will have the opportunity to hear the Honorable Ralph Guy speak. Judge Guy presides over the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which is a federal court located in Cincinnati. Cocktail Time begins at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and Judge Guy will speak at 8:00. His talk will be followed by Q&A. For reservations, contact the NCM office.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars from 4:30pm to 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 14. That is the date of our seventh annual holiday party. As always, we will have goodies to eat and drink. You will receive an invitation the end of November/beginning of December.

UNITED WAY REQUEST

In addition to distributing funding through grants to various agencies throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties, United Way provides numerous services to the community as a whole. Volunteer Connections, Day of Caring, Project Connect, Stuff the Bus, and the Michigan Student Service Award are examples of these services.

In order to raise funds to continue offering the services, United Way will offer a gift-wrapping station at the K-Mart Plaza. Please, support this fund raiser by having United Way volunteers wrap your holiday presents. The exact dates and hours are yet to be determined.

Also, if you would be willing to donate one or two rolls of paper, a bag of bows or scotch tape to the cause, please bring those items to the NCM office.

ANOTHER CHUCKLE

A backward poet writes inverse.