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Volunteer Mediator of the Year

On Friday, February 4, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) held its annual meeting in the Edith Gilbert Gallery of Crooked Tree Arts Center. Those in attendance were NCM's mediators, board of directors and staff.

Prior to having lunch, people enjoyed looking at the exhibits that are presently on display in the Art Center. This was followed by the meeting itself. Outgoing-president John Rohe stressed the importance of mediation in a civilized society, and then turned the meeting over to incoming-president Cathy Atchison.

In the annual report, Executive Director Jane Millar emphasized the importance of in kind donations, which had a total value to NCM of \$63,965.68 for 2004. The majority of this contribution was a result of the time volunteered by the mediators, which equated to \$44,237.73.

The annual awards were then presented. Dick Hendrian, Leah Green and John Campbell were recognized for their commitment to NCM. The mediator of the year, however, was Bruce Herbert. His dedication to the center and belief in the mediation process make him an exemplary volunteer and mediator.

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured: Bruce Herbert, Mediator of the Year