



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### PETOSKEY THEATRE PARTY



Mary Jane Kiojima, Mikkie & Paul Schemanski

I do not know how many years Mary Jane, Mikkie and Paul have been passing out water and soft drinks at our Petoskey Theatre Party, but I do know that the three of them are always there. As always, the evening was a huge success. The food was delicious, people had a great time, and we made \$8,665.26. Much of that gain is the result of the sponsorships. The most popular movie was Captain Marvel, followed by Green Book, The Upside, Cold Pursuit, How to Train Your Dragon, Fighting with My Family. And The Lego Movie. Evidently, no one was interested in seeing Happy Death Day 2U.

### CHAMBER EXPOS

In March, NCM hosted a booth at the Charlevoix Chamber Expo, which was held at Castle Farms. On April 18, NCM will have a booth at the Petoskey Chamber Expo at the Odawa Casino. If you have never gone to one of the chamber expos, you might want to consider doing so. It is almost like a town party with the bonus of having the opportunity to learn what companies and services are available in the area.

### A SECOND PAGE

It has been the policy of Northern Community Mediation to recognize the sponsors, supporters, caterers, and door prize & in kind donors for the Theatre in several ways. One of those ways is by listing all of the organizations, companies and individuals in the April newsletter. That is why this issue of the newsletter has two pages. Please, make note of them, purchase from them when possible, and let them know that you appreciate their generosity.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face. ~ anonymous

### MACGREGOR PLUMBING

Northern Community Mediation could not be happier thanks to so many people taking the time to go to the MacGregor Plumbing website and voting for us. Because of those efforts, NCM will receive a check for \$500 from MacGregor Plumbing. For over 50 years, MacGregor Plumbing has been serving the local communities. They also go out of their way to support the communities as it evident from their MacGregor Cares philosophy. So, a big thank you is in order for MacGregor Plumbing.

### BOARD RETREAT

On Thursday, March 14, the Board of Directors held its annual board retreat at the Boyne City Tap Room. Following reports on the Petoskey Theatre Party, the program cost analysis for 2018 and an explanation of the upcoming, statewide, online mediation program, President Bob Banner reviewed NCM's mission and vision statements and progress reports were given by Stuart Fenton, Kirstyn Horan and Bob Banner. The Board determined that NCM's most important assets were 1)staff, mediators and board; 2) court support and community relationships; and 3) accessibility to programs. Considered to be its most challenging liabilities were 1) salaries and benefits; 2) steady, predictable funding; and 3) exposure and awareness. The state government and local government focus groups will continue in the same direction as they have been going. The local community focus group will zero in on increasing awareness, branding and use of social media.

### FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will be offering the 40-hour, 2.411 general civil mediation training this spring. The dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 29 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Thursday, May 30 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Friday, May 31 8:00am – 5:00pm
  
- Wednesday, June 5 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Thursday, June 6 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Friday, June 7 8:00am – 5:00pm

No, these dates are not impacted by Memorial Day, which is on Monday, May 27.

### USELESS FACT

Traditional Mardi Gras beads are purple, green and gold colors. The purple symbolizes justice; the green represents faith; and the gold signifies power.



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The Board of Directors of Northern Community Mediation would like to thank everyone who attended its 15th annual Theatre Party fundraiser in Petoskey. A special thanks goes to our sponsors, caterers, and everyone else who has been generous in their contributions.

### \$500 Sponsors

Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association  
North Central Michigan College

### \$250 Sponsors

4Front Credit Union  
Bruce & Joyce Herbert  
John & Barbara Hoffman  
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### \$100 Sponsors

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### \$25 Sponsors

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Sky's the Limit  
Pappagallo

### In Kind Donations

Petoskey Cinema  
Sign & Design  
Taylor Rental  
The Print Shop

### Restaurants

Beards Brewery  
City Park Grill  
D&W Fresh Market  
Duffy's Garage & Grill  
Jet's Pizza  
Jimmy John's  
Kilwin's of Petoskey  
Petoskey Pretzel

### Door Prizes

American Spoon Foods  
Bearcub Outfitters  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Crooked Tree Arts Center  
Harbor Springs Festival of the Book  
Julienne Tomatoes  
North Perk  
Sky's the Limit  
Vernale's  
Yoga Roots

### Non-Profit Supporters

Raven Hill Discovery Center  
Bear River Health  
B.A.S.E.S  
Great Lakes Center for the Arts  
Harbor Hall  
Harbor Springs Festival of the Book  
Unitarian-Universalist Church of Petoskey  
Char-Em United Way  
Friendship Centers of Emmet County  
Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra  
Little Traverse Bay Humane Society  
Manna  
Women's Resource Center  
YMCA of Northern Michigan