



Northern Community Mediation

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40-HOUR TRAINING



Class of 2019 with Facilitators

On June 7, 24 individuals completed the forty-hour, general civil mediation training offered by Northern Community Mediation (NCM). The group was made up of three judges, eight attorneys, one law student and 12 non-attorneys. "It was a phenomenal class," said Executive Director Jane Millar. "It went far beyond merely having a trainer spewing forth information. What was so special was the fact that we all learned from one another. The trainees all came with a wealth of knowledge."

The lead trainer was Jane Millar with essential assistance from case managers Karen Cole and Caroline Smith, as well as attorneys Steve Tresidder and Joel Wurster. There was a minimum amount of lecturing. Most of the time was spent in group discussions, role plays, and problem solving exercises.

Many of the participants in the training will set up private practices. The majority, however, will serve as volunteer mediators for NCM.

SET ASIDE THIS DATE

From noon to 3:00pm on Thursday, July 18, everyone will have a chance to come to Northern Community Mediation and say farewell to Case Manager, Caroline Smith. As many of you are aware, this fall she will begin studying law at Chicago Kent College of Law. Her last day at NCM will be July 26. Caroline has been a wonderful asset to NCM. Her dedication, commitment and work ethic are hard to beat. We will miss her, but wish her the best of luck. Something tells me that Caroline will use her law degree to make a significant impact in the lives of many people.

INTERESTING RESEARCH

Researchers traumatized rats while the rats were smelling cherry blossoms. The researchers then removed the trauma and the smell of cherry blossoms. The rats went about their business. Later, the researchers introduced the cherry blossom smell without any trauma. The rats "went crazy." The researchers let the rats procreate. The researchers introduced the cherry blossom smell without any trauma to the offspring. The offspring "went crazy." This behavior continued for four generations. Think about this experiment and how trauma experienced by a human being might be passed on to future generations.

REMINDER

Please, do not use your cell phone or give out your cell phone number when conducting NCM business. This NCM policy is to protect you and your privacy.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Freedom is a package deal – with it comes responsibilities and consequences." ` Anonymous

USELESS FACT

Unless you live in the United Kingdom where it's proper to write 101 as "one hundred and one," there is no number from 1 to 999 that includes the letter "a" in its word form. One, two, three, four, five, six... twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty... You can keep going, but you won't find the first letter in the alphabet until you reach 1,000.

THE NEW NCM MEDIATORS

Jeanne Baranowski, Connie Foss, Steve Hall, Emily Hoffman, Chuck McKone, Bob Metzger, Sue Metzger, Fred Mulhauser, Christina Rajala, Liz Storm, Cyndy Tonkavich.