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APPRECIATION GALA



Pictured left to right: Amy Stikovich, Bill Malow, Steve Tresidder, Brian Kasiborski

On Tuesday, May 21, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) held its annual Appreciation Gala AT Stafford's Perry Hotel. From 5:00pm to 5:45pm, over 30 guests enjoyed a social time with appetizers, wine and beer and interesting conversation. The Executive Director then asked for everyone's attention so that the annual awards for 2018 could be presented.

The Rookie Mediator of the Year goes to a mediator who has been with NCM for less than two years and goes out of his/her way to be of assistance. Bill Malow received this award for always being available to do mediations, researching potential grant possibilities, and taking on the role of handy man for NCM.

The Veteran Mediator of the Year also goes to someone who goes out of his/her way but has been involved with NCM for more than two years. Amy Stikovich was just that type of person. Besides being an effective mediator, she is always there to assist in any way that she can.

The Advocate of the Year went to Brian Kasiborski. Not only does Brian serve on the board of directors, he looks for ways to promote mediation and NCM. In fact, it was his initiative that added an additional \$1,000 to the NCM budget.

The Leah Award was created in 2005 in honor of Leah Green, who was a mediator, trainer, board member and advocate for mediation and NCM. She was exemplary in all that she did to promote the cause. This award is not given every year. For 2018, however, the staff of NCM felt that there was an individual who rose to the standards set by Leah Green. Steve Tresidder was that recipient.

CONGRATULATIONS, CAROLINE

As sad as it will be to see Case Manager Caroline Smith leave Northern Community Mediation, we could not be happier for her. She has been accepted to Chicago Kent College of Law, which is affiliated with the Illinois Institute of Technology. It is the second oldest law school in the state of Illinois. It is ranked 72nd among U.S. law schools, and its trial advocacy program is ranked in 2015 by U.S. News and World Report as the fourth best program in the U.S. Caroline has already visited the campus so that she could get a "lay of the land" and is now focusing on finding an apartment near campus. She will begin her studies in August.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

The 40-hour training ended on Friday, June 7. What a remarkable class it was. Three judges, eight attorneys, one law student, and 12 non-attorneys participated. It was exciting to see how we all learned from one another. One of the requests of the class members was to have a list of some recommended books relating to mediation. The list is in no order of preference.

- The Science of Settlement by Barry Goldman
- Making Money Talk by J. Anderson Little
- Getting to Yes by Roger Fisher & William Ury
- Getting past No by William Ury
- Mediate, Don't Litigate by Peter Lovenheim & Lisa Guerin
- Mediation Skills & Techniques by Laurence J. Boulle, Michael T. Colatrella, Jr. & Anthony P. Picchioni
- Beyond Neutrality by Bernard S. Mayer
- The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution by Bernard Mayer
- The Mediation Process by Christopher W. Moore

Hopefully, that will hold you for a while.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH (ABOUT D-DAY)

"They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt's official address announcing the invasion.

"At the core, the American citizen soldiers knew the difference between right and wrong, and they didn't want to live in a world in which wrong prevailed. So they fought, and won, and we all of us, living and yet to be born, must be forever profoundly grateful." ~ Author Stephen Ambrose

USELESS FACT

It costs more to buy a new car today in the United States than it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to and from the New World.