



Northern Community Mediation

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CONNECTING WOMEN IN BUSINESS



Take note: In the back center of the picture is Nikki Devitt, one of NCM's board members.

It goes without saying that the staff of Northern Community Mediation is dedicated not only to the organization itself but also to the cause of mediation. In order to promote awareness of NCM and its services, Case Managers Karen Cole and Caroline Smith participate in numerous community events. Karen recently attended the Connecting Women in Business luncheon that was a fundraiser for scholarships for young girls. As an FYI, NCM staff has displays at Information Summit, Project Connect and all Chamber of Commerce Expos, annual meetings and awards ceremonies. Additionally, NCM staff presents on a regular basis at the various service clubs and at the schools in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District service area. The bottom line is that whenever there is an opportunity to spread the word about mediation and its effectiveness and advantages, someone from the NCM staff is there to do so.

CONDOLANCES

Our sympathy goes out to Cathy & Mike Atchison on the death of his dad, Lester Atchison. Cathy is a past president of the NCM board, and Les was always a supporter of NCM.

IMPRESSIVE

Mediators Denise Drake and Tim Arner recently co-mediated a parenting time case. This is what was said about them afterwards. "Awesome people. Tim and Denise were completely awesome to work with. Great service."

PETOSKEY THEATRE PARTY

It is not too late to get your tickets for NCM's, fifteenth-annual theatre party. The doors to the Petoskey Cinema will open at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 11. As always, there will be food and drinks from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Around 6:15pm, two drawings will take place. There will be the drawings for numerous door prizes, as well as the drawing for the 50/50 raffle. Then, at 7:00pm everyone will be able to go to one of the eight movies that will be showing.

So, be sure to set aside Monday, March 11 on your calendar. The movies that will be showing that night will be posted on the NCM website on the Thursday (March 7) before the theatre party. Just call the NCM office 231.487.1771 for tickets, or you can always get your tickets at the door the night of the theatre party.

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.

There is a \$100 fee for those individuals who will be mediating exclusively for a Citizen Dispute Resolution Center. For all others, there is a \$750 charge. Further information and the registration form are available on the NCM website at <http://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-training/>

If you are a mediator and would be interested in helping as a coach for the training, call the NCM office.

USELESS FACT

About 150 people a year are killed by falling coconuts.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Once you start talking to dogs, it's almost impossible to go back to people." ` Anonymous