



Northern Community Mediation

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SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS



From left to right: Tom Renkes & Case Manager Karen Cole

Always looking for an opportunity, Case Manager Karen Cole took advantage of her time having lunch at Chandler's to sell Tom Renkes tickets for the theatre party in Charlevoix.

The Charlevoix Theatre Party is scheduled for Monday, October 14. At 5:30pm, people will gather at The Weathervane Restaurant for delicious array of appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. Alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase. At 6:15pm, the drawing for the 50/50 raffle will take place, as well as the drawings for six wonderful door prizes. Then, at 7:00pm, everyone will be able to see one of the three movies that is playing at the Charlevoix Cinema III.

All of this is for the low price of only \$25.00 per person. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling Northern Community Mediation at 231.487.1771.

CONDOLENCES

In August, past board member BJ Shawn passed away. Not only was she an active community member, she was a loving family member as well. Condolences to her daughter Becky, Becky's husband Brad, and their two children Mitchell and Connor.

USELESS FACT

Dogs typically "use the bathroom in alignment with the North/South axis. After watching 70 dogs "do their business" over a two-year period of time, researchers published their finding in *Frontiers in Zoology*.

CONGRATULATIONS

As you are aware, Northern Community Mediation offered a 40-hour, general civil mediation training this past spring. Many of those who took the course are close to completing their internships. Three have already done so. Kudos to Connie Foss, Hob Ingleson and Steve Hall. The mediation world is going to be a better place with our newest mediators.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

On the NCM website, under "Events," there is a section titled "Workshops & Trainings." If you go to that page and scroll down, you will see all of the upcoming trainings that are being offered around the state. So, if you are in need of an eight-hour, advanced mediation class, check it out. To help make things all the easier, just go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website.

HOLIDAYS ARE NOT FAR AWAY

Be certain to set aside Tuesday, December 10. That is the date for Northern Community Mediation's annual holiday party. From 5:00pm to 6:30pm, mediators, board members and supporters of NCM are invited to stop by the NCM office for some yummy nibbles from Julienne Tomatoes and a glass of wine or egg nog.

CLAIRIFICATION

There are two perspectives of thought on satisfying a court order to mediation. The one school of thought is that if a person is ordered to mediation by the court, all he/she has to do is to enter the mediation room and then can leave. After all, he/she has shown up. The other school of thought is that when a person is ordered to mediation by the court, he/she has an obligation to mediate in good faith. Different judges interpret this differently. Therefore, take note of this, and be careful not to mislead anyone who comes to mediation. From NCM's perspective, the Case Manager informs the court in one of several ways:

- Case was mediated with an agreement
- Case was mediated with a partial agreement
- Case was mediated with no agreement
- Party did not show
- Party refused to mediate

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The light at the end of the tunnel has been cut off due to budget cuts." ~ Anonymous