



Northern Community Mediation

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BIG SUCCESS



The door prize donation by Lisa Hicklen was definitely the “talk of the town.” And, that was not all, all the door prize winners were delighted with their winnings. And, the food could not have been more outstanding. The unsung heroes, however, are all of the sponsors and supporters. Please, go out of your way to support all of the individuals and establishments that help to make the Theatre Party a huge success. There was a total income of \$11,357.25, expenses of \$2,938.69, yielding a gain of \$8,418.56.

The most popular movie was *Call of the Wild*, followed by *he Way Back*, *Invisible Man*, *Onward*, *Sonic the Hedgehog*, 1917, and tied for last place *Impractical Jokers* and *Jumanji*.

From 5:30 to 7:00, nine local restaurants will provide heavy appetizers. Door prizes and the 50/50 raffle announcements will be made around 6:15, and then at 7:00 everyone will go to the movie of his/her choice. All of this is for the low price of \$25 per ticket, and it is not too late to get tickets. You can also get tickets at the door.

USELESS USEFUL FACT

THINK ABOUT THIS. China has a population of 1.386 billion. They had 81,340 outbreaks and 3,292 deaths. The United States has a population of 327.2 million. As of March 27, 82,000 cases have been reported with 1,200 deaths. STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, SAVE LIVES.

EIGHT-HOUR ADVANCED TRAINING

Although the eight-hour advanced mediator training scheduled for Friday, May 29 has not yet been cancelled, it very likely will be. Obviously, if that becomes a reality, all deposits will be returned.

SAD AND GLAD

Condolences to mediator, past Case Manager and present board member on the death of her grandfather. Praise for Case Manager Karen Cole who spent a day with her mother sewing face masks.

NCM COVID-19 POLICY

NCM staff is working remotely. All scheduled mediations have been cancelled until further notice. Although intake is being handled as cases come in, no mediations are being scheduled. As cases come in, staff will be trying to conciliate the disagreements over the phone. We are looking into the possibility of using Zoom to conduct mediations. In order to do so, however, there are several obstacles that need to be overcome.

WHAT YOU CAN DO (AND THE LIST GOES ON)

If there ever was a time to do what we can to support our local community, now is the time.

- SUPPORT NCM'S THEATRE PARTY DONORS
- Share a local business social media post
- Call to support, not complain
- Shop over the phone with a local retailer
- Write three positive Facebook reviews
- Follow your local chamber Facebook reviews
- Tell a grocery clerk he/she is appreciated
- Buy a fast food meal for a trucker
- Share supplies with the elderly and less fortunate
- Share an uplifting business interaction
- Write three new business Yelp reviews
- Walk outside and take a deep breath
- Write three new google reviews
- Tip big
- Thank a healthcare professional
- Run an errand for your elderly friends
- Purchase a gift card to use at a later date
- Share what you are grateful for today
- When you eat, thank a farmer
- Donate food to programs feeding kids
- Order curbside pickup, takeout or delivery
- Only share fact based news from reputable sources
- Contact a friend or relative from the past each day



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