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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Pictured from left to right: John Hoffman, Barb Hoffman, Susan Hannah

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, NCM hosted a reception from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 15 at City Park Grill in Petoskey. The party was a way for NCM to say thank you to the court personnel, attorneys, mediators, and staff members (past and present) who have supported NCM over the years. Approximately 75 people attended the event. Everyone enjoyed the outstanding food and adult beverages. Most of all, however, it was the people themselves that made the party a huge success.

AN AUTHOR AMONG US

Steve Tresidder – attorney, mediator, trainer, NCM board member, active community member and now an author. In his book *Vermillion Point*, Steve draws upon his coast guard experience and his knowledge of the history of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, to bring us a fascinating story filled with adventure, suspense, compassion and love. Not only is his development of the characters so well done that the reader is able to vividly envision what they look like, the reader also quickly develops opinions about them—some good and some bad. Although the book is not yet available in the book stores, you could get a copy by contacting Steve directly.

USELESS FACT

You must have all ten toes to enlist in the Army.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

My anxiety gives me anxiety. ~ Anonymous

MEMORIAL DAY PARADES

As a part of its 25th anniversary celebration, NCM made a point of going to five of the towns that held Memorial Day Parades and memorial services: Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, and Petoskey. The American Veterans Mediation Program brochures were distributed for the purpose of drawing attention to the fact that all fees for mediation services for American Veterans are automatically waived. It is NCM's way of saying thank you to the men and women who serve or have served their country to protect American citizens.

WOMEN CAN / WOMEN DO

A major fund raiser for the Women's Resource Center is Women Can / Women Do. For the first time, Northern Community Mediation will be a designer of one of the tables at both the Charlevoix event and the Petoskey event. This is a luncheon where leading designers each have a table that they elaborately decorate. Over the years, there have been gazebos, an Eiffel Tower, and the list goes on. The Charlevoix gala will take place at Castle Farms on Wednesday, June 13. The theme will be Queen of Hearts. Look for a picture of the table on Facebook and twitter. This too is part of the 25th anniversary celebration.

ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING

The advanced, mediation training held on Friday, June 1 at the Bay View Inn received excellent evaluations. What was especially liked were the segments on ethics and sticky wickets, along with the participatory atmosphere throughout the entire training. Many of the participants remarked that they learned that not everything is black and white; there are many gray areas. Of the 32 participants, 24 were mediators for NCM, 4 were private attorney mediators, and 4 were mediators for the CDRP center located in Traverse City. In total, 16 of the participants were attorneys.

TWO VOLUNTEERS DESERVING OF CREDIT

Stuart Fenton plays the violin, and Sally Page plays the piano. Together, they have made themselves available to play at gatherings, such as parties. Although they do not charge for their services, they ask that a donation be made to one of four non-profit organizations: MANNA, Habitat for Humanity, Brother Dan's, or Northern Community Mediation. They recently played for a 75th birthday party. The donation was earmarked to NCM in the amount of \$250. Thank you Stuart and Sally.

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