



Northern Community Mediation

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PETOSKEY THEATRE PARTY



Do not miss out on the opportunity to be the lucky winner of Gerome the Giraffe and his puppet friends Oakley the Octopus, Mr. McBoom the Orangutan, Ellema the Elephant, Fred the Frog, and Ally the Alligator along with a set of six books that focus on teaching kids to make good choices. This door prize donated by Lisa Hicklen along with door prizes from nine other organizations will be awarded at the Petoskey Theatre Party on Monday, March 9.

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.

WAY TO GO

The following participants in the 40-Hour, General Civil Training that was offered last May have completed their observations and are full-fledged mediators: Jeanne Baranowski, Connie Foss, Steve Hall, Phil Harmon, Emily Hoffman, Hob Ingleson, Chuck McKone, Sue Metzger, Katie Mott, Fred Mulhauser, Mark Muniak, Denise Petoskey, and Cyndy Tonkavich. There are four others who are within a hand's throw of completing their observation hours

THREE IMPRESSIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Northern Community Mediation has every right to be proud of its 13 board members. Each one of them brings wisdom, experience and knowledge to the table. In particular are two of the board members who have taken on huge responsibilities.

Maureen Hollocker, Great Start Collaborative Director for Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties, was appointed to serve as the Lead Trainer for the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. The Alliance is a national organization that ensures all states have a strong and effective children's trust or prevention fund capable of leading and investing in strategies, policies and best practices that prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

Equally as impressive is the fact that Nikki Devitt is the new president of the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce. Prior to her selection for this position, Nikki was the Events and Communications Director for the Chamber. In 2019, she was recognized as a Michigan Chamber of Commerce Professional and is enrolled in Institute for Organization Management coordinated by the U.S. Chamber for Non-Profit Organization Management.

Past board member Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado was recently appointed to the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Judge Maldonado is the chief judge and a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

EIGHT-HOUR ADVANCED TRAINING

On Friday, May 29, Northern Community Mediation will offer an eight-hour, advanced mediation training from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Resort Room of the Perry Hotel. The class size is limited, and already many people have signed up for the workshop. For the registration form, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website.

USELES FACTS

Patron, Hennessy, Grey Goose and Jack Daniel's are the most referenced alcohol brands in music, and fruit-flavored snacks are often made with the same wax used on cars.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Identity theft is the most diabolical way someone can complement you on doing a good job at life." ~ Anonymous