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PREPARING FOR THE SHOOT



The Preventative Shoplifting Program is in place. We premiered the program on Tuesday, September 23 in Petoskey and again in Charlevoix on Monday, September 29. Everyone enjoyed the popcorn, sparkling grape juice, and the program itself.

The program targeting fourth-grade students contains three components: a power point presentation, an activity book and a DVD depicting the consequences of shoplifting. The picture above demonstrated shooting of a scene for the DVD.

Encourage the fourth-grade teachers in your communities to contact NCM to schedule a visitation. If you are looking for a program for your service club, contact NCM. We would be delighted to spread the word about this program.

SPEAKING OF DVDs

Thanks to Jamie Winters and Bruce Herbert, we have developed a DVD that explains mediation. This DVD will be distributed to local attorneys to share with their clients. It will also be sent to new clients to NCM who are not represented by attorneys. Our goal is to make people feel more at ease when they come to the mediation table.

FRONT AND CENTER

It seems that our mediators and board members just cannot stay out of the news. Maybe that is because so many are dedicated to the volunteer efforts in our community.

The home of mediator Gary Barfknecht and his wife Ann is on the Little Traverse Historical Society Home Tour, which is scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 4. What is unique about their home? It was built from a Sears, Roebuck and Co. kit in the early 20th century.

Mediator Suzanne LaBeau was pictured in the *Petoskey News-Review* enjoying nibbles and wine at Swirl, a monthly gathering at Crooked Tree Arts Center during the winter months. The kick-off to the new season is Thursday, October 16.

NCM Board secretary Bill Lovett is also the Charlevoix County Democratic chairperson. Bill and his Republican counterpart John Haggard have a friendly wager. The chairman of the party that loses Charlevoix County will take the other one to dinner at Stafford's Weathervane restaurant. Although they disagree on who should be president, in the words of Bill, they both agree that "people are sick and tired of the animosity that's going on both sides of the aisle right now."

HOLIDAY PARTY

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is only two months away, which means that the holidays are about to begin. So, set aside Tuesday, December 16. From 4:30 to 6:00pm, NCM will host its annual, holiday party. We will be adding a new dimension this year. We will use this party as the time at which we will announce Veteran Mediator of the Year, Rookie Mediator of the Year, and NCM Advocate of the Year. Call NCM if you have any recommendations.