

WHICH WICH IS WICH?



Pictured: Rich & Mitch at Which Wich

Kudos to Which Wich! From 11:00am to 7:00pm on Thursday, April 29, owner Rich from Which Wich, which used to be owned by Mitch, will donate 25% of his sales to Northern Community Mediation. No need to cook dinner or lunch that day. And, they also do catering. Think about treating your staff to lunch that day. Just be certain to order ahead if you want to do that. For a copy of the menu, go to http://menus.whichwich.com/Which_Wich_ToGo_Menu_00270.pdf. Which Wich is located at 1592 Anderson Road in Petoskey just down from Marshalls.

APPRECIATION GALA

For the second year in a row, NCM will hold its Appreciation Gala from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 27 via Zoom. Just as last year, however, it will not be your typical zoom experience. So, set this date aside for a fun evening, which gives NCM an opportunity to thank its volunteers and give recognition to some of our special people.

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

NCM is planning on conducting another four-hour training from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Friday, September 10. "A New Way of Looking at Mediation" will address topics such as empowering the disputing parties, facilitative v. directive mediation, and using mediation for discovery. Further details in the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS

On March 19, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the appointment of Jennifer "Jenny" Deegan to serve as the 57th Circuit Court Judge in Emmet County. Jenny is stepping in to complete the term of Judge Charles Johnson, who retired at the end of last year. Currently, Jenny practices family and criminal law as a partner with Nelson, Deegan, Forster & Stikovich, PC. Prior to that she was with Stroup Meengs, PC, was the assistant prosecuting attorney in Charlevoix County, Wayne County, and Sanilac County. She will be only the second judge to serve as judge of the 57th Circuit Court. In describing Jenny, one of the first words that comes to mind is "fair."

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Without its volunteer mediators, Northern Community Mediation would cease to exist. If NCM had to pay the mediators, it would need an additional \$110,000 to \$200,000 per year in the budget. But, it is not just the monetary value of what the mediators bring to the table. It is their professional demeanor that provides an affordable service to the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Their dedication to the cause is instrumental in making our community a better place in which to live. So, let's all go out of our way to recognize our volunteers the week of April 18 – 24.

MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

Set aside Thursday, June 3 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm for a Mediator Round Table. With the amount of divisiveness in our country, it is important that we listen to the views of those who do not draw the same conclusions as we do. In order to do so, we need to inwardly reflect upon our own opinions and viewpoints. This Round Table will provide each of us the opportunity to investigate what white privilege means personally to each of us as well as how white privilege impacts each of our lives.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will be offering the 40-hour, general civil mediator training in May. Eight hours of the training will be done asynchronously online; the other 32 hours will be over Zoom. On Wednesday, May 12, the class will run from 9:00am to 4:00pm and from 8:30am to 4:30pm on Friday, May 21. On Thursday, May 13, Friday, May 14 and Thursday, May 20 the hours will be 9:00am to 4:30pm. An hour for lunch is scheduled each day. The class is limited to 20 people. Information about the training and the registration form are available at <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website or call NCM at 231.487.1771. Help spread the word.