

USELESS FACT



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MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

Due to lack of interest, the Mediator Round Table scheduled for June 3 has been cancelled. If you have any ideas of what would be of interest to you or others, please share that information with Northern Community Mediation staff. Mediator Round Tables have been traditionally held in the late afternoon.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Without the support of the community foundations and other granting agencies, Northern Community Mediation’s budget would be significantly, negatively impacted. Recently, NCM received two grants. From Petoskey Rotary Club Charities, Inc (PRCCI), NCM received \$999 for the purchase of what is referred to as Owl Meeting. It is a 360° camera that projects everyone in a room such that those individuals who are participating remotely are able to see everyone in that room on one screen.

The second grant that has been received is from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation (PHSACF). This is in the amount of \$2,800 for the purpose of enhancing NCM’s social media presence. Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar is working with Sommer Poquette, owner of Keep It Real Social.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you want to judge a man’s character, give him power. ~ Anon

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APPRECIATION GALA

On Thursday, May 27, Northern Community Mediation held its annual Appreciation Gala from 5:00pm to 6:00pm via Zoom. Approximately 30 people participated. The celebration began with a comical video demonstrating everything that facilitators should not do during mediation. This was followed by Doug Van Epps reflecting upon his years of service with the Office of Dispute Resolution. Doug is retiring as the Executive Director of the Office of Dispute Resolution of the Supreme Court of Michigan. With over 30 years of experience, he has witnessed significant changes in the field of dispute resolution and is highly responsible for the success of Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Citizen Dispute Resolution Program in the state of Michigan.

The annual awards were then presented. Bill Catting received the Veteran Mediator of the Year Awards, and Jeanne Baranowski received the Rookie Mediator of the Year Award. The Advocate of the Year Award went to a group of people—the Which Wich Team.

- Mitch Brown for thinking of the fundraising idea
- Rich Sylvester for agreeing to have Which Wich donate 25% of its proceeds on April 29
- Nikki Devitt for designing the flyers
- Maureen Hollocker for creating the tip jar
- Suzi Kanine, Hugh Conklin, Bob Banner, Brian Kasiborski, Nikki Devitt, Brooker Jacoby and her daughter Preston for being hosts
- Board members who promoted the fundraiser, especially Izabela Babinska, Phil Harmon, Emily Hoffman, Kirstyn Horan, and Hob Ingleson
- Case Managers Karen Cole and Laura Buckingham
- Marty VandeCar, who is neither a mediator nor a board member, but went out of his way to promote our Which Wich fundraiser

Advanced Mediator Training on June 17

This is a 4-hour training. The first two hours will focus on parenting time issues, and the second two hours on nuances involving divorce and domestic cases. Information and registration are available on the NCM website at <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/>

OUR SYMPATHY

Our condolences go out to Dick Hendrian on the death of Carlotta, his wife of 69 years. Carlotta died of heart failure on May 23. Dick was recognized as Volunteer of the Year in 2002 and again in 2005, Veteran Mediator of the Year in 2017, and in 2007 received the Leah Award.

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