

ANOTHER FUTURE MEDIATOR?



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CONDOLENCES

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SCHEDULING CHALLENGES

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APPRECIATION GALA

This year’s Appreciation Gala scheduled from 5:00pm to 6:30pm on Thursday, May 26 will be extra special. Why? Because we will be together in person. Hugs, smiles, handshakes, laughter, even kisses will be acceptable. And, there will be more than the normal recognitions. Yes, Veteran Mediator of the Year, Rookie Mediator of the Year and Advocate of the Year will be announced. Perhaps, there may be a Leah Award. Special recognition will be given to our Tech mediators and our Zoom mediators. On top of all of this, appreciation will be expressed for years of service as a mediator.

As if all of that is not enough, filling appetizers, not frou-frou appetizers, will be served, Wine and beer will be complimentary. Most of all, however, we cannot wait to see everyone. So, mark your calendars for **THURSDAY, MAY 26 AT CITY PARK GRILL IN PETOSKEY FROM 5:00PM TO 6:30PM.**

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ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

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HELPFUL POWER POINTS

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