

**WE WILL MISS YOU**



Pictured: Board Member Jenny Brower with Marty VandeCarr

What a loss to our community! On August 11, Marty VandeCarr “made his way home.” Marty had a knack of making you feel like you were the only person he wanted to see at that very moment. He saw the good in everyone and everything that surrounded him. If more people could live their lives as Marty did, “what a wonderful world it would be.”

**CHARLEVOIX THEATRE PARTY**

On Monday, October 10, Northern Community Mediation will be holding its fifth, interrupted annual theatre party in Charlevoix. There are a few changes from the previous years. From 5:30pm to 7:00pm, guests will enjoy appetizers and soft drinks at The Vue. Wine will be available for purchase. At 6:15, the 50/50 raffle drawing will take place. Then, at 7:00, everyone will be able to go to the movie of his/her choice at Cinema III. An added perk is that if you cannot go to the movie the night of the event, you will be given a coupon to go on the date and time of your choice.

Tickets are \$35 each or two for \$65—a \$5 discount. There are also sponsorships available. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or being a sponsor or a non-profit supporter, contact Jane at NCM 231.487.1771. NCM relies (as do most non-profit organizations) on its fundraising events to help maintain a balanced budget. That is why your support of the Charlevoix Theatre Party is so important.

**USELESS FACT**

Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

**IN THE BAR JOURNAL MAGAZINE**

From pages 19 to 31 in the July/August issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*, there are four articles written by residents of Charlevoix or Emmet counties. The Honorable Valerie Snyder wrote about “Judicial Disqualifications,” attorney Amy Stikovich focused on “Practicing in Small Towns May Come with Challenges,” Dr. Jane Millar explained how “Grants Help Services Expand in Michigan,” and attorney Amanda Skeel explained her role establishing the “WLAM (Women Lawyers Association of Michigan) Tip of the Mitt Region.” In fact, all four articles are featured on the cover of the Bar Journal. Anyone interested in reading the articles should contact the NCM office 231.487.1771.

**INPUT FROM A MEDIATOR**

Thank you Bruce Herbert for sharing an example of a much better Consent to Mediate template than the one we had been using.

**ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING**

There is still room in the upcoming advanced mediator trainings. Many of our mediators are overdue for the eight hours of advanced mediator training that is required every two years. Please, sign up for these trainings. We do not want to lose you as a mediator.

From 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, September 16, NCM will offer a four-hour, advanced mediator training titled *Writing Sustainable Agreements* via Zoom. Go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website to register for the training.

From 9:00am to 12:00pm on Friday, October 14, another four-hour, advanced mediator training titled *Standards of Conduct* will be offered via Zoom. One hour will be done asynchronously prior to the training. Go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website to register for the training.

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?**

From 4:00pm to 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 27, there will be a Mediator Round Table addressing where the funding for NCM comes from, how the weighted caseload is determined and what is meant by weighted caseload. This will be via Zoom.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind. ~ Tuscarora