

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Pictured: Rotary Club of Petoskey Grant Recipients

The NCM staff and Board are more than appreciative of the support that has been received in relationship to our move to our new facility. Kudos to the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Each of them contributed \$1,000 to go towards our relocation expenses. The Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association contributed \$1,500 and attorney Stefan School contributed \$1,000 in matching grant money to help defer relocation expenses. The Rotary Club of Petoskey awarded \$21,800 to 13 organizations, \$2,000 of which went to NCM. And, 42 individuals have donated a total of \$6,822.50. All of this totals \$13,322.50 going towards \$21,252.35 our relocation expenses.

MEDIATION CELEBRATION

No one wants to miss the party of the year, and it only takes a \$20.00 gift certificate to get a ticket to come into the party on Thursday, June 22. Doors open at 5:30. The bands Levitator and The Easy Picks will be playing, food and drinks will abound, and gift certificate bouquets can be won. Call 231.487.1771 for details.

OPEN HOUSES

In conjunction with Honor Bank, NCM hosted its final open house in celebration of its new location on Wednesday, May 24. There were approximately 25 Rotarians who oohed and aahed over our office complex.

USELESS FACT

The opposite sides of a die will always add up to seven. Take a look. One and six are on opposite sides of the cube (1+6=7), as are two and five (2+5=7), and three and four (3+4=7).

ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU!

When the 2023 budget was being prepared in November 2022, there was no knowledge that an opportunity to purchase an office condominium would present itself in 2023. Hence, provisions for line items relating to rent, utilities, contractual, insurance, printing and taxes* were either underestimated or not even included in the budget. Therefore, NCM applied for a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) to help cover some of these operational expenses, specifically \$1,100 [printing of fall newsletter (mention of upcoming capital campaign) and envelopes with new return address], \$500 [postage for fall newsletter and donor campaign letter], \$500 [street signage], \$4,700 [difference between monthly rent and monthly mortgage payments for seven months], \$2,090 [utilities for seven months (gas = \$1,200, electricity = \$490, sewer = \$400)], \$500 [business protection insurance] and \$3,300 [property taxes]* for a total of \$12,190.

At the beginning of this week, NCM received a phone call from Ashley Cousens from the CCCF to let us know that we had been awarded \$10,000. This in and of itself was exciting, especially since they had received requests totaling \$327,000 and had only \$67,000 to distribute.

APPRECIATION GALA

What a wonderful time everyone had at the Appreciation Gala, which was held on Thursday, May 25 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at Palette Bistro in Petoskey. The staff has strong feelings that the Gala is very important because it gives us an opportunity formally to thank the mediators, board members and others for all that they do to support NCM. It must be said, however, that each year the staff struggles with who should be the Award recipients because so many people do so much for NCM. For their contributions in 2022 and the very beginning of 2023 the Award recipients were as follows:

- Tina Verlinden – Rookie Mediator of the Year
- Lee Kramer – Veteran Mediator of the Year
- Mark Andresky & Mitch Brown - Advocates of the Year –
- Dan McGuire - Leah Award –
- Connie Saltonstall – 20 Years of Service

Look on Facebook and Instagram for pictures of the Appreciation Gala.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“My greatest beauty secret is being happy with myself. I don’t use special creams or treatments—I’ll use a little bit of everything. It’s a mistake to think you are what you put on yourself. I believe that a lot of how you look is to do with how you feel about yourself and your life. Happiness is the greatest beauty secret.” ~ Tina Turner