

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER AWARDS CELEBRATION



On Thursday, February 20, the Charlevoix Chamber of commerce held its Annual Awards Celebration at Castle Farms. It truly was a celebration. Everyone was in a celebratory mood. Grey Gables catered the affair with scrumptious food. Brian Britton, CEO of Kilwin's Franchise was the keynote speaker, and what an inspiring talk he gave. Of course, the highlight of the evening was the well-deserved recognition of the award recipients.

- Business of the Year – Dry Harbour Marine
- Customer Service Award – Shane Cole
- Outstanding Citizen – Paul Silva
- Young Professional – Cody Crain
- Chamber Ambassador3 – David Hamm
- New Business – Charlevoix Running Company
- Tourism Excellence – Lavendar Hill Farm

THREE NEW MEDIATORS

Through the Behavioral Health Mediation Services (BHMS) Program grant, Northern Community Mediation is about to gain three new mediators. Their 40-hour training begins on Tuesday, March 11, and they will complete the course by the end of the month. Leslie Elrod is the Executive Director of The Petoskey Club, Kathy Krecke is a retired professional, and Bill Patberg is an attorney.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I just got one last thing, I urge all of you, all of you, to enjoy your life, the precious moments you have. To spend each day with some laughter and some thought, to get your emotions going." ~ Jim Valvano at 1993 ESPY speech.

USELESS FACT

The most points ever scored in an NBSA game buy one team is 186.

PETOSKEY-HARBOR SPRING THEATRE PARTY

This is a not to miss event. Monday, April 7 at Victories Lounge at Odawa Casino. From 5:30pm to 7:00pm, join us for appetizers, door prizes 50/50 raffle and a cash bar. From 7:00pm to 8:30pm have fun with a movie themed pub quiz with prizes. And, when you leave you will get a gift certificate to either the Petoskey Cinema or the Harbor Springs Lyric Theatre to be used on a date and time of your choice. Tickets for the really fun event are only \$40 or two for \$70. Sponsorships are also available. Call NCM at 231.487.1771 for tickets and info.

MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

Just a reminder that from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Thursday, March 27, there will be an in-person, Mediator Round Table at NCM. Two of the topics to be discussed will be the Revision of the Mediator Notes and Tips & Tricks for Successful Mediations. And, there might even be some adult beverages along with popcorn for your enjoyment.

Call the NCM office at 231.487.1771 to let us know that you will be participating.

BOARD RETREAT

On Tuesday, March 11, the NCM Board will hold its annual board retreat. We will gather in the Resort Room of Stafford's Perry Hotel and will enjoy a working dinner. The purpose of the board retreat is twofold: 1) It is an opportunity for the board members to get to know one another and build *esprit de corps*. 2) Unlike board meetings in which most of the information relates to reports, the retreat allows time for brainstorming ideas and focusing on some strategic planning. And, some of the concepts that Brian Britton shared at the Charlevoix Chamber Awards Celebration will be passed onto the Board. Think in terms of five pillars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charlevoix Chamber Expo – Wednesday, March 12

The Expo will be held at Castle Farms from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. NCM will have a booth, which will include the potential to win a gift.

Harbor Springs State of the Community –Thursday, March 13

This luncheon event will be held in The Pointer Room beginning at 11:00am.

Project Connect – Wednesday, March 19

This is an opportunity to learn about the various free services that are available within the community. It will be held at North Central Michigan College from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Boyer City Chamber Expo – Tuesday, April 15

The location and times are yet to be determined. As with the Charlevoix Expo, NCM will have a presence.