

### PROJECT CONNECT



Pictured above from left to right: Phil Harmon and Susan Hannah

Project Connect was held from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Wednesday in the gymnasium of North Central Michigan College. As in the past, Northern Community Mediation participated in the event. Project Connect gives people in the community the opportunity to learn what resources are available for them. Over 300 people attended the event. A special thank you to those that helped at the NCM table. Pictured above are Board member Phil Harmon and Mediator Susan Hannah. Also helping were Board member Denise Drake and Mediator Steve Helped with breakdown.

### THREE NEW MEDIATORS

They are official: Leslie Elrod, Kathy Krecke and Bill Patberg have completed their 40-hour, general civil mediator training. As soon as we get the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Theatre Party behind us, we will begin scheduling them for their observations. We are so happy to have the three Leslie, Kathy and Bill as new team members.

### BOARD RETREAT

Mention was made of Five Pillars essential to a healthy organization. At the board retreat, time was spent going over them and how they related to NCM.

- Faith - Complete trust or confidence in someone or something
- Family – All involved sharing a common cause
- Fitness - Quality of being suitable to fulfill a particular role or task
- Fulfillment - Achievement of something desired, promised or predicted
- Fun - Enjoyment, amusement or lighthearted pleasure

### PETOSKEY-HARBOR SPRINGS THEATRE PARTY

It is not too late to take advantage of the fun that is going to be had by all who attend the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Petoskey-Harbor Springs Theatre Party on Monday, April 7 at Victories Lounge at Odawa Casino. From 5:30pm to 7:00pm, join us for heavy appetizers, a chance to win one of 12 door prizes, 50/50 raffle and a cash bar. Then, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm have fun with a movie-themed, pub quiz complete 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. Call NCM at 231.487.1771 for tickets and info. And, tickets will be available at the door.

### ICE STORM

I am certain that there are many out there that have aching backs from cleaning up the damage from the ice storm. I realize that there are still many people without power, but taking into consideration the destruction that was done, two things are amazing to me. First, it does not appear that homes were destroyed, and accolades to the linesmen and all the other people who have accomplished as much as they have.

Fortunately, the NCM offices got power the morning of Wednesday, April 2, but it was not until the following day that the phone and computer systems were operating properly. This has made it challenging in preparation for the Theatre Party, but we are ready.

### ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

On Friday, June 27 from 8:30am to 12:30pm, there will be an in-person Advanced Mediator Workshop focusing on Parenting Time. Amanda Guarisco from Friend of the Court will be one of the facilitators. She will address the nuances that relate to the parenting time laws and what can and cannot be included in parenting time agreements. Executive Director Jane Millar will explain the unique requirements from NCM's perspective. Registration forms will be posted on the NCM website later this week. There will be a \$25 charge per person to help cover the cost of drinks and snacks.

### QUOTES ABOUT SPRING

- “Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s party!’” ~ Robyn Williams
- “No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” ~ JHal Borland
- “Spring is the time of plans and projects.” ~ Leo Tolstoy

### USELESS FACT

A cockroach can live up to one week without its head.