

BOYNE CHAMBER EXPO



Pictured above from left to right: Cyndy Tonkavich, Jennifer Mancini, Laura Buckingham

On April 15, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) participated in the Boyne Chamber of Commerce Expo, which was held from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Boyne Highlands in Boyne Falls. There were a total of 86 vendor tables representing organizations, companies and restaurants in the Boyne area. A special thank you goes out to Board Member Cyndy Tonkavich and Case Managers Laura Buckingham and Jennifer Mancini for representing NCM at its vendor table. Approximately 350 attended the event

LCC AND LLT

Northern Community Mediation has been a longtime supporter of both leadership programs: Leadership Charlevoix County and Leadership Little Traverse. Both of these programs seek out young adults who are up-and-coming leaders within our communities. With the exception of the summer months, the classes of no more than 20 meet monthly. Each month's program focuses upon an aspect of the community, such as education, health, government. Each class is also responsible for deciding upon a community project. In doing so, not only do they make the project come to life, they also raise the money to fund their project. This year's LCC class has raised over \$20,000 to purchase a trailer, which will provide mobile space for people who are in crisis. This project is in partnership with Kiersten's Ride. And, the LLT class is addressing food insecurity by raising funds to purchase a shipping container that will be converted into a cooler, as well as purchasing an egg grader, candler, washer and washer basket. This project is in collaboration with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH BY JULIA CHILD

The egg can be your best friend if you just give it the right break.

PETOSKEY-HARBOR SPRINGS THEATRE PARTY

The 17th annual Petoskey-Harbor Springs Theatre Party on Monday, April 7 at Victories Lounge at Odawa Casino was a huge success. From 5:30pm to 7:00pm everyone enjoyed outstanding heavy appetizers, winning door prizes, being one of the 50/50 raffle winners and a cash bar. Then, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm everyone had fun with a movie-themed, pub quiz complete with prizes. Everyone had so much fun with this trivia game. Thank you Board Member and Mediator Bill Cattin for putting the game together and serving as the emcee. Another special thanks needs to go to Jenny Brower for her hard work in getting the 12 phenomenal door prizes and to Chairperson Denise Drake and the rest of the Funding Committee: Kristen Hasse, Cyndy Tonkavich and Judy Zorn. Additionally, it would be unconscionable if accolades were not poured upon the Odawa Casino. Their service and generosity were second to none.

The frosting on the cake, however, is that the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Theatre Party was also a financial success. Once the final checks come in, we will have income of \$12,310 and expenses of \$5,653.93 for a gain of \$6,656.07. It should also be noted that we received \$5,430.00 of in kind donations.

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 parenting time and custody 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. For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the registration form with this e-mail. Please, note that there is a \$25 charge per person to help cover the cost of drinks and snacks.

CHARLEVOIX WOMEN CAN/WOMEN DO

As in the past, Northern Community Mediation will again design a table for the Women's Resource Center (WRC) fundraising event in Charlevoix. The theme this year centers around mermaids. The staff always has fun planning for this event. If you are interested in having a very special afternoon, be sure to contact the WRC at 231.347.0067 for tickets.

USELESS USEFUL FACT

Before a hen lays an egg, her body creates a protective layer called the "bloom" over the shell. The bloom protects the egg from any bacteria getting inside by sealing the 6,000-8,000 shell pores. That is why unwashed eggs can be stored in the refrigerator for about three months.