

**FUNDING COMMITTEE**



Pictured from left to right: Judy Zorn, Chairperson Denise Drake, Merry Brown, Bill Cattin, Jenny Brower, Cyndy Tonkavich, Board President Kirstyn Horan

The FUNding Committee has been meeting regularly for the sole purpose of ensuring that Northern Community Mediation's Oscar after Party is a huge success. On Monday, March 16, which is the day after the academy Awards ceremony, which is why NCM's FUNdraising event is called the Oscar after Party, at 5:30pm people will gather in Victories Lounge at the Odawa Casino for a delicious array of appetizers, a cash bar and the possibility of going home with a Swag Bag that even those that walked on the red carpet of the Academy Awards would want to have. But, that's not all. During this happy hour, social time, guests will be able to purchase Stuff the Bucket tickets to increase their odds of winning one or more of the fantastic prizes.

The value of the stuff the Bucket prizes range from \$150 to \$900. Here are just a few of the 17 Stuff the Bucket prizes.

- An ultimate pantry box of American Spoon products worth \$175
- A full vehicle, detail package from Fletch's worth \$280
- Two, three day VIP tickets to the Epson Tour being held from June 19-21 at Boyne Highlands. This is a LPGA qualifying event sponsored by the Great Lakes Sports Commission and is worth \$300
- A full-day pontoon rental from Walloon Central Marine worth \$900

But, that's not all. There is still more to come. Around 7:00, pizza for everybody. And, that's still not all. Brought back by popular demand, Bill Cattin will again host the NCM **Movie Themed Pub Quiz**. Guests will be put into teams of two to six people or they can form their own teams. And, that's still not all. Each of the members of the winning team will win a prize.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW**

What a deal. Tickets are only \$30 each. To get your tickets, go to [www.givebutter.com/ncmoscarparty](http://www.givebutter.com/ncmoscarparty)

**EAST JORDAN CHAMBER**

On Saturday, January 31, NCM Board Vice-President and Executive Director Jane Millar went to the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Annual awards Banquet. What a fun evening. It was held at Castle Farms and catered by Grey Gables. There were some great silent, as well as live auction items. The highlight of the evening, however, definitely was the announcement of the award recipients.

- Renaissance Award – Mill Street Building
- Business of the Year – Claudie's Fresh Flaves & Catering
- Breezeway Business of the Year - Boyne Mt. Resort
- Quality of Life award – East Jordan Family Health Center
- Community Impact Award – Dave Baragrey
- Spirit Award – Helix Creations
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year – Wyatt Werner
- Ambassador of the Year – Carla Kammerer
- 2026 Citizen of the Year – John Hunter

**PARENTING TIME WORKSHOP**

Unfortunately, only six people signed up for the Parenting Time Workshop. Consequently, it has been cancelled. There definitely will be an advanced mediator training in the fall, preferably in September or October. If you have any suggestions for content/subject matter/topics, share that information with Executive Director Jane Millar 231.487.1771.

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD**

Northern Community Mediation charges minimal fees for its services. In many cases, fees are waived. And, in many cases there is no fee to begin with. Examples of free services include issues relating to disputes involving farmers, mental health treatment plans, American Veterans, access & visitation parenting time, child protection, and victim-offender cases.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

Three famous movie quotes: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" from *Gone with the Wind* (1939), "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse" from *The Godfather*, and "May the Force be with you" from *Star Wars*.

**USELESS FACT**

Beatrice Straight's five-minute, two-second performance in *Network* earned her the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, making it the shortest winning performance ever. Her delivery hit all the right notes and stuck with audiences and voters.