

THE BOYNE VALLEY GARDEN CLUB



Seated second from left: Cyndy Tonkavich

What an exciting, celebratory evening. Truly a gala event! The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Banquet at The Talcott in Walloon Village on Friday, March 20. The food was scrumptious, people were in their finest attire, the entertainment could not have been better, and the award recipients were more than deserving. Among those individuals recognized was a group of women. The Beautification award was won by the Boyne Valley Garden Club. This group was more than deserving, and Northern Community Mediation is especially happy for Cyndy Tonkavich (pictured second from right) because she is both a mediator and board member, including being Vice-President, for NCM.

Other award recipients were

- Volunteer of the Year – Bill Aten
- Entrepreneur of the Year – Nadine Basil
- Boyne Citizen of the Year – Jim Baumann

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

Set aside 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 19 for a Mediator Roundtable to be held at the NCM office. This is an opportunity for mediators to come together and share whatever is on your minds. It can be about frustrations with mediations, success of which you are proud, suggestions as to how NCM can improve its services, ideas for the NCM staff in general, etc. To register, simply call the NCM office 1231.487.1771 and let whomever answers the phone know that you will be participating. There may even be some adult beverages served.

USELESS FACT

Strawberries and apples are members of the rose family.

LET'S CELEBRATE



Even with all of the challenges dumped upon us by the weather, Northern Community Mediation's Oscar after Party was a huge success. The event, originally scheduled for Monday, March 16—the evening after the Academy Awards in Los Angeles—had to be postponed because of our “Storm of 2026.” So, Oscar put on his snow suit and re-arranged for NCM's Oscar After Party to be held on Monday, March 23 beginning at 5:00pm. What fun everyone had, and although figures are still being tabulated, the huge success related to the FUN that everyone had, as well as having raised a significant amount of funding to go towards NCM's operational expenses.

In celebration of our Oscar after Party, the FUNding Committee members and board members, all of whom rolled up their shirt sleeves and buckled up to work diligently, will be celebrating from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 15 with popcorn and wine at the home of our Executive Director. If you are one of those people, be sure to call the NCM office and let one of the staff members know that you will be coming to the celebration. 231.487.1771.

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

An important date to get on your calendar is Friday, September 25. NCM will be offering an in-person, Advanced Mediator Training from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Agreement Writing. The class size is limited to 20 people and will be on a first-come, first serve basis. So, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website and sign up for this workshop.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – Audrey Hepburn