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President

From The President

By Patricia Rossi Galvin, Board President

The 15th Annual "Evening at the Movies" to benefit The Resolution Center's Dispute Resolution Program was a resounding success, raising more than \$16,000 for The Resolution Center. We are grateful for your support as we endeavor to continue our mission to enhance the peaceful resolution of all forms of disputes by providing and promoting the use of appropriate alternative dispute resolution and collaborative problem solving processes that emphasize cooperation, collaboration and communication.

In keeping with our New Year's resolution, our Committees have met and informed the Board of their progress. The Operations Committee created a plan for quality assurance of the ADR services to improve the skills and abilities of the mediators. The Board approved the plan and provided all mediators with the

new Quality Assurance Program Protocol.

The Nominating Committee and Board Development Committee amended our By-Laws to include a "Director Emeritus" position. The Board approved their amendment and designated Honorable George Steeh Sr., Keith Beasley, and Donald Housey as its first members.

Our Long Range Planning Committee is in the process of receiving feedback from all committee members regarding what has been accomplished and what is expected to be accomplished by each committee. In that way, the Board will be able to re-define our expectations of committees and create new areas of expansion for the agency.

As we hoped, this is a great beginning to what we anticipate will be another great year.

Peer Mediation

By Larry Harwood, Peer Mediation Trainer

The pressures and challenges for kids growing up these days are as tough as ever. In addition to the conflicts that begin in school, students often find themselves in disputes with neighboring children or with fellow students on the bus, all of which can manifest in school hallways. Half of all violence against teenagers occurs in school buildings, according to one study. Consequently, schools have incorporated peer mediation into their social and academic fabric. The Resolution Center trains student peer mediators who then receive community service credit on their academic record. Some schools treat it as an extracurricular club activity, promote it with its own showcase and distinguish the mediators with special t-shirts. Schools go to these lengths because they, like the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, believe that the ability to manage conflict peacefully is fundamental in making the transition into adulthood.

Is it any wonder that the thesaurus has nineteen synonyms for conflict, and

only on antonym... "co-operate."

But there are schools which don't currently have peer mediation. Reasons range from creating time for a 12-15 hour training, having personnel to shepherd the program, and funding. The Resolution Center can help. Our training model is approved by the government for Title IV monies. And we can reinvigorate a program which has stalled, or start one from scratch.

If you are involved with a school, ask a teacher or administrator if they have given their students the choice of peer mediation for resolving disputes. If they haven't, have them contact The Resolution Center.

By the way, look for our peer mediation bumper sticker on a car or at a school near you.



Larry Harwood
Peer Mediation Trainer

Michigan Supreme Court Approved 40-Hour General Civil Mediation Training

Schedule:

Wednesday, October 8, 2008	6 pm to 10 pm
Friday, October 10, 2008	9 am to 6 pm
Saturday, October 11, 2008	9 am to 6 pm
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	6 pm to 10 pm
Friday, October 17, 2008	9 am to 6 pm
Saturday, October 18, 2008	9 am to 6 pm

Cost: \$899.00

(\$100 deposit required, class size limited.)

Some scholarships available, call for info.

**Trainer: Barbara Johannessen, J.D.-
Trained over 300 mediators!**

*This training course fulfills
requirements of MCR 2.411*

Mission Statement:

The Resolution Center is dedicated to enhancing peaceful resolution of all forms of disputes by providing and promoting the use of appropriate alternative dispute resolution and collaborative problem solving processes that emphasize cooperation, collaboration and communication.

A Special Thanks to all of the Friends of The Resolution Center who helped raise more than \$16,000 dollars at the 15th Annual "Evening at the Movies"



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July 4, 2008

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Independence Day

August 12, 2008

Volunteer Appreciation Party

September 1, 2008

Office Closed

Labor Day

September 5-6, 2008

Michigan State Bar- ADR Section
Annual Meeting- Detroit, MI

September 12, 2008

Board Meeting

*Call (586) 469-4714
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*The Resolution is a non-profit
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Wine Tasting Event

*to Celebrate The Resolution Center's 15 year Anniversary
Honoring its Founding Members*

Thursday, October 2, 2008

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$50 per person, limited capacity

At the beautiful home of Dick and Lois Pierson
on Lake St. Clair - New Baltimore, MI

For further details contact Craig Pappas
586-469-4714 or cpappas@theresolutioncenter.com

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BBQ, Food, and Fun!

August 12, 2008

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These supporters have donated at these levels in order to assist in our success. Thank you.

Friends recognize the need for creative, collaborative and peaceful resolution of disputes in our community. They also recognize **The Resolution Center** as the catalyst for peace in our community and they will contribute their hard earned dollars to support the Center's Mediation Program. They contribute because they respect the fact that mediation helps to build "community" one dispute at a time. They understand that an adversarial society perpetuates the negative aspects of conflict while ignoring the opportunities that conflict brings. Friends recognize that it is the Center's mediation program that provides people this opportunity to create positive change, to own the conflict and own the solution.

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