

Mediation Service & Conflict Resolution Training

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The Newsletter of



From The President

By Rudy Pale, Board President



Michigan Supreme Court Approved 40-Hour General Civil Mediation Training

Schedule:

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

6 pm to 10 pm

Friday, April 30, 2010

9 am to 6 pm

Saturday, May 1, 2010

9 am to 6 pm

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

6 pm to 10 pm

Friday, May 7, 2010

9 am to 6 pm

Saturday, May 8, 2010

9 am to 6 pm

Cost:

\$895.00

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Trainer:

Barbara Johannessen, J.D.

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Wow, where did 2009 go?

The Board of Directors has been busy this year!! Some of the things accomplished include: At our April 2009 meeting the Board learned that the Sixteenth Annual "Evening at the Movies" fundraiser held April 7, 2009 brought in a net revenue, in spite of our economy, of \$8,942.00. Well done and thank you to everyone!! At the same Board Meeting we adopted revisions to the By-laws of the Board of Directors which were a result of a thorough update of the Center's founding by-laws. Not being a Board to rest of its laurels, the Board adopted a Mediator Quality Assurance Program designed to achieve "best practices" in mediation by Center mediators. One of the protocols adopted in this program is the observation of all mediators through the year 2010 by a group of highly trained, well qualified, senior mediators selected by the Executive Director.

Through a continued partnership with the United Way for Southeast Michigan we are increasing our involvement with Peer Mediation Training by working with Mt. Clemens Community Schools and the Anchor Bay School District. Additionally, we are involved with a pilot project with the Warren Consolidated School District at the Pfromm Educational Center providing conflict resolution training to middle school students

that are attending their newly opened alternative middle school.

Our mediators may be glad to hear that as a result of a recommended Michigan Court Rule change to confidentiality as it pertains to mediation our center's Operations Committee is poised to present a new Statement of Understanding. This is a document that we ask all mediation participants to sign before commencing the mediation session to insure confidentiality and reinforce the voluntary nature of settling a dispute or lawsuit!

Finally, the Michigan State Court Administrative Office, which is a key grant funder to The Resolution Center, has implemented a policy requiring all community mediation centers to adopt a policy for criminal history background checks for employees, volunteers, and interns. *The Resolution Center* has developed a policy and will begin performing these checks on all current and prospective employees and mediators beginning January 1, 2010.

As this is the end of my year as President I want to thank all of the Board members for their dedicated services and a HUGE thank you to all of the mediators who worked so hard this past year for the center. Thank you to all of our partner agencies and contributors, you truly make us a community mediation center!!!!

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 nearly \$9,000 at the 16th Annual "Evening at the Movies" • April 7, 2009



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December 4, 2009

ACR SE Michigan Chapter Holiday Party
Black Finn Royal Oak
5:00 p.m.

December 15, 2009

The Resolution Center's Holiday Party
5:00 p.m.

January 18, 2010

Office Closed
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January 20, 2010

ACR SE Michigan Chapter Annual Meeting
The Resolution Center
5:30 pm

March 23, 2010

17th Annual Evening at the Movies

April 9, 2010

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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.

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