

Alberta Family Mediation Society Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- We welcome your input about the newsletters and encourage you to submit articles and features

The Lunch and Learn Sessions are a valuable way to learn, network and meet new colleagues.

Mark this date in your calendar to join us:

WEDNESDAY, February 7

Sasha Aldrich, Protocol Coordinator of Community Initiatives Against Family Violence
An overview of the range of services currently available in Edmonton area to assist professionals in referrals to families where family violence is an issue

Watch for the December Special Edition of the AFMS Newsletter

AFMS NEW Board of Directors

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Lunch and Learn Sessions

The location is always the Edmonton City Hall in the Heritage Room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the presentations run from noon until 1:00 p.m. There is a question period and mixer beginning at 1:00 to 1:30. This is a great venue to learn, share information and network with

There is no cost and you just need to bring your own lunch.

These sessions have been held now for several years.

A.F.M.S. Address :

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WEDNESDAY, March 7

Andy Knight from the University of Alberta's Peace Post Conflict Program "Post Conflict Peace Building and the ADR Process"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

T.B.A. by AFMS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Dianne Dalley Project Coordinator with MRJC

A year later: An Overview of Research Project: Assessing Domestic Violence and the Dynamics of Restorative Justice Mediation

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Remember:

AFMS members
receive a
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Master and
Scribes
Bookstore in
Edmonton

See the front of the newsletter for information about the February sessions. Hope to see you there!!

From the newsletter Editor– Charmaine Hammond

Fall has been and gone, and winter is here. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and had time to be away from work commitments to enjoy the outdoors.

As sure as the seasons change, so do the newsletter topics. This newsletter provides you with updates and upcoming events. Up-

coming newsletters will provide you with information pertaining to a wide variety of topics.

November is random acts of kindness month. Take a moment to reflect on the random acts of kindness you have done for others or that you have experienced.

We are always interested in receiving information for the newsletters.

You can contact Charmaine at 780-464-3828.



NEWS

AFMS was pleased to highlight the presentation of the John Haynes Memorial Award to Patricia Blocksom by Judge (Ret.d) Michael Porter - Registrar and Geeta Bharadia - President of the Board of Directors of AFMS.

The other recipient this year was Mary Jane Klein and she received hers at the AGM and Conference in April.

Congratulations to Patricia and Mary Jane!!!

ALBERTA ARBITRATION & MEDIATION SOCIETY and the Restorative Justice Domestic Violence Project

PRESENTS

Dr. Desmond Ellis

**DOVE and Domestic Violence Training
IN Edmonton on**

**November 23, 24 & 25, 2006 at Kings
University College, 9125 – 50 Street.**

See below:

Dove is a 19 item instrument designed to assess and manage the risk of domestic violence between partners during and following their participation in divorce mediation. The resulting risk scores are used to assign individuals to risk categories. Participants will be taught how to use the Dove instrument and how to manage risk by creating safety plan interventions that are linked to risk category and predictor sub-scores on control, substance abuse, anger, relationship problems, mental health problems, and conflict. This tool has been designed to assist mediators to make decisions related to process options depending on the risk category results. The training includes how to appropriately deliver results without increasing the risk of escalation.

To Register by phone call **Kate Cullen** at (780) 433-4881 or Toll Free at **1 800 232 7214**

Other News: The Family Mediation Canada Annual General Meeting is November 11/06 in Vancouver, BC at noon. Call 1-877-362-2005 for more information.

Membership Categories with AFMS

Registered Family Mediator (RFM) specializing in separation/divorce mediation.

Registered Family Mediator (RFM) specializing in General Family Mediation.

Registered Family Mediator (RFM) specializing in Family Business Mediation.

Practicing Mediator (designation for those who are continuing to gain mediation experience or for whom mediation is a small part of their practice.

**General Member
Student Member**

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Alberta *family* Mediation Society

*Advancing the practice of
family mediation.*

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About AFMS

Established in 1984,
the non-profit
society provides
services to family
mediators.

The organization has a
part time administrative
assistant and is managed
by a volunteer board of
directors, with
representatives across the
province.

The society is dedicated to
both professional and public
education regarding family
mediation.

There's never enough time to do
all the nothing you want. -- Bill
> Watterson

Joy, love and appreciation are powerful motivators. They are all feelings that humans experience around the heart. Joy is a feeling of pleasure or delight that arises from the heart. Positive feelings are what make life worth living."
Deborah Rozman

**"Learn to get in touch
with the silence within
yourself, and know
that everything in this
life has a purpose.
There are no mistakes,
no coincidences - all
events are blessings
given to us to learn
from."**

- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

CALL FOR PAPERS
SYMPOSIUM ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Friday, February 2, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The R.A. Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

SYMPOSIUM THEME:

Families and Conflict: Challenges to Transformation

Issues and Processes in Child	Theoretical approaches to conflict	Conflict between individual identity
Court-based Family Mediation	Relationships between the Profes-	Intergenerational conflicts
Legislative updates: Bill 114,	Power and abuse in conflict inter-	Deep-rooted conflict – includes con-
Elder and Estate	Healing and reconciliation within	Culture and gender
Blended families	Creativity and Thinking Outside	Breaking the cycle of dysfunctionality
Accreditation and practice re-	Overcoming Impasses	Cross-cultural perspectives on conflict

Abstracts must be submitted by *Wednesday, October 25th, 2006.*

In order to qualify, a paper must address a research/theory question and offer original scholarship. Abstracts should be approximately 200 words in length and include a title for the presentation. No more than one proposal per person, please. Abstracts will be evaluated on their relevance to conflict resolution, conceptual framework, quality of methods used and originality. Topics outside this year's themes will also be considered. *Presenters are expected to submit a paper after the Symposium to be included in the publication of Symposium Proceedings.* Regrettably, no travel or accommodation bursaries are available for presenters.

PLEASE SUBMIT PROPOSAL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25TH TO:

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

Networking Reception November 15, 2006

Concurrent Workshops November 16 – 17, 2006

Plan to join Restorative Justice Service Agencies, Practitioners, Aboriginal Service Agencies, Government and Community Partners to share ideas and work collaboratively to build a stronger Restorative Justice Community in Alberta.

We need your views on:

- Restorative Justice – what is it?
- Training & Credentials
- Funding
- Best Practices

Strengthening the Restorative Justice Community through networking and marketing

Participate in the dialogue, design an action plan and customize a professional growth strategy for Restorative Justice Service Providers throughout Alberta.

For further information contact:

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