



THE MUSE

Monthly Newsletter – Introduction

Hello! Starting in January, 2016, the Heartland Mediator's Association will be the proud parent of "The Muse". A journal form of newsletter. There will be provocative questions, untimely answers to the most esoteric and mental perambulations regarding mediation. The Muse will have links that can guide the readers through the wealth of publications and thoughts available to our members.

Each month The Muse will ask for a biographical sketch of one of the directors of the association. We hope that each of the directors will honor us with a sketch of their background, goals and hopes for the profession of mediation. Each month there will be a synopsis of various classes that are available within the HMA region.

There will be a separate section written by the training committee regarding an upcoming training event to be sponsored by the HMA.

We had considered a "Letters to the Editor" section, but we would like to divest ourselves of the politics and Political Correctness or not, that this section usually engenders. If it comes to be that the readership wishes to have such a section, we hope that the readers will forward to us their thoughts and ideas.

There are a few rules regarding this news journal. The Muse will not accept slander, bullying, unsubstantiated slings and arrows, meanness and other forms of harassment. The editor will try valiantly to correct any errors that are reported and she is open to any suggestions

within the confines of propriety and the reach of the main topic of this venture.

Now, a little bit about your Editor. As is my wont when a pall passes over a meeting and blank looks abound among the members seated at the chiefs table...I, being one of the Indians, will raise my hand and mumble something along the lines of "oh, why not." Therefore, I, Clarin Blessing, being rather a muddler in mediation, have taken on the mantle of target. Let me be forthright here and state, unequivocally that I am not a mediator. I am pressed to begin the courses and get my gear in line. Hum, I probably will...next year. Right now, this is who I am and I hope that it will suffice.

I am schooled in Paramedic Medicine, Emergency Management, Homeland Security, Graphic Arts and Photography. I vary my daily routine with such diverse "hobbies" as, therapy dog training – (for Alzheimer's facilities and children's hospitals) – and women's history.

I am a resident author for a group of writers who are definitely better at it than I, and I am old enough to remember the landing on the moon.

On the side, I counsel police, fire and rescue and first responders to recognize the skills they have to face death and dying every day and yet return to their duties.

You can both reach me and start asking questions at: editor@heartlandmediators.org.