



# Neighborhood Dispute Settlement

March/April 2021

## Hello and Happy Spring!

The sun is showing itself more and more each day, the weather is getting warmer and Spring is around the corner. I often refer to Springtime as "re-birth", what was once sleeping is waking again. Where, in our lives, have we been "sleeping"? Spring is here and it's time to bloom.

## Who We Are

Neighborhood Dispute Settlement (NDS) is a community based mediation center that seeks to promote and provide conflict resolution solutions through direct services, training, and education.

We proudly serve Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry County.

## What's New

There have been lots of changes since the pandemic:

If you haven't seen it yet, visit our new website:

[www.neighborhooddisputesettlement.org](http://www.neighborhooddisputesettlement.org)

Here you will find answers to questions, ways to connect, volunteer options, community assistance and services we provide.

## Annual Meeting

You are invited to join us as we review 2020

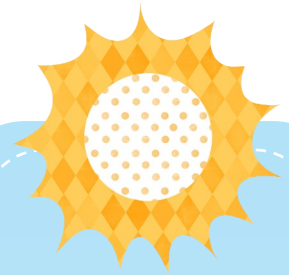
We welcome our guest speaker: Susan Jordan, Executive Director of Susquehanna Mediation Center. Zoom in Mediation & Changes and Challenges after the pandemic. Real life conversation and questions

**When:** Wednesday, May 6th - 6:00-7:30pm

**Where:** ZOOM

Please RSVP by April 28th to [info@disputesettlement.us](mailto:info@disputesettlement.us)

ZOOM Notification will be sent on May 3, 2021



## Upcoming Dates:

Coffee & Conversation via Zoom:

Hear from our Mediators and Coaches on different topics.

The 2nd. Wednesday of every month, beginning April 15, 2021 ~ 10AM to 11AM.

Hear how NDS can help.

Email:

[info@disputesettlement.us](mailto:info@disputesettlement.us) for information and registration.

## NDS Board Members

Kimberly Noel, President  
Kay Pickering, Vice President  
William Adler, Treasurer  
Ken Eshleman, Secretary  
Deb Ritchey, Member  
Lt. Tom Stauffer, Member

If you are interested in serving on the NDS Board, please email Kay Pickering at [kaypick@comcast.net](mailto:kaypick@comcast.net) or call 717/232/1326

### Services Provided

- Mediation
- Conflict Coaching
- Conflict Resolution Training
- Youth Peace Sessions
- Facilitation

### Needs Addressed

- Neighborhood
- Landlord / Tenant
- Community
- Family conflict
- Custody disputes
- Sibling or child-parent disputes
- Youth violence
- Violent conflict among local youth
- Youth delinquency

### Because of YOU:

NDS continues to grow. The escalation of conflicts over these past years, and more so since the onset of Covid-19, proves the need for Conflict Resolution and Peace Building is an everyday need.

As conflicts continue to grow, NDS is ready to take on the increased need for Mediation, Conflict Coaching and Peace Building Services.

### Without You:

Without your generosity, Neighborhood Dispute Settlement will not be able to sustain the need in our communities.

### Future Goals:

#### •By 2022:

- Facilitate 75 mediation and conflict coaching cases per year
- Maintain an annual mediation agreement rate of 80%
- Serve 100 youth annually through Youth Peace Sessions
- Increase the annual budget to \$65,000.00
- Increase the number of mediators to 20 volunteers

### Partnerships:

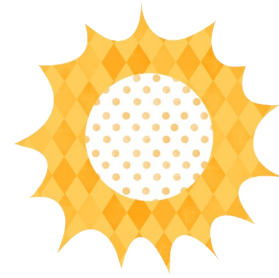
Services are provided to the community through partnerships with local law enforcement, municipal governments, community agencies, and magisterial district justices.

Through these partnerships, individuals are referred to NDS for services, often in lieu of a citation.

## Donations:

It is through your generous donations that we are able to continue to maintain our offices and continue to offer Mediation, Conflict Coaching, training and peace development to our communities.

We look forward to a productive partnership throughout 2021 and through 2022.



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*"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."*

*~Thich Nhat Hanh*

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## Organizational Needs:

- Donations
- Financial contributions
- In-kind donations
- Volunteer mediators and conflict coaches
- Space to facilitate mediation and conflict coaching sessions
- Fundraising support
- Promotional opportunities



Memberships and Donations 2021 / 2022:

**Diamond Level - \$500 or more**

Half page advertisement in the spring and fall newsletters and annual report  
Name and logo listed on website  
10% off all NDS trainings  
Opportunity to serve on Board of Directors  
Opportunity to vote at annual meeting

**Platinum Level - \$250**

Quarter page advertisement in the spring and fall newsletters and annual report  
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**Gold Level - \$100**

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**Silver Level - \$65**

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10% off all NDS trainings  
Opportunity to serve on Board of Directors  
Opportunity to vote at annual meeting

**Bronze Level - \$35**

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Opportunity to serve on Board of Directors

**YOUR SPECIAL YEARLY DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*\*All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by the law**

**Personal Information:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

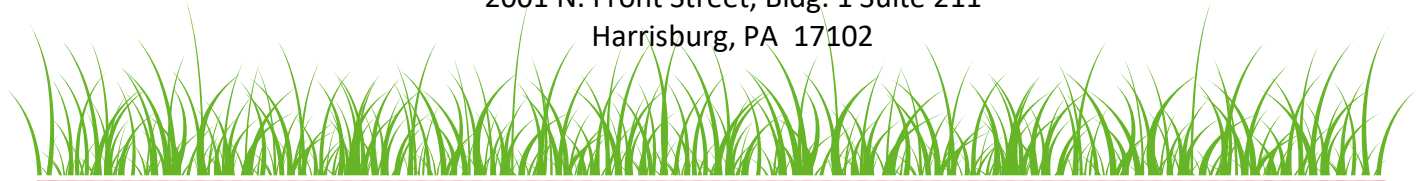
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