

COVID FATIGUE



I think I can safely speak for everyone when I say that I am fed up with, sick and tired of, disgusted by, ready for an end to, etc. etc. etc COVID-19. But, we cannot let our guard down. Since March we have socially distanced, worn masks and washed our hands. We have to remain diligent because there is an end in sight. All of us have to hang in there so that we do not blow it just before the vaccine becomes available.

CONGRATULATIONS

In the November election, Denise Petoskey was elected to the Petoskey School District School Board. Denise took the 40-hour training in the spring of 2019. She is employed by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa. Way to go, Denise.

Ex Case Manager Bert Rousseau became a grandmother at 12:38am on November 2. Grandson Jamison Flaven weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz and was 20 ½” long.

SAD, SAD NEWS

Mediator Bob Charlton passed away this past November 1, He was only 68 years old. He was an outstanding mediator and always supportive of everyone with whom he co-mediated. He even put up with me. Mediation meant a lot to Bob.

IN THE NEWS

Way to go Polly Cheney. She wrote an excellent letter to the editor that appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review*. She wrote about the value of the mediation process.

Past mediator Jamie Winter’s picture was in the paper to help promote the Women’s Resource Center’s Safe Home Harvest Food and Supply Drive. Several years ago, Jamie did a promotional video for NCM.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Just a reminder. It is not too late to participate in the holiday party that will be held via Zoom. Just think, this is a party you only have to dress up from the waist up. You can be in your pajamas if you want. So, set aside Tuesday, December 8 from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. We will play some party games, have lively conversation, and listen to some upbeat music—all in the comfort of your own home. And, you will not have to worry about drinking and driving. It is important that you RSVP, however, so that we make certain that you get the link.

UPCOMING DATES

- The Annual Meeting will be held at noon on January 21 via Zoom.
- There will be a four-hour Advanced Mediator Training from 9:00am to noon on February 5 via Zoom. One hour of the training will be done asynchronously prior to February 5.
- There will be another four-hour Advanced Mediator Training from 9:00am to noon on March 5 via Zoom. One hour of the training will be done asynchronously prior to March 5.
- The first Mediator Round Table of the year will be from 4:00 to 5:30pm on April 15 in all probability via Zoom. The topic will be White Privilege.
- The Appreciation Gala will be held from 5:00 to 6:30pm on May 27. There is a remote possibility that this will be in person.

STAFF RETREAT

There are some good things that are coming out of COVID-19. We learned that the staff retreat was much more efficient via Zoom than in person, The main reason for this was the fact that we could screen share and therefore work on changes in documents as we went along. It also meant that we did not have to make copies of everything for each of us. We did miss having a nice lunch together. So, we will include that in the future.

USELESS USEFUL FACT

Real Christmas trees are better for the environment than artificial ones. This is for a number of reasons, from the toxic materials fake trees are made of to the fact that Christmas tree Farms serve as a habitat for local wildlife.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“You’ve got to go out on a limb sometimes because that is where the fruit is.” ~ Will Rogers

“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.” ~ Will Rogers