

### NCM ANNUAL MEETING



Pictured: Front row left to right: Linda Rosalik, Jennifer Mancini, Laura Buckingham, Suzi Kanine, Lisa Hoyt. Back row left to right: Judy Zorn, Kristin Hasse, Cyndy Tonkavich, Phil Harmon, Mitch Brown, Jane Millar, Denise Drake, Bill Cattin

On Thursday, February 16, Northern Community Mediation held its Annual Meeting at noon at City Park Grill in Petoskey. The meeting started by having everyone in attendance introduce himself/herself. Board President Mitch Brown then thanked everyone for coming and gave special tribute to outgoing Board members Mark Andresky and Jenny Brower, both of whom made contributions in time and money above and beyond the call of duty. Mitch then introduced the new Board members: Kristin Hasse, Kirstyn Horan and Bill Meengs. There was a bylaw proposal changing Article 2, Section 2.2 such that a Board member who had tenured out would have to wait only one year rather than two before returning to the Board. This passed unanimously. Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar ended the meeting by giving the Annual Report. This report is available on the NCM website at

<https://www.northernmediation.org/annual-reports/>

### MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

Unfortunately, the Mediator Round Table that was scheduled for Thursday, March 7 needs to be re-scheduled. The re-scheduled date is Thursday, March 27. Time will be 4:00pm to 5:30pm, and it will be held in person at NCM. There might even be some adult beverages along with popcorn for your enjoyment. Two of the topics to be discussed will be the Revision of the Mediator Notes and Tips & Tricks for Successful Mediations.

### USELESS FACT & QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Winter last for 21 years on Uranus.

“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.” ~ Carl Reiner

### EAST JORDAN CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET



Pictured: Along with the Chamber Executive Director Mary Faculak, pictured are the recipients of the Community Enhancement Award for the Klein Trail.

What a wonderful evening it was! The East Jordan Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Banquet at the Boat House in East Jordan beginning at 5:30pm on Saturday, January 25. Following a social hour, which included an array of silent auction items, dinner was served, followed by a live auction. The evening culminated in the announcement of the 2024 awards recipients.

### UPCOMING 40-HOUR TRAINING

Through the Behavioral Health Mediation Services Program grant, the Oakland Mediation center is offering the 40-hour, general civil mediation at no cost. As a result, Northern Community Mediation will have three new mediators joining the team. Bill Patberg is an attorney, Leslie Elrod is the Executive Director of the Petoskey Club and Kathy Krecke is a retired business woman. The training is via Zoom from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on the following dates: March 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 27. If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking this training, have them call the Oakland Center at 248.338.4280.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Petoskey Chamber State of the Community—Friday, February 7  
Doors at Crooked Tree Arts Center will open at 1:00pm for networking and light snacks. The program will begin at 1:30. Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar will be one of the panelists.

Charlevoix Chamber Expo – Wednesday, March 12  
The Expo will be held at Castle Farms from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. NCM will have a booth, which will include the potential to win a gift.

Project Connect – Wednesday, March 19  
This is an opportunity to learn about the various free services that are available within the community. It will be held at North Central Michigan College from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Boyer City Chamber Expo – Tuesday, April 15  
The location and times are yet to be determined. As with the Charlevoix Expo, NCM will have a presence.