

CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS



Pictured from left to right: Kristin Hasse and her daughter Anna.

The Petoskey Chamber of Commerce held its 34th Annual Celebration of Champions on Wednesday, December 3, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Each year, this signature event brings business and community leaders together to celebrate all that they do to make northern Michigan a wonderful place to live. Beginning at 5:30, guests were treated to a delightful strolling dinner with catering provided by Bay View Inn, Barrel Back/Walloon Lake Inn, Birdie's Tavern, Little Bay Gourmet, Nomad, Petoskey Cheese, and Spring & Porter.

Receiving special recognition this year were the following Champions:

- Chairman's Award
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Athena Award
Lisa Ashley
- Marty Van De Car Inclusivity Award
Petoskey District Library
- Thriving Petoskey Award
Julienne Tomatoes
- The Service Effect Award
Great Lakes Center for the Arts
- Entrepreneur of the Year
Katie Potts, Petoskey Cheese
- Ron Foeller Community Enthusiast Award
Karen Ragland
- Ambassador of the Year
Aaron Garms, Keep it Real Social
- Project of the Year Award Winners
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan
Munson Healthcare Petoskey Community Center

PARENTING TIME WORKSHOP

It is not too late to register for the Advanced Mediator training scheduled from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, February 13, 2025. It will be held in person at NCM

Although this is a follow-up to the Parenting Time training that Amanda Guarisco from friend of the Court facilitated in June of this year, it is a stand-alone workshop that will focus upon agreement writing and the importance of ensuring that all agreements answer the basic questions of who, what, where, when, how and sometimes why.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participation in the first session is not a prerequisite for the second session. To register, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/>

DID YOU KNOW?

If a farmer has a dispute with someone, he/she qualifies for free mediation services through Northern Community Mediation (NCM). Also qualifying for free mediation services through NCM are clients of Community Mental Health who want to have their treatment plan re-evaluated. All they have to do is to call NCM at 231.2487.1771 Help spread the word.

QUOTE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Cheers to another year of resolutions we won't keep and friendships that will last a lifetime! ~ Anonymous

A CHALLENGING YEAR AHEAD

As is the case for many of the non-profits, funding in 2026 is being projected to be less than in 2025. At the same time, expenses are projected to be more. Although NCM is projecting a balanced budget, it will be a challenging year

HOLIDAY PARTY

From 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 9, NCM held its annual holiday party for board members, mediators and staff. Rather than holding the party at NCM headquarters, the decision was made to have the party at the home of the executive director. It obviously was a good decision because almost 40 people enjoyed the festivity in a home, and the decision has already been made for the 2026 holiday party. It again will be at the executive director's home.

USELESS FACT

The top five New Year's resolutions are to quit smoking, get a new job, lose weight, increase personal savings, and return to school.