

The Insider

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Your Monthly Source for What's Happening at the DRC



May your resolutions be long and your mediations short.

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Fast Facts from December

19 Mediations

7 Agreements

45 Volunteer Hours

Upcoming Events

1/15- FV Supplemental Training

1/23- Muffins with Mediators

2/12- Board of Directors Meeting

2/15- Muffins with Mediators

2/22- TAM Conference- Office Closed

2/23- TAM Conference- Office Closed

Visit our website at www.bvdrc.org for more details and times.



Judith sensed that the mediation would take more time than the half-day that it had been scheduled for.

Attorney Corner

Commonly Asked Questions:

1. Can you schedule this mediation for next week?

Yes. In most cases, we can schedule a mediation for the next week. We ask for at least 2-3 days to schedule a mediator, but in special circumstances we have scheduled same day mediations.

2. Can I pick my own mediator?

Yes, you can request a specific mediator. However, remember that all our mediators are volunteer, and you may need to work around their schedule.

3. Do you have Spanish speaking mediators?

Yes. We have several Spanish speaking mediators who volunteer at the DRC.

Why do all Family Mediators have to take the Family Violence Supplemental Training?

Effective September 1, 2017, SB 539 changed the Texas ADR Code (Civil Practice & Remedies Code), Section 154.052(b) to include "a minimum of four hours of family violence dynamics training developed in consultation with a statewide family violence advocacy organization."

Current family mediators are "not required to comply with the requirements imposed by that section, as amended by this Act, until January 1, 2018."

Board Member Highlight



Steve Bledsoe

Steve is the current Treasurer on our Board of Directors. He is also the Sr. Vice President of Lending at Guaranty Bank. Steve is active in many facets of the community including the Cattlemen and Fair associations as well as serving as the current President of the Bryan Rotary Club.



Winston wondered whether it was that the mediator was not taking his presentation seriously or was simply clearing his sinuses.

Mediator Birthdays

Hugh McElroy- 2nd

January is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

It is, on average, the coldest month within most of the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month within most of the Southern Hemisphere.

In Czech, this month is called leden, meaning ice month.

Mediator Minute

5 Reasons Why You Should Volunteer by Dawn C. Carr MGS, Ph.D.

(<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-third-age/201403/5-reasons-why-you-should-volunteer>)

1. Volunteers live longer and are healthier.
2. Volunteering establishes strong relationships.
3. Volunteering is good for your career.
4. Volunteering is good for society.
5. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose.

If you aren't currently volunteering, there are many resources, such as the DRC, that can help you find the perfect opportunity. Committing as little as 4 hours a month can have a profound impact on your life and the organization you serve. Contact us today at 979-822-6947 for more information.

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