

Letters

Supporting Pete Buttigieg

I am supporting Pete Buttigieg for President. I am drawn to him because of his intelligence, his calm demeanor and his military experience, among other traits.

Pete is a well-educated person. He has had to exhibit clear thinking and evaluative skills to be as successful in academia as he has been. Pete exhibits a calm, rational demeanor. Our country needs someone who can heal our divides and create a world view that embraces reaching out to allies who have been insulted or dismissed by our current president.

Today, the one area in which I think he offers the most is in his military experience, especially as it relates to his background as an intelligence officer. We are living in precarious times under a president who surrounds himself with people who are not serving the interests of this country as a whole. A President Buttigieg will bring to us his experience as a military officer as well as one who has the capability to absorb and evaluate information from the intelligence community.

If you are a parent or grandparent, as I am, remember that our young people are still required to register for the draft "in the event of a national emergency". Who will you trust to keep us from the brink of war?

Judith Ackerson

Happy 2020 from Mary Meier!

Happy New Year! I can't believe that another year is in the books. Welcome 2020! I just wanted to take this time to update my friends and customers.

I sold the salon, New Horizons Hairstylist, to Meghan Barton on July 1, 2019. That seemed like yesterday! Roy and I took most of the summer helping our daughter Shelbi and her family move into what was the home where I grew up. My mother is now living in an apartment in that home. The kids final-

ly moved in September into the house.

I then started to look at what I want to be when I grow up! After 38 years in the hair industry, I wanted to find something new and different. I started applying for jobs, but soon found that although I owned my own successful business for almost 20 years, I did not have experience in much else. I continued to apply for jobs and got turned down. I decided I needed more educa-

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tion. December came and I started an online course. I am beginning a course in Medical Coding. I have always been fascinated with the science of medicine. Currently I am taking a medical terminology course, studying, and applying for jobs.

I also have been working on our house! Roy and I hope to put our house on the market in the spring. We are decluttering, painting, and freshening up our 20 year-old house. (I can't believe it has been 20 years.) We are not sure where the next place will be. We want to lighten our load and downsize while we are still young.

I am not sure where my journey will take me. I am very grateful to my customers and friends for supporting me. I learned so much from you through the years. I am excited to see how my future unfolds. I want to be mindful of my next chapter.

I would love to hear from you. Below is my contact information. Drop me an e-mail or letter. Again, I thank you for all the hugs, the laughs, and all the hair at New Horizons Hairstylists. Many of you have transitioned to the Mane Street Salon. Meghan and her team have done a great job with the building and I am sure she will have continued success. Here's to 2020!

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