

Grand Teton
Mediation Association

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The Meeting Room:

As a reminder, the monthly GTMA luncheons have been moved **permanently** from the second Tuesday of the month, to the second Monday of the month. Also, the location also has been **permanently** changed and will be at Happy's Chinese Restaurant 549 Park Ave., Idaho Falls and begin at 11:30 AM on **February 12th**.

This month's **featured guest speaker** at the luncheon will be **Ms. Barbara Beehner-Kane, Idaho Deputy Attorney General**. Ms. Beehner-Kane is an Attorney with over 25 years of legal experience. A graduate of the University of Idaho law school, she also attended Idaho State University and College of Idaho before receiving a B.A. in history at the University of Idaho.

In her 25 years of working as an attorney, she has worked both in private and government positions. She has been with the Office of Attorney General for 2 years and divides her time between Civil Litigation and Consumer Protection

Barbara is married to an attorney. She is currently serving a 2 year term as President of the Idaho State Association of Parliamentarians.

Continuing Education Classes:

GTMA is sponsoring in conjunction with **Conflict Resolution Associates, LLC**, a 40 Hour seminar on **Basic Mediation Training**, March 15-17, 22-24, 2007, at Creekside Community Conference Center, 2375 E. Sunnyside, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Visit www.virtual-mediation.com/spring.html for more details.

Also available but not related to the above course or to GTMA is a basic **Victim-Offender Mediation Training** course on February 16-17, 2007, at the **Bonneville County Courthouse**. Offered free of charge to volunteer mediators, educators, or juvenile justice professionals. Contact Gary Schreiner, Attorney at Law, at 552-2200 or gary@schreinerlegal.com to register.

In the Spotlight:

In the spotlight this month is **John Row**, the **CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming**. Mr. Row was the former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the BBB and an officer on the BBB Board for seven years. He worked closely with **Kathryn Jones**, the former CEO during that time and continues to use her expertise as a consultant.



Before serving as the BBB CEO, John Row was a business owner and entrepreneur doing business and computer consulting and creating and running commercial web sites. He has wide-ranging experience in business marketing, business administration, computers and business systems. He has extensive knowledge in non-profit management, fundraising and commercial web site design.

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John Row attended Duke University, Wesley College and the University of Delaware getting degrees with majors in Business, M.I.S., Psychology and English.

He is also the author of 20 books in the areas of sports management, coaching and non-profit fund-raising.

“From The Prez”

Well, we're certainly off to a 'flyin' start' in 2007! There are a number of new projects, changes and initiatives that are underway with GTMA and all of a sudden we're mighty busy! Here's just a sample:

New Board Members and Officers:

Two Board positions have changed; Janet Allen, of the Creekside Counseling Center, has stepped down as a member of the Board and Jim Rath, our stalwart Newsletter Editor, has been approved as her replacement. In addition, Roger Wood, who has served as GTMA Treasurer since our founding, has accepted a Board position, with Terese Bonney proposed to take on the Treasurer's role.

I want to thank and congratulate all these individuals for their time and dedication to GTMA. Their commitment has, and will enhance GTMA's impact greatly!

Early in January, GTMA conducted its first strategic planning session, under the coordination of Richard Struthers. 3 month goals:

- Hold a social function- Clark
- Finalize the membership database- Clark/Wood
- Conduct Small Claims Court Mediation Training-Henscheid/Struthers
- Conduct Victim/Offender Training-Schreiner
- Create a Communication Plan-Clark/Lloyd

Our 6 month goals:

- Offer 40 hour Basic Mediation Skills Training Course

In addition, it was agreed that we need to emphasize training courses and workshops more and to do that we need someone to lead this effort.

You should expect to hear news and information on these activities in the near future. Thanks to all for your efforts!

Rocky Clark, GTMA Vice President, is coordinating a full update of our Member Support activities. He will be developing a strong member contact & information component; identifying interests and needs; coordinating member communications and much, much more! He has an extensive background in this area and we see great things in the future!

GTMA has the opportunity to explore a Grant from the CHC Foundation which is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Southeast Idaho communities. We see meaningful conflict resolution as a truly effective way to meet the goal. GTMA has therefore formed a committee of members to explore and develop this opportunity and then formulate an application.

Well that's just a snippet of 'What we're up to!' Thanks again for all of your support of GTMA! If you have any questions or comments, write me at: hmgmediation@srv.net.

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PS: Check out our new Website, too! (<http://www.gtmediators.org>)