

**Grand Teton
Mediation Association**

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Thanks Dick!***

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The Meeting Room:

The GTMA luncheon will be at ***Happy's Chinese Restaurant 549 Park Ave.***, Idaho Falls and begin at 11:30 AM on ***June 11, 2007***. Our featured speaker this month will be ***Ms. Toni Vandel***. She has been employed at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) since November of 2000, with over 20 years total experience in Human Resources work. She is a member of the Human Resources and Diversity Programs office and works in Employee Relations and Diversity Initiatives. Her responsibilities include developing the company Affirmative Action Plan, providing Employee Relations counseling, ***Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinator***, Project Manager for the Hispanic Youth Symposium, conducting internal and external training related to Anti-Harassment, Performance Development, Coaching and Mentoring, and Conflict Resolution among others.

She and her family live in St. Anthony, Idaho where they enjoy snowmobiling and horseback riding. Outside of the work, she is involved in working with elementary school children in such programs as the Gifted and Talented Education Program, Destination Imagination, and has provided various training topics including playground etiquette, conflict resolution, coping with peer pressure, and how to "play nice" .



From the Vice President:

Fred A. (Rocky) Clark



It's about you...

As a recent addition to the GTMA Board, I have been impressed with the dedication and quality of our officers and members. All I have visited with believe that there is a real role and place for professional mediators in our community and area. However, one of our obstacles has been getting the message out to the public and potential users of mediation.

I'm sure of we take a close look at the relationships in our everyday lives, we can see many opportunities to resolve conflict through mediation. The challenge is to convince those potential users that mediation is a viable alternative to formal forms of dispute resolution.

GTMA exists to serve you, the members. If you haven't been keeping up on the work of the Association, please take a minute to visit the revised GTMA website at <http://www.gtmediators.org>. The officers and active members have been working hard to provide a resource for you, and to provide the latest up to date information concerning our activities.

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If you haven't renewed your membership, please let us know why. If you are a person interested in mediation, We welcome your participation in GTMA. Who knows, you may even have a little fun and meet a bunch of new folks who share your interest.

The GTMA newsletter is a monthly update distributed electronically via e-mail. If you are interested in being included on the mailing list, drop us a line at President@gtmediators.org.

Finally, we are very interested in knowing how GTMA can serve you better. The website has recently been updated to include a member survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at http://www.gtmediators.org/Survey_Form.pdf . The results will be available on the website after August 1, 2007.

Again, we look forward to serving you better and getting the chance to visit. Let us know what your interests, concerns, and ideas are.

A Special Thanks

The GTMA members and Board of Directors wish to thank Richard Struthers for his insightful presentation of how to become a Certified Professional Mediator (CPM) at our last luncheon. Thanks Dick!!

