THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE OF TMA
TMA has not only afforded me the opportunity to establish connections with various players in the industry but also to develop many personal relationships. I’m very grateful for all of the mentoring, support, and referrals that I’ve received from my TMA family.

ALISON ELKO FRANKLIN TMA ATLANTA

In my role as co-chair for TMA NOW for the Rocky Mountain Chapter and I have the privilege of growing the female membership and the ability to help facilitate interactions with powerhouse professionals who just so happen to be women.

HEATHER MORGAN TMA ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Our industry is like a lot of professional industries—it all boils down to people and relationships.

The milestones in my career have been relationships that I’ve had that have deepened me and educated me.

Organizations like TMA remind us to remain connected and to learn from other people. And they create opportunities to establish connections and learn things that you wouldn’t learn otherwise, so I think that TMA is tremendously valuable.

Edwin H. Caldie
TMA Minnesota
TMA gave me a group of people to network with. They welcomed me into the group.

I found that I could meet lenders, investors, lawyers, auctioneers, equipment people—everything I needed. I have people I can reach out to all over the country for help in various areas.

It’s been a fabulous place to network and find people that I can work with because you can’t do restructuring without all of these other people to help you through the process.

Susan M. Smith
TMA Florida
TMA is a great networking organization. It allows you the opportunity to connect with other players.

TMA is also an educational organization. It teaches and creates opportunities to learn different skill sets, to better organize, and to play a better game.

Wayne Gretzky said it best: “A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.” It’s no different in a turnaround.

Jacques H. Belet III, CTP
TMA Tennessee
TMA has been really critical in my career...it is a great community from which to exchange ideas and get thoughtful advice.

I can’t tell you how many times opportunities came to me because of my involvement in TMA.

My experiences (in TMA) not only helped develop my entrepreneurial side and leadership skills, but they also gave me the opportunity to meet other people who definitely influenced me along the way.

Daphne Firth
TMA Brazil
Role TMA membership played in my career? Two things: networking and education.

It’s a fantastic place to network with your peers, which allows all of us to stay current on things that are going on in the market.

It also is a place where you can get education on topics and learn about what’s going on that’s notable or important—some great case or topic.

I always like the TMA global conferences for that reason.

Dawn Ragan
TMA Dallas/Ft. Worth
The Turnaround Management Association has afforded me the luxury and the opportunity to rub elbows with all of the movers and shakers in the multiple markets in which I work, whether it be attorneys, consultants, bankers, CFOs, etc., because we all deal with the same client base.

To be able to rub elbows and make relationships with those referral sources is so valuable.

Although I go to other industry organization events, the TMA is the one where my home is.

Shane O’Grady
TMA Arizona
I built my network through TMA.

I started going to all the meetings and became active. I would take the attendance sheet back to my office and start going through the list and setting up meetings with people. It was really the way that I found to figure out who was who and build my network.

I found the people who were in TMA and in Chicago overall to be very pro-business and to be open to someone coming from out of town to try and get their business going.

Mark Gertzof  
TMA Chicago/Midwest