

# "\$22,000 RAISED FOR DOG GUIDES OF CANADA!" ORAC ANNUAL HVAC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to this year's sponsor:



With the new title of the ORAC HVAC Golf Tournament (formerly known as ORAC Charity Golf), benefiting the Lions Foundation of Canada - Dog Guides as usual, our very popular event was held at Glen Eagle Golf Club again this year.

We have significantly raised the bar on this event, earning more than double the amount for our charity. At \$22,000, that's \$12,000 more than last year! Registrations alone did not get us over the top, but raffle ticket



sales by our wonderful volunteer "ladies in pink" from Xtra Mechanical and a huge amount was sold right at our registration desk by our very own Dino Russo, Chair of the ORAC Social Committee; without him this event could not be the success it

is! He not only hosts our event, he sings too! Proudly joining Vern Barney at the podium to sing our Canadian National Anthem, both shone with pride and honor. Thanks gentlemen!

Volunteers include Larry Smith from Kathbern Management who assisted at the glove table and of course our Xtra Mechanical team, Dave Irwin, Kerry McNeil with Nadia and Jessica Ennamorato who assissted with our awesome ticket sales and putting contest and prize giveaways plus so much more! A HUGE thank you!





Who's the lucky guy? He's not lucky, the ladies in pink are! Dino Russo ensures our event is always a success!



**Our Platinum Sponsor, The Wolseley Team!** 



Our volunteers from Xtra Mechanical and Jessica from the ORAC Team greet our special puppy visitors. What an adorable scene!



# ORAC HVAC GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTO GALLERY <u>A WORTHY EVENT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE</u>



Newly appointed ORAC Board of Director President, Ron Abernethy with the 2017 ORAC Honorary Member Tom Kilmer and his son Glenn.



Dino stands with our guest speaker Heather and her dog guide Grandin.



Dino rounding up his crew.... CHARGE!!

Winners of this year's wackiest photo! Wayne Thompson (Lifting Gear Hire), Darren Keates (Vista Credit), Stan Swartz (Sloan Group) and Steve Horwood (Neelands Group)



Once the golfers made their way back to the club, Dino Russo and Dave Irwin, on behalf of the ORAC Social Committee, welcomed everyone including all special guests.



Brand new ORAC Board of Director President, Ron Abernethy came up to also welcome everyone and then did a special speech about our 2017 ORAC Honorary member, Tom Kilmer! He then introduced Tom's son, Glenn Kilmer, of Kilmer Environmental, up to the podium to honor his dad with a very heartfelt speech. Tom, who

attended our event with his lovely wife Pam, then came up to accept his award and spoke about his life in the industry and about his family and amazing grandson, William (Liam). Wow, what an accomplished life. Congratulations and all the best Tom!

Of course our event would not be the same without our special guests from the Dog Guides of Canada. Our puppies with their fosters who visited in the morning were:

- Donna Williamson and Julie Murphy with foster Diamond
- Rosita Woo with her foster Essie
- Yvonne Schmiedendorf with her foster Nelli

Gregg Little, our Board Treasurer and ORAC Representative attended the Dog Guides of Canada graduation and met up with the ORAC donation recipients, Alyssa and Peggy. He spoke briefly about graduation day and then introduced our guest speaker, Christine Circos, the Fundraising Coordinator at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides who briefly thanked ORAC for their continued support and then brought up Heather and her dog guide Grandin. Heather explained how more independent she is in her day to day life with Grandin by her side and the positive impact the Dog Guides have been in her life. What a wonderful gift ORAC and their members have given over the years. Thank you for sharing your story Heather.

The Committee also sends its sincerest appreciation to Dave Ward of Ward Crane Rentals who generously donates a barbeque each year and thank you to Vern Barney who delivered it to the winner.

Please enjoy the pictures from this event. As you will see, it is a great way to raise money for a worthy cause and still enjoy the company of industry peers. See you all next year!

# **ORAC HVAC GOLF TOURNAMENT**



# 2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR!



ORAC is honored to recognize Kelly Burns of Tri-Air Systems, as Contracting Business magazine's 2017 Woman of the Year!

According to the magazine, Kelly, who has been with

Tri-Air Systems for 20 years, currently oversees and runs most things at the office, whether it's doing payroll, ordering supplies, finding efficiencies within the office, gaining sales, or just running the back shop, she does it all!



Kelly continues to upgrade herself through education forums and accounting courses plus her and her husband Chris (her biggest fan) are raising their two kids.

Recently, she joined the Markham Board of Trade, which is comparable to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the Business Women's Network of York Region. Wow, can you say "Wonderwoman?"



At the 2017 ORAC Women's Day event, she was honored and congratulated for this amazing recognition and her peers here at ORAC describe her as positive, knowledeable, fun, outgoing, a team

player and dedicated to the HVAC Industry. Congratulations and thank you for being such an amazing role model for women everywhere Kelly!



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# 2017 ORAC WOMEN'S DAY



This year's ORAC Women's Day was held on September 27th at Captive Escape Room in Vaughan, where approximately 20 ladies learned to problem solve their way out of challenging situations and through their team building skills were successful in making their way out of their



room, ALIVE! Ok, that may be a little dramatic but as you can see from the smiles, everyone had a great time.

Afterwards, lunch was enjoyed at Scaddubush where everyone had

the opportunity to speak about their experience and to also network with other women in the industry. Jessica Atcheson from ORAC thanked everyone for attending our event and congratulated Kelly Burns from Tri-Air for being the 2017 Woman of the Year!



Special guests to acknowledge are Marilyn Little from Springbank Mechanical and Manuela Mammoliti, wife of Tony Mammoliti from Ambient Mechanical. Thank you for "Escaping"

every day life to join us!

ORAC would also like to thank Kerry McNeil and Nadia Ennamorato from Xtra Mechanical, who volunteered their time in organizing our event. Thanks ladies! It was a blast!

As this is ORAC's 4th Women's Day event, we will continue this tradition in supporting and encouraging women in our industry, no matter what your role is!



# Is Your Company Website Costing You Business?

Having a bad company website is the equivalent of having a bad company salesperson. If the website looks bad, is too complex and is outdated, then the website will cost you business. It is exactly the same as having a salesperson who doesn't understand your services, dresses sloppily, shows up late for meetings, and doesn't care about the client.

Would you tolerate a salesperson representing your company so poorly, that it actually costs you business?

HVAC websites should generate business, not cost you business. An effective HVAC website should have the following characteristics:

- Clean and simple design
- Appropriate images
- Brand consistency (with your company logo)
- A clear message (offering solutions to your pros pects' needs)
- A strong Call to Action

Other critical elements of an effective HVAC website:

- Mobile Friendly. The majority of web searches occur on mobile devices, including tablets and phones. If your potential clients are unable to read your website on these devices, you will lose them.
- SEO. When a prospect searches for a service or product on Google, they are more likely to click on the websites that rank the highest. Your site must be optimized in order to get a high ranking.

Now that you have a better understanding of how a bad website can cost you business, you should be able to go to your company website and gauge its quality.

Andy Bush Owner, Bush Marketing bushmarketing.ca/hvac



# **HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY**

FOR BUILDING OWNERS AND FACILITY MANAGERS

Providing Safe Access to IHSC Cooling Towers/Evaporative Condensers

If a hazard to a worker is present, it is the responsibility of the employer and supervisor to take reasonable precautions to protect the worker.

Building owners and facility managers can be employers under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

"Employer" means a person who employs one or more workers or contracts for the services of one or more workers and includes a contractor or subcontractor who performs work or supplies services and a contractor or subcontractor who undertakes with an owner, constructor, contractor or subcontractor to perform work or supply services. (R.S.O. 1990, c.O.1, s.1 (1))

#### Fall Hazards

Falls are a leading cause of workplace injury, and employers bear responsibility to prevent these falls. In-house maintenance personnel and outside contractors require safe access to cooling towers and evaporative condensers.

To reduce the risk of falls, manufacturers offer permanent ladders and platforms for safe access. Building owners and facility managers can be held responsible when safety equipment is missing.

#### Installation

Cooling towers and evaporative condensers must be installed in accordance with the Canadian Standard CSA B52-13 "Mechanical Refrigeration Code", which states:

- The safe inspection and maintenance of refrigeration system equipment shall be provided in at least one of the following ways:
- (a) Floor-mounted equipment shall be installed in a manner that allows sufficient clearance around the equipment for safe maintenance and service.
- (b) Equipment that is not accessible from floor level shall be installed so that it can be safely reached i. by a permanently installed staircase(s) or ladder(s) with a platform(s) and railings meeting the workplace safety requirements of the jurisdiction where the equipment is installed; or
  - ii. by a mobile device(s) for lifting personnel to the equipment. The use of such a device, as an alternative to the fixed means of access specified in Item (b)(i), shall be permitted only if it is

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- normally on the premises at all times, is acceptable under the workplace safety requirements of the jurisdiction, and if the nature of the refrigeration equipment is such that it can be safely serviced in this way.
- (c) Roof- and mezzanine-mounted equipment shall be set back 3 m (10 fb from any edge where a fall hazard exists, except under the conditions specified in Item (d). If the workplace safety requirements of the jurisdiction of installation impose a greater setback, those requirements shall apply.
- (d) Where roof- and mezzanine-mounted equipment cannot be set back as specified in Item (c), railings and fall-arrest system attachment points shall be provided in accordance with the workplace safety requirements of the jurisdiction of installation.\*

When replacing a cooling tower or evaporative condenser, ask for the OEM accessory kit to be included in quotations, or consider purchasing appropriate mobile lifting devices such as articulating booms for access.

When existing HVAC equipment lacks staircases, ladders, and platforms with railings, consider the following options:

- Determine if the original equipment manufacturer can supply an access kit for the existing equipment.
- Build engineered field-fabricated access and work platforms.
- Purchase an appropriate mobile lifting device such as an articulating boom.

#### Maintenance



Cooling towers and evaporative condensers require regular maintenance. Performing that maintenance requires access to areas of the equipment that may pose a fall hazard. Providing for safe access to conduct regular maintenance activities such as cleaning, motor maintenance, belt inspections, lubrication, and other service work will facilitate faster service calls and increase the likelihood of service being conducted regularly. Regular service will improve the performance of the unit and reduce the potential for serious health hazards such as *legionelloss*. In addition to improving the efficiency of the unit's operation, these measures will ensure compliance with the CSA B52-13, protect the worker, and protect building owners and facility managers from violations of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

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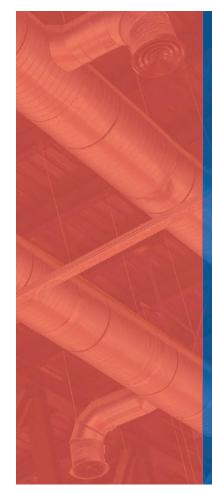
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The Board of Directors of the Ontario Construction Secretariat (OCS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Bronk as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective October 2,2017.

Mr. Bronk joins the OCS from the Ontario Industrial and Finishing Skills Centre (OIFSC) where he served as the Executive Director, responsible for managing the delivery of health & safety training for IUPAT DC 46 members and the training of architectural glass and metal technicians, and commercial and industrial painter apprentices at three training centres in Ontario. Prior to this, Robert had a successful career in the Canadian Football League (CFL) as a running back with the Toronto Argonauts in the early 80's, winning a Grey Cup in 1983. Robert has a Civil Engineering degree from Queen's University in Kingston and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Toronto.



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I am constantly amazed by the amounts of money business owners will spend to attract new customers.

Before calling in the website specialists or the marketing gurus, determine what you are best positioned to "market" and your business' ability to profitably service growth.

The tool I most often employ to do a 360 degree analysis for clients is a SWOT analysis. While this can take many forms, it evaluates your:

- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats

Many times the results will show that a business has not exploited the natural resource it already has - its current customers.

Why spend many dollars on designing and implementing a marketing plan to attract new customers, when you haven't told your full story to your existing customers or past customers? Money is best spent on ensuring that information about your products, services and the solutions they provide is clearly presented on your website. Develop methods to regularly drive customers to your site to check for new additions. Have a look at your competitors' sites and create a better story.

Spend quality time with your customers. You will learn about changes in their business and industry that you were not aware of, and for which you can offer a quality product or service solution.

So, if you are going to develop a plan, make sure it first focuses on mining your existing customers. Your growth will be steady, profitable and manageable. Customers will be satisfied, and you won't need to sharpen the pencil to get new business.

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Feel free to contact Alison at 905-

670-0010 or email <u>alison@apprenticehvacr.ca</u> if you have any questions!





ORAC is excited to welcome Graham Chittenden back to our Fall Forum this year!

Fresh and clean...but still relentlessly funny, Graham Chittenden is an audience favourite as a comedian or host.

A familiar face at the Just For Laughs festival, on TV and radio in programs such as Match Game and The Debaters, Graham has shared theatre stages with Gerry Dee, Andrea Martin, Howie Mandel, John Pinette, Bob Saget and more.

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# ORDRE DES MÉTIERS DE L'ONTARIO

New Code of Ethics applies to all College members

Code of Ethics guides members on best professional practices Ontarians want to hire and work with tradespeople who have the right training and are held to a high professional standard. This is good news for College members.

The new Code of Ethics applies to College members in all membership classes, and will help boost the trades by increasing public confidence.

The Code of Ethics is intended to provide members with greater clarity about how to engage in the practice of their trades in the most professional way possible—recognizing that the great majority of members already display high levels of professionalism and pride in their certification.

"The Code of Ethics accurately reflects the changing landscape of the skilled trades," says Don Gosen, chair of the College's Board of Governors. "Members are viewed as professionals who have pride in their certification and are held to the highest standard."

The Code of Ethics lets the public know that our members are expected to live up to high standards of conduct, that they are accountable to the College as regulator, and that a fair complaints and discipline process is in place.

It's important that all members are aware of the Code of Ethics and their obligation in following its contents so they can apply its principles to their daily work. To read the complete Code of Ethics, please visit <u>collegeoftrades.ca</u>.

# ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TRADES

### ORDRE DES MÉTIERS DE L'ONTARIO

# Code of Ethics at a glance

Using best practices from other regulatory bodies and the College's own experiences, the Code of Ethics covers the following for all members:

- Duty to perform work in a trade and meet their respon sibilities to clients, the public, and other members and tradespeople, honourably, ethically and with integrity.Professional obligations with respect to the practice of a trade, and their responsibilities to clients, including:
- Duties of courtesy, competence, honesty, and respect
   -for example, a duty to only perform work in a
   trade for which the member is competent, and a
   duty to not engage in abusive behaviour toward a
   client.
- Duties related to advertising and communications

   for example, a duty to permanently display their certificate of qualification or statement of membership in a noticeable place at their place of business.
- Duties related to business and billing practices
   -for example, a duty to provide a client with a written contract where required by law or requested by the client.
  - Duties in their relationships to apprentices, employees, tradespeople, and members of other professions or oc cupations, including:
- Duties of courtesy, good faith, and respect
   -for example, a duty to be courteous and civil with all persons that the member encounters in their work, and a duty to abstain from discrimination and harassment.
- Duties related to training

   for example, a duty on the part of sponsors to ensure that all the terms and conditions in a registered training agreement are followed.
- o Duty to act lawfully

-for example, a duty to comply with all legislation relevant to the employment and supervision of others.

Duties in their relationship with the College, including:

- o Duty of honesty with respect to any College application, assessment, evaluation or examination process
- o Duty to respond to College communications completely and in writing
- o Duty to cooperate with the College
- Duty to prevent the unauthorized practice of a compul sory trade.



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Why Are Sales People So Different?

Our informal assessment is that 90% of individuals want to focus their working life on delivering a product or service, as opposed to finding a customer for that product or service. This is evident even among entrepreneurs who often begin a new venture based on their technical or product related skill set and are totally unqualified to take their innovation to the marketplace.

When you hire a successful sales person, their impact on the organization through increased revenue and the gainful employment of the other 90% of non-sales types, makes the cost of that special sales person essentially "free".

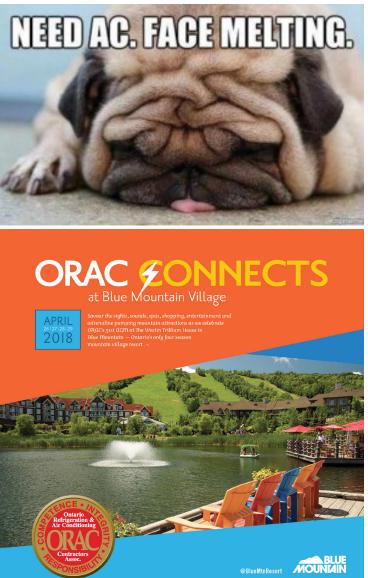
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# **BRAZING SCHEDULE**



Just a friendly reminder that brazing courses have commenced again after the summer break.

There are courses available in October so make sure to reach out to Jessica at <u>Jessica.atcheson@orac.ca</u> to inquire about registrations. Space is limited, and available on a first come, first serve basis.





## 2017-2018 ORAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### ORAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the association is to represent and serve HVACR contractors in Ontario with programs and services that promote responsible solutions.

#### GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Legislators and government policy advisors often fail to properly consult key players within an industry to which the legislation could and may have adverse and damaging effects.

ORAC recognizes the importance of actively representing the HVACR industry in Ontario on matters of direct impact, and participates with other industries in making representation on common concerns. It is important that legislators understand the capabilities of our industry in adjusting to sometimes unrealistic laws and standards, and at the same time, act on legislation that allows less responsible parties to operate and weaken the industry's position.

ORAC has formed a standing Technical Safety and Standards Committee (TSSC) to represent its members' interests with the TSSA and the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA).





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