



COOL NEWS

Spring Edition



2018 FALL FORUM at Woodbine Racetrack

ORAC was off to the races for the Annual Fall Forum at the [Woodbine Racetrack](#) in Etobicoke on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Those who attended braved a very cold, windy day for an event that started with an informative lunch and learn session.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Dino Russo introduced a full roster of speakers that included Ron Geissman, Senior Engineer at [Vibro-Acoustics](#) with his topic 'Seismic is Coming' and the impact of earthquakes on the industry. Earthquakes occur a lot more than you think.

Attendees then heard ORAC Associate Member, Darren Keates of [Vista Credit](#) give a talk on 'Value Added Selling and Commercial Leasing,' which was voted the most popular presentation by the way.

Zach Greenberg of [Argive Financial](#) spoke to ORAC members and gave 'The Best Insurance Presentation Ever!' While he spoke, he also had a professional masseuse giving out free massages, which we're sure was greatly appreciated.

Yasmeen Tonnos of [Iambetr.com](#), spoke about what Millennial Leadership will mean and look like in 2019.

Finally, the moment many in the room were waiting for, the [TSSA](#) update. TSSA Technical Services Supervisor, Caslav Dinic gave a detailed update to recent regulatory amendments. He also spoke about changes to TSSA's website that would help make navigation and application submission easier.

After a break and some refreshments, ORAC members were treated to a mind-blowing experience with a show by [The Evasons](#), a husband and wife Mentalist Duo. An award-winning act, Jeff and Tessa Evason took the audience on an emotional roller coaster by reading minds with near 100 per cent accuracy.

Members enjoyed a great dinner and ORAC Member Milestone Awards were handed out. The evening at the Woodbine Racetrack couldn't be complete without horse racing. This year ORAC members got the opportunity to place their bets on some thoroughbred racing, a change from harness racing (with carts) in previous years.

We hope you'll join us at the next Fall Forum in 2019, scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th.

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Welcome ORAC Members!

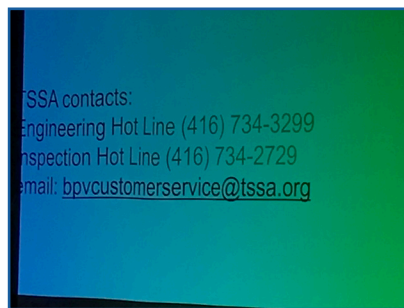


Informative Sessions

Great Speakers



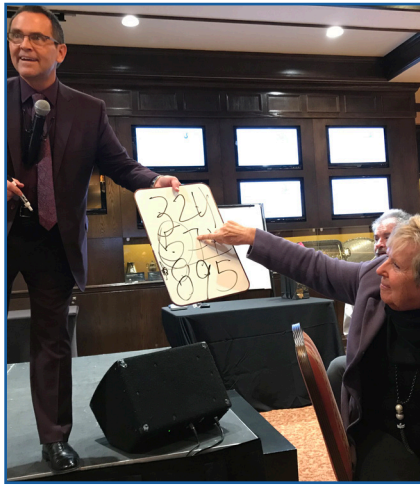
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New Member Spotlight – AIM Group Canada Ltd.

As a new associate member of ORAC, I wanted to introduce my firm and our reason for joining the association. Founded in 1990, AIM Group Canada Ltd. is a Toronto-based mergers and acquisitions advisory firm. Our primary service is helping clients with the sale of their privately-owned businesses.

Having sold several contracting businesses in the past, we've developed a good understanding of the industry and its buyers. We believe ORAC members can benefit from our industry expertise and have therefore decided to become more involved with the association.



Selling a business is a complicated, difficult and time-consuming exercise. For brevity, we have summarized the process into the 13 steps as follows:

1. Estimate valuation
2. Prepare a Confidential Information Memorandum (CIM)
3. Prepare an approved List of Prospective Buyers
4. Prepare a secure, online Data Room with due diligence documentation
5. Contact prospective buyers and send out teasers and confidentiality agreements
6. Circulate the CIM to interested parties and respond to their questions
7. Meet with prospective buyers
8. Receipt of Letters of Intent
9. Negotiation of terms
10. Selection of winning bid
11. Due diligence with exclusive counterparty
12. Legal documentation
13. Closing

This process typically takes 6 to 9 months from start to completion. I would be happy to discuss this in further detail with anyone that is thinking about selling their business and can be reached by email at mark@aimgc.ca or by phone at 416-364-8464.



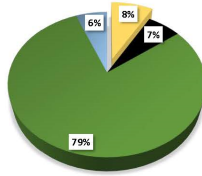
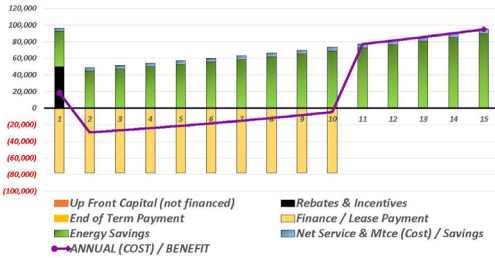
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Highly qualified first-year apprentices are currently available for hire on the www.orac.ca website. Simply log into your ORAC account and hit the "Hire an Apprentice" tab to access the list.

If you do not have your login information, feel free to contact Marshalette at 905-670-0010 or email marshalette@apprenticehvacr.ca anytime.



ORAC's ever-popular Spring Forum focuses on professional development...and golf of course. Email contact@orac.ca!

AGENDA

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Climate Change & The HVAC Industry by David Phillips (Environment Canada)
9:20 am	The JTAC 2019 by Gino DiFebo
9:55 am	Break (15 mins)
10:10 am	The Future of Building Analytics By Vineet Sinha (AI and Machine Learning)
10:50 am	Cyber Security By Michael Nituda (BFL Canada)
11:25 am	How to get "Free Cash for Training" By Cory Haynes (The Ayming Consulting Group Canada)
11:45 am	ORAC Honorary Member Presentation --- HART HOLMSTROM ---
11:50 am	Lunch
1:00 pm	Shotgun Start (approx. time)
5:00 pm	Reception & Dinner

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The Effective HVAC Manager

Getting More Done in Less Time

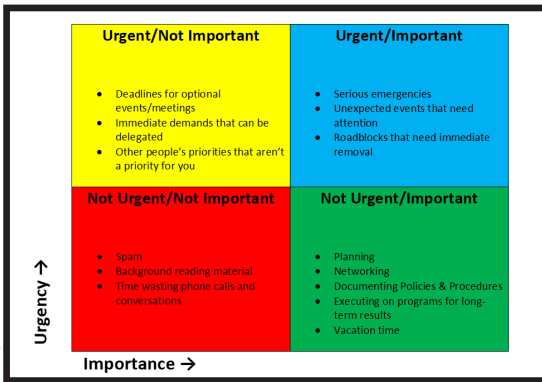
We are in the business of working on behalf of our HVAC clients to connect them with effective employees. But what are the ways that one can become an effective manager? Much has to do with effective time management and not only doing things right, but doing the right things in the right order.

Here is one way to organize your life to become more effective:

Stephen Covey's Four Boxes

In Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Covey uses a two by two matrix to differentiate activities according to their importance and urgency.

We allocate our time every day among activities in these four categories. It is easy to see how we can waste time and become ineffective by wallowing in the red zone of the Not Urgent and Not Important.



It is also easy to see how other people's priorities can supersede ours, or other seemingly Urgent but Not Important activities in the yellow zone can take us off course. Activities in the blue zone are Urgent and Important, so we can't really avoid those and they must be attended to immediately.



The phrase "I was too busy bailing to fix the leak in the boat!" comes to mind.

The beauty of Covey's representation comes through with the realization that by devoting most of our time to activities in the green Important but Not Urgent zone, we are making everything run better.

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We are "sharpening the saw" to use Covey's example of the efficient lumberjack and eliminating the number of activities that will require our attention in the blue Urgent and Important zone.

There will be fewer emergencies because of good planning and good procedures. This is almost counter intuitive for many managers who feel that they should be fighting fires and leading the troops in battle.

In fact however, the most effective action is calm and deliberate work done well before there is any chance of fire or war breaking out in the first place.

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Changes to the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship System & College of Trades Fee Changes

Changes to the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship System

The Government of Ontario has proposed the Modernizing the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act, 2019 which, if passed, would establish a new governance model for the skilled trades and apprenticeship system. This would be a Ministry-led delivery model with industry input in training programs and regulation. You can find the bill as Schedule 40 at this link.

During the transition period the College will continue to deliver on its core services, including:

- Issuing or renewing certificates of qualification and other credentials,
- Verifying credentials on worksites for compulsory trades,
- Undertaking trade equivalency assessments, and,
- Supporting labour mobility through credential verification

College of Trades Fee Changes

Upon request of the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, effective immediately, College of Trades annual membership fees have been reduced or eliminated to be:

- \$0 for Apprentice class members
- \$0 for Journeyman Candidate class members
- \$0 for Tradesperson class members
- \$60 for the Journeypersons class

In order to implement the technical changes necessary to enable the change in fees the College has placed a temporary pause on membership fee collection. Effective Friday, April 12th, the College has temporarily ceased sending out invoices or accepting payments and will begin again at the new rate as soon as possible, but no later than July 5th 2019. Please note that fees at the new rate will be assessed for the period of the temporary pause and will be due after it ends. Fees paid prior to the rate change will be credited towards either OCOT membership fees or the future fee model, as appropriate.

We will provide additional information on when we will resume fee collection as soon as possible.

As published on the College's website at www.collegeoftrades.ca.



Journeyman to Apprentice Ratio now 1:1 as of November 21, 2018

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Cannabis and the workplace

According to the federal government's website someone who is impaired may not be able to properly do their job and could put themselves and others in danger.

Causes of impairment from legal and illegal substances include: alcohol, cannabis, street drugs or even certain medications.

As listed on www.canada.com, Employers should:

- Ensure the health and safety of all employees at work
- Address physical and/or psychological hazards in their workplace, including when impaired.
- Work with employee representatives to develop, implement and evaluate a hazard prevention program to monitor and prevent hazards
- Include policies on substance use and impairment in hazard prevention programs when the use of cannabis and other causes of impairment represents a hazard.

Under the Canadian Human Rights Act, employers have a duty to accommodate, to the point of undue hardship, an employee that has medical authorization to use marijuana due to a disease, injury or disability.

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When was the last time you ensured that?

- Are your computer systems backed up and secure, and if hacked and ransomed could they be quickly restored?
- Are work orders reviewed for completeness and proper pricing?
- Do you match truck GPS logs to work orders?
- Is profitability measured on each job and are quoted jobs properly budgeted and controlled?
- Who reviews the payroll and ensures that all time and the cost are properly allocated? Is overtime approved prior to being incurred?

- When was the last time a truck inventory count was done? How do you control it?
- Do you review bank statements and bank reconciliations? Who has use of credit cards and how are they controlled? Could someone make a bank transfer without you knowing?
- Are all contracts properly signed off by customers, and are they enforceable?

These are just a few of the many areas in business where your profits could seep away. You make sure your customers' systems don't leak. Who is making sure there are no leaks in your company?

Try this test, have a cheque prepared to yourself for \$100 but don't sign it. Deposit to your bank account at an ATM. I'll bet your bank will just let it go through. Now could someone do that in your business for a much larger amount?

Speak to your accountant or call me to discuss an internal control assessment.

For more information contact Stan Swartz, CPA, CMA, CFP, CMC of Sloan Partners LLP via email at stan@sloangroup.ca or call 416-665-7735.

If you're an employer looking to hire or train apprentices you may be able to take advantage of funding, programs and federal tax incentives.

The government's goal is to develop a modernized apprenticeship system which focuses on increasing completion rates, the participation of traditionally under-represented groups and creating clearer, better pathways for apprentices. The following is a short list of apprenticeship hiring and training incentives...

- Formerly known as the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit (ATTC), GAGE (Graduated Apprenticeship Grant for Employers) is a graduated apprenticeship grant that can provide up to \$16,700 for training. You can receive an additional grant of up to \$2,500 if your apprentice is from an under-represented group, which means an employer can receive up to \$19,200 in grants through GAGE. Over 100 trades are eligible for this grant.
- The Apprenticeship Completion Employer Bonus (ACEB) provides a \$1,000 taxable cash grant for those trades not eligible for GAGE.
- With the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit (AJCTC) employers can claim a maximum \$2,000 per year for each eligible apprentice. The non-refundable tax credit is equal to 10% of eligible apprentice salaries and wages. Acceptable trades include those listed as Red Seal Trades. Unused credit may be carried back three years or carried forward 20 years.
- The Canada-Ontario Job Grant offers employers up to \$10,000 per person towards the cost of job training. Employers with 100 employees or more pay half of the training costs. Employers with less than 100 employees pay 1/6 of the training costs.

For more information regarding government hiring and training incentives go to www.ontario.ca.

ORAC ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE



Our Associates Committee continues to meet bi-annually to continually raise the profile and reputation of our industry through sponsorships, involvement in speaker recommendations, advertising ideas and continuous relationship building at our events.

Be sure to look out for them at one of our upcoming events.

Our next Associates Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 11:00am at the ORAC office at 133 Milani Boulevard, Suite 104, Vaughan, Ontario L4H 4M4.

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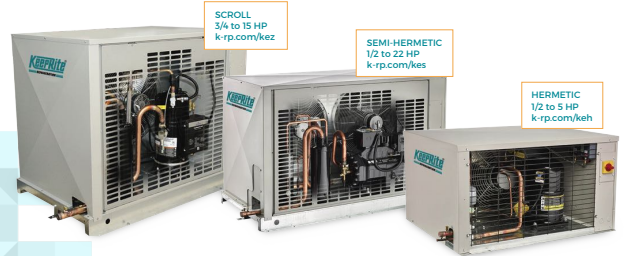
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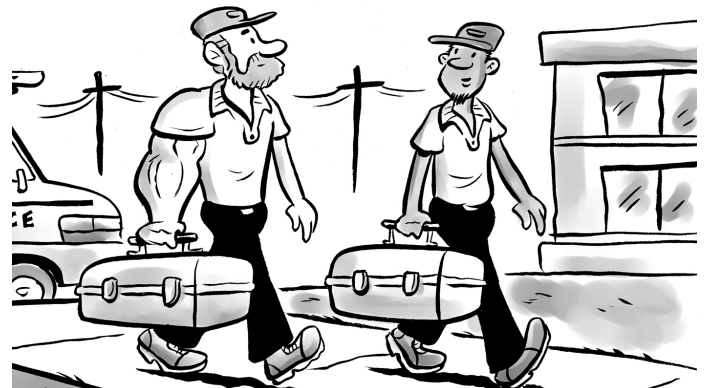
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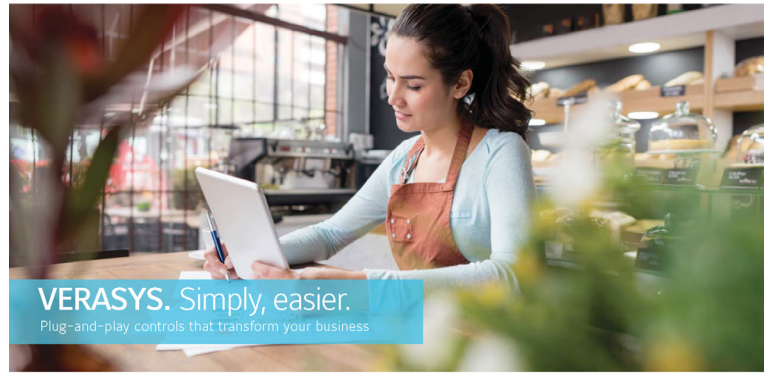


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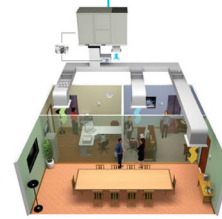


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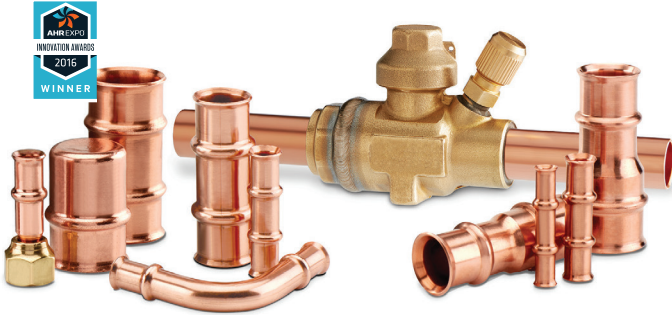
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ORAC MISSION STATEMENT

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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