



COOL NEWS

Summer Edition

2019 AGM IN NASHVILLE

ORAC's 52nd Annual General Meeting took place in the Country music and bachelorette party capital of the world, Nashville, Tennessee, at the [OMNI Hotel](#). This year's AGM was held from Thursday, April 25 to Sunday, April 28, 2019. It was filled with lots of activities and you guessed it, lots of Country music.

Attendees arriving on the first day of the AGM were met with crowds in the thousands in town for the NFL draft and St. Jude's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. Attendees then arrived at the OMNI for a Welcome Lunch before being let loose on the streets of Nashville.

ORAC's Country themed reception in the evening was sponsored by ORAC's Associate Members, including AGM Gold Sponsor [Yorkland Controls](#). The reception was followed by dinner and capped off with a wonderful performance by singer/songwriters, Leslie Satcher and Tony Arata. The pair have written for mega stars like Reba McEntire, Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt, Cheryl Crow, Emmylou Harris, and Randy Travis to name a few.

Members enjoyed tours including the [Mayekawa](#) sponsored factory tour, The Grand Ole Opry, the Old Town Trolley with a visit to The Ryman Auditorium, and the Belle Meade Plantation.

ORAC's Annual General Meeting went on as scheduled on the Saturday, as members voted for the 2019-2021 Board of Directors.

But what event would be complete without a scavenger hunt? Attendees used the ORAC Events App, which kept members plugged into all activities, on their mobile phones to compete in a photo challenge. Competitors vied for a very economical and, we dare say, a very prestigious award.

The President's Gala reception and dinner was filled with celebrity guests, Dolly Parton and Elvis Presley...ok they were obviously impersonators.

While Dolly and Elvis mingled with the crowd and showed off their singing skills, the real fun came at dinner with outgoing ORAC President, Ron Abernethy, and newly minted ORAC president, Tony Mamoliti, showing off their line dancing skills.

Finally, our MC, Dino Russo presented Scavenger Hunt winner, Jennifer Pereira with top honours.

With the end of this year's AGM, we look forward to next year's gathering at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake taking place April 30 to May 3, 2020. Mark your calendars and see you then!

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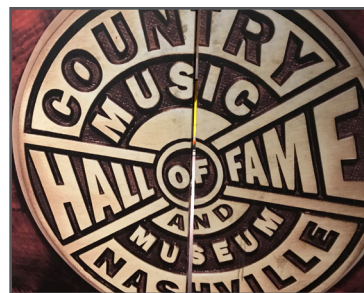
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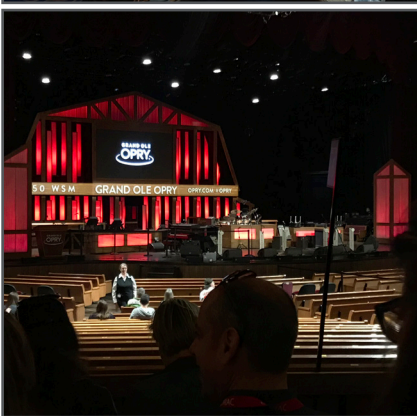
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2019 ORAC AGM PHOTOS CONTINUED.
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A Case Study: Bryan's Fuels

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All ORAC members are invited to read the details about this at www.intrigueme.ca and we would be happy to talk with you about taking the stress out of your marketing.

Carly, Fred and Stefan of the Intrigue Team

With thanks,
Carly

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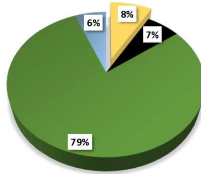
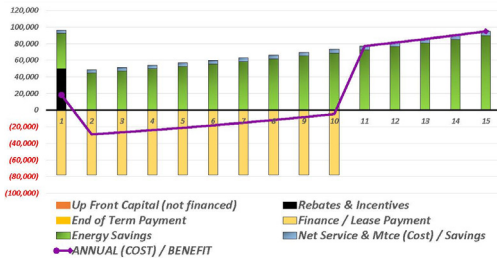
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If you do not have your login information, feel free to contact Marshalette at 905-670-0010 or email marshalette@apprenticehvacr.ca anytime.



WOMEN'S DAY Wednesday, October 23, 2019 Registrations go out soon! 5th Anniversary



Women's Day is ORAC's networking and professional development event for the women of HVACR. Come celebrate it's milestone 5th year anniversary!

Highlights include:

Lunch - Speakers - Entertainment

Venue:

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Ontario government passes the Modernizing the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act, 2019 and College resumes accepting membership payments at new reduced rate.

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The Government of Ontario has passed the Modernizing the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act, 2019 (Act) which establishes a new governance model for the skilled trades and apprenticeship system. The new system will be a Ministry-led delivery model with industry input in training programs and regulation. You can find the Act as Schedule 40 of Bill 100 here. You can find more information on the Ministry's announcement here.

During the transition to the new Ministry-led delivery model and the wind-down of the Ontario College of Trades (College) in fall of 2019, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (Ministry) and the College continue to deliver key services. Among other duties, the Ministry continues to register training agreements with apprentices, assess employer eligibility to take on apprentices, and administer Certificate of Qualification exams. The College supports this work by continuing to issue skilled trades credentials (Certificates of Qualification and Statements of Membership) and supporting labour mobility through credential verification.

College resumes accepting membership payments at new reduced rate

On April 12, 2019, the College made changes to annual membership fees upon request of the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities – please see here for the new fee structure. In order to make the necessary technical changes to reflect the new fee structure, the College placed a temporary pause on sending out renewal invoices and accepting membership fee payments. Members remained responsible for their membership fees during this temporary pause. The technical changes have now been made and the College has resumed sending renewal invoices and accepting membership fees at the new rates. Membership fees paid prior to April 12, 2019 will be credited towards either College membership fees or any future fee model, as appropriate. To assist members in making payments during this time, we have extended payment due dates to September 1, 2019. Payments that were due during the pause may be made by September 1, 2019 without impacting active membership status.

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



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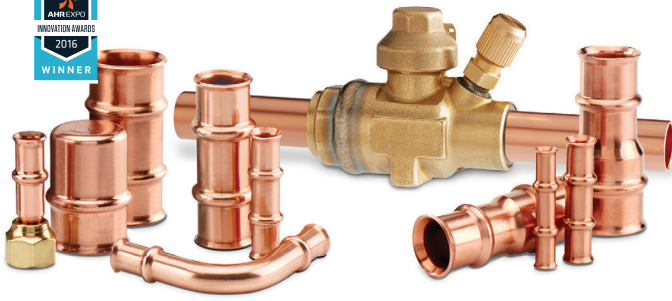


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Your tax returns are done and the documents and digital files have all been put away. Summer is here and you don't want to think about your finances or taxes.

But just to keep you a little sleepless and anxious, here is a short list of some financial and tax planning ideas your financial advisor and accountant and lawyer may not have discussed with you.

These could help you earn and keep more of your money.

1. Dividends may negatively impact your Old Age Security payments.
2. If you are over 65 and have no pension income, the interest earned on GIC's issued by life insurance companies could provide you with income eligible for the pension income tax credit. And if there is a designated beneficiary the funds would bypass probate in the event of death.
3. Segregated investment funds (a mutual fund type investment issued by insurance companies) provide many estate planning opportunities including bypassing probate, designating different amounts, and different forms of payouts to your beneficiaries.

In addition the values of the investment and the incomes derived can be guaranteed.

4. If you are a business owner, consider an Individual Pension Plan. Contributions to these plans could exceed the maximums you are allowed for your Registered Retirement Savings Plans, create a "super deduction" for your corporate income tax purposes, and provide greater retirement income.
5. Withdrawing more than the government legislated minimums from your Registered Retirement Income Fund may significantly reduce the taxes on death.
6. Depending on your income, you may be eligible for the Old Age Security Guaranteed Income Supplement. Check out www.canada.ca

Perhaps you need an objective look at your situation. Let me know.

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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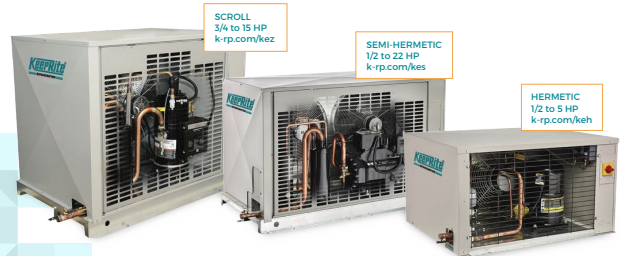
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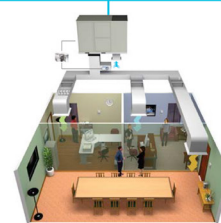


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Legislators and government policy advisors often fail to properly consult key players within an industry to which the legislation could and may have adverse and damaging effects.

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.

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