# Diverse by Nature! Get Ready for New Business







**WELCOME!** 

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# Resorts of Ontario Spring Conference & Trade Show

Monday March 31 & Tuesday April 1, 2014 Casino Rama Hotel, Rama & Fern Resort, Orillia

Learn about Diversity, Social Inclusion & preparing your Staff and Business in a changing Marketplace.

Learn strategies on these markets and set the stage for NEW CUSTOMERS.

PLUS opportunities to gain Certification...and more!

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## 2014 SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# Monday March 31, 2014

#### Casino Rama Hotel, Rama

8:30 am Registration Desk Opens Rama Hall
8:30 am Welcome Coffee Anishnaabe A
8:45 am Welcome & Opening Remarks Anishnaabe A

President Greg Elmhirst, Elmhirst Resort

Spring Conference Chair: Jim Pomeroy, YMCA Geneva Park

9 am— Diversity & Social Inclusion: Train-the-Trainer Anishnaabe A

Speaker: James Milligan

This 3-hour Train-The-Trainer workshop on Diversity & Social Inclusion will give Resorts Ontario leaders trainer's tools to help them deliver engaging diversity workshops to their staff on their home ground. Skills such as raising awareness, introducing cultural competence, dealing with customer differences, and managing difficult conversations about diversity-related topics will give you what you need to deliver on-site training yourselves.

10:30 am Coffee Break Anishnaabe A

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12 Noon— Resorts of Ontario Luncheon & AGM Anishnaabe A
1:45 pm

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2-3 pm EDUCATIONAL ROUND TABLES Anishnaabe A

**Hosted by 2014 Trade Show Exhibitors** 

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Our knowledgeable Suppliers will be on hand to share invaluable tips and information on important operational topics.

#### Here are just a few of the Educational highlights:

- Learn about your legal obligations on bed bugs and special canine services for pest control and management. ABELL PEST CONTROL
- Frustrating or difficult employee? Unclear expectations of your employees? More safety obligations coming in 2014? Your company's HR and Safety requirements can be a daunting task to stay on top of. In our round table discussion, we'll talk about trends in HR and Safety and discuss some best practices to get effective results from your most valuable asset; your employees. BRAYMARK SERVICES
- Most resorts see immediate results in occupancy rates from their investment. The
  entertainment value is huge resulting in repeat customers each year. ATL Distributing can work
  with you to develop an effective attraction that would be sure to be a huge hit with its guests.
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- Acquire more insights on search engine optimization and social networking for your business PLUS how PPC ad campaigns and your web architecture can directly help or hinder your business. FIRST PAGE SEO

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## Monday March 31, 2014

#### Casino Rama Hotel, Rama

#### 2—3 pm EDUCATIONAL ROUND TABLES Continued

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- Launch of the new Preferred Supplier Search Engine is planned for March 2014. An excellent tool
  and solution for you and your staff. Featuring the NEW Search Engine and its benefits to members
  including mobile and desktop applications. THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER DIVISION
- Hear more about "The importance of the mattress in the room" Simmons leads the bedding
  industry with innovations like EverNu, the replaceable mattress top that zips off for a fast and easy
  mattress replacement. SIMMONS CANADA
- Design-Build- Finance-Operate The Design-Build-Finance-Operate option for water and wastewater plants is now available to the resort industry. Learn how this new approach can help you. TEAM AQUATIC MANAGEMENT INC.

#### 3—5 pm RESORTS OF ONTARIO ANNUAL TRADESHOW

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This year's Show features a variety of booths showcasing what's new in products and services all key to the needs of resort operations. Join us at a Reception held during the marketplace/trade with an opportunity to win a Grand Prize.

4 –5 pm

Reception & Grand Prize of \$1,000.00 (Restrictions Apply)
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5:15 pm

**Resorts of Ontario Elections of Officers Meeting** 

Anishnaabe A

## Delegates proceed to Fern Resort for Evening Festivities

# Monday March 31, 2014

#### Fern Resort, Orillia

6:30 pm Reception

Bertyl's Lobby & Bar

7:30 pm **Dinner** 

**Heritage Dining Room** 

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10 pm Hospitality Suite

Mary Lou's

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Join us afterhours where the fun continues with opportunities to Network with your colleagues. See you there!

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## 2014 SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# Tuesday April 1, 2014

#### Fern Resort, Orillia

8—9 am Breakfast Heritage Dining Room

9 am—1pm

#### **LGBT Certification Training Workshop**

**Huronia Room** 

Facilitator: Annemarie Shrouder, Travel Gay Canada

All
delegates
in this
workshop
will earn
Certification
status.

This interactive workshop helps businesses learn about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) diversity and how to effectively understand, value, and serve LGBT employees and customers. The workshop:

- Defines the diversity of LGBT communities and provides an opportunity to ask questions;
- Discusses safe space and the benefits to employees, customers, and the organization;
- Applies new strategies and an opportunity to work on the concepts and put the teaching into practice;
- Links training to provincial and federal policies and legislation;
- Includes a take-away workbook.

10:30 am Coffee Break

1 pm

**Farewell Remarks** 

### **Accommodation (SEE INSERT):**

Please find a list of properties in the local area that have offered special rates: Fern Resort, Casino Rama, YMCA Geneva Park, Days Inn, Horseshoe Resort & Carriage Ridge Resort

# **Thank you Sponsors!**

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