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A message from your president

RA Ontario members have been busy these past few months. Since the publication of our January issue, we have traveled to three events in a cross-continent round trip from Mississauga to New Orleans and then back home to Toronto.

On Jan.18, we met at Atlas Copco and were invited into the company's permanent "trade show" exhibit space. I know that I, for one, was impressed with the scope of the operation that Atlas Copco runs from its Canadian office in Mississauga. Everything from powered screwdrivers to mining equipment was on display.

From there, it was down to New Orleans for **The Rental Show**, the American Rental

Association's annual convention and trade show, Feb. 6-8. Ontario was well-represented by both rental operators and exhibitors. The show floor seemed busy all three days, and the seminars were informative and engaging. There was even a cutout of James Morden, CRA Ontario chairperson, welcoming attendees to the Show. This "Flat lames" toured New Orleans, which was

caught on video. Anyone

who is interested can search

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"who dat Flat James" on YouTube or check the link on the Canadian Rental Association Facebook page.

The last stop was back to Toronto for the Canadian Rental Mart on March 6 and 7. This show floor was also busy and well-attended. The CRA Ontario booth was busy, with a guest appearance on the 6th by Bryan Baeumler, host of "Disaster DIY" and "Leave it to Bryan" on the HGTV and DIY Networks. Baeumler is CRA's celebrity spokesperson for 2012. CRA Ontario also raffled off a newly available iPad 3 at the show, which was won by **Hugh Howie from A.E. Sales.**

Our awards banquet was attended by more than 150 members. They were entertained by Big Time Productions and the Murder Mystery production "the Silence of the Hams." Judging by the responses we received from members in attendance, this will be a hard act to follow next year. Congratulations also to our award winners (featured on the inside pages of this newsletter).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Member meeting **Behind-the-Scenes Look at Location Equipment Supply**

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Ontario associate member wins **CRA** website prize

t was 5 p.m. and Dean Nasato, district manager with Wacker Neuson in Mississauga, was leaving his company's booth on the trade show floor of The Rental Show in New Orleans when he started receiving congratulatory voicemail and text messages. He was totally perplexed.

"I didn't know what was going on," he says. "I kept receiving all of these messages telling me that I had won \$500.

He soon discovered that he was the winner of the cash prize drawing from the Canadian Rental Association (CRA) for offering comments about the new CRA website. His name was drawn at the CRA Annual General Meeting that was held at the Show.

"I remember I wrote in comments that I was very appreciative of the website layout, the links to different suppliers, the upcoming events, etc. I was shocked when I won," he says. •



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President's message

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Our next event on April 18 will offer a behind-the-scenes look at Location Equipment Supply, Toronto. If you've ever wondered what's actually involved in providing rentals to television shows and movies in Ontario, this is a "can't miss" event. I hope to see all of you there. •

> - Mike Maltby, CRA Ontario president

Congratulations, winners

uring the CRA Ontario Awards Banquet, the following awards were presented to members in recognition of their outstanding contributions and achievements:

Supplier of the Year: Hy-Cor International

This is awarded to a supplier that has made a special effort to help CRA Ontario members or the industry as a whole.

Image Award — General Tool/Construction: Robertson Rent-All

This is awarded to a general tool or construction rental house that exemplifies good housekeeping, attractive equipment and facilities, and general proficiency in the industry.

Image Award — **Party and Special Event: Happenings Party Rentals**

This is awarded to a party and special event rental house that exemplifies good housekeeping, attractive equipment and facilities, and general proficiency in the industry.

Rental Professional of the Year: Randy Turner, **Bestway Rentals**

This is awarded to an individual who has contributed unselfishly of his or her time and talents in order to further the aims of the CRA Ontario.











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Member Meeting at Atlas Copco



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Rentals in Hamilton

Industrial Tools & Equipment

🗖 nergizing, tremendous buying opportunity and great location: These are just a few of the ways CRA Ontario members summarized their experiences last month at The Rental Show in New Orleans.

"I wouldn't miss The Rental Show,

including Events & Tents," says Nancy Snell, CERP, owner of NJS Design Event & Party Rentals in Clinton. "I become inspired and recharged. Of course, I did a lot of shopping. I also came home with seven pages of notes of things we will be working on."

The seminars were a big draw, adds Neil De Jong, manager of Industrial Tools & Equipment Rentals in Hamilton. "The Show always has great speakers, and, of course, I didn't want to miss the keynote with Aron Ralston, either," says De Jong, who serves as CRA Ontario treasurer.

Both Snell and De Jong found the social networking seminars very helpful. "I haven't been too interested in social media until

now," De Jong admits. "I realize that it is where we need to go. This seminar reinforced that for me."

Jerry de Lange, owner of A & B Your Party Rental Centre in London, was glad to be back in New Orleans. "New Orleans is a

> great spot. The Show is always a good mix of yearly buying and entertainment," he says.

The ability to reconnect with rental operators whom they haven't seen for a while made the Region 10 Reception and the CRA Hospitality Event important venues not

to miss, Snell and De Jong say. "I learn as much by talking with other people as I do in the seminars," Snell adds.

Between the show floor, the seminars, the networking opportunities and the location, The Rental Show was an overall hit for these rental operators. "It is an invaluable experience," De Jong says. "I love the Show and I love the venue. It's something I never want to miss."



Ontario member took part in Inspiration Gallery

Nancy Snell, CERP, owner of NIS Design Event & Party Rentals in Clinton, submitted this photo of the wedding reception she coordinated at the historic Benmiller Inn. This picture has even more significance now because the inn was severely damaged by the F3 tornado that hit the Lake Huron area Aug. 21, Snell says.







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