

VIVA LAS VEGAS SUMMER 2014

The Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America convention committee is looking forward to a fun and informative conference again this summer. Some new activities are being planned, so please make your reservations soon. The convention schedule is included below, as well as hotel, transportation, and ACB tour information.

"VIVA LAS VEGAS!" Summer Convention Schedule

Saturday, July 12, 2014"

9:00 pm to 12:00 am: Members only mixer

Sunday July 13, 2014

10:00 am to noon: RSVA Board of Directors meeting.

12:15 pm RSVA sponsored ACBS Scholarship luncheon (This luncheon is not included in the RSVA convention package.)

1:30 pm Welcome: Dan Sippl, RSVA President, Eau Claire, WI

Roll call: Ardis Bazyn, RSVA Secretary, Burbank CA

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1:40 pm “What’s happening in the Business Enterprises of Nevada program?”: Drazen Elez, Bureau Chief Business Enterprises of Nevada

2:00 pm: “Highlights from Nevada vendors”: Dick Saperstein, NCBV President, Minden, NV; Elizabeth Perring, Viva Vegas Vending, Las Vegas, NV; Bert Hansen, NCBV Vice President, Boulder City, NV

Recently BEN Certified trainees: Dustin Voinell, Pahrump, NV; Lee Weiss, Las Vegas, NV

2:30 pm: Customer Service and Management Options: Ed Manley, MCFBD, E. H. Manley & Associates, Las Vegas, NV

3:00 pm: Break

3:15 pm: "Accessible Quick Books": Albert J. Rizzi, M.Ed., CEO My Blind Spot, Inc. New York, NY and Intuit team

3:45 pm: Medicare and How It Affects Your Business- Barbara Duckett, Area Training Specialist, Las Vegas Social Security District Office.

4:10 pm: Micromarts- Pat McMullen 365 Markets

4:40 pm: Resolutions/Constitution and Bylaws (first reading): Ardis Bazyn, Secretary, Burbank, CA

5:00 pm: Nominating Committee - delegates only

10:00 pm to 12:00 am: RSV A Open Hospitality with Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs: RSV A Suite

Monday, July 14, 2014

12:15 pm: RSVA Annual Awards Luncheon:

Speaker: Kim Charlson, President American Council of the Blind, Watertown, MA

Presentation of Awards: Eddie Turner, RSVA Awards Chair, Jackson, MS

2:30 pm: RSVA business meeting

5:00 pm: RSVA Caucus

7:30 pm □ 9:00 pm: VIVA Las Vegas (1st Act)
Listen to our special Elvis Presley entertainer and have your picture taken with the king.

9:00 pm □ 11:00 pm: VIVA Las Vegas (2nd Act)
Our special DJ will be spinning records. Come dance with RSVA.

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

12:15 pm: RSVA Board/Presidents' Luncheon

Make your reservations soon! The Riviera is offering ACB a limited number of rooms in the MonteCarlo tower for \$63.00 per night. ACB will be using two towers, the Monaco and MonteCarlo. The Monaco is a nonsmoking

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tower as are the meeting rooms and hotel restaurants. Rooms in the Monaco were remodeled in 2008. All rooms have refrigerators. ACB has a room rate of \$87.00 per night in the Monaco tower.

The MonteCarlo tower has smoking and nonsmoking floors. It was last remodeled in 1998. The rooms are older and do not have refrigerators. The ACB room rate in the MonteCarlo is \$63.00 per night. Both rates are for single or double occupancy.

If you have already made your reservations and would like to switch to the MonteCarlo for the \$63.00 rate contact the Riviera. Make your reservations at the Riviera today! Call (800) 634-6753; make sure to mention you are with the ACB convention.

You can also make Reservations online at <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=17104&Chain=6946&arrive=7/9/2014&depart=7/10/2014&adult=1&child=0&group=SACB71>

When you make your reservation, one night's stay will be charged to your credit card. The meeting rooms are located between the two towers. If you have questions about the national ACB convention, visit the web site www.acb.org and the 2014 conference and convention link will have additional convention information.

Are you wondering about flights to Las Vegas? Do you plan to use paratransit while at the ACB conference and convention? Do you plan to visit different venues while

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staying at the Riviera. Read on for Las Vegas transportation information.

McCarran international airport (code LAS) is served by all major air carriers and many smaller airlines including: Air Canada, AirTran, Alaska, Allegiant, American, British Airways, Condor, Copa, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit, Sun Country, United, and US Airways. Greyhound and Mega Bus have stops in Las Vegas.

The Greyhound station is 3.2 miles from the Riviera, the Mega Bus stops at the south strip transfer terminal 4.5 miles from the hotel. The closest Amtrak stop is five hours away in Bakersfield, CA. Super Shuttle Travel from the airport to the hotel for an ACB conference and convention participant costs a discounted fare of \$7.00 one way (\$14.00 round trip). Make shuttle reservations online at www.supershuttle.com or by calling (800) 258-3826. Use code YJGVH when booking your reservation. You will be asked your flight number, arrival time, and the cell number where you can be reached upon arrival. Reservations can be made at any time but must be made at least 24 hours prior to your arrival.

Taxi fares from the airport to the Riviera range in price from \$16.00 to \$21.00. The fare may vary depending on time of day and traffic. There is an additional \$3.00 charge if the fare is paid with a credit card. Visitors on casino properties as well as the airport must obtain a taxi from the designated cab stands. The taxis are in

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queue, passengers take the cab that is next in the cab line. Cabs cannot be hailed from the street, or requested by phone. On the Strip, all properties have taxi stands.

There are two options available when traveling in Las Vegas on the Las Vegas strip via bus. Both buses run the same physical route but the stops are different. The Deuce makes numerous stops along the strip and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The closest stop to the Riviera is at Circus Circus a 2 minute walk from the Riviera. The Express bus, which has limited stops, operates from 9:00 AM until midnight. The closest Express Bus stop to the Riviera is at the convention center, a 7 minute walk from the hotel. Pricing for buses is: \$6 for a two hour pass, \$8 for a 24 hour pass and \$20 for a 3 day pass. For additional information visit [Http://www.rtcsv.com/transit/fare-information](http://www.rtcsv.com/transit/fare-information).

To use Las Vegas paratransit, you must become certified with Clark County's paratransit: telephone (702) 676-1815. You can request certification beginning June 1, 2014, and you must obtain certification at least one week prior to your arrival. You will be asked for your name and address; you will then need your transit provider to FAX your certificate of eligibility to the Clark County certification office at (702) 676-1732. Rides cost \$3 per ride (cash only) and should be booked one to three days in advance. The phone number to book a ride is 702-228-4800 or TDD 702-676-1834). For

additional information visit
<http://www.rtcsonv.com/transit/paratransit/>

You do not have to walk through the casino, (where smoking is permitted), to get to the meeting rooms, sleeping room towers, or hotel restaurants. The Riviera features several restaurants:

Wicked Vicky's Tavern and Banana Leaf Café feature all day breakfast as well as lunch and dinner. Both restaurants offer a selection of appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, salads and entrees. The most expensive entrée is under \$20 with most items in the \$10 to \$12 range.

- Banana Leaf Cafe also offers a selection of Asian dishes including Chow Meins and curries!
- R Steakhouse and Seafood is the hotel's fine dining option.
- The Riviera also houses a food court. Currently the food court venues include Chinese, Indian, Italian and Mexican food as well as burgers, sandwiches and pizza. There are two ABC stores selling everything from toiletries, souvenirs, snack items, soda, bottled water and liquor. All items are very reasonably priced. Other retail shops at the Riviera include Celebrity Club Men's Barber Salon, Zeba's Beauty Salon, Riviera Florist Shop, Riviera Royale Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas Magic Shop, and 3 Lions Tattoo Studio.

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Convention attendees will not be charged a resort fee, but will receive the following amenities: complimentary Wi-Fi service for hotel guests, unlimited in-room safe, free access to Fitness Center, free unlimited local and 800 calls placed from your room, free access to Riviera Tennis Courts and Pool Complex, free Valet & Self-parking, free enrollment in Club Riviera, 50% off drinks at the Casino bar valid on first round of drinks, and 2 for 1 offer on the Comedy Club tickets.

Feel free to contact Janet Dickelman, ACB Conference and convention coordinator by phone or email: (651) 428-5059 or janet.dickelman@gmail.com.

Prospective ACB tours include: Friday, July 11: Grand Canyon west rim and Evening dinner and tour (TBA); Saturday, July 12: Skydive Las Vegas, City Bus Tour, Black Canyon rafting and lunch; Sunday July 13: ACB Walk, City Bus Tours (morning and afternoon), Winery tour with lunch; Monday July 14: Thrill Seekers (ride the Big Shot, (X Scream) and High Roller Ferris Wheel); Tuesday, July 15: Mob Museum, Sheri's Ranch (lunch included); Wednesday, July 16: Atomic Museum, Ethel M Chocolates; Thursday, July 17: Hoover Dam; Saturday, July 19: Richard Petty Driving School (includes lunch), and Bonnie Springs Ranch.