

“SAVE THE DATES”
RSVA 2012 ANNUAL SAGEBRUSH NATIONAL BEP
TRAINING CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT!

RSVA is making plans for the 2012 Annual Sagebrush National BEP Training Conference. The hotel has confirmed the following dates for the RSVA Training Conference at its special rate: February 11 to the 18th, 2012, (Saturday to Saturday) so you can begin to make your plans.

The Conference dates will be from Monday, February 13 through Friday, February 17, 2012. Make your reservations at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Downtown Las Vegas. The address is 129 East Fremont Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel. You may call: (800) 634-3454. Please inform the reservationist it is listed as “RSVA Sagebrush Conf 2012” or Code: 1d509w.

Stay tuned for the latest updates on the conference at the RSVA website, www.rsva.biz or ww.Randolph-sheppard.org. You should have received copies of the Sagebrush registration forms in the mail. The registration forms for participants, exhibitors, and sponsors are also available online at www.rsva.biz or www.randolph-sheppard.org.

The preconvention RSVA Board meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on Monday afternoon, February 13. The registration table will open at 1:00 pm on Monday as well and remain open until 8:00 pm. The Sagebrush “Welcome Reception” will take place from 7:00-9:30 pm on Monday, February 13th. Attend and enjoy the great entertainment!

On Tuesday, the Conference begins with a full buffet breakfast, followed by programming. We’ll have “welcomes” from RSVA president, Dan Sippl, Nevada Council of the Blind President, Rick Kuhlmeier, and the

RSVA affiliate in Nevada President, Kae Pohe, as well as from the BEP administrator in Nevada, Ms. Katherine Yonkers.

After the traditional introduction of participants, ACB President, Mitch Pomerantz will give us some updates from ACB. The National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) will give us their latest news. A “Legal 101” session will give us some legal tips on Randolph-Sheppard issues. Presenters will be Susan Kern, Assistant Attorney general, (HI) and our own Robert Humphreys, Esq. A panel highlighting collaboration with state affiliates will be followed by Richard Rueda on the topic “How to get more youth involved in the Randolph-Sheppard Program”. This will complete the morning session.

On Tuesday afternoon, we will hold a session on Vending 101. Speakers will highlight some tricks to repairing vending machines, as well as ways to save energy in your facility. These should interest those vendors wondering about vending, as well as those experienced vending managers. After this afternoon of training, two break-out sessions will occur at 4 pm: one for R-S committee chairs and one for BEP administrators. Also, on Tuesday afternoon, Robert Humphreys, RSVA attorney, will be available for individuals to consult and ask questions about the R-S program.

On Wednesday, we will again have our full buffet breakfast before the programming starts. A panel of California vendors will explain their current California focus calls and how they have helped vendors in their state. Next, there will be four vendor panels: one with cafeteria managers, one with Post Office facility managers, one with total vending managers, and one with snack bar managers. An “RSA Update” will be given by Daniel B. Frye, J.D., Management and Program Specialist, Randolph-Sheppard Programs, RSA. A State Administrator Panel will follow. We want to encourage all State Administrators attending Sagebrush to participate in this panel.

At noon, our exhibits will be open until 5:00 pm. We will have appetizers and iced tea available. At 3:00 pm, we will have a cash bar with lots of

door prizes. We expect a large amount of exhibitors again this year after our successful conference attendance last year.

Thursday morning will begin with another buffet breakfast and then programming. Our first topic will be "Apple Products and Applications" presented by Vashaun Jones from the Apple Store in GA. After a panel on "Today's Federal Agencies and the Randolph-Sheppard Program" with participating agencies, the topic of "New technologies for Diabetes" will be presented by Chris Gray (CA).

RSVA President, Dan Sippl, will moderate our Sagebrush Annual Luncheon, followed by a Keynote speaker. Our George Arsnow Award winner will be presented. After lunch, we will have a panel on Social Security and Medicare issues and updates, especially geared toward self-employment and the Randolph-Sheppard Program. Mary Sue Welch (TX), a retired SSA benefits advisor and Dorothy Tate, Social Security Administration representative (NV) will provide the latest information.

Next, the topic will be "Military Dining Advocacy". Presenters will be Susan Kern, Hawaii Assistant Attorney General; Bob Humphreys, RSVA attorney; and D.O.D. partners.

On Friday, after our full breakfast, we expect to have military base management training for those interested in pursuing military operations.

Please check www.rsva.biz or www.randolph-sheppard.org for the latest schedule and updated information. We will have the final program available in email the week before the conference. Please let us know if you wish this option. We look forward to seeing all of you in February 2012. We realize this conference is during the Valentine's Day week, but we hope you bring your sweetheart with you in celebration!

***DATES TO REMEMBER FOR SAGEBRUSH
February 13, 2012 – February 17, 2012
SEE YOU THERE!***