



CONFERENCE UPDATE!

GOOD NEWS!!!

All Conference Attendees and Exhibitors!

Register to attend the Toronto Conference or send in your Exhibitors Contract between now and March 31st and take advantage of the waiver of the One nights room deposit when making you reservation at the Sheraton Center Toronto. ***(A credit card will still be required to guarantee the room. The 72 hour cancellation policy is still in effect.)***

GOOD NEWS!!!

NBNA Members who register to attend the Toronto Conference between March 1 and June 1 will be eligible to **WIN one of THREE complimentary 4 Night hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Centre Toronto!**

MORE GOOD NEWS!!!!

The Sheraton Toronto is extending all NBNA convention attendees a coupon for **10% discount** off food in these hotel outlets; Bistro on Two and the Traders Bar with over 30 beers on tap and coffee or tea at the Link Café. Coupons will be distributed at check-in.

WHAT IS CARIBANA?

Caribana was created to commemorate the Centennial of Canada in 1967. However, it was inspired by Emancipation Day celebrations that had taken place throughout those countries in the world where the British had owned and enslaved Africans. Upon learning that freedom had been won at the passing of the British Imperial Act of 1833 that went into effect throughout the British Empire on August 1st, 1834 those enslaved broke out into song and dance out of jubilation at the news of their freedom. So the Caribana Festival created by Canadians of African origin from the Caribbean, Bermuda and South America (Guyana) as well as Europe (eg. Britain via Jamaica) as a modern day expression of a historical reality that connects us all.

This years Caribana festivities will begin on Monday July 20th and close out on Sunday August 2nd 2009 with the parade and festival on the island. For more information go to www.caribanatoronto.com

PLANNING YOUR TRAVEL

Identification: You are required to present proof of Citizenship when checking in for your flight to Toronto and again upon entering Canada. Everyone **MUST carry a current US passport to enter and leave Canada.**

Ground Transportation: Visit the NBNA website to pre-book your ground transportation from Lester Pearson International Airport to the Sheraton Centre. Click on the www.TornotoAirportExpress.com link.

Departures: Pearson International Airport: Please note that you should arrive at the airport approximately 2 ½ - 3 hours prior to your flight's departure time. You will have to go through customs before going to your gate.

TOURS AND CARIBANA TICKETS

Integrity Tours of Toronto has planned two exciting tours for our members. Information will be sent to all registered attendees.