Wednesday, August 20th

Gold

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	VRWS Opening Breakfast and Breaking The Hard Rules: Redefining Strength in Women's Leadership with Shelley Brown							
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	From Broom Closet to Boardroom: The Power of Scaling Without a Playbook- A Fireside Chat with Kimberly White	Direct vs OTA: What Today's Smart Vacation Rental Website Needs to Compete (and Convert) with Annie Holcombe and Alex Husner	Beyond Service: What It Really Takes to Lead with Hospitality Today with April Burns	Mentorship, Momentum, and the Modern Woman in Hospitality Tech with Corie Fabian	What I Eat in a Day Part Two: Utilizing Nutrition and Exercise in a Chaotic Life with Tiffany Edwards			
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Everything Is a Phase (Patriarchy, Please Take Note) with Julie Brinkman	Fixing the Funnel: Why Short- Term Rental Marketing is Stuck— And What Comes Next with Amber Knight	Hobbspitality CARE Values with Rachele Hobbs and Bethany Hobbs Smith	Beyond the Bottom Line: Empowering Property Managers Through Protection and Purpose with Cindy Lee and Shannon MacPeek	Google Launched An Entirely New Search Engine With AI at its Core That Will Change So Much in Our Lives with Dr. Marie Haynes			
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	VRWS Lunch, What Feminism Looks Like at 17-Years-Old with Kate Sprenkle and When the Wind Changes: Turning Loss into Leadership with Angie Leone							
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Thriving with Multi-Generational Teams - Panel Moderated by Deborah Allen and Sue Jones with Kim Balsama, Mazzy Eckel, Heleena Sideris, and Monica Thibodeau	Women Do It Better: Intuition, Emotion & Direct Booking Domination with Vanessa Humes, Kara Kacmarcik, and Jill McGee	Co-Opetition Coalition: Turning Competitors into Collaborators in Hospitality with Kerrie Racicot	Operational Excellence: The Standards Behind the Stays: How Operational Excellence Becomes Brand Power with Ashley Ching	Summer 2025 Vacation Rental Industry Performance with Melanie Brown			

Leading Whole: Breaking Rules, Building Legacy with Shelley 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM Brown

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Carolina

KPIs with Purpose: Connecting Guest Feedback to Operational Excellence, and the Bottom Line with Natalia Holshouser and

Kelsey Liversidge

Poinsette

Roundtables: The Proverbial Glass Ceiling: Claiming Your Space moderated by Sue Jones

VRWS Afternnon Tea Break

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Scale Smarter, not Harder with Cassie Fields

Pinkney

Bad Stays and Bourbon Chasers: Your Worst Guest Stories with Amanda Martins

Shelf Help: Building Company Culture One Book at a Time with Rachel Alday in Laurens (Meeting Level 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

How to Matter in a Market That Pretends You Don't with Jenn Barbee 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM

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8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Low Country Breakfast, In Deep Shift: How to Turn Life's Hardest Moments into Your Greatest Breakthroughs with Valerie Gangas; Steadfast Through Storms: Leading with Resilience in the Vacation Rental Industry with Vered Raviv Schwarz							
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Shifting Sands: How Beach Erosion Will Reshape Coastal Communities with Amy Hinote and Tony Bartelme	The Hospitality Advantage: The Biggest Marketing Mistake Great Hosts Are Making & How To Fix It with Jodi Bourne	Cool Under Pressure: Midlife, Menopause, and Managing It All with Claiborne Yarbrough	Empathy Is a Power Skill: Leading with Heart in a Results- Driven Industry with Becca Madigan	Hospitality by Design.The Best Tool in Your Toolbox. with Jessica Duce			
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	In-Case-You-Stayed-Out-Too-Late-and-Missed-Breakfast Break							
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Finding Joy and Purpose in a World That is Radically Changing Because of Al with Dr. Marie Haynes	Serving Authentically: Vision, Resilience, and the Power of Memorable Stays with Karen Piscitelli	Stop Measuring Performance— Start Driving It: The Right Metrics Don't Just Reflect Growth; They Fuel It with Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Sasha Lawler	Win Your Time Back: Practical Ways of Implementing Al into Your Daily Workflows	The Power Pivot: Redefining Leadership After a Career Change with Kelly McNeil			
11:45 AM - 1:40 PM	VRWS Pioneer Award Lunch and Martha Beck Keynote: Beyond Anxiety							
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Martha Beck Fireside Chat with Amy Hinote	The Art of the Ask: Winning Owners Without the Hard Sell with Jodi Cleer, <u>J</u> eanne Dailey and Heather Van Wie	The Soul of Hospitality: Stories That Shaped Us with Tiffany Edwards , Kirsten King , Koryn Okey and Kerrie Racicot	ROI Accelerator: Understanding Which Metrics Matter For Evaluating & Improving Marketing Performance with Mia Cole	Hot Features, Cold Feet: Tech Romance and the Road to Regret with Dawn Yeskulksy			
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Ice Cream Break and Book Signing with Martha Beck							
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Brand Like a Lady. Close Like a Killer. with Jenn Barbee	Bad News Isn't the End - It's the Turning Point with Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Built on Hospitality: How Women Leaders Turned Heart into Brand Power with Jeanne Dailey, Rachele Hobbs	Now Hiring! From Entry to Executive - Building Careers through Revenue Management with Clair Abplanalp and Becca Madigan	Know Yourself, Grow Yourself with Deborah Allen and Sue Jones			
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Closing Keynote with Monica Lewinsky							