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Welcome!

Welcome to your first District Convention in Toronto.

You are about to step into an experience that goes beyond meetings and sessions. This is where connections are made, ideas are shared, and your Kiwanis journey takes on new meaning.



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1. You Belong Here

It may feel like everyone already knows each other.
The truth is that many people are meeting
for the first time just like you.

Introduce yourself. Start simple.
One conversation can open the door to many more.

2. Start with the First Timers Session

If there is one thing you do, make it this.

You will:

Meet other first timers
Understand how DCON works
Feel more comfortable right away

3. What to Wear (Keep It Simple and Comfortable)

General Sessions & Daytime

Business casual is perfect
Think comfortable but polished
You will be moving around, so wear comfortable shoes

Opening & Plenary

Business
Smart coordinated outfits, Club Shirts, Country Shirts

Workshops

Smart casual
Comfortable enough to sit, move, and engage

Social Events

Medieval – Relaxed and fun
Governor's Reception – smart casual
This is your time to unwind and connect

Disco Night (Closing Ceremony)

This is your moment
Think bold, fun, and expressive
70s or 80s inspired if you like, but come in whatever makes you feel great

Tip: Bring a light jacket or layer. Meeting rooms can get cool.



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4. Your Badge is Your Connector

Wear your badge at all times.

People will read it and start conversations with you. It makes networking easier than you think.

5. Do Not Stay with Just Your Group

Challenge yourself.

Meet at least 5 new people

That is where the real value of DCON comes from.

6. Use the App, it is call YAPP

Stay on track and informed:

Check schedules

Find sessions

Stay updated

Upload your photos

7. Choose Sessions with Intention

Pick sessions that:

Help your club grow

Strengthen your leadership

Give you ideas you can use



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8. Ask Questions and Participate

Engage fully:

- Ask questions
- Share ideas
- Join discussions

9. Take Notes You Will Use

Capture:

- 2–3 ideas to implement
- One new contact
- One action step

10. Enjoy the Social Moments

- Attend events
- Dress up
- Connect and have fun

11. Do Not Worry About Getting It Perfect

Just stay open and keep showing up.

12. Follow Up After DCON

- Reach out to new connections
- Share what you learned
- Take action

13. Leave Different

If you fully engage, you will leave with:

- New ideas
- New relationships
- A renewed sense of purpose

Quick Reminder

Say yes and start conversations.
Be present and enjoy the experience.





Fuel the Passion.
CHANGE THE GAME

