

D1 RACING - RESPECT EDUCATION VISION

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Greetings District One,

A lot has happened with regard to District Convention 2012. As many of you are aware, the host club(s) elected at Convention 2011 withdrew late summer/early fall and at Fall Leadership Conference 2011, the Simcoe Kin family stepped up and offered to host, which we gratefully accepted.

Since FLC 2011, there has been a great deal of back and forth between the Governors and Simcoe with regard to Convention. Simcoe had chosen their date and reserved a caterer for a weekend in May, 2012. Unfortunately, this weekend is a very significant one for Kin, as it conflicts with the Great Strides Walks for Cystic Fibrosis.

Every effort, by both Simcoe and us as Governors, was made to come to a mutual date and location; however regrettably, an agreement could not be made. Due to many factors, and after we met with the Simcoe family of Kin, the decision was made for the District Executive to take on hosting Convention 2012. This decision is in no way a reflection of unwillingness by the Simcoe family of Kin, as they certainly made every effort, but rather a decision by us as Governors, with the best interests of the District at heart.

While the details of the steps that led up to this point are important to those directly involved, we ask that everyone move beyond "what happened?" and instead look forward to the upcoming event. We, and the entire District Executive, are incredibly appreciative of Simcoe Kin for stepping up to host, for their efforts and willingness to work through the obstacles that were presented, and for their understanding and professionalism in moving forward; as we were very much looking forward to Simcoe's hospitality, we are sincerely disappointed that an agreement could not be reached.

Moving forward, we still have a District Convention and although it may seem like months away, time is of the essence for the District Executive, who are now also the "Hosts". We are very pleased and proud of our D1 Racing Team, as they immediately jumped in, stepped up and really come through for us. Although two of these members already have incredibly full plates, Convention Co-Coordinator Terri Iredale and Tanya Hartung have worked tirelessly to get things in place in a very short period of time.

Given that the rumour mill has swirled already, we can tell you that District Convention will take place in Brantford, ON May 18-21 (Victoria Day weekend). Those are the only details we are prepared to release at this time (they are the same details included in any regular Bid to Host), since as per our District House Rules, a Host cannot promote Convention until the Convention Budget has been approved by District Council. That approval process will take place next weekend at the District 1 Mid-term Council Meeting. This is also the reason this topic has been kept under wraps until this point.

Full details, including registration forms, flyers and a presentation will be made available sometime after February 4th. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, we invite you to contact us directly.

Yours in Kin,

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