

The Lions Club of Basingstoke
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Are proud to nominate

Lion Dianne Hopkins
for Second Vice Governor 105SC – 2023-2024

Club

I joined the Lions Club of Basingstoke in 2013 and have served as Secretary from 2016 to today, Vice President, and then President in 2018 and 2022. I first joined Lions in South Africa as a Leo in Germiston in 1983 and served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Welfare and Fundraising chair. Once I got the age limit for Leos, I joined the Lions Club of Germiston and then Lions Club of Midrand, where I was Charter Secretary. At both Lions clubs, I held various club positions.

District

In 2019 I was appointed Zone Chair for Zone 5J and again in 2020. In 2021 I was appointed as New Voice Officer for District 105SC, which I continue to do. During my time in South Africa, I held the position of Zone Chair for Lions. I was involved in the organising of many Leo and Lions District Conventions over a period of ten years.

Other Lions Experience

In June 2022, I completed the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Brussels. At this event I met many Lions from Europe and what a family we have become. With New Voices portfolio, I attend regular meetings with many New Lions in the Multiple District 105, as well as events with the teams in Europe for New Voices. In August 2020, I had the privilege to train with 5 Lion colleagues, to become a fully certified Mental Health First Aider (MHFA). I delivered a short talk on MHFA at the District Convention for 105SC in March 2022. When the MD Convention was held in Basingstoke, I was involved in the hosting as I was President at the time.

Awards

In 2018 I received Lion of the Year from my fellow Lions in The Lions Club of Basingstoke. During my time in South Africa I received many Certificates of Appreciation for work well done.

Work/Life Balance

I qualified as a Radiographer in 1983. I worked in all parts of Radiology, and then specialised in MRI scanning in 1990. It was this that brought me to England on 2001. During this time, I have worked clinically as well as in Management roles. I have been a widow since 2018 when I sadly lost Dalton after 34 years of marriage.

My interests in life are all based on various crafts, notably stain glass and fusion work.

Why do I wish to be Second Vice Governor?

I grew up in a family where there was always something going on the involved Lions. My late Father was District Governor for 410C, and Dalton was District President for Leos in the 1970's. I feel that we are not at the end of what we can do, and it would be a privilege to serve as Second Vice Governor if I am elected.

