

The Lions Club of Basingstoke
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Are proud to nominate

Lion Dianne Hopkins
for District Governor 105SC – 2025-2026

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 2023 I was elected to the position of 2VDG and in 2024 to the position of 1VDG, which I am currently serving. I have served as Zone Chair for Zone 5J for two years running, was appointed as New Voice Officer for District 105SC and am still involved in my position of Global Membership. 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), Five of us have recertified in 2024 to support our Lions of District 105SC. 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 organising 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 in 2001. During this time, I have worked clinically as well as in Management roles. I am now back to working as a Radiographer and able to work with patients again and train junior staff, what a privilege. My interests in life are all based on various crafts, notably stain glass and fusion work.

Why do I wish to be District Governor?

I grew up in a family where there was always something going on the involved Lions. I have thoroughly enjoyed my First Vice Governor year and reiterate that I feel that we are not at the end of what we can do, and it would be a privilege and honour to serve as your District Governor if I am elected.

