

The Lions Club of Reading
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Are proud to nominate

Lion David Ebsworth

for 1st Vice District Governor District 105SC – 2021-2022

Club

I joined the Lions Club of Reading in 2008 and have served as Tail Twister, Fund Raiser, Vice President and President in 2011 and 2019.

District

In 2012 I was appointed Zone Chair and in 2013 Regional Chair for Zone 5M. In 2014 I was appointed Centennial Chair and Sergeant at Arms for District 105D, roles which I fulfilled for 4 years. During this time, I was also deputy and Chair of Convention for 4 different District Governors. In July 2018 I was appointed MD officer and in July 2019 I was appointed District 105SC Officer for Prostate Cancer, and in 2020 became 2nd VDG for our District.

Other Lions experience

I completed the Emerging Lions Institute course in 2010 and the Guiding Lions training 2012 and more recently in October 2020.

In 2014 I attended my first International Convention in Canada and was co-opted onto the British Isles organising committee by PCC Lions Philip Goodier and PCC Lion David Firth. In February 2018 I attended Buckingham Palace Lions Centennial Celebration hosted by HRH Countess of Wessex. In January 2020, I completed the Advance Lions Leadership Institute in Brussels.

I have also made International Lions friends along the way. My wife Annie and I love the island of Malta and have made lovely friends from the 5 Maltese Lions Clubs on the island - each year we try and coincide a holiday with one of their Charters and have met Lions there from Italy, Sicily, Belgium and France.

Awards

During my Lions service I have been awarded several certificates of appreciation.

In 2018 I was very honoured to receive the International Presidents Award from PID Lion Kenneth Persson and also in 2019 I was very proud to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Work/Life Balance

I joined Thames Valley Police in 1975 as a Police Cadet aged 16 and retired in 2007 as a Sergeant after 32 years. I then became Office Administrator in the Crime Scenes Investigation (CSI) Department where I remain - 45 years later!

I have been married to Annie for 27 years (she is also a retired Police Officer), we don't have children but have 2 great nieces who we dote on. I am a keen cyclist and having had Prostate Cancer myself in 2017 (picked up by a Lions PSA testing day), I got a team together with my eldest nephew and rode the Prudential Ride London Cycle Ride in August 2019, where the team raised £12,036.78 for Prostate Cancer UK. I have always enjoyed fund raising and giving something back to the community; I previously organised and rode in a team raising over £26,000 riding from Land's End to John O'Groats in 1997 in memory of Annie's Dad, I also did another Land's End to John O'Groats for a colleague who had testicular cancer. In April 2021, together with two friends I will be doing 'Ride the Isle of Wight' which is 66miles. I have also been Chair of School Governor's at a local Special Needs School and a Trustee at a local Donkey Sanctuary – I like to be busy!

Why do I want to be a District Governor?

I joined the Lions because I liked the idea of raising funds and having fun with a group of likeminded people, helping our community locally and internationally. We desperately need to maintain our membership and increase it, encouraging younger people to join us and stay with us – to this end I think we need to consider making our clubs more inviting and up to date for the next generation coming along.

