



## **Lion Rizvi Rawoof**

Members of Gillingham Lions Club are pleased to nominate their candidate Lion Rizvi Rawoof for the position of District Governor for the year 2022/2023.

Lion Rizvi was invited to join the Lions Club of Beruwela Sri Lanka District 306A in the year 1989. He soon became the Treasurer, Secretary and President and Director of subsequent clubs. While he was working as a Project Manager in Puttalam he was transferred to the Puttalam Central Lions Club District 306B. He was also the Charter Chairman. While in Colombo he got himself transferred to the Lions Club of Colombo Metropolitan. He was President of LC of Colombo Metropolitan. Thereafter, he joined the Lions Club of Gravesend in the year 2005 and finally when he moved to Rochester, he joined the Lions Club of Gillingham in 2010. His continuity in membership achieved him to get his 30 year Chevron in 2019.

Lion Rizvi has been an active member throughout his Lionistic journey. His pet project is SightFirst. He was awarded the most outstanding District Chairman for Sight activities. He was also awarded the most outstanding Zone Chairman in the same District. He has been Region Chairman and Deputy Cabinet Secretary in 306B.

In November 2019 the United Nations Friendship Organisation of Sri Lanka – SUNFO, awarded him the position of Goodwill Ambassador for Commonwealth by the Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

Lion Rizvi has been the President and Director of Gillingham. In the District 105SE he has been a Zone Chair and a Multiple District Officer – Sight for 3 years. Lion Rizvi was awarded the Robin Blake Trophy by PDG. Phil Robinson for his overseas project “Restore Sight Sri Lanka.” He has organised, coordinated and travelled to Sri Lanka on his own and completed 1550 Cataract surgeries to date. During his visit to Ghana and Uganda, Rizvi donated Intraocular Lenses to the Lions Club of Cape Coast and to the Lions Club of Kampala respectively.

Rizvi has attended International Conventions, Brisbane in 1991 and Montreal in 1996. Europa Forum held in Macedonia in 2018.

Rizvi is educated in English medium as his 1<sup>st</sup> Language at St. Thomas’ Prep, Zahira College Colombo, Open University of Sri Lanka and Post Graduate Institute of Management. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute London. He has worked at senior management level in Shipping & Finance sectors in Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Greece and in England. Currently he works part-time as an Interpreter in Courts and for the Police and as an Associate Manager for Mental Health at KMPT NHS-Trust. He is a Director of OPTIQUIP UK Ltd. He has been a sportsman having excelled in Judo and Rugby.

He is married to Dr. Habiba Rawoof who is an Ophthalmologist and currently Head of Clinical applications NHS-KCHFT. Though not a Lion she has helped Lions districts in 306 in performing Cataract surgeries and received an award of most Outstanding Citizen in Medicine at the Lions District 306A Convention.

They are blessed with one son Raiyan Rawoof who is a commercial Helicopter Pilot.

Rizvi is looking forward to support all members in District 105SE in years to come.



## Application for 1st Vice District Governor of District S.E. Lion Paul Dedman

I have been a lion of this District for forty years this year and have enjoyed every year of my membership but as we all know some years have been very different to others in how we have been able to see each other and communicate.

I have been a member of three different lions clubs in my service and a Club President four times over those years in different clubs.

The areas of membership and leadership have always been main interests but I have carried out many roles as a District Cabinet Officer for more than twenty five years.

The District Governors have asked me to be Region Chairman five times and Zone Chairman five times and for four years I had the role of Multiple District Membership Chairman for the British Isles and Ireland.

The social side of lions is very important to me and I like to enjoy the company of people who want to help their community and give service as this is a high priority for me in lions activities.

My wife Daphne is a great support in all I do with lions work and is very much involved if you wish me to continue in my role with the District Governor Team.

I have been married to Daphne for fifty years and have two children Scott and Lyndsey both of them have two children each and we are very lucky grandparents as Lily is to have our first great grandchild in January next year.

I have been retired for a few years now and can give the time required to this role if you wish me to take the challenge.



Regards,

Paul Dedman. 2nd Vice District Governor

## Lion Steve Carley



Thanet Lions Club takes great pleasure in unanimously nominating Lion Steve Carley as candidate for the post of 2nd Vice District Governor 2022 – 2023.

Steve has had an eclectic working career gaining many transferable work and life skills. His work journey started with him in the City of London in a Reinsurance brokerage and other brokers up to his early 20's and then as a Recruitment Consultant in London and then into Financial Services in Kent. In 1989 he was then invited to join the Lions Club movement and became a member at Thanet Lions Club. By 1990 with his love of the theatre he was putting on Christmas fundraising shows at the Winter Gardens Theatre in Margate for his club over several years.

Then in his 30's he reinvented himself by re-training and going to college. He first gained a Certificate in Welfare Studies qualification whilst working with children in a therapeutic setting and volunteered with Victim Support. He continued his studies and ended up studying BA (Hons) Drama at the University of Kent where he gained a 2:1 as a mature student. After graduating Steve trained as a teacher where he spent 15 years as a Middle Manager in various schools across Kent teaching Drama and Performing Arts. He also became a school Governor for 3 schools focusing on strategic planning for school improvement with specialisms in Additional Needs, Behaviour and Curriculum.

In 1994 Steve met Karen when he started his degree and she was undertaking her Nurse training for adults with Learning Disabilities and they have recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Steve and Karen have one daughter Megan, who is now in the final year of her degree course in Graphic Design at Kingston University. Megan too has supported many local Lions clubs events over the years, especially helping with the Zone's annual It's a Knockout Event.

For the past 7 years Steve has been working for his church where he first created a wellbeing and employment programme for unemployed adults with mild mental health problems and for the past 4 years running a Homeless Project supporting adults who are street homeless with complex needs or those at risk of homelessness, finding them accommodation and supporting them in keeping their tenancy. Whilst it is a challenging and humbling role supporting adults in a crisis, Steve always tries to find a positive outlook out of a negative situation and tries to find joy and fun in everything he does. Helping people to re-invent themselves in challenging times or circumstances plays a big part of Steve's life and he hopes these professional and personal skills cross over into his Lions activities.

Over the past 32 years in Thanet Club, Steve has served in every role of his club apart from Club Secretary and playing a lead in running the Zone's It's a Knockout event for over 10 years with the full support of Karen behind the scenes. Recently he has co-ordinated the COVID vaccine Marshalling for 10 GP's, which is leading towards a long term partnership in joint initiatives. It is also hoped we may gain new members as a result. After setting up an Alpha Leo Club in his school, Steve was asked to join the Cabinet in 2006 as the District Leo Adviser where he served for 5 years supporting clubs across the District in setting up their own Leo Club.

In 2008 became Zone 3B Chairman for the first time where he led the Zone Host Committee for the District Convention at Margate. In January 2009 Steve was invited to take over for the remaining 6 months of the Lions year as Region 3 Chairman. In 2019 Steve was asked to be Zone Chairman again and Region Chair for the current year.

Serving others to make a difference has been at the centre of his professional life and facilitating opportunities and initiatives for change is just as relevant today in Lionism, especially post lockdown. Steve hopes to work in partnership with all our clubs in the District over the coming years as we re-navigate and adjust to new times in how we build our membership and think out of the box as we move forward.

Thanet Lions Club therefore considers that Steve would be an excellent candidate for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor of District 105SE in 2022/2023.