



District 31-E Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GOVERNOR



Did you miss the fun on January 25th and 26th? If you missed the Mid-Winter Convention you missed a fun-filled weekend. We kicked our shoes off and danced, there were Elvis sightings, young ladies in poodle skirts and a soda shop where you could stop in to have your picture made. One of the highlights of Friday night was Kayla



Cole who graced us with her singing and piano playing. What made that so extraordinary is that she is only eight years old and has been blind since birth. After our meal and Kayla's performance, we had a roast. Not a beef or pork roast, but a Dr. Jerry Bates Roast. Several stood and told of memories they have of their dear friend, Lion Dr. Jerry Bates. Lion Jerry may have moved from North Carolina but he will always be remembered and loved by the

Look, I've got hair!!!



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Lions of District 31-E. After the roast and dance, it was off to play LIONS Bingo and win valuable prizes. On



Could it be? A Tail Twister Fashion Show!

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ON THE GO WITH THE GOVERNOR

Please contact District Governor Sydney if you plan to have a joint meeting with another club in your area when she makes her official visit.

- February**
- 13 Albemarle Lions Club
 - 28 Locust Lions Club

- March**
- 10 Wingate Lions Club
 - 20 Waxhaw Lions Club

Note: Please advise District Governor Sydney, (h)704 455-5535, (b)704 455-5848, email: speudy@ctc.net, if the above meeting time and/or date is not convenient or if there is a scheduling conflict.

1 New Lion**Waxhaw Lions Club**

Cadi McCraney

Sponsor: JOHN BYRUM

NEWS FROM FAIRGROVE LIONS CLUB

Fairgrove Lions Club sponsored 3 new members at their weekly meeting on Mon. Jan. 21st. They are: Mark Black sponsored by Lion Gordon McAdams, Judy Black sponsored by Lion Dixie McAdams & Luther Watford sponsored by Lion Patricia Carroll.

Membership Successes

From across the state: The Clayton Lions Branch Club performed a successful canvassing of business leaders in their community explaining what Lions are all about and to see if any of these business people were interested in becoming Lions. They were successful in having five to six people join their club. Club Coordinator Sarah Martin set up three teams of two members each and provided LCI, NCLF, their own club brochures and contact names and telephone numbers to hand out and defined a 'territory' for each team to canvass. IT WORKED!!!



Wanted: White Cane Contributions

Reward: Hundreds of Campers at Camp Dogwood, thousands of free eyeglasses & eye exams for the needy, mobility canes for the blind, and free eye screening through the Vision Van.

Help Lions across the state ensure that our Lions programs meet the needs of those we serve. Increase your White Cane Dollars.

WhasHappnin!' !!

1. Denton Lions will have a Shrimp Boil on Saturday, March 8, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Denton Masonic Lodge, South Main Street. All you can eat fresh boiled shrimp, fries, homemade cole slaw & desserts. Secret recipe cocktail sauce. \$12 at the door. For more info contact Theresa Matthews, mkmsales@mindspring.com, 336-859-5344.
2. The new Bill and Donna Udovich dormitory has been completed and will be dedicated on May 4 at 3 PM at Camp Dogwood. Please make a special effort to attend the dedication and help Lion Bill Udovich and Camp Dogwood celebrate the addition of this new facility to our camp.
3. Fairgrove Lions Club will be holding their annual Steak Dinner Give-a-Way on Tuesday March 4th at 6:30 PM at Memorial United Methodist Church, Thomasville, NC. The tickets sell for \$60.00 and the grand prize is \$1,500.00. There will be door prizes for every ticket drawn. Please call Gordon McAdams at 336-475-6542 or email him at kate1104@aol.com if you are interested in a ticket.
4. Pilot has BBQ suppers, 1st Saturday of each month, February 2nd & March 1st, starting at 11:00 AM until. None in April this year. Anyone in the Pilot area is invited to stop by and have a meal with us. (Chicken or Pork)
5. February 1: Harrisburg Lions Club First Friday Night Fish Fry, 4PM-8PM.
6. February 29; Harrisburg Lions Club BBQ.

We're on the Web:
www.lions31e.org

If you get this newsletter by USPS and have an email address, please send your email address to Bennie Pugh at: bpugh@cprsystems.com. Newsletters by email are at least a couple of days faster than the USPS. There is other information sent to the email addresses that does not get sent through the USPS.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT ROARS

I would like to thank everyone for making the Mid-Winter Convention a great success. It all started with the planning sessions and everyone's contributions and terrific ideas. The willingness of those to share their knowledge and abilities has always been outstanding in District 31-E. This was certainly evident in this year's convention.

Our "Roast" of Dr. Jerry Bates will remain with him, as it will for all of us, for years to come. We were all inspired and awed by our Friday night entertainment, Kayla Cole. What a special little girl.

The Fairgrove Lions Club ladies who hosted the Hospitality

Room received rave reviews. "Thank you ladies" from the bottom of my heart. I've always known I am a member of an exceptional club and you certainly proved it to me. I couldn't have done this without the support of all our members.

What can I say about our special guest speaker, Dr. Beverly Roberts? Under the most trying conditions, 2 broken toes and a broken thumb, she showed us what it is to be a truly dedicated Lion.

Once again, THANK YOU, ALL!!!

Yours in Lionism,
DGE Gordon

NEWS FROM SOUTHMONT

The Southmont Lions Club had an outstanding turnout for our Christmas party. There was 100% attendance of members and 3 out of 4 VIPs in attendance. PDG Lion Allen Thompson even came for the occasion. We had marvelous entertainment by a good singer and a great pianist who was also blind. All VIPs were given a fruit basket and monetary gift for the holidays.

We would like to let everyone know that we also have bingo on the first Friday of each month. There are concessions including hotdogs. If you find yourself at loose ends on the first Friday, come on down to Southmont for some good old bingo and great food!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas.

CLUB PRESIDENTS – REMINDER:

Officers for next year (2008-2009) need to be nominated and elected in time for the PU-101 form to reach District Governor Elect Gordon McAdams and Lions International by April

30th. If you do not submit your PU-101 online, please be sure to mail a copy to Lion Gordon prior to April 30 so your club's officers' names will be in next year's district directory.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Beginning April 2008, there will be a change in the due dates for submitting your monthly membership reports to LCI. The new reporting will be effective for membership reporting for the month of April 2008.

The changes will (1) enable LCI to produce more timely monthly membership reports, and (2) provide more accuracy and consistency between data on club roster reports and LCI billing statements and financial recap reports. More than 70% of clubs worldwide now report online via the WMMR system. If your club would like to report online and thus be eligible for the latest filing date each month, please contact the Information Technology division by email at: wmmr@lionsclubs.org to receive a password and basic instructions. Should you have any questions on the new process and reporting dates, please contact Troy Jewell at (630) 571-5466 extension 312 or troy.jewell@lionsclubs.org.

Below is a link to a FAQ document for an explanation of the new reporting dates and information on where to direct inquiries.

<ftp://ftp.lionsclubs.org/extension&membership/common/MMRNewDueDatesFAQ.pdf>

1. For clubs that report online through the WMMR system, transactions must now be

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Thoughts from the Governor

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morning we were up at the crack of dawn. Some had a problem getting dressed and matching colors. Oh wait! Everything had to match Lion Harvey's outfit. We had a great auction and ran out of time, having more fun than the law would allow.

Next, one group went to tour historical Salisbury and another group went to the Town Meeting where we had a chance to meet Past International Director Dr. Beverly Roberts. We also had programs on CSFII and Retention. After lunch we held our 3rd Cabinet



Got Registration Packets?

Meeting. We elected Lion Gordon McAdams to be our next District Governor and Lion Theresa Matthews as our next Vice District Governor. For more details, look in this newsletter for the minutes of the meeting.

Next we put on our fineries for a night of memories and fun. The

late Lion Henry Pierce, my dad, was honored with a place at the Harrisburg Lions Club table. You could feel his sprit all over the room.

Lion Jerry Bates was honored with a copy of the Mid-Winter Program signed by all who attended. PID Roberts presented two President's Certificates of Appreciation: one to Lion Theresa Munyon of the Denton Lions Club and the other to Lion Mary Louise Pierce of the Harrisburg Lions Club. PID Roberts presented Mollie Carroll with three International Presidents' pins and her Banner for the work she does with the VIPs and helping with other Lions projects. PID Roberts gave out several of her banners. One was given to Lion Diane Whitley for her kindness in helping during her stay. PID Roberts had two broken toes and a broken thumb. During her visit she challenged us to change the way we do things and to increase our membership.

We have been challenged to come out of the four walls of our clubs and get to know other Lions in the District and the State. Change starts with one. Will you be the one to take the first step out of your club? We learn a lot when we visit other clubs and go to Zone



I found another mistake in the Program! This has to be wrong! Jerry Bates has never had an email address.

and Cabinet meetings.

Let's remember that half the Lions year is over and we need to focus even more on White Cane and other goals. White Cane is very important to the Lions of North Carolina. This is the way we help fund our major projects. What will happen to Camp Dogwood or the VIP Fishing Tournament if we fail to raise the needed funds for White Cane? Will our clubs be able to pay full price for eyeglasses and white canes? Not a one of us wants to tell anyone we cannot help, so as we finish this year let's send in our monies to meet these needs and do so as soon as possible. Let's all take a look at ourselves and see how we can help to make this a record breaking year in District 31-E.

District Governor Sydney

Secretary's Corner

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entered by the **last day of the current month**. Transactions entered on the WMMR will be reported in the month the report is submitted. For example, transactions entered on July 7th will be considered a "July" reporting. Secretaries, what this means is if you fail to send your June report to LCI in the month of June, your club will be billed for dues based on your May membership num-

bers.

2. For clubs that file paper MMR reports, they must submit paper MMRs to LCI by the **20th of the current month**. Mailed reports, must be received by the 20th of the month, to be included in that month's cumulative report. Reports received after that date will be recorded in the membership system with the current month; however, they will be included in the next month's cumulative report.

District 31-E Convention
Holiday Inn Hotel
Salisbury, N. C.
January 25-26, 2008

Session: January 26, 1:00 PM

Call to Order: District Governor Sydney Eudy called the Session to order.

Attendance: In attendance were 79 members of District 31-E, two PDG's from District 31-C, one Vice District Governor from District 31-G, and two visiting Past International Directors. These numbers included 60 certified delegates representing 27 Lions clubs.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Vice District Governor Gordon McAdams

Invocation: Chaplain Harvey Whitley

Comments:

Governor Eudy thanked everyone for coming to the convention and recognized PID Dr. Beverly Roberts, PID Lacy Presnell, visiting Past District Governors John O'Malley and Dolores O'Malley and visiting Vice District Governor Jerry Mertz.

Parliamentarian: Past District Governor Jim Walker was selected to serve.

Governor Eudy recognized the District Tail Twister:

Lion Tail Twister Harvey Whitley reminded everyone that he did not fine the Governor. He did, however, fine everyone who had fun at the Tail Twister's Breakfast. Tail Twister Whitley reported that a total of \$3,200 was raised for White Cane at the auction and raffle at the Tail Twister's Breakfast.

The Minutes of the Oct Cabinet Meeting:

Cabinet Sec/Treas Ron Staley

Motion: PDG Bennie Pugh made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. PDG Clarence Williford seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Reports by State Officers and Committee Chairs residing in District 31-E:

1. State Promotions Committee State Chair, IPDG Morris Van Vleet
State Committee Chair Van Vleet reported that \$280 was raised at the Fun Night for PID Sid Scruggs campaign for 2nd VP of Lions Clubs International. He also reported that the state is trailing behind in funds needed for Lion Sid's Campaign and encouraged clubs to contribute as much as they possibly could.

Reports by Officers and Committee Chairs:

1. Report and Approval of Jan., 2008 Financial Statement:..... CS/T, PDG Ron Staley

Note: Copies of the financial statement are available to all members of the District by request.

Motion: PDG Dale Dupree moved that the report be approved. Lion Patricia Carroll seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Zone Chairperson Reports:

- a. Zone 1 Chair, Lion Betty Hayes
Zone 1 clubs are busy with service projects and fund raisers. Zone 1 has a net gain of 6

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members and continuing to work on membership.

b. Zone 3..... Lion Gary Steele
Zone 3 is staying active. We had a great VIP Christmas Party with 50 VIP's in attendance. Our entertainment was provided by Adam Broyle, a middle school student, who sang a variety of Christian and Christmas songs. Everyone had a good time and everyone seemed to agree that Adam sang better than Elvis. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 10th at Ryan's steakhouse in Salisbury. Plan to join us and see what is in store for the rest of our year.

c. Zone 6.....Chair, Frank Hawfield, given by Lion Rachel Walker
The clubs in Zone 6 have been busy with annual fund raisers, spreading Christmas cheer to the less fortunate, and hosting the annual Union County VIP Christmas party.

This year's Union County VIP Christmas Party was touted as the best one ever. Lions from all of the union County Lions clubs helped the Waxhaw Lions Club host this year's party. There were close to 100 Lions, VIP's, and guests at the party. The zone tried some different things at this year's party that turned out very well.

The Lions Clubs in Union County have joined together on the zone level and are raising funds to provide a scanner and scanning software for a local VIP to make her life more enjoyable and more independent.

The clubs in Zone 6 will be busy during the remainder of the year increasing membership, raising funds, meeting commitments, and serving the communities where they are located. Three new members have joined clubs in Zone 6 since the last cabinet meeting in October.

3. District Committee Chairperson Reports:

a. Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, PDG G. Dale Dupree

There has been a request to review constitution by-laws to add a second vice district governor position. First we need define the duties of the second vice district governor and review the duties of vice district governor. LCI said the position is optional, and each sub-district should make their own decision concerning this and if approved make the necessary changes to the Constitution and By-Laws in the form of a summary of changes. If the District decides to approve a change to the Constitution and By-Laws to have a second vice district governor, a candidate can be appointed or elected in the same year or subsequent years at the discretion of the District. It is recommended that the district governor's honorary committee made up of past district governors and interested Lions to come up with a recommendation to pursue this request.

At this time PDG Dupree called for questions:

- PDG Bennie Pugh asked why the position is needed. He stated that regardless of the number of clubs in the district, the governor needs to attend all of them. PDG Dupree reiterated that what he was recommending was that a committee pursue this matter and come up with a recommendation and put the question to rest.
- Has our district established a need for a second vice district governor? PID Dupree stated that at this time only the question has been raised.
- PID Roberts stated that, prior to her leaving LCI's board; the duties of Governor and Vice District Governor changed and have been broadened. District Governors usually report on the number of club visits when asked how the year is going. The District Governor's number one responsibility is membership. There is no time left to do this.
- PDG George Ohm reported that several other districts are talking about adding the second vice district governor. He also stated that his understanding of the reason behind having

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the vice district governor visit the clubs was so they would be familiar with the clubs prior to taking office.

Motion: PDG David Smoot made a motion that District Governor Eudy appoint a committee to review and make a recommendation at the next cabinet meeting whether to add a second vice district governor or not. Past District Governor Bob Loeblein seconded the motion. District Governor Eudy stated that there is a lot of training that Governors and Vice District Governors have and that it is difficult to absorb everything. Governor Eudy called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Campaign SightFirst II District Coordinator, PDG C. David Smoot
PDG Smoot made the following award presentations:

2006-2007 Model Club Award: Unionville Lions Club

Ruby award: Benton Heights Lions Club

Topaz: Gold Hill Lions Club, Jackson Park Lions Club, and Welcome Lions Club

PDG Smoot reported that to date District 31-E has pledged \$70,000 to SightFirst II and has collected about \$48,000. He has not heard from the Wallburg, Central, Churchland, Davis-Townsend, Southmont West Lexington, Landis, Mt. Ulla, Spencer, Albemarle, Aquadale, Locust, Oakboro, Marshville, Monroe, Wadesboro and Waxhaw Lions Clubs.

PDG Smoot challenged everyone to turn in pledge cards today and that he and PCC Harvey Whitley will each match each pledge card with a \$1.00 contribution.

PDG Smoot also submitted the following written report:

I am pleased to announce that CSFII has raised a total of \$129,852,750 towards our minimum goal of \$150 million. You have personally been responsible for helping raise \$67,145.95. Attached, please find detailed information regarding funds raised in your sectors, districts, groups and clubs. You will be receiving this information monthly, and I encourage you to use this information to motivate all sectors, districts, groups and clubs in your area to further success. Much has been accomplished, but much work remains for us to reach our minimum goal of US\$150 million. As Knights of the Blind, we must take this opportunity to raise funds that will help prevent blindness and change the world for the better.

- c. VAVS District Chair, Lion Linda Van Vleet
At the last meeting the District approved \$1,000 to the Christmas fund and \$2,000 at the hospice unit at the VA Hospital. Fleece jackets and hats for all veterans were purchased with \$1,000 sent for Christmas fund. The \$2000 contribution will be used to build a hospice room. VA communicated that they appreciate the support.

- d. Properties..... State Chair, PDG Bennie E. Pugh
On May 4th at 3 PM make arrangements to be at Camp Dogwood. The Bill and Donna Udovich Dorm is finished. There is an issue with the finish on the chairs, but Thomasville Furniture is working to rectify it. The next plans for Camp Dogwood will involve something other than dormitories. Continue selling Camp Dogwood tickets so that the remainder of the funds needed for the dormitory is raised.

- e. Liberty Day District Co-Chair, Lion Sarah Troublefield
Lion Sarah reported that she would love to give program. The books for the students are really nice and should only be given to students.

- f. White Cane District Chair, Lion George Barrier
Lion George stated that White Cane Funds give more bang for the buck than anything we raise. We need to keep digging and raising funds.

State Chair Harvey Whitley said that we have \$320,027 as of Jan. 22nd. That compares to

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358,468 at end of January last year. The state is behind last year's pace and District 31-E is also behind. The bad news is last year we were doing the same thing. The concern is if we setting a trend. We are educating Lions as to the need and what the money is used for. The needs are there. It is important that the Lions of the state know the importance of White Cane. We need to tell Lions how our White Cane dollars is used. We have a Speaker's Bureau to tell the Lions about White Cane. It doesn't hurt to hear the program multiple times. The questions we don't want to ask ourselves are: do we want to send fewer campers to camp every summer; do we want to park the Vision Van part of the year because we can't pay for it; do we want eliminate or reduce matching funds; do we want to cease to support the VIP Fishing Tournament? Thank for what you are doing and what you will do.

District Governor Eudy reported that the District Governor from District 31-D has issued a challenge to our District. He has stated that District 31-E will eat District 31-D's dust in White Cane Funds this year.

- g. Leo State Chair, Lion Terry Cauble
The date for the Leo State Convention is 4/18-4/20 at Camp Dogwood. The state officers are energetic and dynamic. Lion Terry needs the email address for the Leo advisors, as well as, their names and addresses so convention registration materials can be sent to them. All sponsoring Lions Clubs and Leo Advisors should make their Leo Club aware of the Leo State Convention. The Council of Governors has approved funds for Leos if they have a financial need to attend the Leo State Convention.
- h. Bulletins Lion Theresa Matthews
Lion Theresa reported that she has samples of club bulletins if anyone would like to look at them. They will be available at the Hospitality Room for anyone who would like to see them
- i. Camp Dogwood PDG Clarence Williford
Camp Dogwood tickets are available for anyone who needs them. There will be a drawing tonight and they can be accepted now and will be included in the drawing. Lion Clarence recognized Theresa Munyon and she reported she has sold 87 books year.
- j. Boys and Girls Home IPDG Morris Van Vleet
Lion Van Vleet reported that the Boys and Girls Home asked that any funds sent be earmarked for Operational Fund. Lion Laraine Dupree asked that the district receive a copy of the Financial Statement for the Boys and Girls Home and a report detailing the costs of the renovation of the Lions Cabin. IPDG Morris said he would try to have those items at the next cabinet meeting.

Motion: Lion Gary Steele moved to accept the committee reports. PDG Aldeen Robbins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- 1. Kannapolis Lions Clubs..... Guiding Lion, Lion George Barrier
Lion George reported that after several failed attempts to meet with the members of the Kannapolis Lions Club, letters were sent requesting payment of dues if they wish to organize the club. There was only response. A request was made of International to disband the club at the January International Board of Directors meeting.
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ron Staley reported that he had been advised that with the approval to disband the club the outstanding dues would be written off, therefore, the district is not liable for the Kannapolis Lions Club's unpaid dues.
DG Sydney thanked everyone for the work they put into organizing the club. She still hopes and plans to organize a club in Kannapolis.

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New Business:

1. **Mid Winter Convention:** VDG Gordon McAdams, VDG
 There were 261 registered for the Convention: 223 reservations for Fun Night, 144 for the Tail Twister’s Breakfast, 156 reservations for the Governor’s Banquet.

Attendance by District:

District	Number	District	Number
18-F	1	31-A	6
31-B	9	31-C	3
31-E	226	31-G	8
31-H	2	Non-Lion Guests	6

2. **Southeast Leadership Conference:**

Motion: PDG Dale Dupree moved that the District pay the registration fee of \$110 each for two members to attend the Southeast Leadership Conference. PCC Harvey Whitley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers:

District Governor Eudy recognized PDG Bob Loeblein to present nominations for District Governor and Vice District Governor. PDG Loeblein reported that the nomination for District Governor for 2008-2009 is Vice District Governor H. Gordon McAdams from the Fair Grove Lions Club and the nomination for Vice District Governor is Theresa Matthews of the Denton Lions Club. He outlined the time limits for nomination and seconding speeches and reminded everyone that only certified delegates to the District 31-E Convention were eligible to vote.

Past District Governor Willie Welborn nominated Gordon McAdams for District Governor 2008-2009. Past Council Chair Harvey Whitley seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed.

Past District Governor Dr. Jerry Bates nominated Theresa Matthews for Vice District Governor. Past District Governor Bennie Pugh seconded the nomination and the nominations were closed

Past District Loeblein informed everyone the vote would be by secret ballot and requested all delegates to mark their ballots indicating their choice of District Governor and Vice District Governor and members of the Nomination Committee collected the ballots. Following the collection of the ballots, Past District Governor Loeblein and Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Ron Staley counted the ballots. PDG Loeblein reported the results of the election to District Governor Eudy.

Governor Eudy declared that H. Gordon McAdams was elected District Governor for the 2008-2009 Lions year and Lion Theresa Matthews was elected Vice District Governor for the 2008-2009 Lions year.

Announcements:

The date of next Cabinet Meeting will be reported in the March District Newsletter.

DG Eudy adjourned the session at 3:07 PM.

Ron Staley, PDG
 Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 8-10** Council of Governors & NCLF Meetings at the Greensboro Marriott
- Pay International Dues

March - Eye Donor Awareness Month

- Third Zone Meetings
 - Eye Donor Awareness Month
- 31** International Convention Registration Deadline

April

- Club Officer elections for 2008-2009. Mail in Club's PU-101 to International, DGE Gordon McAdams and DG Sydney Eudy.
- 13-17** Camp Dogwood Cleanup week
18-20 Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood

May

- 2-4 Council of Governors & NCLF Meetings**
4 - 3:00PM Dedication at Camp Dogwood of the Bill and Donna Udovich Dormitory.
30 - June 1 Lions State Convention – Greensboro, NC at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriot
31 - Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing



International Association of

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