

Highlights of the Thursday, 30 October, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Thursday, 30- October, 2025 with Guest Speaker Dave Lewis

President Maureen called Faye Prince to present the 50/50 Draw with Jim Steele and Leo Vos holding potential winning tickets. Neither Jim or Leo, were able to find the "Joker".



President Maureen called up PP Nancy Thompson to receive her winnings from last week's 50/50 draw and Maureen congratulated her.



President Maureen called Bob Saunders to come forward as this week's Funmaster.

Funmaster Bob Saunders theme this week, was appropriately Halloween and he introduced the subject by having an A/V of the "Monster Mash" played on the screen.

Bob opened with some Transylvanian jokes such as:

Q. What do you get when you cross a Vampire with a Snow Man? Ans. Frost Bite.

Bob moved on to help celebrate the following Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- Crystal Godwaldt
- Dave Neumann

Recognizing Years of Service in October

- Karen Adams – 1
- Stuart Parkinson – 16
- Alfred Hauk – 5
- Faye Prince - 5
- Paul Simon - 5

Bob called for Happy Stories.

Joanne Murray, Leo Vos and Paul Simon all contributed stories and donations.

Bob Saunders handed the mic back to President Maureen.

President Maureen took the podium and introduce our speaker Dave Lewis who was telling an Irish tale befitting Halloween.

Dave Lewis thanked President Maureen and welcomed everyone to his version of an Irish Tale called: *"Pat Diver and the **far darrig**."* (Far Darrig = Large Red Man)

According to Fairy and Folk Tales of the Irish Peasantry, the far darrig is classified as a solitary fairy along with the leprechaun and the clurichaun, all of whom are "most sluttish, slouching, jeering, mischievous phantoms". The far darrig in particular is described as one who "busies himself with practical joking, especially with gruesome joking"



Dave opened his story with the following statement:

***Pat Diver**, the tinker, was a man well-accustomed to a wandering life, and to strange shelters.*

He had shared the beggar's blanket in smoky cabins and slept in a ditch, or on the ground, with no roof over him but for the dark sky and stars above as a blanket.

Yet all his nights of adventure where tame compared with one special night.

During the day preceding that night, he had mended all the kettles and saucepans in the villages on his way to Innish-owen, when night overtook him on a lonely mountain road.

He knocked on one door after another asking for a night's lodging, but was refused everywhere.

The story ended with:

Now, "You'll have a story to tell!"



Rendering of a **far darrig**

Dave thanked everyone for their attention and past the podium back to President Maureen.

Maureen called on Pallo Sahota to draw the prizes for the Best dressed for Halloween.

The winners were:

1st Judy Jones

2nd Nelson McClinchey (Nelson came as a "Piano Teacher")

3rd Paul Simon





Palo and Joanne arranged for the Halloween cake which was cut up and distributed by Jessica Jackson and Susan Szczuchura.

Palo finished with a thank you, and handed the podium back to President Maureen

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Trivia Challenge Thursday November 20 registration is well on it's way. Don't delay getting your team in.

President Maureen, thanked all members and wished everyone well.

President Maureen asked If there was anything else for the good of Kiwanis, seeing none, she adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Following are candid pictures at this meeting.



