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Highlights of the Thursday, 29 October, 2026, Weekly Meeting



President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Faye Prince Topic: The Edmond Fitzgerald and Guests: Lynn Redford and Julie, to this Thursday 22, October 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford. This week we have a general theme of Halloween.

President Maureen called Phill Hoekstra to handle the 50/50 Draw with PLG Randy MacKenzie and Linda Moyer holding potential winning tickets.



This week we are just restarting the Pot however, no one found the Joker so it starts to grow again this week. Better luck next time.



President Maureen called on Peter Liberati to come forward as Funmaster.

Peter Liberati welcomed everyone, and opened with a presentation of some images of Current Famous people and how they may have look as young children.

Following are a few examples:



Peter moved on by helping celebrate Birthdays' and anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Birthdays	October
None	

Anniversaries of joining Kiwanis	(Yrs)
Stuart Parkinson	18
Alfred Hauk	7
Faye Prince	7
Paul Simon	7
Karen Adams	2

Peter then called on members for Happy Stories

- Leo Vos reminded members of, Halloween in the Village and thanked all volunteers for their help. He also announced that we are please with the expansion of the CSV Village with a New Sponsor coming on board . They are the Your Neighbourhood Credit Union (YNCU).

- Dave Lewis announced that the Youth Writer's Contest Registration has just closed with a 142 Students summitting their Stories.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Peter Liberati and invited speaker Faye Prince to come to the podium.



Kiwanian Faye Prince, greeted everyone and made the following introduction, saying that she was going to focus on the Song and the Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald, as it sank on November-10-1975. This coincided with a Canadian Singer/Song writer Gordon Lightfoot who was just on the rise and had penned many songs, and was often called, "Canada's Bard". Once you see this presentation you will be aware that Gordon Lightfoot was a profound person that cared a great deal about people, than was ever presented in the media.

Gorden Lightfoot was born on November 17, 1938, in Orillia, Ontario, Canada.

His Musical Beginnings: As a youth, he sang in the choir of Orillia's St. Paul's United Church under the direction of choirmaster Ray Williams.

Lightfoot credited Williams with teaching him to sing with emotion and to have confidence in his voice. Lightfoot was a boy soprano; he appeared periodically on local Orillia radio, performed in local operettas and oratorios, and gained exposure through various Kiwanis music festivals. At the age of twelve, after



winning a competition for boys whose voices had not yet changed, he made his first appearance at Massey Hall in Toronto, a venue he would ultimately play over 170 more times throughout his career.

Studies: Studied jazz composition and orchestration at the Westlake College of Music in Los Angeles before returning to Toronto in 1960.

Rise to Fame
Breakthrough: Released his debut solo album, **Lightfoot!** in 1966, establishing himself as a major voice in the Canadian folk scene.

Global Success: Gained international fame with timeless hits like "**If You Could Read My Mind**" (1970), **"Sundown"** (1974), **"Carefree Highway"** (1974), and **"The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald"** (1976).

Covers: His poetic songs were recorded by global music legends including Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, and Barbra Streisand.

Legacy

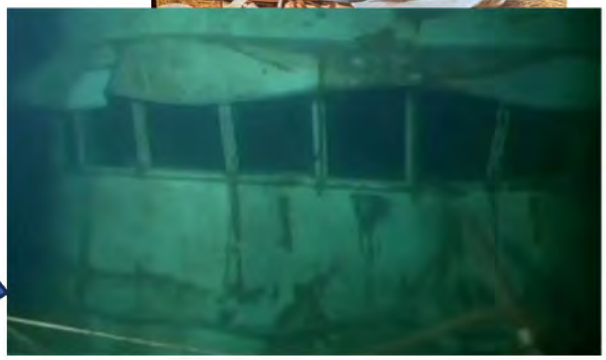
Accolades: Often hailed as "Canada's Bard" or "folk troubadour," he received multiple Juno Awards, a Companion of the Order of Canada, and inductions into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Passing: Died on May 1, 2023, in Toronto at the age of 84

Faye presented a couple of image seen below

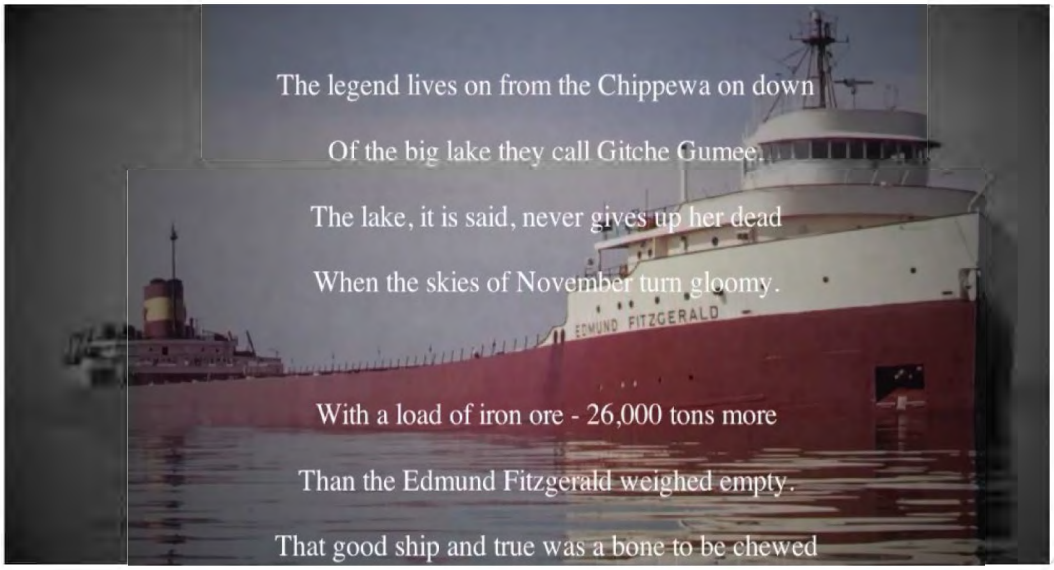






Picture of the Wheelhouse in more than 500 feet of water.

Follow these images Faye presented the Audio/Video version of Gordon Lightfoot's , "The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald", with subtitles.



Following this song, Faye played an additional Clip that spoke about the 29 men that died when the Edmund Fitzgerald sank and the fact that the Mariner's Church in White Fish Point in Michigan on the Sunday after his death, rang 30 times in honour of Gordon Litefoot and his 4 decades of friendship he had with the people from that community.

The message in the video from that community of Whitefish Point was that Gordon Lightfoot was a member of the Fitzgerald Family and the inclusion of him as the 30th bell was confirming that.

Faye closed her presentation thanking everyone. She was given a sound round of applause and thanked officially by Joanne Murray, who also thanked her for the wonderful Halloween Centre pieces.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Paullette Hauk noted that the Food Bank Drive received 266 Lbs of food and $330, She thanked the many volunteers confirming that this year, we not only had the Kiwanis Food Drive Banner but one of out Pop-up Banners which was great exposure.

- Lynda Moyer asked that the Program committee is requesting that anyone who has a potential speaker with an interesting topic, to contact a Program committee member.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest Lynn Redford and Julie for attending.

Final thought for the Day: "I am not afraid of ghosts, I am afraid of people who are afraid of them." Friedrich Nietzsche

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 from this week





