

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

No meetings will be held this month, we will see everyone in the New Year for our next meetings taking place on Wednesday January 26th and Thursday January 27th. Should you require projects in the interim Marion will advise when our board is at the Clubhouse mid January.

INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS:

In January we will be sending you a survey which our Board has prepared. We feel it is necessary and important to receive feedback from our members on a variety of important topics. We value your input and opinions and would like to stress the importance of taking the time to complete this survey. The information it will provide to us for our consideration in the future of the club is invaluable. We thank you in advance for your participation and there will be more details to follow in January.

TEDDY BEAR TOSS!

What a success at the annual **Teddy Bear Toss at Budweiser Gardens for the London Knights**. We made \$1,860 from our sales of the bears, that is more than double from 2019!

A big thank you to our volunteers: Marion, Lynne, Mariann, Steve, Kayla, Eric, Mike and Sian for your time and superb bear selling skills.

Now we have the challenge of getting enough bears ready for next year. If you have bears to donate or know of any ways to collect bears (at low cost), please reach out to Sian or Marion. Also we would benefit from any members willing to dress the bears, with such a number it is a lot of work for 1-2 members. The better dressed the quicker they sell!



MEMBERS SALE

Thank you to everyone who shopped local and bought items from our sale. We received a total of \$ 585 in purchases.

FINCH MATCHING PROGRAM

Another big thank you to our members for all donations given, including those that were submitted and matched through the Finch Match My Donation program. To date we have received \$3,046.30 from the matching. All thanks to our members, family and friends. This is a big contributor to our ability to purchase yarn to provide to our members to make the blankets. Every donation really does matter. Your generosity is felt and will go a long way.

GRANTS RECEIVED:

We received a grant from the *Farmer's Grow Communities* for \$2,500. Overall 66 charities and not-for-profit groups across Canada received this grant to improve lives of people in their communities, thanks to nominations from Canadian farmers. A Crochet Club member and farmer, Betty Siddall, is whom we submitted the application on behalf of. Marion submitted our entry through an online application. The charities and not-for-profits were drawn randomly, and we were lucky enough to be selected.

CORPORATE DONATIONS RECEIVED:

We recently received a cheque from Canada Life for \$500.00. This was through an application a member, Allison Huston, submitted on our behalf. Thanks for thinking of us.

Once again we have received a donation from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$1,000.

BLANKETS COLLECTED IN DECEMBER:

At our last meeting we had the following # of blankets turned in:

Full: 50

Lap: 66

Baby: 45

Blankets donated over the past month:

Full: 40

Lap: 10

Baby: 110

These blankets were donated to Mission Services, Life*Spin, Crouch Resource Centre, Merrymount, Women's Rural Resource Centre & Birthright.

57 Pet blankets were also donated to Heavenly Hills in December.

THANK YOU NOTES:

The London Search and Rescue Team (LSAR) - for our donation to their Winter Auction. They raised \$5,492.00 for rehabilitation and repair of their mobile command post and to upgrade equipment.

SALE ITEMS SURPLUS:

After the members sale, some of the remaining sale items were able to be donated to VON's Family Supports program for their annual Holiday Drive. Such items included hats, mitts, toys and household items. These will be included in Christmas packages for 19 families.

TRU-EARTH FUNDRAISER:

Recently we were presented with an opportunity to link up with Tru Earth (eco friendly laundry and household products) which allows our club to receive a portion of the proceeds of the orders placed through a link created for us. I have provided the link below, should you know of anyone who already purchases their products or would like to try them, please feel free to share this link with family and friends. It is ongoing and they have many promotional sales throughout the year and a variety of products to choose from. Sian, Marti and Marion already use these products, should you have any questions about them I am sure they would be happy to answer for you.

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/CrochetClubofLondon>

In Memoriam:

Jo Evans - passed away on December 7th - Jo was a lovely lady, dedicated member; she will be missed by friends and members who knew her.

To ALL our MEMBERS and your loved ones...

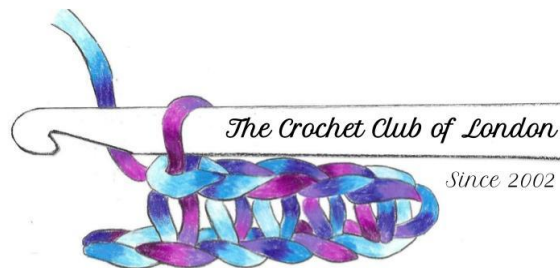


A VERY MERRY HAPPY CHRISTMAS HANUKKAH HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!

Wherever you are, whomever you are celebrating with and whatever you are celebrating, we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Looking forward to a bountiful and pandemic-free New Year.

See everyone in 2022!!



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