MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday July 27th, 7 pm

WHERE: Salvation Army London Citadel (555 Springbank Drive – the corner of Springbank Drive and Wonderland Road)

*Please note in August the Night meeting will be 24th (2nd last Wednesday of the month), and August 25th will be the Day Meeting.

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday July 28th, 10 am

WHERE: Eastern Star Temple (800 Fanshawe Park Road East, London)

Masks continue to be mandatory to be worn at the meetings. The Board members feel it is still for the best of our members (bring of the vulnerable demographic) to have this practice continuing. Of course should you feel ill or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you do not attend the meeting and reach out to one of our board members should you require anything in the meantime.

RE-ENGAGING AT OUR MEETINGS:

Thank you to everyone for your patience and active participation as we try out our updated meeting format. It has already shown great progress and we are looking forward to continuing in this positive direction.

PET BLANKETS

To date we have made and donated over 3000 pet blankets! Great work and thank you to everyone who put their skills and talent into these blankets. Heavenly Hills Sanctuary picked up the latest blankets (69 in total) this month along with a Kitty blanket made by Patty for them to place for auction. Keep up the good work and remember to label before handing them in. Mariann has lots of projects ready for pick up at the next meeting or at the Clubhouse.

OUR NEXT CLUBHOUSE (111 Waterloo Street, London) DROP IN DAY IS:

AUGUST Tuesday August 9th 2 pm - 5 pm

Our first drop in day didn't see any attendees. We have decided to ask anyone who would like to attend this drop in day to please sign up. You do not have to choose a specific time to attend this is just to give us an idea of those intending to do so.

Please sign up by following this link https://volunteersignup.org/YJMAJ

If no members sign up by 4 pm on August 8th, the Clubhouse will NOT be open on August 9th.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

There was a bit of confusion from our last newsletter, so we wanted to clarify the different areas we are in need of volunteers for:

Clubhouse Committee - Coordinator Sian: volunteering for this committee involves greeting and assisting members stopping in during the Clubhouse Drop In days. Involved is receiving their completed blankets, guide them picking out bagged projects, help find that elusive ball of yarn to finish a project, provide labels and any other supplies they may require. In the downtime between visitors, chat with the fellow volunteers, work on a blanket while you wait etc.

Yarn Committee -Coordinator Marion: this committee would gather at the Clubhouse (outside of the drop in days) to sort yarn donations, bag projects, bag up blankets bound for agencies etc.

Should you have any further questions or wish to volunteer please seek out a board member or reply to this email.

PROJECT COMPLETIONS OF THE MONTH

Full 51

Lap 60

Baby 38

Total 149

50 Baby blankets were donated this month to Life*Spin

To date we have given away:

Full6341Lap5661Baby3774Silent
Auction466

Total 16,242 blankets

This month we have spent \$1000 on yarn to keep our stock at the Clubhouse topped up and the projects plentiful!

TAX RECEIPTS

As of July 1st, members have the opportunity to request and receive an Income Tax Receipt for acceptable* yarn purchased by the member. The Crochet Club first and foremost will always have yarn for use by our members at no cost, however for some members purchasing their own yarn is what they choose to do. Whether it is due to allergies/irritations by yarn provided, they live outside our serviceable area, they prefer a specific type/make of yarn, they consider this their donation to the Club, this is their choice. Should you be one of these members you are now able to provide a detailed purchase receipt when dropping off completed blankets. This receipt must accompany the tax receipt form completed with your contact information. Receipts will be issued once a year at our year end (September 30th) and a second time at the end of December (for anything collected between October to December).

*all yarn must be washable, as our blankets are required to be machine washable.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Fran at 519-657-0516 or <u>schreindler@bell.net</u>

