
OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday October 26th, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday October 27th, 10 am

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

We are looking forward to hearing from a Meals on Wheels representative at this month's day meeting.

Also this month we will have a focus on Fundraising efforts, more details below, please read on.

Stop at our 'by donation' table at this month's meetings. Miscellaneous items will be available for purchase by donation. Bring your loonies & toonies, you never know what you might fall in love with.

Masks continue to be mandatory to be worn at the meetings. The Board members feel it is still for the best of our members (being 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.

URBAN HAVEN PROJECT

We had the privilege of hearing from two guest speakers at our last (evening) meeting. Dan and Chantel from Urban Haven Project spoke to us about their initiatives and collected a total of 40 Full, 20 Lap and 20 Baby blankets. Their efforts have gone to help provide meals, clothing, education & work programs. Initially anyone in need came to their centre to receive assistance, but Covid changed all that and with it their efforts. Dan and Chantel and their volunteers took their resources directly out to the individuals and families and they visited various neighbourhoods. This created a personal connection with those they were helping and much more was achieved than just providing food, clothing or blankets. They were able to advocate beyond necessities. It was wonderful to hear the direct effect our blankets and efforts can have.

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

NOVEMBER	Sunday November 13 11 am - 3 pm *plus our members/friends/family sale
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Please remember to sign up if you intend to 'drop in' or come to shop at our sale. 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. Due to Covid, the regular flu/cold season ramping up, and our limited space, you may be asked to wait a few extra minutes before entering to ensure our members are maintaining a safe distance. Masks are required to be worn while attending the Clubhouse.

Please sign up by following this link volunteersignup.org/8M39Q

If no members sign up by 4 pm on November 12th, the Clubhouse will NOT be open on November 13th.

WESTERN FAIR MARKET

The club is selling at the Western Fair Market this weekend (Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd) in the Community Booth. Should anyone you know be starting their seasonal shopping or frequent the market please let them know to stop by and say hi.

DONATIONS, GRANTS & THANKS .. OH MY!

We had a couple very large yarn donations that members helped pick up, sort and bag. Thank you to those who offered and assisted in this big job.

Our grant application to the Wilf and Jean Bell Foundation was successful and we received \$2,815 in October.

TRU EARTH DETERGENT AND HOME PRODUCTS

If you are a user of any TruEarth products, or have heard about them but haven't tried them yet then this is the time to do it. Our club has a continuous fundraising link in which we receive a portion of all purchases. At the next meeting be sure to pick up a sample from the fundraising table and learn more about our efforts.

1st ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE

We are kicking off our 1st annual fundraising drive. With a goal of \$10,000 in our reach, we hope our members, family and friends will give generously this year to help us reach our goal. As we brainstorm a catchy name, we will bring you more details in the next few weeks.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS

Bethany's Hope Foundation – They are hosting their first in person event in over two years, The Party, on October 28th, at the London Hunt & Country Club. The bear blanket selected is representative of the organisation as their logo is a bear.



PROJECT COMPLETIONS OF THE MONTH

Full 27

Lap 67

Baby 16

Total 110

Oakcrossing received 5 Full and 15 Lap blankets in addition to the blankets provided to Urban Haven Project mentioned above.

We are currently in a deficit of Full size blankets, about 200 short of the current agency requests. If you are able to, we ask that you please shift your focus and concentrate on making full size blankets over the next couple of months.

BLANKET DELIVERIES

Marion is currently looking for a few people to help deliver blankets. If you are interested please reach out to Marion at 519-642-0246 or marion.honsberger@sympatico.ca

UPCOMING SALES EVENTS *please reach out if you are able to volunteer

Saturday December 3rd {10 am - 2 pm} – Hamilton Rd. Seniors Centre Bazaar

Tuesday December 6th {7pm game}– Teddy Bear Toss at the London Knights Hockey Game

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

