
NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your patience in the late receiving of the newsletter. With this month including our Annual General Meeting [AGM] we had a lot to include, so let's get to it!

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday November 23, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday November 24, 10 am

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

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the beginning of each meeting.

We are looking forward to hearing from guest speakers Lisa Wilde of Emily Murphy Centre and a representative from Merrymount – Family Support and Crisis Centre.

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.

WESTERN FAIR MARKET POP UP BOOTH

The club set up in the Community Booth (for free) this past month at the Western Fair Market. It was a great trial and we made \$133 from sold items and a blanket was auctioned off to the highest bidder of \$55. It wasn't a huge success but you don't know until you try, right? Thank you to all the volunteers for manning the booth.

MEMBERS SALE

It was a good turn out to our drop in day and sale. We brought in \$193. Thanks to our volunteers and everyone who shopped.

Additional donations received from selling of odds and ends at our meetings equalled \$151.25.

1st ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Our campaign “Keep London Warm” is off to a great start. We have already received \$6,635 including \$56.94 provided in tax receipts for yarn purchases.

SILENT AUCTION/PET BLANKETS

Blankets this past month were given to the St. Thomas Cat Rescue and The Catty Shack. With this donation we have surpassed 3000 blankets. Mariann would like to thank the ladies for continuing to make the pet blankets and hope they will continue as we already have a request from a new rescue Pet Friends for Life in St. Thomas. Be sure to remember to sew on a label upon completing the blankets.

EASTERN STAR MEAT PIES

Eastern Star is once again making their meat pies. If you would like to purchase any please see information below.

They will be ready on Nov. 8th and are priced as follows:

- Beef or Chicken pies - \$ 4.00 each
- Lasagna or Shepherd's pie - \$ 4.50 each.

You can contact Betty Butt at 519-691-0245 or do-be@rogers.com to place your orders. These will be available for pick up at our day meetings at Eastern Star in both November and December.

Payment is Cash Only please! Exact cash is appreciated.

UPCOMING SALES EVENTS

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. We have just enough volunteers signed up but would like to have some alternates in case anyone can't make it. Please email Sian sian.roberts154@gmail.com directly if you can help.

THANK YOU NOTES:

Received from Power of Hope and Rotholme Women's & Family Shelter (Mission Services).



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Membership – as of September 30, 2022, our membership was 121; this includes 14 new members this year.

In Memoriam:

Elsie Strapp

Fundraising

In 2021/2022, the Fundraising Committee raised money both by applying for corporate grants and donations and by selling crocheted items and donated yarn.

Corporate and Foundation funding totalled almost \$13,000! Our major donors for 2021/2022 were:

- Finch Auto through their matching campaign (\$3046);
- The Wilf and Jean Bell Foundation (\$2815);
- TD Canada Trust (\$2500);
- Bayer via the Farmers Grow draw (\$2500); and
- Walmart (\$1000).

Two of our members were able to obtain donations from their employers, Canada Life (\$500) and Great Canadian Gaming (\$500) - thanks to both these members for taking the time to submit the applications.

We raised nearly \$5000 through sales. At the London Knights Teddy Bear Toss in December, we made \$1860 by selling our dressed bears before the game and in June we made \$1184 by selling our items at the Wortley Village Gathering on the Green event. Other miscellaneous sales to members and friends totalled \$735. We also raised \$1409 through online sales of non-acrylic yarn and other donated items.

Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee and everyone else who contributed to another successful year for fundraising.

Donations

Thank you to members, families and friends who made monetary and yarn donations; also to The Focal Point Group (our landlord at Waterloo St.) for continuing a \$300.00 monthly donation to the Club.

Expenses

One major expense of the Club is yarn cost. Total spent \$7,691.72.

A continuing expense for us as a result of the pandemic and the launch of the Clubhouse is rent. The Club pays \$700.00 plus HST monthly for the rented space at 111 Waterloo Street. (\$9,492 for the year)

Financial status

Total income for the year \$33,072; total expense for the year \$21,677; net for the year \$11,395; and current bank balance \$39,234.

The complete financial report is attached; a limited number of copies will be available for review at the meetings. Members will be asked to vote on the acceptance of the financial report at each meeting.

Blanket Donations

1036 (16,293) blankets were donated to 30 agencies; 12 (478) silent auction blankets were donated to 6 agencies and 354 (2989) pet blankets were delivered to 5 agencies.

**bracketed amounts are total donations since 2002*

A complete list of blanket donations is attached and a limited number of copies will be available for review at the meetings.

Board of Directors

Lynne Hammond has accepted nomination to become the new president.

Members will be asked to vote on the election/re-election of all Board members at each of the meetings.

President: Lynne Hammond **pending vote by members*

Treasurer: Pauline Elsworthy Schmidt

Secretary: Marti Acton

Fundraising Chair: Sian Roberts

Material Coordinator: Marion Honsberger

Distribution Coordinator: Marion Honsberger

Membership Secretary & Newsletter Coordinator: Kayla Coddington

Past President: Fran Schreindler

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