



## **NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023**

*Happy New Year to all from the Club leadership team!*

**We would like to welcome all new members we have gained over the last year, and if we have not had the chance to meet you yet, 2023 seems like a great year to make it happen.**

### **MEETINGS:**

#### **NIGHT MEETING**

**WHEN:** Wednesday January 25, 7 pm

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

#### **DAY MEETING**

**WHEN:** Thursday January 26, 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 (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.

### **JANUARY DROP IN DAY REMINDER:**

Friday January 13th from 1 pm to 4 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level).

Please ensure to sign up via the link below to show us your intention to drop in: <https://volunteersignup.org/8QM9B>

### **FEBRUARY DROP IN DAY:**

Wednesday February 8th 10 am – 1 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level).

Please ensure to sign up via the link below to show us your intention to drop in: [volunteersignup.org/4YJ3K](https://volunteersignup.org/4YJ3K)

### 1st ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Our campaign “Keep London Warm” **HAS REACHED ITS GOAL!** It was a great push at the end of the year to not only reach but surpass our goal. As exciting as this is, goals are meant to be reached and surpassed. So we do still encourage anyone who is able to this year to donate, or keep it in mind should anyone you know be looking for a great cause to donate to. Well done though, and what a great way to start off 2023!

### CHRISTMAS TIME AT FRESH START

Yesterday we were able to celebrate Christmas together at Fresh Start! It was such a joy to spend time together and bless our families with some amazing care packages 📦 🌲

Thank you to all the donors who gave so generously to make these Christmas packages happen – they are appreciated more than you may ever know!

Thank you to Littlewood United Church, Christmas Care St Thomas, The Crochet Club of London, Lighthouse Gospel Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, Mitchell's Soup Company Royal Oak Senior Living and many others who donated books, toys, soup packages, children's pajamas, hats, mittens and ear-warmers, knitted blankets, diapers, toiletries and grocery gift cards. It is such a privilege for us to share your generosity and kindness 😊




## THANK YOU NOTES ...

- Thank you note received from Residents & Staff at Mount Hope
- Thank you for the lovely donation of blankets, hats, scarfs, and slippers to the dialysis unit at University Hospital.  
Your kindness and amazing talent was received with such appreciation from both the patients and the staff.  
Many of our patients accepted your gracious gift, and send their warmest thanks and well wishes for the holiday season.

Thank you!

- My name is Paddy Davis. I'm a dialysis patient at University Hospital. I'm 66 and first stated dialysis in 1988. Just before Christmas two volunteers gifted me with a beautiful forest green and cream Afghan. It is so beautiful and my imagination allows me to think of the selfless hands who crocheted it just for me. It is now one of my prized possessions and when not resting on my lap, it accompanies my every nap. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for this beautiful gift. Until I received it I was not aware of your club. God bless each and everyone of you for it is His work you are doing. I will treasure it for as long as I live.

With Gratitude,  
Paddy

- I am a woman who is part of a housing program in London. This winter the SLWAR program was donated blankets to give to their participants. I just wanted to say THANK YOU so much. I love my new blanket. You are all fantastic 

## BLANKETS COLLECTED IN DECEMBER:

It was a slow month for blankets due to the day meeting being cancelled.  
At our last meetings we had the following # of blankets turned in:

**Full:** 12  
**Lap:** 17  
**Baby:** 14  
**Pet:** 7

Blankets donated over the past month:

**Full:** 40 given to The Men's Mission (deferred from November)  
**Lap:** 15 given to Mount Hope  
**Baby:** 50 given to Life\*Spin along with 30 hats, 30 mitts and 30 scarves;  
25 given to Cross Cultural Learners Centre.

Additionally 30 dishcloths went to John Gordon Home & Anova

We had several yarn donations but no purchases this month.

## FLASHBACK

Thank you to our member Theresa R. for sharing this find in The London Free Press from 2007 on microfilm, while browsing for work related items.



If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne at 519-868-0678 or [lynne.hammond@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynne.hammond@sympatico.ca)

