



MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday March 29, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday March 30, 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.

APRIL CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAY:

Monday April 17th from 10 am to 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:
<https://volunteersignup.org/CFQK9>

MEETING ATTENDANCE (March 1st & 2nd)

There were 17 members in attendance at the March 1st evening meeting and 27 in attendance at the March 2nd day meeting.

1st ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Our fundraiser keeps heating up, let's hope it starts to melt this snow outside. Another group of donations totalling \$300 and donation receipts in kind given for a total of \$78.50. Bringing our increasing total to **\$14,676.22**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

This month the Crochet Club of London celebrates its anniversary. Cheers to the club, 21 years young! Member gifts will be provided at our upcoming meetings this month

and throughout the year. Should you be unable to attend a meeting or the clubhouse to receive your gift we will arrange delivery.

A CATCH UP IN COSTA RICA

Marion regaled us with her travel adventure stories from her trip to Costa Rica to visit friends and fellow crochet club members Chris and Cindy. Our club has gone global as Chris and Cindy stay in touch and up to date with all our club's activities. Cindy even had blankets ready for Marion to bring back with her in her suitcase. Luckily Marion packed light and returned with a few blankets and some lovin's. So happy your visit and travels were great, thanks for sharing with us.



BUY NOTHING GROUPS - Item Collection

Buy nothing groups on Facebook are set up for the purpose of gifting and receiving items at no cost.

In the last couple years our group has had good luck in posting requests in such groups. We have used this to obtain bears for the teddy bear toss and yarn for our stock. If you are an active user on Facebook and are already a part of a group and would like to post the request for bears and/or yarn please reach out to Sian for the post that you can copy and paste into your group. Even if you are unable to fulfill the pick up of the items, but are still comfortable to post, we can always arrange a driver to do the pick up for you.

REQUEST FOR LEFTOVER YARN BALLS

We have someone who is willing to buy leftover yarn balls from us. They need to be at least 1 yard long. If you have some leftovers hanging around that you would like to contribute to the bag for her to purchase please bring them to the clubhouse, a meeting or contact Marion to arrange pick up.

WESTERN FAIR CRAFT COMPETITION - CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Each year our board under Marti's direction determines blankets that are completed to be selected and submitted to the Western Fair for their Creative Arts competition. This year we are looking to put together a committee to take this over. Volunteering could involve the following aspects:

- Select blankets at meetings that meet the criteria set out by the fair
- Sort through the blankets compiled and pick out the number allowed in the competition
- Drop off the blankets to the fair (August 14th & 15th)
- Once the competition has been judged, place stars to showcase the club's blankets
- Take pictures of the submissions on display at the fair
- Pick up the blankets from the fair and return them to the clubhouse (September 19th).

There is no requirement to attend the fair while it is running to be a part of this committee. If you are at all interested or would like to learn more, please approach a board member. We will be providing some more info at the upcoming meetings and as we approach the dates noted above.

MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENT

Darlene, at our last night meeting, spoke of a lovely visit she had with a woman who received a blanket from us as part of the meals on wheels holiday dinner and blanket provided at Christmas time. The woman was quite emotional when speaking of the lovely blanket she was gifted. It truly brought her comfort and a smile this holiday season. It was even great when the blanket happen to match her bedroom decor and colour.

THANK YOU NOTES

Jet Aircraft Museum - for our blanket donations for their silent auction which raised money for the Ukrainian cause.

The Acton Family - for our blanket donation to Marti's mother in law who was displaced by a fire in her apartment building, causing to lose everything. Our blanket was a comfort upon her settling into her new residence.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS

London Central Lions Club and London East Lions Club

For their benefit night "Colour the Night Gold for Childhood Cancer", a dinner, silent and live auction on Saturday May 6. Proceeds will go to Childcan London.



Alzheimer's Society

We also received an update from the Alzheimer's Society from their recent event "Cabin Fever Reliever" the blanket we donated brought in \$60, their total proceeds from the event realized over \$300,000 !!

BLANKETS COLLECTED IN FEBRUARY:

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

Full: 94

Lap: 76

Baby: 31

Blankets donated over the past month:

- 15 full size blankets were donated to 37 Frank in Strathroy. 37 Frank Youth Centre is run under Youth Unlimited YFC Southwestern Ontario. They have seen a growing need for emergency places to stay a few nights in between tragedy and government assistance which is why they are fundraising for their very own emergency crash beds to be able to provide immediate help to keep teens out of the cold.
- 10 full size blankets were donated to The Salvation Army. These blankets will be given to homeless persons when the SA provides hot meals to the homeless. We are hoping that Erin who looks after the food truck might be able to join the meeting if she is back in time.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne at **519-868-0678** or lynne.hammond@sympatico.ca

