

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday August 30, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday August 31, 10 am

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

Masks are now recommended but not required to be worn at the meetings. With a private ballot vote at our last month's meeting our members have supported that masks continue to be recommended however they are no longer required to be worn at the meetings.

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.

There were 8 attendees at the July evening meeting and 26 attendees at the July day meeting.

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAY:

Wednesday September 13th from 10 am – 1 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level). Hosts: Pauline and Janet.

Please ensure to sign up via the link below to show us your intention to drop in:
Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the sign up sheet: volunteersignup.org/PHX7T

SCISSORS FOR SALE

If you really liked the scissors you received for our Club's anniversary/member appreciation gift, and you would like more for your craft supply bag/tote, you can purchase more at the clubhouse or at the meetings for \$2/each.

SPINRITE SALE

It was devastating news for our club to find out the Spinrite sale was canceled this year due to construction, as we buy the majority of our yearly yarn purchased from this sale. Not to worry though, as we had to do often during Covid, Spinrite has 'pivoted' and are providing their sale via online/email. Marion will be up early tomorrow to ensure an order is placed for the club.

1st ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE

As we near the end of this 1st annual drive we continue to surpass our goal. Another group of donations totalling \$300 and \$101.17 worth of donation receipts in kind given. Bringing our total to **\$16,639.22.**

TRU-EARTH FUNDRAISING DRIVE

If you didn't know we have a fundraising link with Tru-Earth. If you already purchase from Tru-Earth please use our link below, if you have never heard of it, check out the items from our link below. Tru-Earth sells eco-friendly items from laundry detergent to reusable produce bags and storage items like wax-wraps. Great for our environment and the club benefits receiving a percentage of the sales.

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/CrochetClubofLondon>

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO...

(member) Penny and her husband Rob for hanging the new whiteboards, memo board, and blanket rack at the Clubhouse.

BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:

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

Full: 44

Lap: 28

Baby: 8

Donations:

20 Lap to Inviva

20 Baby to Childreach

25 Full to 519 Pursuit

50 Full to London Cares

3 Auction blankets to St Thomas YWCA

Blanket data so far this year:

Donated: 660 Full, 538 Lap, 197 Baby

On Hand: 259 Full, 302 Lap, 133 Baby

55 pet blankets were donated to SALT (Saving Animal Lives Together). Year to date that is a total of 276 blankets!.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS

Two blankets to London Search and Rescue (one regular and one Christmas themed) for their upcoming fundraiser in November)

This fundraiser, their largest of the year, helps cover core operating expenses. London Search and Rescue assists the London Police Force and OPP in the search for missing persons, and they receive no municipal, provincial or federal funding and rely on fundraising. Their team has 65 trained ground searchers and is completely volunteer run.



Two blankets to YWCA St Thomas Elgin County (one regular and one Christmas themed) for their upcoming fundraiser, Summer Night Social in August. This is their largest event, and allows them to deliver critical programs and services such as housing and homelessness prevention, life stabilization and food security.



We will also be supporting them with their Tiny Homes project in the future by providing blankets once the homes are constructed.

PATTERNS OF THE MONTH:

What's in a name? A lot with these pattern names.

Cuddly Kittens



▶ HOW to CROCHET CAT STITCH – Quick Easy and Cute Pattern by Naztazia

Drunken Granny



▶ EASIEST CROCHET BABY BLANKET EVER 🌟 The Drunken Granny Baby Blanket ?...

Corner to Corner – join as you go

<https://theunraveledmitten.com/2020/04/29/corner-to-corner-c2c-join-as-you-go-tutorial/>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SECRETARY POSITION

Marti has announced her retirement from the board as the secretary. Marti will maintain the position until this fall when we will need to elect a new secretary at the October Annual General Meeting. If you are interested or would like to know more please reach out to a board member.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

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