

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your patience in the late receiving of the newsletter. With this month including our Annual General Meeting [AGM] there were a lot of details to note!

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday October 25, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday October 26, 10 am

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

Our AGM will occur at the start of the October meetings (Wednesday October 25th and Thursday October 26th). Included with the newsletter (attached to your email) are the financial statements for the 2022–2023 fiscal year.

There will be three agency speakers at the October 25th meeting. Carl Cadogan from the Kidney Foundation, Dale Jardine from Victim Services and Marianne Fischtnr from Cross Cultural Learners Centre.

Look forward to two speakers at the November day meeting as well.

Last month 27 members attended the night meeting including one new member and 23 members at the day meeting. Info shared at both meetings was the same.

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS:

Tuesday November 14th from 10 am – 1 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level). Hosts: Lynne and Shirley. volunteersignup.org/XY9K4

Please ensure to sign up via the links to show us your intention to drop in, to sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

A TEACHABLE MOMENT

At last month's night meeting a long time crochet club member Teresa Eaton, taught us all how she creates beautiful blankets despite the fact she cannot see the yarn and patterns. Teresa was 3 years old when she lost her sight. It was discovered as a child she had in plain terms 'cancer of the retina'. Unfortunately it was quite progressed and due to cost and the science at the time, Teresa's sight was unable to be saved and she became fully blind. Teresa's grandmother was a great teacher and helped her learn the art of crochet. It was a bonding activity for them and the rest is history, as her skill progressed from there. Teresa did a show and tell of some tools she utilizes to assist her in the projects. Measuring tape with staple markers, an electronic colour reader

which speaks of the colour(s) it picks up, albeit not always reliable with so many colour variations. Teresa purchases patterns which are transcribed into braille by a woman in Arizona, lastly a hook guide to which she has added braille labels. It was fascinating to learn about and even with this knowledge I am sure we are all still amazed at the work Teresa hands in with her blankets. Thank you again Teresa for being open and sharing your story with us.

GLENDALE CROSSING FUNDRAISER

The Village of Glendale Crossing (retirement and long-term care) is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 18th 10 am – 3 pm. Should you or someone you know want to set up a table to sell goods at the bazaar the registration fee is \$10. These registration fees will be donated back to The Crochet Club.

Address: 3030 Singleton Ave. London (near Southdale and Wonderland)

Please reach out to Erin erin.seldon@schlegelvillages.com or Tina tina.lancaster@schlegelvillages.com to book your spot.

Deadline to register is November 1st!

1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE SUCCESS

The end of our 1st annual fundraising drive has come. Final donations last month totalling \$350 and \$81.90 worth of donation receipts in kind. Bringing our **GRAND TOTAL** to **\$17,346.58. WOW!!** Thank you for **KEEPING LONDON WARM** through your generous donations. Please be sure to share this with family and friends to show how much their donation made a difference to our club.

2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN *Keeping Our Community Warm* has officially kicked off as of October 1st. This campaign has another large goal of \$10,000. We saw what we could do last year and we have hope we can do it again! Look for an email this week outlining the campaign and a second email which is perfect to forward to friends and family (subject will be Friends & Family Outreach)

RED SCARF CAMPAIGN

The regional HIV/AIDS Connection has reached out for our help in their goal of providing red scarves for the community again. Their goal is approx. 300 more red scarves. In the past they have been able to provide the yarn to produce the scarves, this year they are asking you to consider using your own. As our club has experienced, the cost of yarn has caused a reduction in the amount of yarn inventory they have on hand. If you would like to participate and are unable to use your own yarn please reach out to Fran McKeown fmckeown@hivaidsconnection.ca.

Scarf Size: 6 inches x 60 inches

Please bring them to a meeting or the clubhouse by November 15th.

BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:

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

Full: 52

Lap: 25

Baby: 26

No blankets were donated in September.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS

LHSC - Country Classic Auction November 4th. (white blanket)

Bethany's Hope - The Party 2.0 on October 20th. Raising funds to research metachromatic leukodystrophy, research done at Western. (Bear Blanket as this is representative of their logo)

Kidney Foundation [not pictured]

Extendicare London - blanket with fringe

* a Christmas themed blanket was also given in addition to each Silent Auction request as there was an abundance in our stock.



THANK YOU NOTE

George emailed our club "Thank you so much for the blanket I am a dialysis patient at the Westmount clinic. Your gift was very comforting, it was a nice surprise"

WILF AND JEAN BELL FOUNDATION

We are the recipient of a grant totalling \$3,099.19 from this foundation for the second year in a row.

CROCHET CLUB LABELS

For anyone who makes items such as hats, scarves, slippers etc. in addition to blankets, this is a gentle reminder that those items do not require a label to be sewn on. Only the blankets require a label. If you were unaware of this and had added a label

to some items turned into the clubhouse, not to worry they have been removed as the items were priced.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SECRETARY POSITION

Mariann Marshall was nominated by Marion Honsberger for the position of Secretary. She attended the board meeting today as an observer. Her official nomination and vote to join the board will occur at this month's AGM meetings, should she decide to pursue the position.

NEW TRU-EARTH FUNDRAISING LINK

Due to a change in platform there is a new link to use to ensure your purchases provide the credit back to the club. Please save and use this link going forward for all your TRU-Earth product purchases:

<http://tru-earth.sjv.io/CrochetClubofLondon>

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for some of our upcoming events. If you are able to Volunteer at any of the following events please reply to this email or reach out to Sian sian.roberts154@gmail.com.

November Drop in Day/Fundraising Sale @ The Clubhouse - 111 Waterloo Street (in the lobby)	Tuesday November 14th 10 am - 1 pm.
Glendale Crossing Fundraiser - Christmas Bazaar	Saturday November 18th 10 am - 3 pm
Teddy Bear Toss - London Knights Hockey Game	Tuesday December 5th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (includes set up and take down)
December Drop in Day/Friends & Family Sale @ The Clubhouse 111 Waterloo Street (basement)	Saturday December 9th 11 am - 2 pm
Women's Canadian Club	Thursday December 14th 12:30 pm - 4 pm

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

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