

# FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The board of the Crochet Club plans to change the focus of the meetings in 2024 to “Member Engagement”.

We hope to plan presentations from agencies or about interesting topics and hold “crochet technique” sessions where there will be demonstrations, for most meetings. At the February meetings, there will be demonstrations of “corner-to-corner” for those who have not yet mastered this technique, and an additional version of “open corner-to-corner” which will be a new technique to most of us (led by Fran and Chris).

Please bring a crochet hook and ball of yarn if you plan to participate.

We will plan this at the end of the meeting, in case anyone is not interested in staying for the learning session.

Happy Crocheting! See you later this month.

Lynne Hammond  
President - The Crochet Club of London

## MEETINGS:

### NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday February 28, 7 pm

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

### DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday February 29, 10 am

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

January attendance was Night - 20 with 2 new members & Day - 21

## NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAY:

**Wednesday February 14th (2024) 11 am - 2 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level)** [volunteersignup.org/KBWQD](https://volunteersignup.org/KBWQD) -> Please click on the web link (or copy it into your web browser) to go to the sign up sheet.

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.

**March - Thursday March 14th - 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. - Fran Schreindler and Marianne Marshall**

**2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** *Keeping Our Community Warm* has heated up despite this cold, snowy weather. We have officially reached and surpassed our \$10,000 goal. This is amazing and we are so thankful for our members, family & friends who have donated so far. This month's donations totaled \$1548, with \$135.58 being donations in kind. Totalling after 3 months of donations **\$13,003**.

## **COMMUNITY DONATIONS**

The Residents' Council of Extencicare London has approved to give the Crochet Club of London a donation of \$100.00.

## **BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:**

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

**Full:** 34

**Lap:** 54

**Baby:** 6

Donated 25 full to Safe Space and 45 full, 5 lap to My Sisters Place.

## **PATTERNS FOR FEBRUARY WORKSHOP**

The patterns we are going to review at this month's meetings are the Corner to Corner and Corner to Corner Openwork Throw. If you haven't tried these patterns and would like to - or if you have tried them and had some difficulties, consider bringing yarn and a hook to the February meeting(s). "Experts" will be there to help you.

## **SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS**

**RCAF / Jet Aircraft Museum** - for their 100th anniversary event in June. This request came from Marti (past board member). Fran made the Canadian flag blanket for Marion to take to skating events, and Marion kindly offered it to Marti for their special event.



**Eastern Star** - 2 blankets for their fundraising events they do during the year. These blankets were offered as a 'thank you' to Eastern Star for giving us space to hold our day meetings. They have two chapters so this year we are giving them two blankets, one chapter will be fundraising for the Kidney Foundation.



**Pet Blankets:** Dropped off 60 blankets to Catty Shack, new total is 102 this year, grand total is 3,437.

## **OPEN BOARD POSITION: TREASURER**

This position as Accountant and Treasurer does not require an accounting degree; the books are simple and done in an Excel spreadsheet. This position is responsible for all cash receipts and disbursements, reconciling the bank monthly, preparing monthly and annual financial statements, preparing an annual budget for approval by the Board, preparing the annual Registered Charity Information Return T3010 and filing the bi-annual Application for GST/HST Public Service Bodies' Rebate and GST Self-Government Refund (Forms GST66E and RC7066 SCH E) and preparing all Income Tax Receipts for donations received. Also responsible for preparing the official file of Annual Blanket Distribution for the Charity Return.

Board meetings are always open to 'visitors'; feel free to ask about the next board meeting to come out to audit the meeting and receive an insight into what is involved and how the board collaborates on upcoming events, changes and overall discussion.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

A lovely card from 37 Frank Youth Centre in Strathroy.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

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