

# JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## MEETINGS:

### NIGHT MEETING

**WHEN:** Wednesday July 24, 7 pm

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

### DAY MEETING

**WHEN:** Thursday July 25, 10 am

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

## NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS:

**JULY** - Tuesday July 9th - 12:00 to 3:00 [volunteersignup.org/WQTKB](https://volunteersignup.org/WQTKB)

**AUGUST** - Thursday August 15th - 10:00 to 1:00 [volunteersignup.org/4EYWB](https://volunteersignup.org/4EYWB)

Please ensure to sign up via the link 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.

If anyone has questions or difficulties with the signup sheet please contact Sian [sian.roberts154@gmail.com](mailto:sian.roberts154@gmail.com) or at 519-204-3730.

## UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday September 12th - 1:00 to 4:00

## JOINING TUTORIAL

At the end of this month's meetings we will have a tutorial on joining. If interested please stick around for a refresher or to learn how to join yarns in your projects. We will have copies of printed instructions available at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, check out this youtube video tutorial:

 [Magic Knot Tutorial || How to easily join yarn for knitting and crochet](#)

## FUNDRAISING CHAIR POSITION - OPEN FOR NOMINEES

The topic of fundraising chair position - open for nominees was introduced in the June Newsletter and discussed at the June meetings.

This is an ideal time to add to your efforts on behalf of the Club by taking on the Fundraising Chair position on the Board of Directors.

This month we are providing some additional information that will answer outstanding questions.

A big benefit of joining the Board at this time is that Sian, the current Fundraising Chair will continue to serve on the Board as Treasurer and will be available for support and as a mentor.

The Fundraising Chair organizes The Crochet Club's fundraising activities as required to meet budget. The budget is set each year and has been exceeded over the past two years; financially the Club is in very good condition so there is no immediate need to raise any large sum of money. Continuing with the 3 existing major activities (while being on the lookout for additional opportunities) is all that is required. A key responsibility is chairing the Fundraising Committee. The five members of this committee, supported by a roster of about twenty other club members assist with fundraising activities, which currently include the following:

- An annual e-mail fundraising campaign. Donations resulting from this email are one of the Club's main income sources. This campaign was started 2 years ago and it has been very successful! Two versions are prepared, one directly to each member and the second a version that the members can send to friends, family etc. Each year some editing is required to keep the content current.
- Fundraising sales of small crocheted items that are made from yarn unsuitable for blankets. The major sale is timed with the Wortley Village Gathering On The Green in early June. Each year the process gets better as more volunteers provide support in many different ways and time commitments are reduced. The other big event is the Teddy Bear Toss at the London Knights December game. A member of the fundraising committee has taken on the responsibility for this event.
- Yarn Drives to solicit yarn from the general public. This is a joint effort with the materials committee.
- Soliciting financial donations and grants from corporations, foundations, government, and local businesses. Sian will continue to handle this activity while helping the new Board member assume the responsibility.
- Online sales of donated items (mostly yarn) that can not be used by members. The two members who currently list these items have agreed to continue with their work in this area.
- An annual fundraising report and board updates on fundraising.
- Research and implement alternate sources of funding

As a Board member, attend board meetings (usually four per year) and participate in decisions affecting the running of the Club

**TIME COMMITMENT:** An average of about 15 hours per month. This includes time attending at least one of the regular monthly Club meetings as possible and quarterly Board Meetings. The term for a board member is three years with the option to extend for a second 3 year term.

In addition to thinking about the position yourself, please also consider speaking with other members of the Club who with your support might consider the position. Other options could be family members, friends members of other group who you feel might be interested.

**2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** *Keeping Our Community Warm* has continued to grow. This month's donations totaled \$200. Donations in kind were \$109.45. Totalling donations so far to **\$17,408**.

## BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:

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

**Full:** 45

**Lap:** 15

**Baby:** 2

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

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