NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday November 27, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday November 28, 10 am

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

Reminder to attendees at the day meeting at the Eastern Star Temple

As per the Temple staff request, the only attendees that should enter through the kitchen/east door with the ramp are those with walkers, wheelchairs or with handicapped plates/signs and those members entering with projects and/or meeting supplies. All others should enter through the west door – the other end of the building. That door will be opened as soon as the room is set up and prepared (apologies for the delay at the October meeting). We will step out and give some notice when the door is open.

October meeting attendance: Evening 22, Day 35

There will be 3 agency representatives at the day meeting this month. Sheila Weird from VON Middlesex, Cheryl Losch from Women's Rural Resource Centre and Lisa Wilde from The Emily Murphy Centre.

Dawn Fulmer from Humana will be attending our night meeting.

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS:

There will be no December clubhouse date due to the early dates of the monthly meetings held prior to the holiday break. Open Clubhouse drop in days will commence in early January.

Saturday January 11th 10 am - 1 pm - Kayla, Gail and Phyllis Thursday February 13th 11 am - 2 pm - Sian and Shirley Wednesday March 12th 1 pm - 4 pm - Mariann and Sandy

CATNIP MATS

There are still catnip mats available for purchase. They will be available at the meetings. They are \$20 each.

RED SCARVES

Our club donated 60 scarves to the HIV AIDS connection initiative. Great job and Fran McKeown is so very appreciative of our support/donations. If you happen to be watching the 6 o'clock evening news on Monday November 4th you may have seen some familiar faces in the "In Your Community" segment with Julie Atchison. The segment on CTV London was promoting the HIV AIDS Connection Red Scarf Campaign and we had some Crochet Club members crafting in the background of the interview.

Gail attended the segment and shared the experience:

"There were only 3 crocheters against nearly a dozen knitters. The group was gathered in the foyer, and we were met by the news director who led us to the room where we were being filmed. The Red Scarf group welcomed all in and provided some home-made chocolate chip cookies. We were then led on a tour of the studio where we observed filming. We met Julie Atchison and observed Carlyle Fiset. After returning to our filming room fresh balls of red yarn were provided and an 'unofficial' contest was started as to who would complete more scarf before the end of filming. This is why at the end of the news evening, I was shown holding up my work. I didn't even know they were filming when Fran McKeown said "look how much Gail has completed already". This was actually before the official filming with Julie had started. I was very proud to be there to represent our club and hope our efforts prove very successful for the Red Scarf Society." - Gail

You can find the segment online at <u>https://london.ctvnews.ca/video/c3019482-ctv-news-london-at-six-for-monday--</u>november-4--2024?binId=1.1137524

The start of the segment is at 9:21.

3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN Keeping Our Community Warm

Our 3rd annual campaign is underway. As of October 31st, the campaign results are cash donations \$0.00; in kind donations \$95.10 = total donations \$95.10.

BLANKETS COLLECTED AT LAST MONTHS MEETINGS

FULL 36 LAP 49 BABY 52

Blankets Donated in October

Full	Lap	Baby	Receiving Agency
	40		Extendicare
	10		Dearness Home
	16		Victim Services
	30	15	Westmount Gardens
10	10	10	Vanier
10	10		VON Dorchester
10	10		VON Elgin
40			London Cares/plus 8 used
10	40		Kensington Village
25	70		VON Middlesex
25	25	25	Cross Cultural Learners Centre
20	50	50	Life*Spin

SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS

Merrymount Gala - Upcoming event on November 14th "Anniversary Party Gala" to support their child mental wellness program.



Meals on Wheels - upcoming fundraising events happening next Spring!



Extendicare London - Two blankets for their upcoming events



LONDON LIFE CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE'S IN-KIND DONATION PROGRAM

Our proposal to London Life for a donation in kind to the club has been accepted. We were approached by their committee as a result of the article in the CAA magazine. We have been awarded \$4000 for the purchase of yarn. We are able to spread this out over the year making several purchases of yarn and being reimbursed by the program up to \$4000. We are very excited and appreciative of this donation, now where are we going to put all this yarn?!?!

TEDDY BEAR TOSS AT THE LONDON KNIGHTS GAME

We are selling bears again at this year's Teddy Bear Toss at the London Knights game. This year's game takes place on Wednesday December 4th, the game starts at 6:30 pm, and we will be selling from 5:30 - 6:30. It is the most fun event we do and people are so happy to see our bears dressed! Volunteers should be okay standing and walking for the hour. To sign up as a volunteer for the Teddy Bear Toss please email Marianne marshallmariann@gmail.com

FURTHER TO THE UPDATE ON TAX RECEIPT REQUESTS FOR OWN YARN USE

The Yarn Donation Tax Receipt Request Form is attached for printing and is also available at the monthly meetings, during a visit to the Clubhouse or by contacting Fran at schreindler@bell.net.

The line on the form "Yarn receipt attached" is where the \$ amount (excluding HST) from the store receipt is recorded.

The form can be used for the total amount from more than one receipt.

If your receipt does not have a date (sometimes from online purchases) please make a note of the date on the receipt.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Attached is a flyer for an event happening at the Church at Nairn.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES

Attached are the minutes recorded from the Annual General Meeting for your review. This document will be sent out again ahead of the 2025 AGM.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact crochetcluboflondon@gmail.com

