

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

MEETING NOTE: Due to the early election called, the Eastern Star is being used as a polling station on Thursday February 27th. As such we are unable to hold our meeting on this day. We have backed up the day meeting to be held on Wednesday February 26th at 10 am at Eastern Star.

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday February 26, 7 pm & March 26

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

DAY MEETING *PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY

WHEN: Wednesday February 26, 10 am & Thursday March 27

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

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAY:

February - Thursday the 13th - 11:00 - 2:00 volunteersignup.org/479M8

-> 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 - Wednesday the 12th - 1:00 - 4:00 volunteersignup.org/83PF8

BE CYBER SAFE

Please be sure to be cyber safe and question emails and links for potential scams. The club will never ask for personal information, outside of what you provide for membership (one time only) and should you see anything questionable please reach out to the board to make us aware. For other safety tips and things to look for visit the Get Cyber Safe website from the Government of Canada

<https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en>

TEDDY BEAR TOSS 2025 PREP

Please bring dressed bears to the monthly meetings for accumulation throughout the year.

Bears and yarn for dressing the bears, will be available for pick up at every month's meetings until we reach our goal of 250 dressed bears. Printouts of the guidelines for dressing bears are also available to take home.

3rd ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN *Warming Our Community* has continued to climb. We are on our way to our \$10,000 goal. As of January 31st the campaign results are cash donations \$194 and in kind donations \$130.96 = total donations \$324.96. Year to Date (YTD) \$7,166.62.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKET UPDATES

Bethany’s Hope Foundation - February 15th “*The Lady in Red*” fundraising gala at the London Hunt & Country Club. This event supports research for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD) at Western University.



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE - JOAN’S PLACE

The new agency mentioned at last month’s meeting is having a community open house on Saturday March 1st. Everyone is welcome to attend. Joan’s place will be a place of safety and security. A safe, affordable home for youth, young mothers and mothers-to-be who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness. We will be supplying 6 baby blankets to them.

BLANKETS COLLECTED:

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

- Baby:** 23
- Lap:** 67
- Full:** 54

Blankets Donated last month:

BABY	LAP	FULL	AGENCY
	30		Life*Spin

CROCHET LESSON TEACHING REQUEST

We received an email with a request for crochet lesson teaching for an individual and friends. They had looked into the city run groups but the evening session was already full and had a waitlist. If anyone is interested in teaching please reach out and we will put you in contact with this individual.

FUNDRAISING BRAINSTORMING

At our latest fundraising committee meeting, we have run the gambit of ideas for fundraising events and are currently partaking in two yearly (Teddy Bear Toss and Gathering on the Green). However, we know there are always new events coming up, and fundraising initiatives are always shifting. So we want to put it out to our membership - please speak to us at meetings, email us ideas, send anything our way you think is a great new opportunity for us to fundraise with. No idea is a bad idea, all will be considered! Let's hear from you!

With fundraising comes **VOLUNTEERING!** Be sure to continue to check your calendar and touch base with us if you have a free hour to volunteer at any of our various opportunities (Gathering on the Green, Teddy Bear Toss, Open Clubhouse days, yarn sorting, yarn buying etc) the possibilities are endless and the help is greatly appreciated!

IN MEMORIAM

Toni Jans - long time member of the club. Toni passed away in January. January's meeting was certainly not the same without Toni in her usual spot.

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

