

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



As we wrap up another year, the Board wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks for every stitch, square and smile you've created. Your dedication, creativity, and generosity make an incredible difference in our community. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and love throughout the year. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the November night meeting, Mona from VON attended to present and pick up 10 bags of blankets. She spoke about how their programs provide produce and pantry item boxes, approximately 100 boxes are given out monthly. Blankets are provided to their clients for a variety of reasons. Some are provided to those going through dialysis. The blankets are colourful which cheers the individuals up.

And another special visitor dropped by, and we are all on Santa's nice list!



At the morning meeting we were joined by representatives from Meals on Wheels, Atlohsa and Women's Rural Resource Centre of Strathroy. Each spoke about the difference our blankets make in the lives of the people they serve.

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday December 17, 7 pm

WHERE: Salvation Army London Citadel (555 Springbank Drive – the corner of Springbank Drive

and Wonderland Road)

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday December 18, 10 am

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

November Attendance: Day Meeting 27/ Night Meeting 26

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 27 and Thursday, January 28

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS

No December drop in.

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 10:00 am – 1:00 pm volunteersignup.org/W3LED

If you have any issues signing up or need to cancel, please contact Sian Roberts (sian.roberts154@gmail.com or 519-204-3730). Or, from the sign-up page, you can click on the blue box at the bottom that says " Questions? Concerns? Contact the Sign-up sheet Manager."

BOARD UPDATE

At our October AGM, we welcomed three new Board members, Gail Richter, Jenipher Appleton, and Teresa Eaton. They join the Board as Directors at Large and join the four renewed Board members, so we have a total of 7 Board members.

As mentioned at the meetings, some Board functions have switched around so here is the updated list.
President: As there is no one filling this position currently the position will rotate as follows:

- Kayla in November - January
- Sian in February - April
- Mariann in May - July
- Marion in August – October

The Fundraising Committee has been disbanded, and our two major fundraising events (Teddy Bear Toss and Wortley Village Sale) will be shared between all the Board members for now.

Clubhouse Drop-in: Contact is Jenipher Appleton

Silent Auction Blankets: Contact is Teresa Eaton

Website: Contact is Sian

Western Fair Liaison: Contact is Gail Richter

TEDDY BEAR TOSS

WOW is all we can say! This year we raised \$2740, our highest result so far. The Knights tallied 20,567 bears collected, an Ontario Hockey League record. A big thank you to members that brought in bears, crocheted outfits and helped at the sale. Here's a few pictures of our table before the sale and some of the ice.



We have some of the fully crocheted bears left, if you are interested. The price is \$25 each or 2+ for \$20 each. Contact Marion (marionhons1953@gmail.com) and she will bring them to the December meeting.



FOURTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN “Threads of Warmth”

This year's campaign has got off to a good start! In November, the Club received cash donations of \$4500, bringing our year-to-date amount to \$5285. Our annual goal is \$10,000. We also received in-kind donations in November of \$137; year-to-date total is \$378.

RED SCARVES

I attended the Christmas Craft Show at Western Fair and I found our friends at London HIV AIDS selling red scarves! Some of the scarves looked very familiar. Fran (center) will be visiting us next year.



SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS

This month blankets were shared with:

- Alzheimers Society for their upcoming fundraising gala
- LHSC (Inpatient Mental Health and Addictions Program) for their Christmas fundraiser
- Heavenly Hills Animal Sanctuary (ongoing fundraising)
- PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Services) for their Christmas fundraiser



In addition, 52 pet blankets were given to Heavenly Hills.

BLANKETS

Blankets Collected in November	
Baby	15
Lap	76
Full	40
Blankets Distributed in November	
Huron Hospice	7 baby, 6 lap, 1 full
Big Brothers Big Sisters Exeter Huron	10 baby, 10 lap, 20 full
Dearness Home	10 lap
Oak Crossing	3 baby, 3 lap, 3 full
VON Elgin	40 lap, 20 full
Meals on Wheels	40 lap, 60 full
Women's Rural Resource Centre	20 lap, 20 full

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