



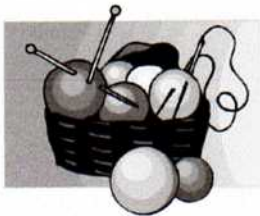
AH Donations

The donations for the end of December included:

Best Start: 14 sweater sets, 4 hats and mitt sets, 8 hats and 300 gift bags.

Interim Place: 50 gift bags
The Dam: 9 crib blankets
Credit Valley Hospital: 20 blankets and toques.

Yearly total: 2, 736 sets/items/gift bags



Keep up the good work!!!



Smiles & Giggles

Top ten best things I've learned from crochet

by Ronda Ferrell

10) YARN. You cannot have enough of it. It is possibly a food group, since people "drool over it", and describe the color and texture as "yummy".

9) SNEAKING. I don't care how great your DH is. An ample sized purse or tote bag is a must for every crocheter. "What hook? This old thing? I've had this set of fine Brittany's for ages, silly! He he he, uh, yeah, honest!"

8) THE CINDERELLA EFFECT. Many breathtaking masterpieces start out as frogs. I have come to accept this and not dread all the frogging I must do!

7) PATIENCE. All things bought by mail order will come, in due time. But those two weeks sure feel like an eternity...

6) CROCHET SLUMPING. The delicate art of slumping in your office chair, enabling you to finish crocheting a scrunchie under your desk at work.

I have mastered the technique. Sign up now, classes are filling fast! You too can learn the slump.

5) CROCHET WARNING. As in, "I had no crochet warning!" Example: DH comes home and says, "We're invited to a baby shower, but it's in an hour. Should we bring a gift?" Well, duuuuhhhhh!!

4) STASH. Refers to a stockpile of yarn which could have been used to make said baby gift (see above), had there been a CROCHET WARNING, that is. I now keep a huge stash in my closet...I have more yarn than clothes!!

3) INVENTORY. Defined as a collection of gifts made in advance, simply because you are tired of being given the "Hey, tomorrow's my favorite uncle Charlie's daughter's husband Phil's birthday!" speech by your dear husband. This inventory has become an important part of my closet, too!

2) CROCHET NIGHTMARE. Example: a brand new puppy who likes to chew things and has little or no bladder control. Also, a drooling toddler who likes to unravel things.

1) IRBC. An acronym for the phrase my family has come to hate, because of all the encouragement I've gotten from other crocheters. I've learned thread crochet and the afghan stitch and countless other crochet tips. Have you guessed what it stands for yet?

"I'D RATHER BE CROCHETING!!"



December Meeting Contributors

December's Meeting was potluck with a delicious assortment of food and desserts.

Well done Angels!



Angelic Recipe

Whipped Sweet Potato Casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons butter, cubed
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a large saucepan cook sweet potatoes in salted water over medium-high heat for about 20 minutes, or until done. Drain, and add orange juice, brown sugar, nutmeg and butter. Whip until smooth. Spread into a medium size casserole dish and top with marshmallows.

Bake in a preheated oven for about 10 minutes, or until marshmallows are golden brown.

Serves five.



Happy Birthday!

JANUARY

- Bev D – Jan 12
- Pat M – Jan 7
- Madeleine S – Jan 28

Start Date Anniversary JANUARY

- 2003 – Rhonda C
- 2005 – Eleanor D
- 2003 – Phyllis F
- 2003 – Jackie L
- 2003 – Joyce M
- 2004 – Margaret M
- 2004 – Don M
- 2003 – Annette P
- 2003 – Filomena S
- 2006 – Janet S
- 2001 – Kay W

Welcome New Members!



- Althea V
- Lee S
- Samantha S

We hope you'll enjoy your volunteer work with us and meet many new friends!

A Reminder about pop can tabs collection:

We have started a new program where we collect the tabs off of pop cans.

Thoughts & Inspirations

✠ Rita K is still recovering from her surgery. She is doing much better but still needs our thoughts and prayers.



If you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please email Annette P. at info@angelhugs.ca Please put "Angel Hugs" in the subject line.

