**Student organization numbers increase**

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Oakland University’s Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development program has added five new student organizations that expand the offerings to students shopping for clubs this semester.

The new organizations are Mission Kindness, The Classic Hollywood Club, The American Red Cross club, The British at Heart at Oakland University Club and the Nifty Knitting Club.

Students with a passion to pursue that is currently not being met in any of the existing organization can start a club by getting three other students to join them along with an on-campus advisor, to seek approval with CSA, said Jean Ann Miller, the Director at the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

 “Some of the benefits students receive from their involvement in the clubs are feeling connected to a community, that adds to the student life experience, acquiring skills such as leadership, communication and multiculturalism, in addition to being able to add the experience to their resume to round it out or for positive impact on grad school opportunities,” Miller said.

Andrea Greynolds, president of the Nifty Knitting club said this was her first time leading an organization and having involvement with CSA.

Her inspiration for learning to knit at age seven came from a loom she found at camp. Her skill developed over the years and now she is using it to put together this club so she can share the craft with other student in addition to receiving her own personal benefits said Greynolds.

“I have an introvert personality and leading this club helps me to talk to others to show them how to knit, but there is no social pressure to talk,” said Greynolds.

Love of the British culture inspired Mindy Cao, president and Brittany Kelley, vice-president to start the British at Heart Club at Oakland University.

"As a member it is easier participating in a group, you are not always looking for way to improve the experience. Being the president gives more perspective on how to run an organization," said Cao.

Cao has several years’ of involvement in CSA clubs, and currently is involved in several clubs while leading this one and keeping up as a full time student this semester.

NEW IDEA “There is enough time to do everything, just pick what your passionate about and just do it,” said Cao.

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