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New Years Greetings

From: RCC President, Terry Pilger

On behalf of the Ryde Co-op executive I would like to extend greetings for a Very Happy New Year from our families to yours! May 2013 bring you many blessings!

It seems there is a renewed energy and enthusiasm for our organization and its activities. People really are taking pride in Ryde! Folks are talking about the events and we are seeing some residents attending and participating who have not been out before and this is encouraging to all of us.

I am very proud of the efforts of the executive and the many volunteers who have made 2012 such a successful year - and the progress is ongoing! We are working with the town toward a longer-term solution for the operation and maintenance of our community centre and hope to have that plan in place this year. Along with this plan we are hoping to raise enough money to establish an up-to-date kitchen facility.

As we roll out the calendar of events for this year, please look at some of the ones that you and your family can get involved in. Come out and meet your neighbours, support our local businesses, learn a bit about community history and have a lot of fun in the process. See you at the centre!

Ryde Involvement with Green Energy Project

As some of you may know, a presentation by a company called *Rising Sun Community Power Corp* was recently made to the Ryde Co-op. *Rising Sun* is a company headed up by Jonathan Godfrey and his father Sheldon Godfrey. They have asked the Ryde Co-op to participate in a green energy solar project. This win-win arrangement gives *Rising Sun* a higher probability of the application getting government approval because the point system in the application process favours co-operatives. The co-op assumes a 15% interest in two of *Rising Sun's* Muskoka Green Energy projects under the FIT Rules. Also Ryde shall have no responsibility for contributing any funds to *Rising Sun* for any reason whatsoever, apart from its share subscription, and will have no liability.

At a general meeting held December 19, 2012 the co-op members voted to move ahead with participation in this project and sign a letter of intent and to review the business plan that will be delivered to the co-op by February 15, 2013. The business plan must be to the satisfaction of The Ryde Community Co-op.

Rising Sun has applied to the Ontario Power Authority for approval of two "Green Energy" "small FIT" projects in the District of Muskoka (projects in the Huntsville area)

We will be bringing you more information on this project as we move forward in the new year.

Terry Pilger,
Ryde Community Co-op President

Christmas Lunch and Learn

We had a very festive lunch on December 13th with 25 people in attendance. The dining room was transformed with white tablecloths, china, silver, Christmas crackers and a beautiful Christmas centerpiece complete with candles. Chef Larry gave us an excellent demonstration of how to use our various kitchen knives and how to care for them. This was followed by a delicious cream soup, salad and quiche. We enjoyed Christmas baking done by Beckie's Bakers with our tea



and coffee. Santa even made a quick visit to thank Chef Larry for his many contributions to our recent events as well as this luncheon. Sous chefs Brenda Cooper and Judy Campbell, along with Sue Ward's help, completed the team that put on this delightful event.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ Bid Euchre – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm
- ✓ Tracks and Scat Snowshoe Hike – Jan. 3rd 10 am to 1 pm
- ✓ Homeschoolers & Friends Activity Group – Jan. 10th & 24th from 10 am to 3 pm
- ✓ Baking with Beckie – Breads – Jan. 15th – 9 am
- ✓ January *Lunch & Learn* – Jan. 22nd – 11:30 am to 1 pm
- ✓ Quilting Information Day – Jan. 19th – 10 am to 1 pm
- ✓ Chili **Challenge** Cook-Off – Jan. 19th – 5:30 pm. *Start preparing your best chili & you could win the RCC Championship Apron!*
- ✓ Diva Afternoon – Jan. 31st – 1 to 4 pm
- ✓ Groundhog Day Pancake Breakfast – Feb. 2nd – 9 am
- ✓ Family Day Activities – Feb. 18th
- ✓ Income Tax Clinic – Apr. 6th – 10 am to 3 pm

Be sure to check the [calendar](#) on the website for additional information and new events. Follow us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/RydeCoop

Remember to submit news items to rydernews@bell.net for the next Ryder Newsletter by Jan 21st

COMMUNITY NOTICES

• Holy Manger Anglican Church

Services will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month from December to the end of March. These will be winter services and in the spring we will go back to two Sundays a month

• Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church

Feb. 1,2,3, 2013 - Annual Winter Youth Retreat for those 13-19 years of age. JP Smits and "Anthem" returns as the band; Rev. Jennifer Wagar is the speaker. Cost: \$45 per teen for the weekend. Contact us for an application at 705-687-3005.

• Summerland General Store

Jan. 9, 2013 - Weekly spaghetti dinners resume at 5:30 pm.

Bake Sale

We sold out of everything! Thanks to Beckie and all the ladies who attend *Baking With Beckie*, we had plenty of Christmas treats to sell after the luncheon. *Everything was a hit!*



From: Our Town Councillor, Randy Jorgensen

Reflecting on the past year as your Town Councillor, I would first like to thank your hard-working Community Co-op Directors and other volunteers for continuing to keep our Community Centre a hub of activity in our community. I know that it's always hard for Jennie to pack all the news and activities into each issue of The Ryder, with all that's going on at the Centre. Great work all.

Some good news: in discussions with our new Fire Chief Larry Brassard, I have learned that we now have 3 new volunteer firefighters at our Station 3 in Ryde, up from just 2. While the intake for this year has ended, please keep in mind that we always need more volunteers, and recent events remind us how much we depend on our great volunteer firefighters.

If you need assistance with Town issues, always feel free to contact me at (705) 687-9038 or by email at rjorg@muskoka.com.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Randy Jorgensen

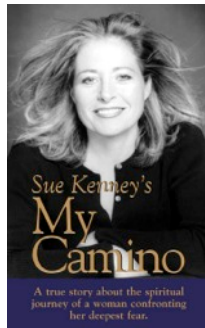
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Enter The Chili Cook-Off!



The annual Chili Dinner and Cook-off will be held on Saturday, January 19th beginning at 5:30 pm. Enter your favourite Chili! In addition to prizes for the top 3 chilis, we also have a category for kids 10 and under with Chili Champ prizes for their top 2 chilis. Last year we had outstanding entries and everyone had a great evening. Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. *If you want to be the 2013 Ryde Chili Champ, please contact Barb Taylor by calling 705-687-4591 or email her at vbtaylor@sympatico.ca.*

Lunch and Learn with Sue Kenney



Please join us January 22nd at 11:30 for a University of Ryde Lunch and Learn to meet Washago resident, Sue Kenney. Sue is a storyteller, inspirational speaker, has produced a full length video and is the author of the Canadian best-selling book *My Camino*. Join us to hear stories of her journey on the Camino pilgrimage route in Spain, where she walked almost 800 kilometers over 29 days alone in the winter. Sue has recorded her book in an audiobook on 5 CD's and will have copies available for purchase. Our own Chef Larry will cater the lunch and the cost is only \$10. *Please call Judy at 705-687-2406 to reserve your seat. This is really necessary for planning purposes.*

Ryde's First-Ever Diva Afternoon



Ladies, we deserve an afternoon of pampering! On January 30th from 1 to 4 pm, let's put on our comfiest clothes and gather at the RCC for a relaxing afternoon. We'll enjoy the movie *Bridesmaids*, a chocolate fountain, popcorn, mocktails, tasty finger foods, facials and your choice of a mini-manicure or pedicure. All of this for only \$15! *Reserve your spot today - please call Judy at 705-687-2406 to book your spot at this fund-raiser for the centre.*

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Quilting Classes



Quilting is coming to the Ryde Co-op on Saturday January 19, 2013 beginning at 10 am. Come to an info session to learn about upcoming classes for beginners to learn about making a quilt or for experienced quilters to update and reacquaint. This will also be an opportunity to join Ryde Quilters to work together on a community quilt that is being planned to commemorate Ryde's 135th birthday/anniversary in 2014.

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