

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Members Commit to the Co-op at the AGM

The Ryde Community Co-op Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday March 4th with 25 members in attendance.

There is an overwhelming majority who wish to see the Co-op continue to operate in some capacity. It was agreed that new members are needed on the executive, and a committee structure would be useful to plan events, rather than the Directors having to take on this responsibility themselves. This needs an active membership and willing bodies to bring it to pass.

We are asking you to renew your membership, and indicate whether or not

you are willing to serve as a director (if elected), or on a committee. Suggested committees thus far include:

- Historical Committee
- Craft Workshops
- Annual Events (Spaghetti Dinner, Kayaking Workshop, etc)
- Earth Day (community clean-up)

A number of individuals have already committed to helping out as a Director (if elected).

Please give some thought to what you would like to see the Co-op doing. Call **Randy Jorgensen** at **687-9038** with your ideas, or email **rjorg@muskoka.com**. ❖

Upcoming Events

- Co-op Elections: Join the Co-op and then vote for the Directors... coming this month
- Screening of the film *The Girl in the Café*, followed by discussion and Pot Luck Supper - Thursday April 19th at 2:30PM and 6PM. Pot Luck at 5PM. Call Carol @ 687-6992

Join the Co-op and Help Grow Our Community

The Ryde Community Co-operative was founded with one goal in mind... a stronger community! We started as a Ratepayers' group, and while we still have that community advocate role, we have also taken on broader social, economic development and community support activities.

As a Co-op, we have received great support from not only our community members, but also District social agencies and economic development organizations.

Have you been a member of the Ryde Community Co-op in the past? Have you thought about joining the Co-op, but never got around to it? Well, this is the time to renew your membership or join for the first time.

Members choose the Directors to run the Co-op, and we will be holding elections right

after our membership drive.

Membership is \$10 per person. If you participate in Co-op events, there are often discounts available for members, so this can often reduce the real cost of your membership.

We need memberships to keep the Co-op afloat. Membership fees help to pay the costs of producing this newsletter, offset the costs of running the Community Centre (at the former Ryde School) and subsidize our other activities.

Former members will receive a membership renewal form in the mail shortly. If you would like to join as a new member, contact **Carol Wagg** at **687-6992**, or email **info@witsendbb.com** and we will get you a form.

Please join the Co-op today. ❖



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An Update from Julia Tilson...

Well it's been decided I will be having the 'Gamma Knife' treatment. I went to the Gamma Knife Center at Toronto Western Hospital a couple of weeks ago, to meet with the surgeons. I am not looking forward to it at all. I should know in about 8-12 weeks when it's going to happen. In the mean time, I have an appointment at Sick Kids for pre-op.

back to school this term. They guaranteed that I will get my year. My mom has been home schooling me and I have a home-instruction teacher that comes in 3 times a week for an hour and a half. I also still have therapist that come in. So I am pretty tired a lot of the time. I will try to keep you up to date. Thanks for all of your concerns.

It's also been decided that I won't be going

Love Julia Tilson ❖

This Month's Film Screening

The first gathering of the East Muskoka Film Appreciation and Debating Society got off to a splendid start with eleven in total watching the though-provoking movie *An Inconvenient Truth*. Great discussion ensued with insights and ideas shared. If you haven't seen it, it's well worth a look.

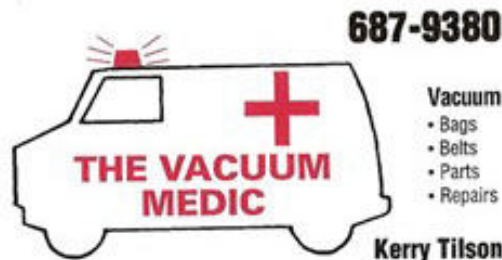
The second meeting of the informal movie and discussion group will take place on **Thursday, April 19** with showings of the movie *The Girl in the Café* at 2:30PM and 6PM with a pot-luck dinner at 5. *The Girl in the Café* is both a romantic character drama with comedic elements, and a powerful political wake-up call on the issue of world poverty. The film is a passionate plea to humankind - wrapped in a love story, a comedy and a unique drama. It is a call to action that sets out to entertain, inform and challenge.

Participants are asked to donate \$2 per person to offset the costs of hall use. For more information, contact Carol at 687-6992 ❖

DID YOU KNOW? A Former Ryde Resident has a Mountain Named After Him
Frank Edward Carr was born in Ryde Township Dec 19 1886. His name adorns Mount Carr in Garibaldi Park in B.C. Frank was a Vancouver Post Office clerk and former executive member of the B.C. Mountaineering Club who served with the 7th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Forces, in Canada, England and France in the Great War, and was killed in action in France 26 April 1915. With no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Ypres [Menin Gate] Memorial. Ypres (now Ieper) is a Belgian town where each night at 8 pm the traffic is stopped at the Menin Gate while members of the local Fire Brigade sound the Last Post in the roadway under the Memorial's arches.
- thanks to Carol Fraser, local historian, for this information

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