

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Ryde Business and Services Directory

YES, we are still looking for more companies for the new **Ryde Business and Services Directory**.

The cost for a listing in the Directory is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. It will be distributed throughout Ryde, to various locations around Town and to many of our seasonal residents. Contact Randy at 687-9038 or email rjorg@muskoka.com

RYDE HIGH SPEED INTERNET: Although the CAP program is now done, we are still providing High Speed Internet to the community. Our **current hours** are: **Mornings** (10AM to noon) Monday to Wednesday and Friday; **Afternoons** on Tuesday (1 - 3PM) and Thursday (noon - 3PM), and **Evenings** (6PM to 9PM) on Tuesdays. On **Saturdays**, we are open from 1PM to 4PM. (Hours are subject to change—you can call ahead at 687-4200)

Thanks again to **Muskoka.com**, our Internet Service Provider, and to our many **volunteers**.

ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to all who voted in our Co-op election. When the 48 ballots were opened, and the 315 votes tallied, your new Ryde Co-op **Board of Directors** was to be declared to be:

- Randy Jorgensen** - President
- Richard Break** - Treasurer
- Carol Wagg** - Secretary
- Gladys Merkley** - Sponsorship Committee
- Wendy Pilger** - Newsletter
- Bruce Stephenson** - Property
- Ruth Wagg** - Events Co-ordinator.

We look to these individuals for leadership, but we look to our members for support of our activities, and hope to keep Ryde Community Co-op a viable operation throughout the coming year. The past year has been one of trying out new things, and offering events that you have enjoyed in the past. This year, we have some exciting new ideas, and hope you will take part. **If something interests you, please call the contact person as soon as you can, so that we can determine if there is sufficient interest for a program or event to run.** ❖

EVENT REPORTS

Watercolour-Paper Basket Weaving - Contributed by Cheryl Cooper. On Thursday March 16, Ryde Co-op was the scene of some very interesting activity. Seven ladies of the area got together with weaver Carolyn Houlden and learned how to do watercolour paper basket weaving. I thought it shouldn't be difficult, and something I could try for my first time at such a meeting with the group.

This project was a lot of fun! We started at 9:15 a.m. by actually doing the painting and cutting the strips (a novel use for hair-dryers and paper shredders!) and finished with "lashing" the rims in place around 3:00 p.m. We each took a completed basket the size of cocktail napkins home, and had enough materials ready to do a larger and a smaller-sized basket. (My 3 are going to be a wedding shower gift.)

The best part of the day was getting acquainted with others in this area. To learn a new skill and meet like-minded women is an added blessing in any day. Thank you, Ryde Co-op, for the opportunity!



Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Games Night - Sat Feb 18th was an action packed evening of variety! On arrival, folks were invited to preview Pampered Chef kitchen products, and help themselves to Appetizers provided by **Ruth Wagg**. Then it was into the "Dining Room" for spaghetti and meatballs (sauce by **Jane Braden**, meatballs by **Wit's End**), Caesar Salad and garlic bread. A great bargain at \$6 pp. The grand finale was a variety of luscious buttermilk tarts, cheesecakes, squares, and brownies donated by **Renate Graydon**. These were available by donation to Ryde CC. Thanks

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Don't forget to visit our website: www.rydecommunityco-op.com Tim Cooper has been doing a great job keeping the site updated. Check out our Discussion Board and the Classifieds...



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to the sponsors for this evening. And thanks to those who made purchases of Pampered Chef products, the Co-op has received a cheque for over \$60. Dinner was followed by games of Crokinole and Wizard. A pleasant evening, and thank you to all who came out to enjoy it. ❖



YOGA NEWS: Yoga is a great way not only to relax, but to exercise and build up your strength and flexibility. No prior experience is necessary. Until the end of April, "Yoga with a DVD" continues on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30. Doors open at 7:15. Cost is \$2 per evening.

A new yoga session will commence May 2 with instructor Heather McFadyen who comes highly recommended. Classes will be Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30. Doors open at 6:45. The cost is \$88 for 8 weeks, or you can come on a drop-in basis for \$12 per session. Mats and straps are supplied; bring a blanket. For information and to register, please call Arleigh Luckett 687-3597. Watch for news for the summer session. ❖

COMING EVENTS - Mark your calendar and plan around these upcoming events.

Bluebird Box Construction Workshop - Offered by **Rose Hinzmann**. Come celebrate **Earth Day** on **Thurs April 20, 10AM**. Fee is \$10.00 per box for supplies, and any excess will be donated to the Muskoka Field Naturalists Bluebirds Trails. It is advisable to put up two boxes, one for the bluebirds, and one for the tree swallows; otherwise they squabble, or the bluebirds arrive later than the tree swallows and are homeless because the tree swallow has taken the box first. Please call **Carol Wagg 687-6992** to register, so Rose can prepare enough materials for all interested.

First Aid Course - We have been able to secure instructor **Dave Dixon** for a long-past-due first aid course to be held at the Community Centre. Saturday and Sunday, April 22nd and 23rd. Cost is \$100.00 for the two days for members, \$105 for non-members. Minimum number is 6, maximum is 12. Contact **Ruth 687-6992** by April 10th if you plan to attend.

Doors Open Gravenhurst - We will be opening the door of the Ryde Community Centre (former Ryde School) on Saturday and Sunday, **May 20 and 21**, to present displays of a historical nature. If you have any artifacts, documents, photographs, etc that show the history of Ryde, we would love to use them at that time. Please call **Carol at 687-6992** to offer your items.

Take 'PRyde' in Ryde - Annual Community Roadside Cleanup - You are urged to participate in this community-wide project. Get a group together any time in **April**, and collect the winter accumulation of roadside litter. Garbage bags supplied; pick them up at the Community Centre during computer hours. Bring your stash of trash to the Community Centre anytime during the week of **April 16-22**. At noon on **April 22** we'd like participants to gather for a photo for the local paper. Pancakes, sausages and fresh golden maple syrup from the Break sugar bush will be available by donation from 11PM on the 22nd.

COMING EVENTS: Black Fly Season Craft Day - Thursday, June 1, 9 -4. Work on a craft of your choice, or join others working on watercolour-paper baskets or birchbark and copper weaving. We will have supplies for sale if you wish to join us. Bring lunch and \$2 donation. Call **Jane** to register **684-9482**.

May 25th - Perennial Exchange - Like a cookie exchange, but with plants. 6:30 to 8 p.m. More info next time.

SMART SERVE This is a requirement for organizations that run licensed functions and an asset for those who may wish a better position in the hospitality industry (Perhaps youth in the community seeking summer employment?) With sufficient interest, we could run the program on a weekend during blackfly season. The cost will be \$35 person. Please reply to Wendy at 687-4575 before April 30th so we can set up the dates and times for the classes, which will be in groups of 6.

Fundraiser for Doug Pilger: As many in the community know, Doug Pilger of Housey's Rapids was stricken by a strange illness in December 2005. Doug is the father of two children, Noah (age 6) and Brianna (age 2). This illness included several serious seizures which had the end result of a certain degree of brain damage and at one point, Doug was not expected to survive. Doug has made amazing progress but still has a long way to go. He is relearning how to walk, climb stairs and some of the basic things we take for granted. He will likely be released from hospital but the road will continue to be a long one and his medical bills (for things not covered by any plan) will be extensive. There is a **fundraising dance** towards Doug's ongoing medical needs at the **Gravenhurst Legion on Friday, April 21st at 8 pm**. Tickets are \$15.00/person or \$25.00/couple. Door prizes and a silent auction. Tickets will be available at **Stedman's** in Gravenhurst or by calling **Terry at 687-4575**