

THE RYDER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, February 28th 11 am followed by a pot luck lunch

Members of record have recently been mailed a ballot and membership renewal form.

The purpose of this meeting is present the annual financial statement as well as activity reports of your association.

We have arranged for guest speakers from the **Communities in Bloom Committee** to spark some involvement in Ryde. We have also arranged for a presentation from the **Gravenhurst Fire Department** about what they do, activities they sponsor etc.

This is one of your opportunities to provide some input into programming for the upcoming year. Please plan on attending... we need your input.

Only registered members have the opportunity to vote for the incoming executive but all community residents are welcome to join us on the 28th.

DID YOU KNOW?????

As you may or may not be aware, we are presently fortunate to have the support of the Town of Gravenhurst to keep the school building and grounds accessible to our community for bringing services closer to our residents. In return for their support, your association puts on programs, activities and special events and provides a portion of fundraising proceeds back to the Town to offset the expense to the area taxpayers. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our projects. We have noticed lately, in our last few events, that attendance has been less than anticipated and

your community would greatly appreciate your continued support of our fundraising efforts. We would like to do more for you!

FITNESS PROGRAMS:

Yoga is continuing on Monday nights at the Community Centre at 6:30.

NEW!!! Aerobics with Stephanie on Tuesdays 7 pm at the Community Centre. Cost is \$5.00 per class for members \$6.00 for non-members. No need to sign up for a block of classes, just pay for the classes you attend. After March Break the classes will be moving to Wednesday nights. Why not come out and get ready for bathing suit season!

For more information about our fitness classes, please call Wendy at 687-4575.

BRING SOME/TAKE SOME LIBRARY

Your association would greatly like to thank Morris Cooper for his generous donation of used books to kickstart our bring some/take some library. We all have used paperbacks kicking around our homes, why not bring them by and pick up some new ones! Library is accessible, at the present time, on fitness class nights as well as when special events are being held.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Tired of slow dial up internet? A company called Candlelight Communications based in Gravenhurst provides high speed wireless access to a variety of locations, but not yet in Ryde. If we could get 15-20 households interested, they may be able to provide us with service. Detailed costs are not yet known, but the service and regular fees are described on the company website at

www.candlelight.ca. Please contact Randy Jorgensen at rjorg@muskoka.com if you are interested in more information regarding this service.

FYI - The Ryde Community Co-op does not at this time endorse this service, we are simply making our community aware that this service may become available in Ryde.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Due to popular request, we are holding another spaghetti dinner night on **Friday, March 12th from 5-7 pm**. Tickets are available from any executive member and at the annual meeting on February 28th.

Advance tickets are \$5.00 and at the door \$7.00. Dessert will also be available for an additional \$1.00. Advance ticket sales help us plan for quantities.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated to help with this event. Please contact Randy at 687-9038 or Wendy at 687-4575 to sign up. Students Welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Winnie James on the occasion of her 85th Birthday.

HALL RENTAL

Has your family outgrown individual homes for family get togethers? Having a special event and need a location? Please call Wendy at 687-4575 to inquire about renting the community centre for your event. Reasonable rates and close to home.

CRAZY FOR YOU!

For a fun night out, you may want to consider a night out to the theatre and support a great community and global organization. The Bracebridge Rotary Musical, Crazy for you, is running February 27, 28 at 8 pm and Sunday the

29th at 2pm as well as March 3, 4, & 6 at 8 pm at the Gravenhurst Opera House. This musical features volunteer performers from your local community. (They sound and look pretty good for amateurs, trust me!) Tickets available at the Gravenhurst Opera House at 687-5550. Rotary International Clubs of Gravenhurst and Bracebridge support many important community based needs as well as global concerns.

SMART SERVE COURSE

We are presently in the process of arranging with an instructor to provide this course in Ryde for our members. This is not a bartending course but a prerequisite for our youth and others who hope to obtain summer or permanent employment in the hospitality industry in licensed establishments. This course would also be of benefit to persons involved in service clubs and other community associations to participate in licensed functions. If you are interested, please contact Wendy ASAP at 687-4575 to express your interest.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR!

Our newsletter is sponsored this month by Heather Pratt of **BF Muskoka Miniature Horses**.



Located at 1280 Merkley Road, Heather raises and sells registered miniature horses for driving, show or companions. For more information, please contact Heather at 687-6039 or by fax at 687-9217. Or you can also view the website at www.birchcliffeminis.com.

Thank you, Heather, and BF MUSKOKA MINIATURE HORSES for your support of our association.