

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser A Great Success

Upcoming Events

- **Annual General Meeting** - Saturday March 3rd, 11am
Please attend to help determine the future of the Co-op
- Screening of the film **An Inconvenient Truth**, followed by discussion and Pot Luck - Thursday March 22 at 1:30 pm.
Call Carol @ 687-6992

The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Tilson family that we held on Saturday February 17th was a rousing success.

On behalf of the Ryde Community Co-op, I would like to thank all those who attended and contributed. We served dinner to more than 80 people, and we raised more than \$1800 through the dinner and silent auction.

We would like to thank the following for their silent auction donations: Dr. John and Cherie Robinson, Paulmac's Pet Food (Bracebridge), Ernest and Gladys Merkley of Ernmer Construction, Ryde Systems, Terry and Wendy Pilger, Ruth Wagg, Charlie Middleton, Anne Myshok, Kathy Miller of Cabin Crafts and Such in Muskoka, Carol Wagg and Mike Caslin of Wit's End B&B, Jane Braden, Tracy Elder, Richard Break of

Port-a-Mill Services, Lorraine Masters (Avon Products), Mary Brittain of Muskoka Seniors and Special Services, Fred Zuffery of Body-Mind Wholeness Clinic, Sylvie Gwilliames of Inn on the Lake.

As well, thank you to the many people whose cash donations in lieu of attending the dinner helped to cover all our expenses.

Special thanks to our helpers Mike and Trudi Dawson and Steven, Sarah Jorgensen, Emily Meikle, and Nicole Tingey, as well as Janet Merkley, Jane Braden and John and Cherie Robinson.

The results show how a caring community can rally around a cause to make a difference.❖

See the letter from Julia on Page 2...

→ We Need You to Attend the Annual Meeting THIS SATURDAY

As reported in the previous edition of the Ryder, the **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) of the Ryde Community Co-op will be held this **Saturday March 3** starting at **11am** at the Community Centre on Barkway Rd.

This will be a crucial meeting to determine the future of the Co-op.

We have not yet held our elections this year, as we need to get input as to whether or not the Co-op can continue. The current Directors have all served a long time, and without people coming forward to join the executive, we feel that the Co-op cannot continue in its current form, offering the programs and services that we do.

While the newsletter seems to be popular, and the recent Spaghetti Dinner was a big success, other events have not been well attended and not worth the effort that has been put into planning and holding them.

Would you like to see any of these things continue?:

- The Ryder Newsletter
- Hi-Speed Internet Access
- Various workshops like the Holiday Appetizers, Jewellery Making, etc.
- Yoga Classes
- Community Dinners & Pancake Breakfast
- The Ryde Business Directory
- Kayak Workshop
- Doors Open History Day

If so, we need you to attend the AGM this Saturday. Hope to see you there...❖



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A letter from Julia Tilson...

Well we are finally getting somewhere.

On Tuesday February 22, I had an appointment at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, with a very nice doctor. He said that within a couple of weeks I should know when I would have my treatment.

He said that I might have to have a treatment called the 'Gamma Knife'. That is where they send many beams of radiation to my malformation on my brain. Thankfully I will be asleep through the whole thing! The only problem is that it takes 2 to 3 years for it to work, and there is still a chance of a rebleed in those 2-3 years! Therefore I will still not be able to go underwater swimming, skating, tobogganing or anything that might cause head trauma.

I would say that one of the hardest part of all of this is my short term memory loss.

Yeah, I look fine and I sound fine but when it comes to remembering things I just don't have what I once did. I am still being seen by therapists who are trying to help me remember things, but a different way. (Trust me, it's a lot of work for a 10 year old!)

It has truly amazed our whole family how nice people have been and continue to be! The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser was awesome (spaghetti is my favourite)!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us and to everyone who helped organize this event and to all the servers and to the people who donated to the silent auction. I am truly Blessed to live where I do, and to have as many friends and family who care about me!
THANK YOU!

Love Julia Tilson ❖

COMING EVENT

A group currently calling themselves the **East Muskoka Film Appreciation and Debating Society** has shown interest in getting together on a monthly basis to view a film and discuss it. The first gathering will take place at the community centre on **Thursday March 22 at 1:30 p.m.** to watch "An Inconvenient Truth" followed by discussion on the issue of climate change. A pot luck supper will follow for those who wish to take part. All are welcome. For more information, or to say you'd like to attend, call **Carol at 687-6992**. If you prefer this as an evening event, please let us know.

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