

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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*Working together in a co-operative way to be one voice and one community*

## Events

Mark your calendar.  
Details in newsletter.

- **General Meeting**  
Saturday May 23 @ 2pm
- **Health and Wellness Workshop - Managing Chronic Pain** Friday April 24
- **Ryde Centennial FMC Mother/Daughter Banquet** Saturday May 2, at 5 pm
- **Sewing Group:** Mondays from 11am

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## March AGM - President's Report

Ryde Co-op provided a number of community dinners this year and access for other activities. Community dinners have been well attended and enjoyable. It was great to have user groups like Yoga, the sewing group, and the bid Euchre group putting on community dinners. Ongoing regular activities include Yoga, the sewing group and bid euchre. There is potential for music lessons to be taught to Ryde residents. Other activities include use by the Girl Guides, private functions and Boy Scouts.

Ryde Co-op hopes to have the school accessible for a broad range of activities that bring the community together. The activities this year are similar to those in past years and we are developing a tradition for some events such as the Chili cook-off. The directors have discussed the potential for activities of interest to men and to children: please let us or the future directors know if you have an idea.

High speed internet has reached many locations in Ryde this year. The community

access program still runs at the Ryde School.

Administrative goals accomplished this year included review of the constitution and consideration of a budget in order to ensure that we have adequate income for the activities we have planned. A library of past minutes and other relevant material has been created and we have begun formalizing procedures for regular events such as community dinners.

I would like to thank the past year's directors for their work. They were Katriina Alanko, Carol Cook, Rosemarie Hinzmann, Arleigh Luckett and Louise and Ivan Speicher. Many thanks to those that have been directors in preceding years. Thank you for all who have participated in activities at the school and the Ryde sponsors for their financial support. Special thanks to Carol Wagg for continuing on as an advisor to the group and to Bruce Stephenson for maintenance and grass-cutting.

*- 2008 President Ron Stager*



Spring is here!... Can the trilliums be far behind?

## Upcoming General Meeting

A general meeting is called for 2 p.m. on Saturday the 23rd of May for the membership to vote on resolutions on the organization's bylaws and to elect the new directors. The resolutions include changes to streamline the nomination and election of the directors such that ballots will not be mailed out and all voting will occur at the general meeting. Potential directors can volunteer prior to or at the general meeting. Other changes include allowing the work of the Board to be

conducted more efficiently and effectively and some other corrections and clarifications. The membership will vote on the resolutions and then complete nomination of directors and voting for directors if required. We may have an open session regarding events and committees to support those activities. Paid-up members are eligible to vote. Coffee and tea will be served. We look forward to seeing you there. ❖

## Calling Out for Directors

A number of the Ryde Co-op directors are stepping down and we are looking for a few Co-op members to fill some spots. It doesn't matter if you're a lifelong resident or new to

the Ryde community, we could use your assistance serving as a director of the Co-op. If you are able to help, please contact **Randy Jorgensen at 687-9038.** ❖

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**Events and Goings-on**

- **Health and Wellness - On Friday April 24**, Susan Montgomery of the Arthritis Society will present a workshop on **managing chronic pain**. This is not just for sufferers of arthritis but for anyone who has ongoing problems managing pain. She will be assisted by Katriina Alanko. The cost for this workshop is \$10.00 and a maximum number of clients we can accommodate is 20. To book your space, call **Katriina (687-0843)** or email **oknala@sympatico.ca**.
- **Ryde Sparks and Guides** have **girl guide cookies** to sell at \$4 / box. Call **Nadine Groves (Sparks)** at **684 9646** or **Shirley Faudemer (Guides)** **689-5979** or contact any girl who attends either

Guides or Sparks. The proceeds from the cookies is going towards a overnight camp out for the girls.

• **Mother/Daughter Banquet** at Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church. **Saturday, May 2, at 5 pm - Mrs. Grace Dennis** will be the guest speaker. Music provided by Ryde Centennial FMC ladies and girls. Please bring a favourite dish to pass, and a relative or friend. The church is located at the intersection of Barkway and Housey's Rapids Roads. An offering will be collected towards "Londa's House", an orphanage in Malawi, in memory of Grace Dennis's daughter. ❖

**Sew News**

The sewing group is busy with planning new wardrobes for the coming warm (please?) weather. Machines are humming, and the chatter is friendly. Sergers are beginning to make their way into our group. If you have one hidden away because it's just too complicated to use, join us and we'll teach you how to tame that beast. It really brings the fun back into sewing.

**Carol at 684-9931** to book your space and/or table. We still have spaces inside and outside, and rentals are \$5.00 for the space (bring your own table), \$10.00 for the space and a 4' table, or \$15.00 for the space and an 8' table. There will be a tea room available for those wishing a snack and take-a-load-off-your-feet. Book soon for the best of the available spaces. If you wish to only browse to find that certain something to delight you, bring your friends along for the experience. ❖

We are also busily planning the **Craft Bazaar** for **August 15**. For those of you who wish to showcase your talents, call

**Thank you Message**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of Ryde Co-op, the Ryde Community, neighbours and friends for attending the Memorial Tea in memory of Rodney Pentland. Your many cards, messages of sympathy, and gifts of food are a heartwarming expression of a caring community and are truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Gladys and Ernest Merkley

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