

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Ryde Co-op Reminder

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- **Ryde Centennial FMC Winter Youth Retreat** Feb 1, 2, 3.
- **Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner** - Tuesday February 5th, 5:30pm
- **Ryde FMC Winter Picnic** Sunday Feb 10 (see below)
- **Bid Euchre** starts again on March 5th.
- Ryde Community Co-op **Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Casserole Pot Luck** - Saturday March 8 5:30PM
- **Ryde Heritage Day** - Saturday May 17 2008

## Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church Winter Picnic -

**Sunday February 10th, around 1pm** Please help spread the word, and invite others to join us at Mrs. Willa Cooper's "back farm," 1586 Barkway Rd. Please be sure to let Pastor Sterling, Ben Peters, or Frank Lutzi know if you plan to attend.

We will be meeting at the implement shed, behind Willa Cooper's backyard, for the ride to the hills. Please use the bathrooms either at home or in the church before heading to the farm as there are no "facilities" at the hills. You will need to dress very warmly, bring your hot dogs to cook over the open fire, and hot chocolate to share. Cups, condiments, etc. will be supplied. You may also bring equipment to slide or ski on. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## Chili Cook Off

by Jane Braden

If you missed the chili cook-off on January 5th, 2008, you missed a fine, fine evening. Eight chilis were entered by Arleigh Luckett and Larry Shirk, Richard Break, Diane Barr (Severn Bridge), Rose and Ron Stager, Kirsten Killingbeck, Carol Break, Terry Pilger, and Jane Braden and judged by Fred Schulz and

rolls and butter, and Black Raspberry Thunder ice cream cones.

A flowing, vibrant evening, and our thanks to judges, organizers, decorators, cooks, servers, clean-up crew, and guests.

The donation bucket yielded a total of \$195 to be donated to the ongoing work of the Salvation Army. A special thank-you to **Vern Taylor** for snow-blowing a path to the back yard.



Left to Right: Terry Pilger (runner-up), Carol Wagg (Chili Cook Off Organizer Extraordinaire) and Carol Break (the Chili Champ of Ryde)

It's been suggested that we should make the Chili Cook-Off an annual event. We need a focus group to plan for next year. If you'd like to be a part of this planning group, please call **Rose @ 684-9192**.

Sandy Cairns. The surprise was that we, the guests, judged the chilis as well. The judging method shall remain the secret of those who attended.

The room fell silent as we tasted the samples. Both judges and guests were unanimous in choosing **Carol Break** as the chili Champ of Ryde, and **Terry Pilger** as runner-up. Dinner was rounded out with two more chilis, veggies and dip, biscuits, corn bread, corn muffins,



Bruce and Jean Stephenson sample some chili.

## Ryde Heritage Day

Set aside **Saturday, May 17th** (the May long weekend) for Heritage Day at Ryde. **Carol Wagg** will be compiling historical photos of Ryde to honour our shared heritage. Everyone who has family photos from before about 1945 is invited to share their photos on a DVD to be produced for the occasion. Please call to make an appointment to have your photos scanned and returned to you at the same session. Your precious photos will not leave your possession. We are looking for pioneer families, individuals, veterans, homes, buildings (post office, stores, churches, schools, etc), geographical features, tanbark industry, lumbering, sawmills, boats, farming, occupations, home-making and transportation, as well as any other photos you think may be of interest. Pass the word to any former Ryde residents who may wish to contribute or attend. Daytime and evening appointments are available. In order to have this project ready for May 24th, please book your appointment soon ... **687-6992** If your photos are already scanned you can email them. Call for info.❖

## Annual General Meeting

It's almost that time again - Time to hold the **Ryde Community Co-op AGM**. The date has been set for **Saturday March 8th at 5:30pm**. We'll start with a **Pot Luck Casserole Dinner** (please bring your own plates and cutlery), to be followed by the annual business meeting. Memberships will be due at this time. The cost of a one-year membership is just \$10 per adult. We

appreciate payment by cheque, please, to help with the record keeping.❖

*If you enjoy receiving the Ryder Newsletter, please consider joining the Ryde Community Co-op... it's just \$10/year. Call Carol Wagg @ 687-6992 to sign up.*

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**Ryde Renos**

Due to the popularity of community dinners, we are in need of some kitchen renovations. We need more counter space and a more efficient layout.

We invite members of the community with ideas and skills to take a look and offer suggestions. We also need help removing

the carpet from one classroom and laying a new floor - either carpet or perhaps laminate.

Please take a look around any time you are in the building (or at the AGM on March 8th) and offer your ideas and/or muscles. We'll set a date for a Work Bee some time in April. ❖

**How Can I Help?**

- We need an Events Committee - looking for volunteers to come up with ideas for an event each month and set dates. Please call **Rose** at **684-9192** to volunteer.
- Donate extra serving utensils to be kept at the school for events.
- We need people to volunteer to set up, decorate, and clean up any time there is an event.
- We'd love to have a regular volunteer or a volunteer team to clean the washrooms and sweep or wash the floors. This could be done on a roster if we got a number of volunteers. Please call **Rose** at **684-9192** to volunteer. We'd also like to express our sincere appreciation to **Bruce Stephenson** who has been supplying custodial care both indoors and out for several years. Thank you, Bruce!
- We'd like to start a new feature in the Ryder. We'll call it "Ins and Outs", and we're relying on you, our readers, to supply the facts. We'd like to include births, weddings, anniversaries, deaths, as well as welcome new neighbours or say good-bye to those who move away. Please call **Katriina** with items of interest - **687-0843** or [oknala@xplornet.com](mailto:oknala@xplornet.com)
- Use the Ryder as a tool to get your message out, and help cover the costs of production and distribution. Become a "Friend of Ryde Co-op" for \$100 (monthly side-bar recognition for one year, one sponsor ad, plus 3 posters in community centre) OR sponsor one issue for \$45 OR purchase a business card-size ad for \$25 OR use a classified ad to buy or sell household items for \$5 per ad (approx 3

**Events and Goings-on**

- **Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner** - Tuesday February 5th, 5:30pm - 7pm. Join the neighbours for Mardi Gras, and feel free to wear your most outlandish finery! Pancakes and sausages will be served up with real maple syrup provided by the Break Boys. Tea and coffee included. Donations will go toward the kitchen fund.
- **Bid Euchre** is on hiatus and will resume March 5th.
- **Dancercise** - Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10. Get moving! Let the golden oldies be the sound track to your exercise programme. Call **Louise 687-1475** to make sure the program is running.
- **Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church Winter Youth Retreat**, February 1, 2, 3. Application and parent/guardian consent forms can be e-mailed to those teens interested, or they can be picked up at the parsonage. Just be sure to call **687-3005** or **687-8300** for information and to have forms ready for pick-up.
- **Thursday afternoons** in January and February will be sewing and crafts sessions at the school. The exception will be Fri. Feb. 15 instead of Thurs. Feb. 14. Some of these sessions will involve sewing up the new curtains for the second room. As always, coffee, tea, and goodies will be on hand. For more specific information, call **Katriina** at **687-0843** or email [oknala@xplornet.com](mailto:oknala@xplornet.com) Please bring your sewing machine and an extension cord. A pair of scissors, sewing machine attachments, machine needles, thread and a seam ripper will come in handy. Katriina will provide materials to sew with. All levels of sewing expertise are welcome. Informative and fun.
  - **Wireless High Speed Internet Use** At the moment there is no specific schedule for internet access, but you are welcome to come in to use the computers any time the building is in use. A WiFi signal is also available. (A new tower is going up at the Firehall - watch for details in our next issue.)❖

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