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### **A Message from our President, Nancy Cronin**

It's a New Year and a sense of a new beginning. Last year was a challenge for the world, the Nation, the District and our Ryde community. But this did not stop us. You took care of your family, your neighbours and your friends. The Ryde Co-op saw this as an opportunity to become what we were meant to be...a Community "centre". We closed the doors and opened our hearts and minds and reinvented ourselves. The Pavilion that stands proudly on the property, is an example of what the human spirit (and perseverance) can achieve.

From grocery cards to picnic tables, from free WiFi to wilderness walks, from Pumpkin Parties to Christmas Crafters, from a beautiful Barn Quilt to a Flu Vaccine Clinic (thanks to IDA Pharmacy!). Finally, the generosity of this giving community. From donating turkeys, to donating time and energy. It is this spark, this fuel, that lights the fire for strength and support of your volunteer Board of Directors.

Please help us to continue. Renew your membership. Renew your connection with your community, your family and your friends.

### **100% Ours!**

This month, the Ryde Co-op will make its final loan installment to the Town of Gravenhurst and the Co-op will belong to its members 100% free and clear!

This has been an amazing five year journey from the gut wrenching time when the Trillium Lakelands District School Board put our building up for sale. Under the leadership of President Jennie Nice, the Board and the community pulled together against all odds to purchase the building. The faith and generosity that was shown by members and partners, including private individuals, the Town of Gravenhurst and the District of Muskoka, was truly heartwarming. Your present Board acknowledges the leadership of all the volunteers who preceded us and made this day possible. We strive to ensure many more years of good governance and growth to serve our beloved community.



### **Coldest Night of the Year 2021**

We encourage you to join or sponsor our Ryde Walkers team in this important fundraiser for Gravenhurst Against Poverty. The Co-op plans to work more closely with GAP in 2021 to assist families and individuals in Ryde. This year the walk will be virtual, with options to join a group or walk independently. If there is interest, our team could walk from the Co-op on Feb. 20. Let's represent our community by sharing and caring. Please visit this site to donate or join.

[walk.w-ith.me/Ryde](https://walk.w-ith.me/Ryde)



### **Community Notices**

**Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church** Pastor Tim Richards 705-687-3005 [www.rydefreemethodist.ca](http://www.rydefreemethodist.ca)  
**Holy Manger Anglican Church Barkway** Reverend Heather Manuel <https://balagravenhurstchurches.com>

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Gravenhurst Against Poverty  
toll free 1.877.743.3413  
[gravenhurst@cnoy.org](mailto:gravenhurst@cnoy.org)

**Done Right Property Services - (705) 687-3532**

### **Ryde Co-op Partners with Gravenhurst Against Poverty to Provide Frozen Meals on Thursdays.**

The Board is taking on a pilot project to deliver meals to combat food insecurity in Ryde. If you and your family could benefit from a frozen meal and fresh produce delivered to your door, please contact

[Judy.campbell@rydecoop.ca](mailto:Judy.campbell@rydecoop.ca) in confidence, or call 705-687-2406 by Thursday, January 14. Deliveries will begin on January 21.

Can you help with this program? Please let us know.

A message from Brenda Bates: membership co-ordinator:

### **2021 Co-op Memberships Now Available**

We finished the year with almost 150 Co-op members! A great start for 2021. If you have already renewed, thank you. If you haven't yet done so, now is a great time.

Everyone who renewed their membership or joined the Co-op by year's end had their name entered in a draw for a large pizza from Summerland General. Liz Roberts drew one ticket from the coffee can on January 1st. The big winner is Carrie Marriott! Congratulations Carrie!

A membership is only \$10 for individuals and \$20 for a family. Register on our website by choosing membership from the menu bar or click [here](#) if you are reading this online.

Tell your friends and neighbours about the Co-op and how to sign up.

### **Ryde Wilderness Explorers Snowshoe Expedition Saturday, January 16 at 1:00 pm.**

This excursion, led by member Tasha Stevenson, will be limited to the first nine people to register, due to COVID-19 restrictions. You must have your own snowshoes for this activity. Email [judy.campbell@rydecoop.ca](mailto:judy.campbell@rydecoop.ca) to register.



**Ryde Centennial Free  
Methodist Church  
(705) 687-3005**

**Sunday Services  
at 11 am. Weekly  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 7  
pm.**

**Sunday services on Facebook Live and Bible Study on  
Zoom  
Pastor Tim Richards**

### **Ryde Co-op Volunteer Board of Directors**

The Ryde Co-op is a charity that seeks to remove barriers to full inclusion. If you or your family find the fee for any of our programs to be out of reach, please speak in confidence to any Board member.

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