



# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Ryde Co-op Reminder

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- **Coffee, Tea, and Crafts – Dec. 6** – cookie exchange and gift wrap and ?? - 1:00pm
- **Bid Euchre – Dec. 12** – Pot Luck – 11:30am
- **Christmas Tree Bonfire – Jan. 5, 2008** – Bonfire, chili cook-off, hot chocolate – 5:00pm
- Ryde Centennial Free Methodist **Christmas Program** – Sunday Dec. 16 – 10:30am
- Next **Movie and Discussion Group** January 17th

**History Bit:** All the histories name James Housey as the first settler in Ryde. Most of the pioneers of Muskoka were young people when they came, wanting to establish a part in a new country. James Housey, who appears to have come to Ryde for the first time in 1871, was then 27 years of age. He located his land on the west side of Bass Lake, his property also running west along the rapids of the stream which runs from Bass Lake to Kahshe Lake. The locality soon came to be known as Housey's Rapids. In the first year, James Housey stayed all summer and built himself a cabin, the ruins of which were still to be seen in recent times. -from "History of Ryde Township", published by Ryde Centennial Committee, written by Robert J. Boyer, Herald Gazette Press, 1979

## Another Successful Dinner...

The Ryde Community Centre rang with chatter and good cheer on Saturday evening, November 24th. The community gathered to feast on ham and scalloped potatoes, lots of veggies, coleslaw, beets, pickles, egg nog and, for dessert, Christmas cake and baked goodies. We wish to thank our anonymous donor for this amazing meal.

Kudos to Louise and Ivan Speicher for organizing the meal. About 50 people turned out for the evening and both rooms of the school were put to good use.

Thanks to Gladys Pentland for the décor. She used her time and considerable talents to bring in Christmas warmth and atmosphere. ❖



## Our New Curtains

Thanks to the ladies who helped in the construction of the curtains for the school. Carol Wagg, Gladys Pentland, Carol Cook and Katriina Alanko consolidated their sewing skills to fashion curtains for the 27 foot wide window. The activity quickly became known as "Katriina's Sweatshop". Scissors flashed, tape measures were extended to great lengths, and sewing machines hummed. The occasional "ouch" when a

pin stuck to a finger punctuated the ABBA soundtrack. Thanks, ladies, for a job well done, and for the friendship, good humour, and laughter. The new draperies made their debut on Nov 24th at the Community Dinner. Thanks also to the former Housey's Rapids Cottagers Association for funding this much needed improvement. ❖

## Bonfire and Chili Cook-Off

Don't know how to dispose of that Christmas tree? To start the year off with a bang, we will have a Christmas tree bonfire and a chili cook-off on **Saturday, January 5, 2008** at the

Community Centre (Ryde School). Undoubtedly, the weather will be crispy, but the bonfire will warm a lot of fingers and toes. When



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*Chili Cookoff* (Continued from page 1)

we've had enough of the great outdoors, we'll adjourn inside to sample chili and cornbread or buns, cooked up by the talented chefs in our community. If you'd like to be one of our aspiring celebrated chili chefs, call

**Katriina** at **687-0843** or email at **oknala@xplornet.com** to enter your best chili. We ask that you make enough for 8 people, and bring it ready to serve in a slow cooker or some similar item. Since it gets dark very early, we should gather at the Centre about 5:00. ❖

**Events and Goings-on**

**Coffee, Tea, and Crafts** - We had fun! The Thursday afternoon ladies spent time at the Ryde Community Centre indulging in "girl talk", tea, cookies and making table centre pieces for the Saturday evening dinner. A few burns from the glue guns weren't enough to dampen anyone's spirits. Christmas music in the background kept us in the Christmas mood. Everyone had a great time.



We have found that the community centre is a great place to work on sewing projects. There are lots of plugs to run the machines (you must bring your own and an extension cord), and the lighting is great. The long tables make excellent cutting surfaces for those large pattern pieces. Call Katriina at 687-0843 (or email at oknala@xplornet.com) to express your interest in future sewing dates.

On **Thursday Dec. 6** from 1:00 to until-we're-done, we'll have a cookie exchange (half dozen batches) and an opportunity to wrap gifts away from prying eyes. If you have other things you'd like to work on, this is the time and place. Unless there's a request for more sessions before Christmas, this will be the last one until the New Year. I hope to see a great turnout on Dec. 6. Let's make it an afternoon to remember!

The **Bid Euchre Group** is holding a Christmas Pot Luck on **Wednesday Dec 12** at 11:30 a.m. followed by the regular games at 1 p.m. Two full tables of players are meeting regularly, but more would be welcome. The group is willing to teach anyone who wishes to learn.

The **East Muskoka Film Appreciation and Debating Society** (or whatever we're calling it this month!) is on hiatus until January 17th. We'll go back to meeting at 3 p.m. starting with a movie and followed by pot luck around 5. All are welcome. If you wish to be on a notification list for this event, please call **Carol Wagg 687-6992**. ❖

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