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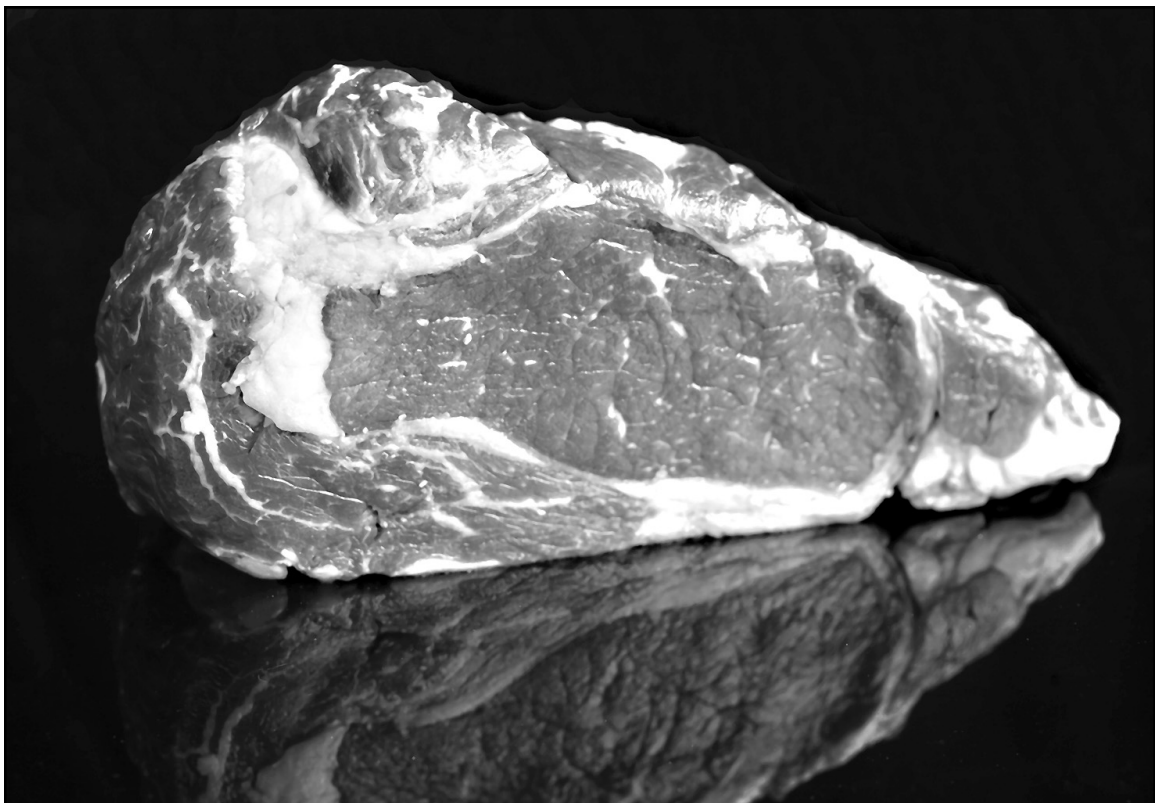


PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN

MEET BILL: HEAD MEAT HONCHO AND CARNIVORE EXTRAORDINAIRE

By Paula Szuchman

Buy whole chickens. Don't be fooled by the price of bacon. Get to know speck.

So says Bill Malloy, the Coop's meat and poultry buyer and one of the happiest guys around. At least, that's how he seemed to me on the day I met him in the Coop's receiving office, smiling at his screen saver, a close-up shot of a crispy, greasy, juicy Peking duck. Bill, who has spent the past seven years sourcing everything from lamb shank to ground bison from farmers across New York

State and as far as Australia, clearly loves his job. He loves to cook meat, to eat meat and to talk to nosy reporters about meat. The week I spoke to him he was pondering making a steak-and-kidney pie with the veal kidneys he had in his freezer. "There's always something you have to do to organs so you don't taste the urine," he says. "But I'm kind of into weird stuff."

At a time when even the most avid foodies are questioning the ethics of eating animals—Mark Bittman recently tried, and liked, fake chicken, while new studies of

factory-farmed poultry suggest the animals are being fed everything from Benadryl to arsenic—the variety of meats occupying the Coop's chilly southeast corner has never been more robust. We now sell cow hearts, veal cheeks and mountain oysters ("testicles," says Bill with a smile). The recipe section of our Web site includes a "Creole daube" with beef shanks, rabbit with roasted eggplant and Tuscan wild boar ragu. We go through 2,500 pounds of beef a week, 1,600 pounds of boneless chicken breasts,

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Cumbe Classes Pulse with African Music and Dance

By Hayley Gorenberg

"Feel the joy!" Cumbe urges. Cumbe, the new Center for African and Diaspora Dance in Fort Greene, welcomes children, teens and adults to classes led by more than 40 master dance and drum teachers. Park Slope Food Coop members are both part of the Cumbe team and enthusiastic participants.

Cumbe (the name comes from the Guinea word for celebration or party) came about "because there was no place in Brooklyn or New York City whose primary focus was dance and percussion from

Africa and its diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean," explained Cumbe Co-Director Jimena Martinez. "You could find classes but they were scattered in church basements, community organizations and dance studios whose main focus was something else," she says.

The new Cumbe studio looks to change that. Located on the second floor of 558 Fulton Street near Flatbush Avenue, in the growing Fort Greene arts district, it's bursting with dozens of classes and events.

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PHOTO BY LISA COHEN

Pat Hall, artistic director at Cumbe, leads a class.

Next General Meeting on May 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on the Coop website at www.foodcoop.com and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

* Exceptions will be posted.

Coop Event Highlights

Fri, Jun 1	• Film Night: My Perestroika 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Jun 7	• Food Class: Can It! Home Canning Basics 7:30 p.m.
Tue, Jun 12	• Safe Food Committee Film Night: Fed Up! 7:00 p.m.
Sat & Sun, Jun 23-24	• Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.

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MEET BILL

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35 pounds of duck and 20 pounds of rabbit. It took the Coop 28 years before members approved carrying red meat, but these days, no one seems to be complaining.

"I remember teasing the previous meat buyer about whether people were going to start throwing blood on me in the streets," says Bill. "But that never happened and I don't get the stink eye." Though he says it helps that he prices and weighs the meat downstairs, "away from the hurly burly."

Even a new "animal welfare committee," approved last year, hasn't stirred the pot, says Bill: "To date, the silence has been deafening."

That might have something to do with the fact the Coop doesn't mess around with its stated mission of buying only "humanely and sustainably raised" meat and poultry. According to the February 2002 decision, this means we carry only meat from animals that are free to range on chemical-free pastures, raised on a grass-based diet with quality grain used only as necessary, never given hormones and produced and processed by small-scale farmers. It sounds technical, but what it really comes down to is that the animals should be "eating the things nature intended them to eat and being humanely treated," says Bill.

How does Bill make sure his farmers are playing by the

rules? He doesn't actually visit the farms because the coordinators haven't factored in the time for lengthy road trips. "When one of us is out for a week or two, the burden of labor on the others rises disproportionately," says Bill who, in a previous life, was a mystery book publisher who edited the likes of Ruth Rendell. "And, frankly, we ain't farmers...I can't claim expertise in deciding if the husbandry is up to snuff. We do have a level of trust in the farmers that they're doing the right thing with the beasts."

Among his suppliers is Murray's, which accounts for the majority of the chicken breasts he sells. They're the most affordable, and so the most popular. But, says Bill, they're also the blandest. Bill prefers the breasts from Dines Farms, based upstate in the tiny town of Oak Hill. Slice them into cutlets, he says, sauté them on the stove, then stick them in the oven topped with a slice of speck and a grating of parmesan.

Did you say speck? Otherwise known as smoked prosciutto, the little-known speck isn't something Bill was sure he could sell. But here's where his job gets interesting. He hears about something, calls up the company, has them ship him some samples, and then gets to decide whether the Coop will carry it. (His hours are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., leaving him plenty of time to cook dinner—another enviable aspect of the job.) In the case of speck, Bill read about a company in Iowa called La Quercia that was curing some of the best and most authentic prosciutto outside of Italy, and using only family-farm raised, antibiotic-free pigs. "First I thought no one would buy speck, but then I thought, we'll just have to educate them." Today, the Coop sells about 100 packages of prosciutto a week and 25 of speck, described on La Quer-



PHOTO BY DEBBIE PARKER

Bill, the Coop's meat and poultry buyer, is one of the happiest guys around.

cia's website as an "earthy, rich, deep, sweet meat, with light applewood smoke aroma and flavor."

In other cases, farmers call Bill directly. He was recently contacted by an upstate farm called Belleayre View. "He's never raised chickens before, but they were amazing," says Bill. "I was in a good mood the day he called and agreed to try it. I took one and gave one to Omar (another meat-loving Receiving Coordinator), and we both roasted them and were both like, 'This is incredible!' It's hard to put in words. It has a more chicken-y flavor."

Whatever brand of chicken you buy, Bill recommends forgoing the breasts and going for the whole bird. You'll always save money, pound per pound, and the meat tends to be tastier. But it's an uphill battle, says Bill: "I think Coop shoppers are pretty conservative. I try to talk people into buying whole chickens and just cutting them up, and people will say, 'Oh, I could never do it.' But a lot of small farms don't have the wherewithal to cut up chickens, so we only get them whole. It varies up your diet if you have to eat dark and white meat and you can make stock out of the trimmings."

I asked him to recommend

a recipe for the whole-chicken-averse, and Bill waxed poetic about a chicken cacciatore he adapted from *Cook's Illustrated*: "Sauté the thighs with the skin on in very little olive oil on very high heat. When they cool you pull the skin off so you don't have fat in the dish but the meat is moist. This has some tomato but mostly stock and red wine and Portobello mushrooms and sage. Salt and pepper. A little flour to make sauce adhere to pasta. It's really good with polenta."

While we're on the subject, I asked Bill for tips on saving money in the meat section. Right away, the subject turned to bacon. The biggest seller is the Applegate Sunday bacon, which turns out to be more expensive per pound than the Aberdeen Hill bacon we get straight from the farm. Who knew I've been wasting my bacon rations all this time? ■



ILLUSTRATION BY LYNN BERNSTEIN

The Linewaiters' Gazette is revamping its organizational structure and looking for qualified members to fill the new work slots!

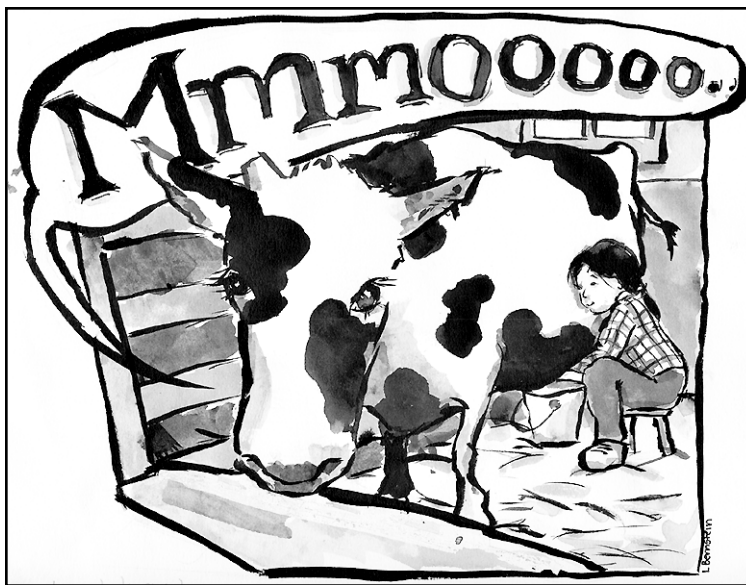
The two new positions are: Co-Coordinating Art Director (CAD) and Co-Coordinating Production Manager (CPM).

Both are supervisory positions on the production teams. In total, the Gazette will be adding two CADs and four CPMs.

Responsibilities include:

- Supervise the members working in the Art Department or on the weekend Production Teams
- Screen applications for members wanting to join the Art Department or the Production teams
- Develop training tools
- Monitor and assess performance of team members
- Provide feedback to team members
- Have a working knowledge of Quark, InDesign and Photoshop (Co-Coordinating Production Manager only)
- Improve and manage *Gazette* processes in order to produce a quality newspaper
- **The Co-Coordinating Production Manager must be available to work on Saturday and Sunday, once every eight weeks.**

If you have any questions about the positions or the time commitment, or are interested in applying, please contact ann_herpel@psfc.coop. Include in your e-mail your relevant experience and skills. Applicants must be members in good standing and have an excellent work history.



April 24th General Meeting: Democracy Debated Directly

By Allison Pennell

Oh Direct Democracy! I had NO idea just how unusually entertaining discussing recyclable produce bags was (not to mention the vital necessity of giant strollers on the shopping floor) until I was asked to cover the April 24th GM, at which precisely NOTHING happened for two hours and 45 minutes. Fine, nothing in all caps might be an exaggeration. (I've been told I'm prone to that.) But not enough!

Only the most fervent or most in need of shift credit attended. In contrast to the epic number of attendees at March's "vote not to vote" meeting, there were about 200 or so at April's.

Despite being "under discipline," Albert Solomon took the floor again to lament... wait for it... participatory democracy. That's right. He doesn't like it. He's running for the Board of Directors for the 20th time or so on the platform of getting rid of it. Democracy, that is. Well, direct democracy, anyway.

Who needs all this transparency? Albert asked. Or words to that effect. How do you get anything done when the people attending the meetings are just a bunch of shirkers and EST wannabes looking for an easy way out of their make-ups and/or existential angst? Actually what he really said was, "GMs are encounter groups which put us in touch more with our powerlessness than have a real input into policy."

I must say, I'm kind of loving Albert. As he waxed on about the need for institutional memory and annual membership turnover rates of 25 percent, I felt him. Not literally, mind you. But he woke me up from the comatose state I was slouching toward.

And still, all roads at the Park Slope Food Coop lead to Jerusalem. Yes, we're never going to be done with this Israel ban kerfuffle. Barbara, More Hummus, Please's leading light, took the microphone to query Board of Directors candidates about whether they would hypothetically be willing to override votes by the masses. It was time for the rubber to meet the road. Are you a decider or a rubber stamp?

The new face of endless

Israeli Sodastream debates: the Park Slope Food Coop Board of Directors. As retired member Sylvia Lowenthal took to the floor to point out, "the membership in attendance is the advising body; the Board is the deciding member. The Board must be able to act as more than a rubber stamp."

The vote for a new Board of Directors will be held in June by mail ballots sent to all Coop members. When pressed on the whole direct vs. representative democracy question, the candidates in attendance discussed what they thought the Board member's role should be.

Audrey Miller Komaroff, who has been a member since Coop members numbered 400, is running for another three-year term. First she said she would vote for what the GM had voted. Then later she said she would have voted against ratifying the Israel ban referendum even if it passed.

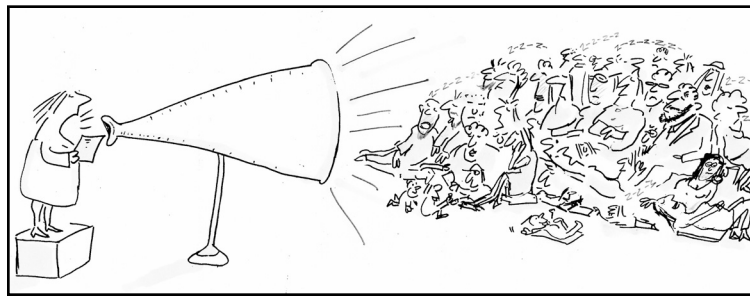
First-time candidate Tim Platt, on the other hand, would have gone along with the vote. "That's the only way to do it. Majority rules in this case."

Jesse Rosenthal, who is also running for the first time, answered the question as only a true politician would. Jesse said he sees the Board Member role as one of oversight rather than advocacy but says he wouldn't be a rubber stamp. He says he would only vote to override the sentiments of the GM if something

threatens the legal and fiduciary position of the Coop.

Eunju Lee, another fresh-faced candidate, is endorsed by the General Coordinators as well as *me* because she says stuff like "Sorry to be late, my car was hit by a truck on the way to the meeting and I had to file a police report" and "My

to fill out the Food Coop's form, you can get a disability work waiver. Seriously, it's the perfect crime. Because of HIPAA rules, you don't have to say what your ailment is—whether it's an ingrown toenail, cancer therapy or narcissism—and the Coop Coordinators can't ask.



teenagers are cynics but I'm just naïve enough to believe that people can make a difference." She managed to miss the debate of the day, but when I caught her after the meeting she told me that she couldn't think of a circumstance where she would override a GM vote.

And then there was Albert: "Representative democracy may not be perfect but it's a lot better than the town meeting form which is too flawed by lack of continuity for good decision-making."

Moving on to other business, I complained roundly and ineffectually at the open forum about my personal pet peeve: pretending to have a disability in order to get out of working shifts. If you can get your licensed medical provider

Melissa Morrone of the Archives committee lamented the bad behavior of some members at the March GM, decrying the "deliberate and vicious heckling of people who were speaking to well-documented abuses by Israel" and saying that this level of hostility is chilling and shouldn't be swept under the rug.

GC Ann Herpel said that the March GM "demonstrated what the Coop does best: cooperation." She thanked the many members (over 100) who helped with the considerable logistics of putting together

the meeting and said that however you felt about the vote, "We worked together to make a very momentous decision and did it cooperatively."

Another member who works the food processing shift raised her concern that the Coop has adequate exit egress in the event of fire. Joe Holtz clarified that the front sliding doors are designed to break out in a surge, that emergency signage has been increased and that all the Receiving doors have panic bars. He invited suggestions for further steps that might be taken.

GC Mike Eakin had some more preliminary financial numbers for the year ending January 29, 2012. The gross margin is a little below the ideal of 17%, sales were up to \$45 million and expenses were down for the year. Health care costs for staffers were at 1.92% of sales for the year. Per Mike, the Coop retains 17 cents on the dollar and of that, 12 cents pays for personnel costs. Shrinkage is under 1% of sales, and inventory turn over is around 75 times per year, a rate much faster than most grocery stores.

Peaches and Allen Zimmerman are back. Allen is on a reduced schedule after a medical leave and wasn't able to attend the meeting but his product and produce blog can be found at foodcoop.com. A weekly produce report is posted on Friday afternoons. ■

Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 16.

Park Slope Food Coop Video Squad Workslots Available For FTOP credit

**There are current
workslot openings for:**

- 1. Show Host (preferably a talented chef or cook)**
- 2. Researcher/Storyboarder**
- 3. Post Production: Editing and Compression**

**For more information, contact
videosquad@psfc.coop and include
"PSFC Video Squad" in the subject line.**

The Coop has a regular show on Brooklyn Cable Access Television and will soon be expanding to podcasting via the Internet. The shows features members and issues related to the Coop and the larger Brooklyn community. Past shows include health, improv performance, live music, cooking classes and ideas for living ecologically.

Cumbe Classes

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"We really do have something for everyone: toddlers, school-age children, people interested in learning about different dance and percussion styles directly from expert teachers, people interested in a good workout," Jimenez said. "We also offer a really fun range of Zumba and other fitness classes that have you working out and toning to a fabulous mix of music."

On May 2, Cumbe instructors could be found at PS 321, leading families in African dance and song powered by the rhythms of an enthusiastic drummer. Dancer and PSFC member Funmilayo Chesney showed students the steps. Twice a week at Cumbe, she leads "Congocise," a cardio dance

workout she created that blends "Congolese, Latin, Brazilian, Jamaican, Cuban, Haitian, Colombian, Hip Hop, Soca, Old-School and Reggaeton dance styles." She adds hoops and weights for a more demanding workout. Meanwhile, on Tuesday evenings she leads traditional and contemporary Congolese dance with live drumming. In this class Chesney teaches songs and "dances of Harvest, War, Birth of triplets, Flirtation, Rites of Passage, Healing and Celebration."

On opening day, Chesney had 125 people attend her Congocise class. "That was awesome!"

A Cumbe Friday afternoon session of "movement fusion" reaches kids ages six to nine (\$200 for a ten-week session or \$22 per session for drop-ins). The class focuses on self-expression through song, instruments, props, creative movement and visual art. Led by teacher Jamie Philbert, the class is titled "Sawubona," a South African greeting that means, "I see you."

Kids' offerings also include Hip Hop on Thursday afternoons with teacher Roger G, who advertises that he's performed all over the world. Pricing for Hip Hop is the same as for Sawubona, and the class teaches "popping and locking, breaking, mime krumping, street jazz

and other African dance-based moves."

Other classes include Zumba on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and a range of yoga and creative movement classes for various ages.

Classes can be purchased on a drop-in basis, or at increasingly better rates by purchasing five-, 10- or 20-class cards. Every week, Cumbe offers a different class on a "Pay as You Wish" basis for interested people to sample.

Cumbe's facilities include two dance studios, a music room and locker rooms with showers. In addition to after-school programs and classes for all ages, Cumbe hosts workshops, socials and events, and allows space rentals for events and rehearsals. Cumbe also exhibits artwork and sells music, instruments, t-shirts, bags and jewelry.

*"They're more than classes—they're celebrations!"—
Cumbe co-director
Dominique Bravo*

Artistic events are also on Cumbe's menu. As this article was going to press, the co-directors were planning to host "living legends" on May 12. Baba Chuck Davis, artistic director and founder of DanceAfrica, was scheduled to teach a class. Juan



Come dance with Cumbe at the 6th Annual NYC Dance Parade on Saturday, May 19, and get a free Cumbe T-shirt.

de Dios Ramon Morejon, founder of one of the leading folkloric dance groups from Cuba—Raices Profundas—and one of the world's leading authorities on Afro-Cuban dance, music and folklore, was slated to teach a series of back-to-back workshops that day, including a conversation on the history and culture of Afro-Cuban dance.

Dominique Bravo, Cumbe co-director, marks the service of Artistic Director Pat Hall, "a revered figure in the dance world" as a significant event in Cumbe's development. "We also feel incredibly lucky, with Pat's help, to have found the most amazing teachers in the city," she said. "They are not only master dancers but also incredible dance teachers who share our vision of building

a warm and welcoming home for our students and guests. And we have been incredibly fortunate to have found staff members who also love our music and dance cultures and share in the vision of a building a nurturing home for it."

Bravo, a Coop member for eight years, added, "Coming from a Peruvian family, I grew up with Afro-Peruvian music and dance and I have always been interested in how African culture melded with and influenced the cultures and arts of South and Central America, the Caribbean and beyond. I also love the work of building a center for music and dance and performance; helping artists share their work; and creating a space for people to come together for fun."

"We celebrate the diversity of our Brooklyn community," Bravo emphasized. "By far our biggest successes have been particular moments in classes and events—moments where there is a group of 30-40 students of all races, ages, and dancing experience all dancing together with an amazing teacher and several drummers. They're more than classes—they're celebrations!"

The co-directors agreed that raising awareness of Cumbe's offerings is a top priority. "We're working hard to build the student/client base," said Bravo. Growing success should help enable the organization to renovate its second-floor space "to make it more easily accessible for students of more limited mobility."

Said Martinez, "Our biggest challenge is letting as many people as possible know about us and encouraging people who have never tried these kinds of dances to come in and take a class! ■

For more information, see www.cumbedance.com, or call 718-935-9700.



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RETURN POLICY

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The Coop strives to keep prices low for our membership. Minimizing the amount of returned merchandise is one way we do this. If you need to make a return, please go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

1. The Paid-In-Full receipt MUST be presented.
2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

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No, we do not "exchange" items. You must return the merchandise and re-purchase what you need.

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce* Bulk* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk)
Cheese* Seasonal Holiday Items
Books Special Orders
Calendars Refrigerated Supplements
Juicers & Oils
Sushi *A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

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RETURNABLE
ONLY IF SPOILED
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EXPIRATION DATE
Packaging/label
must be present
for refund.

Items not listed above that are unopened
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.

Make Everyday Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day, two of our vendors

— **Ecobags and Chicobags** —
are offering special discounts to

Park Slope Food Coop members until May 30. These companies have a great variety of produce bags, string bags, printed totes and more. They are made from a variety of materials such as recycled plastic, cotton, and hemp. These reusable products are a great way to cut down your use of plastic bags. Here are the details:

Ecobags: 15% off all produce-bag orders on a minimum order of \$25, not including shipping. Use the code 2012PSD when contacting Ecobags.

Chicobags: 25% off reusable bags—one time per person discount. Use the code ParkSlope25 when contacting Chicobags.

You will find contact information
for these vendors on their websites.
Please contact the companies directly
to make your purchases.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Beautiful Boxes

By William Laviano

I'm one of the Shopping Squad Leaders on Sunday D week, 1:00 p.m. Someone on my squad got really creative with the box organizing so I snapped a pic for the *Gazette*. I also think it serves as a friendly reminder about how the boxes should stay off the ground. ■



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PHOTO BY WILLIAM LAVIANO

OUR SMALL, UPSTATE NY TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD IS FIGHTING A BEHEMOTH GAS COMPANY OVER FRACKING. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Middlefield, located near Cooperstown, NY, has only 2,000 residents, yet has many small sustainable farms as well as organic farms such as Raindance Farms. Middlefield Neighbors raised over \$50,000 in 2011 to fight a gas company-funded lawsuit against our town, a suit that tried to quash a ban we enacted on fracking. We won, as noted in press around the world, but the gas company - with its deep pockets - is now back to appeal the loss.

The outcome of the appeal will affect every person in New York state. A loss will be a huge loss for home rule, and will throw open the doors for multinational gas companies to steamroll in. A win on our part will provide case precedent that may stop the gas companies, and that will certainly make the DEC, the NY State Legislature, and Governor Cuomo take notice.

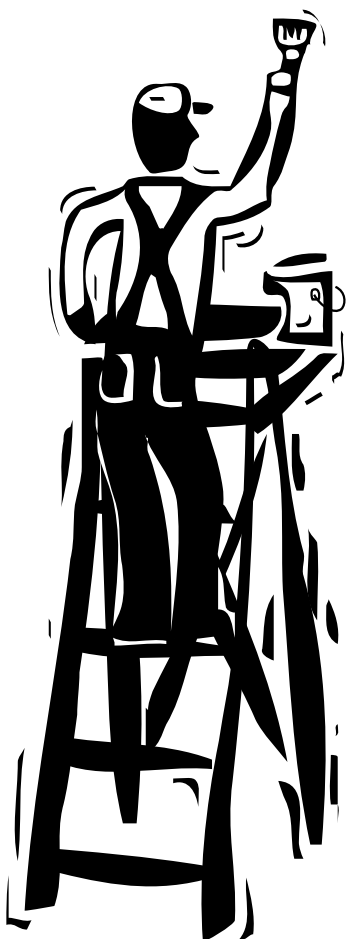
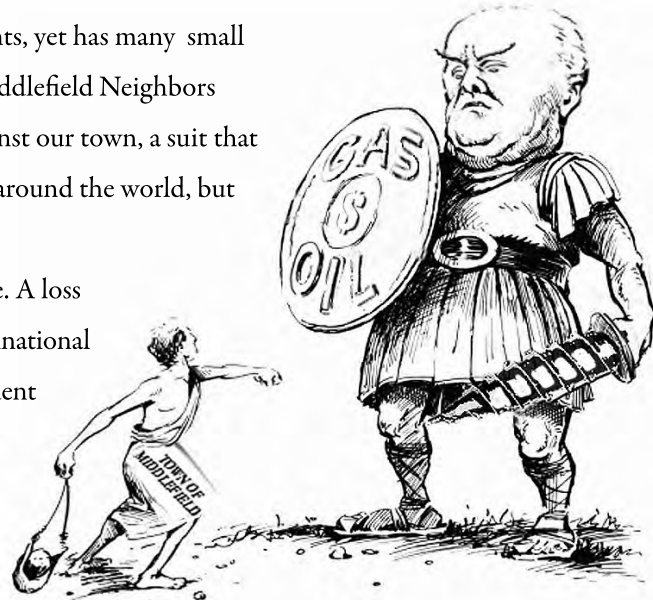
Help defend tiny Middlefield against the voracious frackers before they destroy upstate NY, our water, our towns, and our agriculture.



Help us reach our goal of \$30,000 by sending a tax-deductible donation, of any size, to: Town of Middlefield, P.O. Box 961, Middlefield NY, 13326, with notation of "Gas Suit Fund." Or call 607-282-0404 and speak with Peg Leon for more info. All donations go directly to the town and are held in a dedicated fund to only fight the appeal. Thank you.

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Gasland’s Mom Enlists Michelle Obama and all Mothers

On behalf of Angela Fox,
Submitted by Alice Joyce-Alcala

Angela Monti Fox, mother of film maker Josh Fox, creator of the award-winning documentary *Gasland*, has added a new dimension to the grassroots anti-fracking movement her son’s film inspired. An activist in her own right, she has formed The Mothers Project, a coalition of mothers concerned about the health risks children face as a result of the continued production and use of fossil fuels.

The Mothers Project, a veiled reference to The Manhattan Project, was launched via a public letter to our First Lady Michelle Obama in a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times* during Mother’s Day weekend; thereafter going viral through social media networks to garner more signatures. The letter has been vetted by Dr. Sandra Steingraber, renowned biologist/environmentalist, noted author and recent winner of the Heinz Award, and Dr. Theo Colborn, distinguished scientist and author whose groundbreaking

work on endocrine disruptors enlightened our understanding of the effects of environmental contaminants on human and animal reproduction.

The Park Slope Food Coop signed onto the letter as “parents” representing 16,000 members, joining mothers from across America who are struggling to protect children and families from this earth shattering technology. Although in tone, the letter is written from one mother to another, it is not intended as a private communication but rather a very public one; that hopefully will be received as it is intended—a sharing of knowledge and an appeal to Mrs. Obama to learn and listen carefully to what has been happening in our communities across America regarding gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing. ■

Contact Angela Monti Fox, mother of Gasland filmmaker Josh Fox, at afafox@aol.com. The Mothers Project™, 2753 Broadway, New York, NY 10025; www.mothersforsustainableenergy.com.

The International Cooperative Alliance Statement of Cooperative Identity

(The Statement of Cooperative Identity has its origins in a published set of “practices” of the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers in 1844 and later became known as the Rochdale Principles. It was eventually renamed and has been periodically updated by the International Cooperative Alliance.)

Definition:

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

Values:

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Principles:

The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice.

First Principle: Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibility of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

Second Principle: Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

Third Principle: Member Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of the cooperative. At least part of that capital is

usually common property of the cooperative. They usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible, benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative, and supporting other activities as approved by the membership.

Fourth Principle: Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

Fifth Principle: Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public—particularly young people and opinion leaders—about the nature of benefits of cooperation.

Sixth Principle: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

Seventh Principle: Concern for the Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

Dear Mrs. Obama:

We are mothers from all walks of life writing to you about an urgent matter: the health threats to our children posed by extreme forms of fossil fuel extraction, in particular, the process of extracting oil and natural gas from shale using high-volume, hydraulic fracturing, known as “fracking.”

The ongoing U.S. fracking boom has spurred the proliferation of drill rigs in backyards, schoolyards and family farms across America. These are places where our children live, play and learn. Even areas near daycare centers and summer camps have been targeted for fracking, a process in which explosives and high-pressure mixtures of water and chemicals are used to blast apart bedrock.

Because children cannot vote or make public policy, because children are more vulnerable than adults to toxic exposures, and because parents are charged with keeping children safe and providing for their future, we, the undersigned mothers, have joined with scientists, pediatricians, and public health officials in calling for a moratorium on fracking until the potential effects on children’s health and the environment can be carefully studied. Right now, demonstration of safety does not exist.

We are concerned about air pollution. Smog levels are high in communities near fracking sites. This kind of air pollution is linked to childhood asthma, lost school days and higher health care costs. It is also linked to low birth weight and preterm birth.

We are concerned about drinking water. Methane contamination of family drinking water wells has occurred near gas wells in Pennsylvania. Benzene and other fracking chemicals have been detected in groundwater near fracking operations in Wyoming.

We are concerned about chemical spills. Although many chemicals used in fracking are considered proprietary, we know the list of ingredients includes substances linked to childhood cancers, birth defects and hormone disruption.

We are concerned about reports of reproductive problems and deaths among pets, cows and wildlife exposed to fracking. We wonder what message these animals hold for pregnant women living near drill sites.

We are concerned about the radioactive content of fracking wastewater and the lack of a comprehensive plan for its permanent disposal.

We are concerned about noise pollution from 24/7 drilling operations, heavy machinery and associated truck traffic. Noise pollution is associated with stress, disrupted sleep and learning and behavioral difficulties.

We are concerned about the industrialization of open space. Filling up farm fields, pastures, wilderness areas, and state parks with waste pits, pipelines, drill pads, condensers and compressor stations transforms the landscape our children inhabit. It undermines our efforts to bring healthy food from local farms to our dinner tables. It denies families opportunities for outdoor physical activity in natural areas.

Scientists are just beginning to address questions about the impact on fracking on children’s health. We support and encourage this ongoing inquiry. But we also believe that—until the answers are in, and in the face of fundamental uncertainties—benefit of the doubt belongs to our children, not to the things that threaten them.

We are guided by these truths, which we hold to be self-evident:

- We know that water is life.
- We know that methane is explosive.
- We know that groundwater, once contaminated, cannot be cleaned up.
- We know that we cannot shop for clean air.
- We know that fracking requires thousands of truck trips per well and that many of these trucks haul poisonous chemicals.
- We know that accidents happen.
- We know that toxic injuries in pregnancy and early childhood have lifelong consequences.
- We know that you shouldn’t break something that you can’t fix.

Our appeal is simple and fundamental to our role as mothers. We do not want children drinking milk from cows grazing on chemically contaminated pastures. We do not want children breathing benzene on school playgrounds. We do not want convoys of fracking trucks sharing the roadways with school buses. Nor with teenagers learning to drive. Nor with kids on bicycles. We do not want children used as subjects in a reckless experiment whose long-term consequences and cumulative impacts are not yet understood.

We do want to bequeath to our children and grandchildren an unfractured, unpoisoned world.

In December 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. An initiative of former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, this document stands as the most widely recognized statement of the rights to which every person is entitled. These include the right to ensure the safety and health of children and families. More recently, the United Nations has declared safe and potable drinking water a human right.

As America’s current First Lady and first mother, you have been outspoken in your commitment to families, children, health and future generations. We hope that you will now join us in our call to “hit the pause button” on fracking and pursue a new course. Extreme fossil fuel extraction is not the answer to our nation’s energy challenges.

Our children’s health and the survival of our planet depend on policymakers and citizens joining together to commit to sustainable, renewable energy. In this, we hope that you will serve as our 21st Century Eleanor. Visit our website, www.mothersagainstfracking.com, and let us know what you think. Thank you.

Warmest regards,
Angela Monti Fox,
mother of Gasland filmmaker, Josh Fox



Bulk COFFEE and GRANOLA: 4-digit PLU Numbers Have Changed!

Please pay attention to the new number (beginning with a “6”)—marked on the bins.

Former PLUs are listed to the right of the coffee grinder, along with the new number, in case you only recognize your product by the old number! Please ONLY write the new number when you purchase.

We completely changed the sequence of numbers for bulk coffee and granolas in an effort to reduce checkout worker errors on input.



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Coffee and Granola PLUs THAT HAVE CHANGED

	OLD PLU	NEW PLU
Coffee		
BREAKFAST BLEND Equal Exchange OG	2794	6000
Crop to Cup BANTU FRENCH ROAST	2743	6014
Crop to Cup JUJU ESPRESSO	2787	6015
Crop to Cup UGANDA	2791	6016
DECAF BREAKFAST BLEND Equal Exchange OG	2800	6001
DECAF FRENCH Equal Exchange OG	2742	6002
LOVE BUZZ Equal Exchange OG	2773	6003
ETHIOPIAN Equal Exchange OG	2756	6004
FRENCH PERU Equal Exchange OG	2731	6005
Gillies COLUMBIAN OG Fair Trade	2785	6018
MIDNIGHT SUN Dark Roast Equal Exchange OG	2755	6006
NICA FRENCH Equal Exchange OG	2788	6007
Pachamama FRENCH ROST Fair Trade	2783	6010
Pachamama PERU Santa Theresa	2784	6012
SUMATRA Full Equal Exchange OG	2786	6008
Granola		
Fruitful CHERRY ALMOND ORGANIC	2779	6099
Fruitfull, CRANBERRY CASHEW PECAN	2712	6098
Fruitfull, PISTACHIO MULBERRY	2781	6097
Golden Temple, BLUEBERRY FLAX	2736	6095
HUNZA MIX ORGANIC	2805	6096
New England Bakers, PECAN SPLENDOR	2727	6094
New England Bakers, APPLE RAISIN ORGANIC	2728	6093
New England Bakers, SAVE THE FOREST	2747	6092
Stark's, MAPLE ALMOND ORGANIC	2762	6091
Stark's, MAPLE RASPBERRY BLUEBERRY	2759	6090



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Drop by or call the
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your contact information.
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Thanks for helping us keep our
records up to date!

THE GAZETTE INDEXES

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Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at lenneufeld@verizon.net, to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

- ◆ An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- ◆ An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995-98 and 2001 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (subjects for the years 1999 and 2000 are being added).

Many of the Gazette issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website.
(The currently available issues cover the years 2006 to the present, plus selected issues from 1999, 2000, and 2005.)

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
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Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.

*Shoppers must be on a checkout line
15 minutes after closing time.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

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Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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Friday
May 18

8:00 p.m.

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COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical
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guitar and singing; Liam Robinson—accordion and singing. "There are plenty of talented artists out there, but what sets Jean Rohe apart are the suppleness of her voice, the integrity of her vision, and the grace she shows in her wide-ranging journeys across the musical landscape."
—John Platt, WFUV New York

AFARA

(Hasan Bakr, Kevin Nathaniel and Tomas Rodriguez) bring a rich and widely divergent musical background to create AFARA. The boundary-breaking collaboration that results draws from the music of the African and Spanish diasporas and celebrates their union in the musical landscape of the Americas. Award-winning music journalist Norman Weinstein said, "This trio mines the deep spirit encoded musically throughout the African Diaspora, a rare achievement in itself. Marking their sound is an engaging groove, touching harmonies, and a mesmerizing exploration to discover how to bring the tonal continent Africa into a global symphonic world map."



53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • **\$10** • **8:00 p.m.** [doors open at 7:45]

Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...

Third Thursday

MAY 17

7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday

MAY 27

10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Second Saturday

JUNE 9

10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

On the sidewalk in front of the receiving
area at the Coop.

PLASTICS

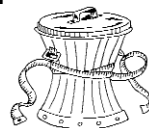
What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

- #1 and #6 type non-bottle shaped containers, transparent only, labels ok
- Plastic film and bubble wrap, transparent only, no colored or opaque, no labels
- #5 plastic cups, tubs, and specifically marked caps and lids, very clean and dry (discard any with paper labels, or cut off)

**NOTE: We are no longer accepting
#2 or #4 type plastics.**

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

We close up promptly.
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the
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sorting of your plastic.



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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Bathroom Cleaning

Wednesday, 12 to 2 p.m.

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

Office Set-up

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee.

Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana in the Membership Office for more information.

Laundry and Toy Cleaning.

Sunday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

This work slot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

Laundry Prep and Miscellaneous Cleaning

Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Coop is looking for members to collect the laundry from around the building and prepare it for washing. After starting the first load of laundry you'll complete the balance of the shift with miscellaneous cleaning tasks. Instructions and checklists will be provided. If you are interested or would like more information please call Jana or Annette in the Membership Office.



COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit www.foodcoop.com and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 29

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JUNE 5

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the June 26 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

May 31 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 21
June 14 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 4

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

May 31 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 23
June 14 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 6

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings, to which all members are invited, have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The Temple House of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ann Herpel at the Coop.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators

• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.) The agenda is posted on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Board of Directors' vote • Meeting evaluation • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. *For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.*

• Advance Sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the *entire* meeting.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.



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calendar of events

may 18
fri 8 pm

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Cognitive Therapy, this workshop will illustrate how to apply validation, mindfulness and acceptance to your parent-child relationship. The skills taught will help you and your child manage and express emotions, as well as improve your child's self-esteem and self-advocacy. Parents are welcome to come on their own or with their kids (ages 10 and up). Coop member **Dana Parchi**, Psy.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in work with families and teenagers. Genevieve Rosenbaum, Ph.D., has 20 years of experience in hospitals and private practice working with children, adolescents and parents.

jun 1
fri 7 pmFilm Night:
My Perestroika

My Perestroika follows five ordinary Russians living in extraordinary times—from their sheltered Soviet childhood, to the collapse of the Soviet Union during their teenage years, to the constantly shifting political landscape of post-Soviet Russia. Together, these childhood classmates paint a complex picture of the dreams and disillusionment of those raised behind the Iron

Curtain. **Robin Hessman** received her graduate degree in film directing from the All-Russian State Institute of Cinematography (VGIK) in Moscow. She received an Academy Award® in 1994—with co-director James Longley—for their student film, *Portrait of Boy with Dog*. In the U.S., Robin co-produced the Peabody-award-winning documentary *Tupperware!* and later founded Red Square Productions. She was Filmmaker in Residence at WGBH in Boston, where she developed *My Perestroika*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, played in MOMA's New Directors/New Films series and received numerous awards. Robin is an Associate of Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian Studies and a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezestone@hotmail.com.

jun 2
sat 11 am

Caregiving 101

The U.S. Census showed the largest population increase was for senior citizens. Almost 288,000 live in Brooklyn. About 70% of 65+ will need long-term care at some point in their lives. An estimated 1 million NYC residents are caregivers to adult friends and family. This session will explain answers to the pressing questions, what is long-term care, who pays for it and where is it? Key information on ways to plan ahead to protect autonomy and authority and reduce the heavy emotional burden decision-making can be on loved ones will also be included. Long-time Coop member **Mary Blanchett**, MSA, is a licensed nursing home administrator who worked in long-term care for 27 years.

may 29
tue 7 pm

PSFC MAY General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

Meeting location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.

Item #1: First Annual Election for the Revolving Loan Committee which was created by the General Meeting earlier this year (45 minutes)

Election: "Seven candidates will each make a brief statement. There are seven positions: three 3-year terms, two 2-year terms and two 1-year terms."

—submitted by Joe Holtz and Rachel Porter

Item #2: Further Discussion on Proposed Elimination of Plastic Roll Bags (45 minutes)

Discussion: "Due to the significant impact on Coop members and Coop operations of the proposed elimination of plastic roll bags, the General Coordinators request further discussion of the issue in order to solicit member feedback and suggestions."

—submitted by the General Coordinators

For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office.

may 29
tue 7 pmEssential Skills for Parents
Of Teens & 'Tweens

Improve communication, affect regulation and problem-solving in your family. Drawing on skills from Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), a combination of Buddhism and

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sat 8 pm

Third Annual Band Nite

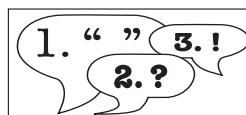


Come support fresh talent at the Food Coop's Third Annual Band Nite at Bar Four, 444 Seventh Ave., corner of 15th St., 718-832-9800, www.bar4brooklyn.com. With performances by: The Raytones, Maya Solovey, 13th Floor Klezmer Band, Mappa Mundi. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. For more info, check out the FUN Committee blog: psfcfun.wordpress.com.

Band Nite takes place at Bar Four, 444 Seventh Ave., corner of 15th St.

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tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.
Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

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thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Can It! Home Canning Basics



Home canning is a great way to preserve an abundant harvest, or simply put up some of the more seasonal gems to eat during the winter months. Canning is easy to do safely, as long as you follow some simple rules. For more than four years Michaela Hayes has been working with Just Food as a community trainer, facilitating workshops on home canning. As a professional chef, she developed the pickling position while at Gramercy Tavern. You can see Michaela's "One For the Season" food-preservation column quarterly in *Sweet Paul* magazine. Based in Brooklyn, Michaela teaches pickling, canning, and fermentation through her company, Crock & Jar, which sells products at specialty markets. *Menu includes: pickled radishes; canned tomatoes; blueberry jam.*

Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.

jun 8
fri 7 pm

Handling Social Pressures On Teens & 'Tweens

Share stories and hear perspectives that can help you manage the many social pressures on pre-teens and teens. **Sharon C. Peters**, MA, is the director of Parents Helping Parents and a step, birth, and adoptive parent. In her work she meets with individual families and leads workshops at her Park Slope office and for schools and community organizations throughout New York. She is a grateful long-time Coop member.

jun 9
sat 3 pm

Having Trouble Getting Pregnant?

Learn how to: resolve mystery infertility; eliminate toxins that impair fertility; make IVF and IUI work the first time; cook meals that help you get pregnant; identify the foods and supplements that boost your fertility. Clear blocked tubes. Normalize your cycle. Dissolve fibroids and cysts. Do fertility acupuncture at home. Prevent miscarriage. Boost men's sperm count and quality. Pre-registration suggested: to register call (646) 483-4571 or e-mail GreenGemHealth@gmail.com. **Rebecca Curtis** M.A., M.F.A., HHC, AADP, is a certified holistic nutritionist and the founder of Green Gem Holistic Health. **Mary Hart**, M.S., L.Ac., is a nationally board-certified acupuncturist and the founder of Healing Heart Acupuncture.

jun 9
sat 7 pm

Funeral Planning As a Spiritual Exercise

Learn about the latest funeral service trends and get a better inkling of how beautiful a reasonably-priced funeral or memorial service can be. We will discuss new ways to memorialize the deceased, the merits of green burial, home vigils, cremation pros and cons. You'll leave this workshop with a stack of helpful memos and papers, funeral planning information, current prices, thoughts on advance directives, medical durable power of attorney, and a better grip on how you want to be remembered. Coop member **Amy Cunningham** is a graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service.

jun 10
sun 12 pm

Better Movement With Ortho-Bionomy®

Come learn about this osteopathically based bodywork that is extremely gentle, yet effective. You will learn how a focus on client comfort and moving away from pain gives the body an opportunity to self-correct without any force. This subtle modality can

reduce pain, correct structural imbalances, aid in recovering from injuries and create a better relationship with the body's structure. Coop member **Brenda Varrasso** has been a New York State-licensed massage therapist and student of Ortho-Bionomy® for five years. She is currently an Associate-level Ortho-Bionomy® practitioner.

jun 12
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Fed Up!



Seventy percent of the food we eat contains genetically modified ingredients. Millions are spent arguing that technology is our only hope for feeding the world. Farmers are disappearing as people go hungry. Toxic chemicals continue to poison us. Using hilarious and disturbing archival footage and featuring interviews with farmers, scientists, government officials and activists, *Fed Up!* presents an entertaining, informative and compelling overview of our current food production system from the Green to the Biotech Revolution. *Fed Up!* explores the effects of pesticides, the resistance of biotechnology companies to food labeling and the links between government officials and major biotechnology and chemical companies.

jun 16
sat 12 pm

Effective Tools for Rapid Personal Transformation

Want to move on—away from old emotional baggage to new, joyous ways of living? If you are open to transforming your old patterns of fear, worry and anxiety and leave room for joy, happiness and fun, it can be done. And it's easy and fun! The body is like a magnet, and when these experiences are in cellular memory, the body attracts the same experiences. Doctors and other professionals have used these techniques for daily stresses, eating disorders, robbery, rape and emotions such as anger, anxiety, fear and others. These remembrances can destroy the quality of life if not cleared. This unique, life-changing technology will be demonstrated. Coop member **Marija Santo-Sarnyai** is a Geotran practitioner.

jun 16
sat 2 pm

Bike Part Swap Social



Bike parts and accessories swap for the Coop community and the public. Presented by the PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee. *Event takes place at Lowlands Bar (543 Third Ave. @ 14th St.)*

jun 16
sat 3 pm

What the Tooth Fairy Never Knew!

This workshop on nutritional, homeopathic, preventive dentistry is geared for those who want to take responsibility for improving or maintaining their dental health; and, to learn about the connection between dental problems and systemic diseases. You will be taught how to analyze oftentimes undiagnosed etiologies of dental diseases, TM joint problems, headaches and loosening teeth. Dental controversies like mercury fillings, root canals and placing nickel on your children's teeth will be included in this symposium. Dr. **Stephen R. Goldberg** DDS, is a Nationally Certified Clinical Nutritionist (CCN), Acupuncturist and Oral Myofunctional (Swallowing) Therapist.

still to come

jun 23

Bowenwork: Gentle Touch, Powerful Results

jun 26

Reduce Sugar Cravings

jun 23–24

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

jun 26

PSFC JUNE General Meeting

L E T T E R S T O T H E E D I T O R

GLOBAL GROWTH OF BDS

TO THE EDITOR:

Major BDS Milestone: The Co-operative Group in the UK

The Co-operative Group, commonly known as The Co-op, the 5th largest food retailer in the UK, announced it will boycott four Israeli produce companies which are operating in illegal settlements in the West Bank in violation of international law. The Co-op, owned by six million members, supplies thousands of stores with fruits and vegetables from around the world. The Co-op operates supermarkets, convenience stores, financial services, with 4,800 stores across the UK employing more than 106,000 people doing an annual business worth \$21 billion.

'Complete Boycott' of Four Israeli Companies

The Co-op will expand its current boycott of goods produced in Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land into a complete boycott of Israeli companies that source any goods in settlements. This means that as long as any supplier sources products from Israeli settlements, then none of the goods from the supplier, including those not sourced in settlements, will be purchased by The Co-op. According to the Guardian, the decision makes The Co-op "the first major European supermarket group to end trade with companies that export produce from illegal Israeli settlements." Henceforth, The Co-op will boycott four suppliers: Agrexco, Arava Export Growers, Adafresh and Mehadrin.

Boycott of Mehadrin

Mehadrin is Israel's largest agricultural export company. Mehadrin sources produce from illegal settlements including Beqa'ot in the Occupied Jordan Valley. Palestinian workers interviewed said they earn as little as 11 euros per day. Grapes and dates packaged in the settlement were all labeled 'Produce of Israel.' Mehadrin's role in providing water to settlement farms and its relationship with Israeli state water company, Mekorot, makes Mehadrin additionally complicit with Israel's discriminatory water policies negatively impacting the health of Palestinians.

The Co-op's Human Rights and Trade Policy

Since 2009, The Co-op has operated a Human Rights and Trade Policy: to withdraw all trade from a settlement if there is a broad international consensus that the status of a settlement is illegal. On April 25, 2012, The Co-operative's Board determined that, going forward, we will additionally no longer engage with any supplier of produce known to be sourcing from the Israeli settlements. The Board will expend additional costs involved in the tracing and auditing of all produce supplied by these businesses. This position is not a boycott of Israeli businesses. The Co-op continues to have supply agreements with some twenty suppliers that do not source from the settlements.

Historic Decision

Hilary Smith, Co-op member and Boycott Israel Network (BIN) agricultural trade campaign coordinator, welcomed the Board's important poli-

cy decision to fully realize their support for human rights and ethical trading. "The Co-op has taken the lead internationally in this historic decision to hold corporations to account for complicity in Israel's violations of Palestinian human rights. We strongly urge other retailers to follow suit and take similar action."

References:

<http://electronicintifada.net>: Ali Abunimah, <http://mondoweiss.net>: Annie Robbins, www.imemc.org: Saed Bannoura, Guardian: 4/28/12: Tracy McVeigh, Harriet Sherman

Mary Buchwald
Brooklyn For Peace

MORE FALSE AUTHORITIES

TO THE EDITOR:

Joining already discredited NGOs hiding under the halo of putative "human rights" organizations with outrageous distortions of international law, EAFORD (International Organization for Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, formerly, CERD and ICERD) is actually (including on their own admission) a Libya-founded anti-Israel extremist propaganda group focused on resurrecting the equation of Zionism with racism and South African apartheid, established in 1976 at the International Symposium on Zionism and Racism (Tripoli, Libya), with close ties to the former Muammar Gaddafi regime, as noted by Anne Bayefsky, distinguished professor of international human rights law with the International Law Association Committee on Human Rights Law and Practice. EAFORD continues to promulgate the "Zionism is Racism" slander of UN General Assembly Resolution 3379 despite its revocation in 1991. Like many other rejectionist anti-Israel groups, EAFORD—like BDS—was born and shaped out of the hateful and well-documented racism and virulent anti-Semitism of the first Durban Conference and NGO Forum in 2001.

This is the same EAFORD that posted the outrageous Agenda Item 7, "Israeli Illegal Trafficking in Organs of Dead and Kidnapped Palestinian Victims" that advances the blood libel that "Israeli physicians remove organs [from Palestinians] they think marketable". This calumny was based on an article by Donald Bostrom in the

Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet* who subsequently admitted to CNN and *The Jerusalem Post* that he had absolutely no proof of any of the outrageous insinuations (note: Bostrom won Honest Reporting's "2009 Dishonest Reporter Award.") The charge was supposedly based on allegations from the family of Palestinian victim Bilal Ahmed Ghanem, but the family themselves admitted they never made such claims (they performed no autopsy and could not know).

Furthermore, experts have found the organ harvesting allegations to be ludicrous and medically impossible, since given the injuries described (including gunshot to chest and abdomen), the organs would not be usable for transplant (as noted by Dr. Andrea Meyerhoff, Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; and by Dr. Francis Delmonico, internationally renowned transplant specialist at Harvard).

Yet despite the complete exposure of all these hateful fabrications and despite the call from UN monitoring human rights NGO UN Watch among others for the President of the UN Human Rights Council and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to stop circulating the "anti-Semitic" libel, EAFORD (and UNHRC) has to date failed to respond and remove the slanderous accusations.

This is fitting: BDS supporters endlessly repeating their falsehoods, "backed up" by equally false authorities.

In my next report, I expose another ultra-extremist propaganda machine, Electronic Intifada.

Constantine Kaniklidis
Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)

Progressive Voices for Peace in the Middle East (PVPME)

LESSONS FROM THE LGBT

TO THE EDITOR:

On June 2, 2011 the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Community Center announced a moratorium on renting space to groups that organize around the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

According to the press release, "The Center has been forced to divert significant resources from its primary purpose of providing programming and

LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop or on disk.

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the *Gazette* knows the identity of the writer, and therefore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would impose an unfair burden of embarrassment or difficulty. Such letters must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-cooperative language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, fac-

tual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.
2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.
3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.



Please protect your feet and toes while working your shift at the Coop by not wearing sandals or other open-toed footwear.

*Thanks for your cooperation,
The Park Slope Food Coop*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



services to instead navigating between opposing positions involving the Middle East conflict....[T]he ensuing controversy has...consumed significant time and resources and forced Center staff to negotiate issues of anti-Semitism in political expression—an area outside the Center's expertise. For these reasons, the Center has adopted an indefinite moratorium. We have tried in good faith to weigh each space request while considering the deeply held beliefs of members of our community about these issues," said Board President Mario Palumbo. "But we are first and foremost a community services center and need to ensure that all individuals in our community feel welcome to come through our doors and get what they need to live healthy, happy lives. This must be our priority."

In responding to recent protests against this policy, the Center courageously reiterated its commitment:

"Providing space for organizing around the Israel-Palestine conflict strains resources and undermines our ability to ensure a supportive and neutral environment for everyone. That's why the moratorium will continue. The Center respects everyone's right to free speech and to organize, but on this issue we are simply asking both sides to take this organizing elsewhere."

For all the reasons cited above, the Park Slope Food Coop, like the LGBT Center, should place an indefinite moratorium not only on workshops but also on *Gazette* articles and letters about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. After three and a half years of acrimony and anguish surrounding this issue at an organization of diverse ethnicities, nationalities, religions and political views, after \$25,000 in costs to accommodate the unprecedented general meeting turnout which resoundingly rejected the BDS agenda, it's time to free up Coop resources for constructive endeavors toward our legitimate purpose and to recommit ourselves to our goals of inclusiveness and respect for diversity and civility.

The *Gazette* editorial staff has neither the time nor the qualifications to edit a journal of Middle-East affairs, which requires scrupulous fact-checking and evaluation of source credibility. It is not a violation of free speech to define realistic and equitable boundaries for an organization or publication. The Coop exists for a purpose and it concerns food, health and related subjects such as the environment and community activities that serve the membership, all valid subjects for workshops and writings in the *Gazette*.

Such prolonged focus on issues that go to the very heart of members' ethnic, national, religious and political sensibilities represents an abuse of the privileges and facilities offered by the Coop, and such activity should not be allowed to the detriment of neutrality, inclusiveness, and respect for diverse identities.

Sylvia Lowenthal

FREE SPEECH IN THE GAZETTE!

TO THE EDITOR:

Some comments on the letter of Ruth Bolletino in the May 3rd *Gazette*.

Ms. Bolletino wishes to call a halt to any letters to the editor that criticize Israel, but then goes on to generously praise Israel. She was one of the signatories to the group letter that appeared repeatedly in the *Gazette* prior to the referendum vote, strongly opposing the referendum and supporting Israel. One of the arguments made by opponents was that if you individually want to boycott Israeli products, just don't buy them. Well, Ms. Bolletino, if you don't want to face criticism of Israel, just don't read the critical letters—but don't try to suppress them. The Israeli lobby has for years, and for some time successfully, attempted to prevent the voicing of criticism of Israel. I, for one, although recognizing some of the virtues of that nation, believe that it should be open to criticism.

The referendum vote seemed to suggest that our membership did not want the Coop as an organization to get involved in the Palestinian-Israel conflict. But, when it comes to considerations of free speech, and *Gazette* policy during the 22 years that I have been a member, the membership has always been permitted to address letters to the Editor on any topic. Ms. Bolletino appears to want to make a conspicuous exception in the case of Israel.

Just because she and her group were successful in suppressing a vote on an Israeli boycott, she and other strong supporters of Israel should not be permitted to suppress the free speech of other members and to unilaterally alter *Gazette* policy.

Mel Spain

A THANK YOU TO COOP VOLUNTEERS

DEAR MEMBERS:

Thank you for supporting the Forth on Fourth Avenue (FOFA) committee's recent tree care project as part of the Park Slope Civic Council's Civic Sweep on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

FOFA's effort to bring the Spring Civic Sweep to Fourth Avenue was a huge success, with 17 tree beds brought into care. The 17 tree beds were cleaned, cultivated, planted, mulched and had the now-familiar FOFA DYI (do-it-yourself) tree guards installed. FOFA members received significant positive feedback from passersby.

We appreciate the help that the Park Slope Food Coop's volunteers provided for the event. Your volunteers supported our efforts to engage the community in street-tree maintenance and overall neighborhood improvement. We will acknowledge the Park Slope Food Coop's contribution in our reporting of the Spring Civic Sweep on the Park Slope Civic Council's website.

Many thanks,

SJ Avery, FOFA co-chair
Elise Selinger, FOFA co-chair

THE \$250,000 ANNUAL SHOPLIFTING LOSS

TO THE EDITOR:

Every checkout worker, at one time or another, encounters the shopper who won't unpack all her produce from her bag. Who can blame her? The items are all unit priced, and don't need to be weighed. They are already packed, and we will save time. We are all Coop members and we can trust each other, right?

Except some of our fellow Coop members are violating that trust. The Coop loses about \$250,000 a year to shoplifting. That is a lot of money, even it is only just over half of one percent of our gross. More important, good will is the capital of the Coop. The loss in terms of good will is orders of magnitude larger than the theft of merchandise.

If you are the checkout worker, what do you say to the shopper who won't unpack? "I'm sorry, but I need to see what is in your bag," thinking that means "unpack your items like you would at a regular supermarket, which is what you are supposed to do in the Coop." Instead, the shopper pulls open her opaque plastic bag, but the greens are packed tightly and you can't see to the bottom. Is it only greens in the bag? Or is there an expensive bottle of vitamins hiding under everything? You, the checkout worker, are in a lose-lose situation. Do you insist or do you let it go? Do you risk offending the shopper or do you let the rules be broken?

Shoppers should not be putting

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Saturday, June 16
2-6 p.m.

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Non members Welcome

BIKE PART
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Bike parts and accessories swap for
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checkout workers in situations like this. We need to improve our Coop culture and we need to collectively tackle this theft issue.

Professionals are required to take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses. Many people periodically take a defensive driving course to lower their auto insurance premium. Let's consider establishing member re-orientation sessions that could be used for work slot credit. These classes will nurture the cooperative spirit of our member-owner-worker community, thereby improving everyone's Coop experience and, I hope, reducing theft.

In Cooperation,
Barbara Mazor

PLASTIC BAGS
AT THE COOP

TO THE EDITOR:

The truth is that if you don't think this change is urgently necessary, then you don't understand the scope of the problem. It's that simple. Once you've quieted your mind by ceasing to defend your current (convenience-based) behavior, and genuinely comprehended the irrefutable facts about plastic and its toxicity, you understand that we MUST change our ways.

You then also understand that in order to amend our (convenience-based) system, you (and the Coop) will inevitably encounter many personal and institutional challenges, but that these challenges are microscopic compared to the towering environmental crises we face.

Eric Metzgar

LESS CONVENIENCE,
MORE SUSTAINABILITY

TO THE EDITOR:

It's heartening to see more frequent and thoughtful discussion of the plastic bag issue in the pages of the *Gazette*. For the most part, it appears that the answer to "Are Coop Shoppers Ready To Give Up Plastic Bags?" (May 3) is "YES!"

It should be clarified that the proposal is not a ban on the use of plastic bags, but a phase-out of their free distribution in our Coop shopping aisles—currently at the rate of 383 never-biodegradable bags per hour.

For those who want an effective payment system for the bags we use, it's already available. We can purchase additional bags directly from the Coop shelves whenever we forget. That is the most persuasive reminder to bring our own next time. Paying for our bags keeps us mindful of the catastrophic environmental costs of plastic that are usually not passed along to us as consumers.

And for those who claim that we need to keep providing free plastic bags because they're reusable: If they're so reusable, why are we distributing 3,359,520 new ones every year?

New Coop member Liz King truly deserved the last word: "It's hard to remember to bring them from home. But I'd be proud of myself for remembering to do it."

In Cooperation,
Regina Sandler-Phillips

ALBERT'S PRINCIPLES

TO THE EDITOR:

(Modeled loosely after *The International Cooperative Alliance Statement of Cooperative Identity*, which we so proudly display in the May 1 Issue of our dear *Gazette*.)

I say loosely because it's getting harder and harder to find any sense of identity here. The Statement says we unite to meet our common *economic, social, and cultural needs*, and that we unite *voluntarily*. If you remember in my Candidate Statement I was talking about the Occupy movement and anarcho-syndicalism, and I said that they have *small groups, affinity groups*. For as long as I've been a member it's been our settled policy never to limit membership. By *our* I don't mean we shared or even knew about this policy, only that those in control have always *exhibited* this policy whenever a decision was made. As in China during the

Cultural Revolution when they let thugs batter intellectuals, the policy of the government was to be ascertained not by listening to the radio or reading the newspapers, but by reading the posters and graffiti on the wall—why do I always want to spell it *grafitti*?!!! Now, of course, the Empire of Greater Foodia has so far exceeded its Manifest Destiny that even the rulers have conceded that it's enough, putting the brakes on through reduced orientation opportunities, and issuing urgent and ever more elaborate exhortations about clearing the Firehouse driveway.

So we don't really *unite voluntarily* with a small group for a specific purpose, we *join* an intentionally large and ever more anonymous organization in a world we never made, *because we have to* to get cheaper food or meet singles. More like renewing a driver's license, which I did recently, than participating in any movement that's worth mentioning; much less dying, or even sacrificing a significant amount of time.

I'm also pleased that it says economic, social, and cultural needs—note the *and*. Tell that to our *Boycottistas* on both sides, many of whom want nothing more than to finish their work-slot and go home, complaining "Why can't we do our work online?"

Since it was formed, I've been complaining bitterly about the Disciplinary Committee, its secrecy and insularity, and the danger that arises from its omnipotent ability to decide which rules will be enforced and how. Now my fears have come to roost: I have been permanently relieved of my duties in Child Care, after seventeen years of blameless service there and elsewhere, for asking a person, politely, whether they were gay, and potching a friend in the tuchus—and neither of these things happened in Child Care! I recognize that the Co-Op has to protect itself from even possible child molesters, but I also understand that if they had to confront me, or even put their allegations in writing, probably none of my accusers would ever have come forward. *Sneak attack!*

Thank Goddess for the Occupy Movement—the Co-Op never had a clue!

In solidarity, and please, please, PLSSssss vote for me in June!

albert
718-768-9079
hobces@yahoo.com

JOIN THE FUN,
JOIN NOFA NY

TO THE EDITOR:

Our esteemed produce coordinator, Allen Zimmerman, has asked me to write this letter. He knows that I've been a member of Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, NOFA NY, for many, many years and can speak from first-hand experience about how much fun it is to participate in their events.

First of all, many of the farmers and vendors whose products we are privileged to find on the Coop shelves are

grown and/or produced by NOFA NY member farmers and craftspeople. I include here the bakers, cheese makers, nut-butter producers, organic nut packagers as well as the farmers. I have been attending the annual winter NOFA NY conference in January for several years. Maybe some of you remember my articles in the *Gazette* about these events? Very often the topics discussed and the keynote talks are of direct relevance to our beloved Coop. This past January the overall theme was 'food justice'; a topic of great importance here in Brooklyn.

In addition, there is nothing more inspiring than meeting and making friends among the farmers of NY State. They are without exception a group of dedicated, intelligent and extremely hard-working folks who love meeting people whom they feed, even those of us who are not farmers. I've learned so much from them and from interacting with them on an annual basis. I've visited some of them on their farms and even stayed overnight at one farm that also has a B&B. I've made friends with one of the growers of the wheat that is now being grown as part of the NE Organic Grains Project started by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the researchers at the University. Farmers are beginning to grow grains and legumes in New York again in an effort to make our region as food independent as possible and obviate the need to ship grains across the country. New York was, back in the 19th century, a 'breadbasket' state.

If you want to have some fun and learn a lot, join NOFA NY and come to the annual conference. It's been held for the past three years in Saratoga Springs; a very agreeable place. Seeing over 1,000 organic farmers in one place at one time is a real turn on for me. Maybe it would be for you too.

Marion Stein
Coop and NOFA NY member

PARKADISE LOST

*You've circled the block five times
In search of a spot for your car,
Frustration mounting fast
Making you wish for a bar.*

*And then an oasis appears:
A woman sliding in
Behind a Chevy wheel.
Beats a tonic-and-gin!*

*You parallel your Ford
And quickly mouth "Going out?"
And in response she nods
Her head—success sans doubt.*

*You smile from shoulder to shoulder
And praise your lucky day,
Preparing to move in
And shout a loud hurray.*

*But then she reaches down
And suddenly you're vexing—
She's taken out a phone
And commencing texting.*

*Five fretful minutes pass.
You're ready for a cage.
You slap your steering wheel.
Hello to parking rage!*

Leon Freilich

What Is That? How Do I Use It?
Ask Me Questions
About Coop Foods

Monday, May 28, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Friday, June 1, 8 to 10:45 a.m.

Monday, June 4, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Monday, June 11, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

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question-and-answer session
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WELCOME!

A warm welcome to these new Coop members who have joined us in the last two weeks. We're glad you've decided to be a part of our community.

Danna Agmon	Roxana Cervantes	Jamelia Everly	Joanna Justice	Gina Mikan	Jules Roazen	Julia Starchevsky
Lynda (Lynn) Aristote	Jerie Choi	Richard Exelbert	Elliott Kelly	Javontae Miller	Alexis Robie	Garfield Stinvil
William Backus	Jessa Clendenen-	Michael Fives	Ajit Kumar	Jens Neumann	Hope Ross	Ruby Strait
Emily Baron	Hellman	Hannah Flor	Alan Kwon	Shana Norberg	Kristopher Ross	Kendra Strasburg
Lizzy Berryman	Eileen Collins	Michael Fromm	Katie Ligon	Melisa Osorio	John Rossiello	Yelena Turouskaya
Daniel Bodah	Shana Dahl	Lynn Gaffney	Monte Macdiarmid	Mariely Otero	Amanda Rutledge	Michael Weaker
Vesna Bosnar	Sharon Dang	Shuja Haider	Kim Massey	Ves Phillippi	Philip Sachs	Lindsay Whitman
Debby Brand	Ashley Davis	Yan-luan Ho	Robert Mauksch	Arthur Phillips	Rudi Salamon	Marc Whitman
Cheryl Brown	Jennifer Ecclestone	Greta Holmes	Christina Messling von	Erin Pope	Dan Simundza	Martin Williams
Karen Bulthuis	Howard Edelson	Kristen Johnson	Timothy Miano	Benjamin Puckey	Craig Sopata	
Eve Campbell	Luis Espinal	James Joughin	Ryan Migge	Denise Ramzy	Sloan Springer	

Saturday, June 2

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

An asterisk (*) denotes a Coop member.

SAT, MAY 19

8-10:30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Liz Zelin: "Outrageous Older Woman" CD release and Colleen Kattau: "In My Name" CD release. Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or peoplesvoice-cafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member.

SUN, MAY 20

11 a.m. Damo I Jin—a 'tendon-changing' form of Chi Kung ("life-force energy practice")—returns to Prospect Park, weather permitting. Newcomers are welcome to join the class any week. For more info, contact quicksilverdance@yahoo.com or 212-946-1537.

11 a.m. "Stop Stop and Frisk" with Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane Williams. A leading

critic of NYPD's Stop & Frisk strategy subjecting men of color to unwarranted searches, he will evaluate the prospects of community policing. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53PPW @ 2nd St. www.BSEC.org.

WED, MAY 23

6-9 p.m. The Power House Arena, Book launch party: Apron Anxiety; My messy affairs In and Out of the Kitchen by Alyssa Shelasky Refreshments will be served: 37 Main Street, Bklyn, NY 11201. For information, call 718-666-3049. RSVP: rsvp@powerHouseArena.com

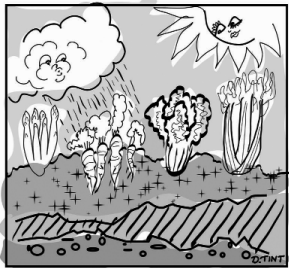
FRI-MON, MAY 25-28

Weekend of Folk/Roots Music at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa, Kerhonkson, NY 12446. Sing, jam, listen, relax, socialize. Featuring Elizabeth & Sandy Laprelle - Appalachian, Bill

Christophersen & Dave Howard—old time, Triboro—vibrant trio, John Krumm - dance caller, rounds & children's music. Car pools. Details: www.folkmusicny.org

WED, JUN 20

7 p.m. Is Starbucks really green? Is Trader Joe's really organic? Find out when Coop member Fran Hawthorne discusses her newest book, "Ethical Chic: The Inside Story of the Companies We Think We Love" (Beacon Press) Community Bookstore, 143 Seventh Ave. Free (Autographed books are for sale).



Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

1	8	3	7	4	9	6	2	5
4	5	7	8	2	6	9	3	1
6	9	2	1	3	5	7	8	4
7	4	1	3	6	8	5	9	2
9	6	8	2	5	4	1	7	3
2	3	5	9	7	1	4	6	8
3	1	6	5	8	7	2	4	9
5	2	4	6	9	3	8	1	7
8	7	9	4	1	2	3	5	6



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