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## Members Debate Debit and Credit Cards at the September GM

By Lois Sakany



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**D**ebate over whether the Coop should accept debit or credit cards dominated September's General Meeting, which was attended by approximately 30 members. For just over an hour and a half, in a measured discussion, members raised issues including the cost of debit and credit cards and their effect on sales and the membership. The possibility of placing a cash machine in the Coop rather than bringing in debit and credit cards was also discussed. The debate ended with no immediate plan of action or vote taken on the future of debit and credit cards at the Coop.

In addition to the discussion on debit and credit cards, Coordinator Mike Eakin presented the financial report and committee reports were presented by the Renovation and Agenda Committees. Member Simeon Rose announced the launch of a volunteer-run Coop web site. The meeting concluded on a sour note when the board of directors voted to approve meeting minutes from July and August despite protestations from several members and a coordinator.

Coordinator Linda Wheeler introduced the topic of debit and credit cards by asking members to "put on our hats as owners." She argued that while not all members may use debit and credit cards, all members could benefit from the potential increase in sales connected to them. Linda described the

markup that would come in conjunction with the cards as a "big deal" and compared the decision that Coop members have to make on this issue as similar to the membership's decision to provide childcare at the Coop and plastic bags.

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Linda also explained that, unlike plastic bags, charging members according to their individual use of the cards would not be an option with debit and credit cards. "We have to sign a contract stating that members will not pay for use and that cash and credit will be equal." The presentation included a chart comparing debit and credit card costs with the costs of bank charges for handling cash and checks.

The ramifications of a markup were particularly worrisome to members, and many of the questions and comments raised addressed this topic. Several members expressed concern over the effect of a markup on the Coop members with low or fixed incomes. Said Eric Schneider, "I would probably use them, but they are fundamentally unfair. I would like to think we care about people at the lowest income level."

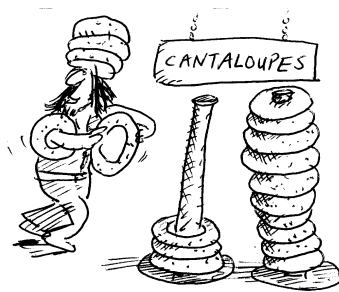
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## Geometrically Engineered Foods: The Controversy Continues

By Terry Bisson, for the Continuing Controversy Subcommittee (CCSC) of the Controversy Committee (CC)

**T**he Coop debate over geometrically engineered foods took on new urgency last week after a five-foot stack of rectangular Cubesteak® tomatoes toppled in Aisle One, frightening a small boy and staining his Pokemon cards.

Though the child was not injured, the accident was "a

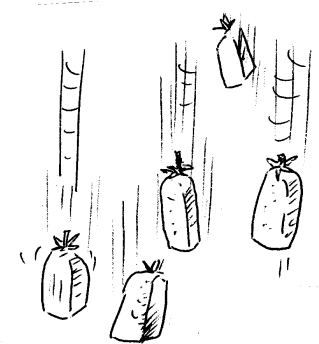


wake-up call," according to opponents of geometrically engineered (or "GE") foods. It comes after a similar incident in September when two FTOP workers were injured in what they thought was a mock sword fight with Monsanto razor bananas.

"Are we going to let giant, soulless corporations dictate the shape of the foods we eat?" complained Amanda Watson-Crick, co-chairperson of the Coop's DNA Watch Committee (and a member of Euclidean Alert International.)

"Corporations are part of nature, too," responded Gordon Liddy-Gaiter, long-time Coop member and amateur

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### Next General Meeting on October 26

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl.

The agenda is printed inside this issue (see index below) and is posted at the Coop Community Corner. Information about agenda items may also appear with the agenda. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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## Coop Event Highlights

- Saturday, Oct. 23** Pumpkin Sale
- Tuesday, Oct. 26** General Meeting: presentation of floor plans and report from the Renovation Committee
- Thursday, Nov. 4** Food Class-Puerto Rican Cooking
- Saturday, Nov. 6** The Coop at Brooklyn Museum  
1st Saturday series
- Friday, Nov. 19** Coop Night at the Good Coffeehouse

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

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Several members argued, however, it wasn't safe to assume that low and fixed income members would not be using debit and credit cards themselves. "I think we have no knowledge if people on fixed incomes use cards less than anyone," commented Linda.

Linda's presentation indicated that the bank would charge successively higher fees for debit cards with no Visa or Master Card logo, debit cards with Visa or Master Card logo and credit cards. Member Miriam Strasberg wondered if the markup could reflect usage of the three different types of cards: "Is it easy to be flexible about the markup?"

## Less cash could make the Coop a less appealing target for robbery.

Coordinator Joe Holtz answered that he felt it was possible to adjust the markup on a periodic basis. Said Joe, "We could do that. We're very good about keeping track of our finances."

Simeon Rose wondered if the need for a markup was absolute, "Why always talk about markup? If we increase efficiency in certain areas, we may not need to do markups."

At least two members wondered if it was wise to consider a markup for debit and credit cards while the Coop was in the midst of a move that might prove more costly than expected. Said member Riana McLoughlin, "We may end with a markup now and in the future." Riana suggested that the Coop postpone any decision about credit and debit cards until the expansion was completed.

In addition to concerns over a markup, several members also discussed the effects of debit and credit cards on current and potential members. Coordinator Joe Holtz stated that on more than one occasion he had gotten feedback from orientation leaders that attendees thought it was "weird" that the Coop didn't accept debit and credit cards. Member Ken Garson agreed, "When I joined, I thought it was bizarre that the Coop didn't take cards."

Two members who had cashier work shifts felt that if debit and credit card purchases replaced even some cash purchases, it would make deposit drop-offs safer. And while another cashier argued that robbers don't know whether the drop off

person is carrying cash or credit, Linda Wheeler pointed out that less cash could make the Coop a less appealing target for robbery.

There was also some debate over whether debit and credit cards would ultimately increase members' time waiting in line for both the check out and the cashier. Based on their experience in other stores, some members felt that cards would increase their wait time. Linda Wheeler responded that while there would be a learning curve, her experience was that debit card purchases were quick. Linda also pointed out that because of food stamp requirements the phone lines that the Coop needs to hook into the system are already in place.

The option of installing an automatic cash machine in the Coop rather than accepting debit and credit cards was also addressed. Mike Eakin noted several disadvantages including the need for an armored truck to deliver cash to the Coop and the high fee for withdrawing cash from an automatic cash machine versus the cost of debit and credit cards. Regarding cash machines as they would fit into the Coop once the expansion is completed, a member of the Renovation Committee added, "Every square inch of the Coop is spoken for and it would be a big deal to put a [cash machine] in." Another member pointed out that because there are several cash machines located on Seventh Avenue bringing one into the Coop would not increase convenience significantly.

Despite potential advantages, several members felt that debit and credit cards were ultimately wrong for the Coop. "I am no friend of financial institutions," commented member and Board Member Doyle Warren, "I was a long-time credit card user, but I am no longer using them. [Credit and debit card companies] are not exactly fair merchants. If we're a unique organization, why don't we stay unique?"

Conversely, member Jerry Wintrob commented, "I'm a small business owner and for 16 years I resisted [debit and credit cards] because I didn't want people to spend above their means. I decided to carry them recently because people wanted them."

Just prior to the discussion on debit and credit cards, Simeon Rose caused a slight stir when he announced the launch of a web site that included the Park Slope Food Coop in both its address and header.

Simeon announced that the site ([www.parkslopefoodcoop.org](http://www.parkslopefoodcoop.org)) was ready to accept articles and added, "No articles will be censored or suppressed in any way. The site is a small step towards functioning democracy at the Coop."

Coordinator Linda Wheeler was clearly surprised by the announcement and expressed concern that the site was representing itself as the Coop's official site. "The official site of the Coop is [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com). Do you represent that your site is an official representation of the Park Slope Food Coop?" asked Linda.

In support of the site, Eric Schneider commented, "Check out [the site]. He did a great job. He's soliciting opinions across the spectrum. It's clear that it's democracy in action. We can only welcome things that increase discussion." Both Linda and member and GM chairperson Wandajune Bishop felt the site should include a disclaimer.

Member Myra Klockenbrink of the Renovation Committee announced that a design for the expansion had been approved and that a print out of the design and a walk through would be published in the October 7 *Linewaiters' Gazette*. Myra also announced plans to formally present and discuss the design plan and its budget at the next General Meeting. In response to a member question, she pointed out that the General Meeting will not be voting to accept the design plan. Said Myra, "The plan is not subject to GM approval." Myra pointed out that the budget, however, is subject to approval.

Elections for three Agenda Committee seats will take place at the November General Meeting. Agenda Committee member Mel Spain explained that the committee prioritizes items to put on the agenda. Added Mel, "We would like new blood if new blood would like to pour into our committee."

Board Member and squad leader Israel Fishman also announced plans to develop a Caring Committee that would provide shoppers for members with limited mobility who have difficulty getting to the Coop. Interested members can reach Israel at 718-633-2824.

The Coordinator's report was presented by Mike Eakin, who reported that the gross margin at 15.31% "was not very good." The Coop also has a total of \$451,741 in member loans, most received follow-

# GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:00 P.M.

- Items will be taken up in the order given.
- Times in parentheses are suggestions.
- More information on each item may be available at the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7:00 & 7:15 p.m.

## Location:

Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall  
(Garfield Temple)  
274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.

## Item #1: Agenda Committee Election (20 minutes)

**Election:** "Four two-year terms are open. Nominations are being accepted now and will be accepted on the floor of the GM. Three members whose terms have expired are seeking reelection." —submitted by the Agenda Committee

## Item #2: Renovation Project (70 minutes)

**Discussion:** "Presentation and discussion of the Renovation Committee's plan for the new store. Floor plans will be available at the meeting and an article and floor plans appear in the October 7 *Gazette*." —submitted by the Renovation Committee

## Future Agenda Information:

For information on how to place an Item on the Agenda, please see the center right page of this issue.

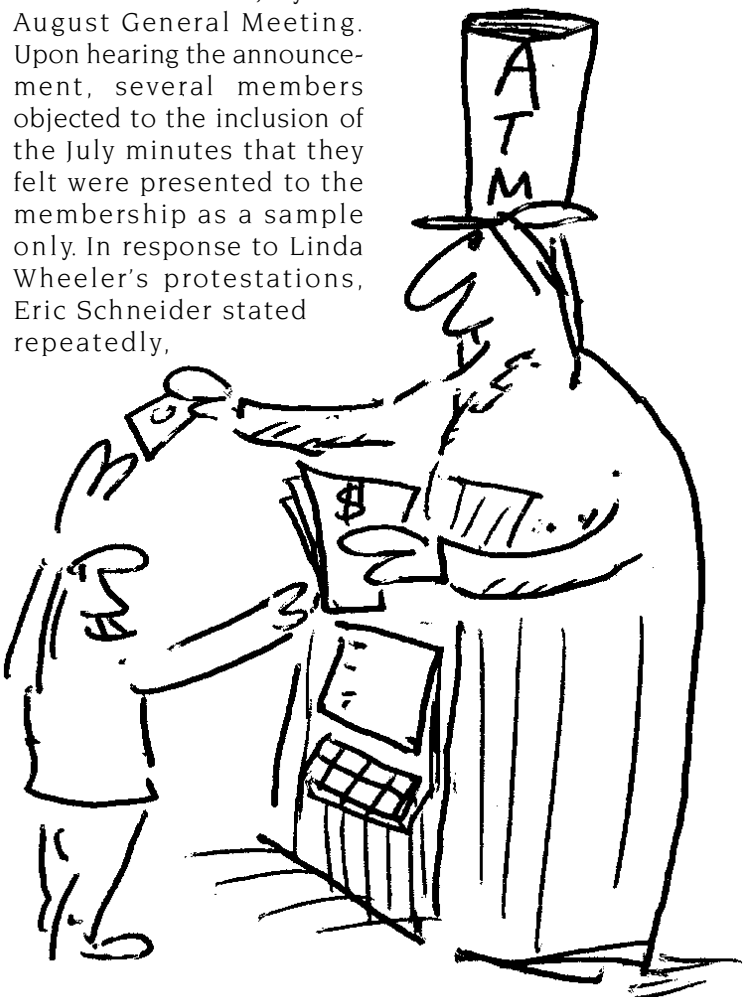
The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the office and at all GMs.

ing approval of the Coop expansion. And while Coop sales are up over seven percent due to increased membership and sales per member, Mike concluded, "We are a little better off than we were a year ago, but we should be much better off."

The September General Meeting ended on a slightly acrimonious note when all six Board of Directors members met and announced plans to vote for the first time to approve meeting minutes from the July and August General Meeting. Upon hearing the announcement, several members objected to the inclusion of the July minutes that they felt were presented to the membership as a sample only. In response to Linda Wheeler's protestations, Eric Schneider stated repeatedly,

"Write a letter to the *Gazette*." Though one Board member abstained, the remaining members approved the minutes for both July and August.

In the meeting wrap up, Eric Schneider apologized for "acting stifling." Joe Holtz also commented on the vote, "This was our first time doing this and it didn't go smoothly. If there's a problem with the minutes, we need to all hear it. We need to establish an end-of-meeting procedure." ■



# Sustaining Neighborhood Diversity

By Mary Harmon

During the 15 years I have lived on Baltic Street in Cobble Hill, I have watched the neighborhood go through a transformation. In the seventies, our area was red-lined by realtors; now rents begin at \$1,500 for one-bedroom apartments and houses sell for upward of \$500,000. In the past few months alone, four houses on Baltic Street between Smith Street and Court Street have been sold and are undergoing major renovation. Some of the mom and pop candy stores and bodegas on Court and Smith remain, but they've been joined by a mix of trendy new shops and galleries, plus an array of new service businesses targeted to the needs of a younger and growing population. Within a couple of blocks in each direction, we have the multi-screen Cobble Hill Cinema, which plays only first-run films; upscale galleries; and trendy women's and children's clothing boutiques. But the old character remains and the long-established businesses continue to flourish. Just around the corner on Court Street, there are such established family-owned businesses as the College Bakery, founded more than 70 years ago by the proprietor's father; Staubitz' Market, under its current ownership since 1956; and American Beer also known as Thrifty Beverage, going back to the late '40s. New restaurants seem to be popping up each month, alongside the still-thriving oldies such as Sam's Italian Restaurant, serving diners for over 60 years.

## A Microcosm of Diversity

The tenants and home owners in Cobble Hill are as diverse as the establishments they frequent. On my block alone are two multi-generational Chinese-American families, several tenants and homeowners from the Middle East; a 93-year-old woman from Ireland who has lived on the block over 60 years; a Chinese-American and Puerto Rican couple who grew up on the block and rent the apartment in their home to a Chinese-American woman and her African-American boyfriend; and, until recently a Mohawk Indian couple who had lived on the block for over 40 years.

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I was intrigued then, when my *Gazette* editor asked me to report on the success of the Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) in fighting the eviction of two elderly, long-time Cobble Hill residents from their apartments. I was enthusiastic when I learned that the residents, sisters Carmen and Feliza Soto, 87 and 82 years old, live on my block. My

interest mounted when Sue Echevarria, who owns the house next door to the building where the Sotos live, told me of how an older couple from China were evicted from the building's first-floor apartment last August. They own the Chinese restaurant on the corner of Smith and Baltic where their daughter and son-in-law work, and their other children and their grandchildren all live in the immediate neighborhood. The couple speaks no English.

"They were paying \$750 a month, and the new landlord wanted to raise the rent," says Sue, who does not recall the amount or the landlord's name. "They asked me to call the landlord on their behalf and offer to pay \$1,000 a month. He refused, and they had to move. I wish I had known about the Fifth Avenue Committee."

## Fifth Avenue Committee Comes To Baltic Street

I called Benjamin Dulchin, Director of Organizing for the Fifth Avenue Committee, to learn more about FAC. Dulchin explained that FAC is a 20-year-old neighborhood-based organization committed to the development of South Brooklyn in the interests of its residents. Among their many activities is the development and management of community-based affordable housing for low-income people. FAC estimates that we are losing five percent of our affordable apartments every year, due to landlords from other areas buying buildings, forcing out the tenants paying low rents and increasing rents to unaffordable proportions. The result is that long-time residents who stayed in the neighborhood when it was in poor condition and helped to improve it are now being victimized by prosperity.

## The Soto Sisters' Plight

As part of FAC's commitment to affordable housing, they responded when the Soto sisters sought help for the eviction proceedings their landlord, AAMA Corporation, began last January. Their building is not protected by rent-stabilization or rent-control laws, so the tenants have no protection from rent increases or from eviction if they cannot pay. The Sotos were paying \$500 a month for one apartment and slightly less for the other. The landlord wanted to take over the apartments and raise the rents to the market rate value of \$1,500 a month. Carmen

has lived in her one-bedroom apartment for 20 years and Feliza in hers for nine years. The women are non-English-speaking Cuban immigrants and live mainly on Social Security.

"We always thought that being quiet, respectful senior citizens who paid the rent on time was good enough," Carmen Soto told the *Daily News* on July 6; "but I guess that doesn't matter, not when you can make more money renting to young couples."

## Protest on Landlord's Front Lawn

They appealed to FAC for help, and on June 27 two buses carrying 70 Brooklyn protestors pulled up at the suburban home of Aaron Mandelbaum in Woodmere, Long Island bearing placards. Mr. Mandelbaum was not at home, but his son Edward, who was visiting from Florida invited the protestors into the yard and explained that his father had sold his interest in AAMA Corporation shortly after it had acquired the building at 323 Baltic Street. He promised to try to persuade AAMA's lawyer, Scott Brenner, to find the Sotos a suitable apartment in their neighborhood. He then called Mr. Brenner on his cell phone and handed the phone to the protest organizers. At one point Mr. Mandelbaum declared, "If I have to put Mrs. Soto up in this house, I will." Although the rally ended with applause for Edward Mandelbaum and Mandelbaum's compliments to the protestors on their turnout, Mr. Brenner told *The New York Times* the following day that the group's tactics were "borderline extortion" and refused to divulge the name of the building's new owner. Nevertheless, he did say he would try to find suitable alternative housing for the sisters and pay the moving and broker fees. He agreed to delay the eviction proceeding

until the end of the month while he looked for a new apartment.

Benjamin Dulchin, who led the protest explained that FAC decided on the front lawn protest because the Soto's eviction was one of a series of ten senior citizen evictions (by other landlords) under similar circumstances during the course of the previous six months.

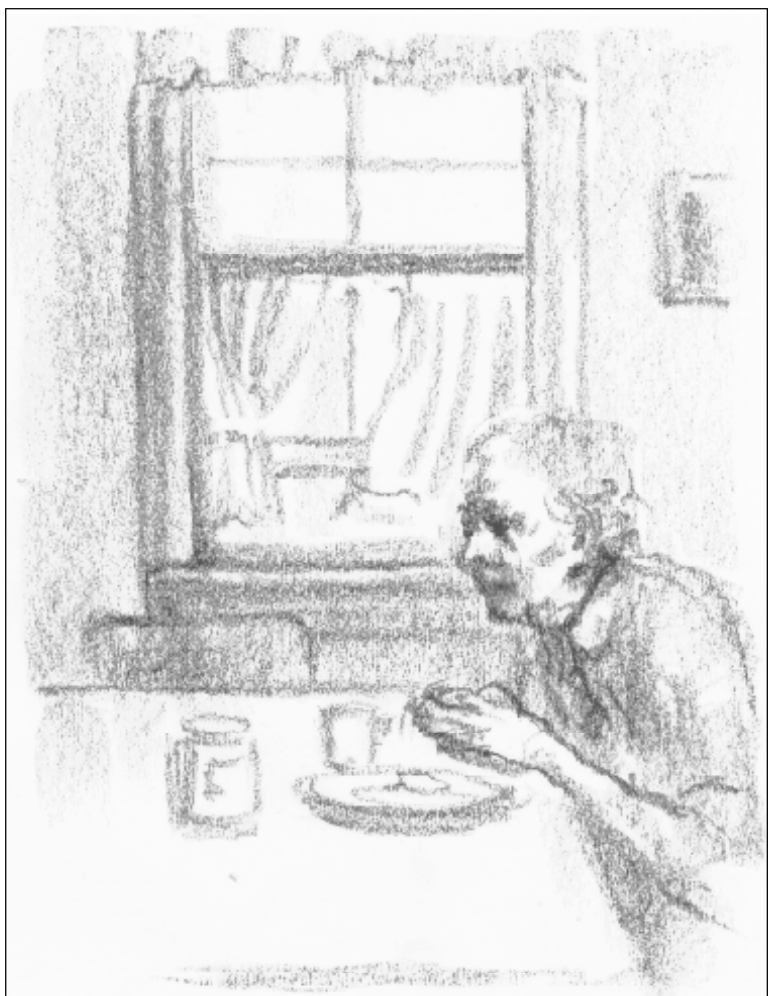
The story has had a happy ending for the Sotos. They now live together in one of the Baltic Street apartments, and the rent has been raised to only \$800 a month. But FAC continues working to prevent similar incidents.

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"We took the protestors to Long Island as a last resort," says Dulchin. "People joined in on only two weeks notice. It was a really hot and I was shocked and pleased with how quickly the neighborhood responded."

Dulchin said that he wants to turn this energy into an effective, on-going campaign. He went on to explain that in addition to responding to tenants' cries for help, he wants to address the underlying problem: landlords who come into neighborhoods,

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# Geometrically Engineered Foods

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patent attorney. "It's in the Constitution. Or something."

The Coop's coordinators were eager to join the debate. "GE is all about presentation," called out Allen Zimmerman, who was on a ladder, hanging a 44-foot strand of Kable Kuke<sup>a</sup> over the checkout lines. "And presentation is the key to marketing."

"Improved design makes for easier handling," added Receiving Coordinator Marty Stiglich as he supervised receivers racking donut cantaloupes onto poles for storage.

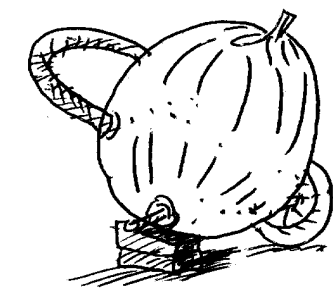
"Doing away with packaging cuts down on waste," said Janet Schumacher, proudly displaying a cartonless quart of interlocking icosahedron RubikBerries<sup>a</sup> in each

hand. "Besides, it wouldn't be the Coop if somebody didn't complain."

An informal and admittedly unscientific sampling of Coop members indicates that many, if not most, are making room in their lives for the new geometrically engineered foods.

"GE foods save both space and time," said divorced caterer and craftsperson Candi McCandle, checking out with a ball of Corn-on-the-String<sup>a</sup> and a half-ream of sheet garlic. "And in New York, space is time and time is space," her partner, who asked not to be identified by name, race, sex, age or occupation, added enigmatically.

There are problems, however. Shrinkage is becoming an issue, according to Security Coordinator Reno Tracy.



"The mini-melons are too easy for perps to pocket, and rowdy toddlers have been spotted snapping the wheels off the pull-behind pumpkins, rendering them unsaleable for Halloween."

"It's a question with a moral angle, so to speak," pointed out animal rights activist Karen Caring-Fellow, as she passed over a carton of star-shaped eggs in favor of the traditional ovals. "I worry about the hens."

The GE foods issue will come up at the next General Meeting, right after parking, plastic bags and Pokemon. ■

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

*Discussion of geometrically engineered foods has been postponed until after Halloween and referred to the Agenda Committee.*



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## Sustaining Neighborhood Diversity

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raise rents to amounts that existing tenants cannot pay and then serve eviction notices.

"We're mounting a campaign in November for the Displacement-Free Zone, known as DFZ," says Dulchin.

It's a new strategy to prevent displacement in our community by mobilizing community activism to strategically defend residents facing eviction, and proactively discourage landlords who intend to displace tenants.

FAC emphasizes that this is not an anti-landlord campaign. It is a pro-community campaign. FAC's literature discourages rhetoric about evil landlords; there are many good small landlords who contribute a lot to the community. The campaign committee even includes small landlords. FAC's focus is on defining the community's values, which include protecting low- and moderate-income tenants who have helped to build the community into what it is. The campaign will seek to keep away the landlords and brokers who intend to evict by encouraging sale prices and mortgages that do not require evictions.

The Committee will use posters, stickers or banners to declare that the area is a displacement-free zone, and that the community pledges to fight back against any eviction of a long-term tenant by a landlord who wants to dramatically increase the rent. They will widely publicize the zone in local papers and through mailings to

realtors, mortgage brokers and bankers.

FAC recognizes that the law is against them; therefore they plan to use creative tactics such as protesting at landlords' homes; working through churches to generate a hundred letters to a given landlord on the same day; and making eviction expensive for the landlord by dragging out the process in Housing Court. FAC has already received a promise of close cooperation from South Brooklyn Legal Services to take any case within the DFZ, including cases that they would not ordinarily take because they are un-winnable, and to use creative legal tactics to stall the case at the landlord's expense.

## FAC's "Campaign of Conscience"

The Campaign of Conscience, a corollary to the DFZ, will organize religious congregations and other institutions to mobilize their constituents through a moral consensus to preserve economically and ethnically diverse neighborhoods. Activities will include giving awards to good landlords who provide decent housing at affordable rents and recognizing religious organizations that use some of their property to develop affordable housing. ■

For more information about the Fifth Avenue Committee, visit their website: [fajcfifthave.org](http://fajcfifthave.org).

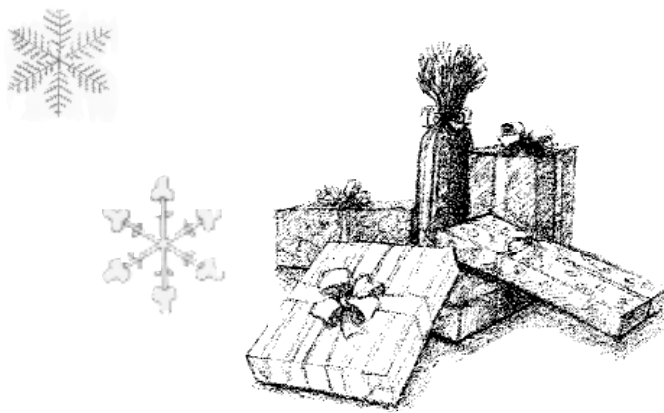
Park Slope Food Coop



# Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, December 11  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Old First Reformed Church  
7th Avenue & Carroll Street



## Park Slope Food Coop and WNYC, present a special concert at the Brooklyn Museum's "First Saturday" in November

WNYC's popular radio series "New Sounds with John Schaefer" hosts a live performance featuring some of Brooklyn's leading contemporary musicians, and treasured coop members.

Electric Guitarist **Mark Stewart**: one of the country's premiere new music guitarists and member of Bang-On-A-Can Allstars, Steve Reich & Musicians and the Fred Frith Guitar Quartet.

Chris Speed's Balkan/Macedonian music project: Exciting dance music from the Balkans.

James Nyorarku Schlefer, shakuhachi: Traditional Zen music and the premiere of a new composition for multiple shakuhachis.



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

November 6th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY

FREE. No reservations, so come early.

For more information: 718.638.5000 ext. 372

# “New Sounds” at Free Coop Concert

By Ann Pappert

In early November the Coop will join with the Brooklyn Museum and radio station WNYC's popular series “New Sounds with John Schaefer” for a special concert as part of the Museum's popular First Saturdays. The November 6th event will feature some of New York's leading contemporary musicians, all Coop members.

Since the Museum launched First Saturdays last fall, it has become one of the city's most popular events, attended by over 5,000 people. On the first Saturday of every month the Museum opens its doors without charge from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. for a program of art and entertainment. Most of the Museum galleries are open (special, ticketed shows, however are usually not accessible or require a ticket) and Museum curators offer



talks and gallery tours.

John Schaefer, a long time Coop member has been interested in doing a concert with the Coop for some time. “One of the first things we had to decide on was where, which venue would be appropriate,” he told me. “I’ve been wanting to work at the Brooklyn Museum for a

long time. They have a number of wonderful spaces there. And it seemed like the perfect opportunity, a neighborhood organization. That was one reason for choosing the Museum, we wanted to drive home that community connection.”

All of the performers John selected are well known on the New York music scene. Chris Speed is a sax and clarinet player who leads several of his own bands. Speed frequently plays with many well-known downtown musi-

cians, what Schaefer calls “the Knitting Factory crowd.” For the First Saturday concert, Speed will feature music from his Balkan/Macedonian

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music project, with exciting dance music from the Balkans using reeds, Balkan drums and strings.

Electric guitarist Mark Stewart is a member of the Bang-On-A-Can All-Stars, and has played with Steve Reich and Fred Firth. Schaefer calls Stewart one of the country's leading new music guitarists and says that he has helped define New York's “Downtown” sound. “He’s a very unusual and inventive player,” Schaefer says. “He’s as apt to play the strings of the guitar with a portable fan as he is with his fingers.”

James Schlefer plays the Japanese shakuhachi flute. But he’s not just any flute player. Schlefer is one of only a handful of Westerners regarded as licensed masters of the Japanese bamboo flute. He also plays contemporary Western music on western flutes. His annual winter solstice piece, which usually calls for about 18 shakuhachi flutes, has become something of a downtown tradition. For the November concert Schlefer will premiere a new composition for multiple shakuhachis.

John Schaefer says that he sees the concert, “as a little variety show. I would have liked to have been able to fit in another group or two. But even so, people will hear three really different types of music.”

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Schaefer will introduce each musician and talk a bit about the Coop. Although the concert, like all First Saturday events, is free, the Fun’Raising Committee hopes that it will increase the visibility and awareness of the Coop. The concert will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum's auditorium. Admission is on a first come basis.

In addition to this concert, November's First Saturday program includes Chuck Clark and his Little Big Band playing post-pop jazz in the

Hall of the Americas from 6:00-9:00 p.m., a screening of the Woody Allen film, “Broadway Danny Rose,” in the auditorium at 9:00 p.m., and the

Grand Lobby Dance Party with Sam Archer and his band playing a mix of Caribbean and jazz from 9:00-11:00 p.m.

John Schaefer has been associated with WNYC since 1981. His shows have always focused on new music. He also produces and hosts the station's live concerts and in-studio performances. Right now he is producing a CD for their next on-air fundraiser drawn from the station's own live recordings.

Although he has worked in commercial radio, his commitment is to public broadcasting. “There is no way that



PHOTO BY LISA COHEN

**John Schaefer, host of “New Sounds with John Schaefer.”**

I could ever have done what I’ve done at NYC at a commercial station. A program like New Sounds just wouldn’t fly in a commercial format. Public radio, especially WNYC, which has this fear-some reputation in the public radio system, has allowed me to do a remarkable amount of off the wall stuff. It’s a credit to the listeners that have been there and supported it. That’s basically how public radio works.”

Schaefer sees a connection between his work on public radio and belonging to the Coop. “It’s not just in the one instance, someplace you go to do some work and pick up a pay check, and in the other instance, it’s not just some place you go because you need some food. In both cases you have a personal stake in how the organization fares. You’re personally vested in it and it’s very much a community.” ■

## Brooklyn Museum of Art

200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238-6052

### Open First Saturday Every Month Until 11 p.m. Don’t Miss the Next First Saturday, November 6

#### November 6 Schedule of Evening Programs

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| 5 p.m.    | <b>Modern Voices: Artists, Curators, and Critics Speak Out</b><br>Independent curator and critic Dominique Nahas on narration in contemporary art  |
| 6-9 p.m.  | Swing to <b>Chuck Clark and His Little Big Band</b> and their exuberant post-bop jazz in the Hall of the Americas  |
| 7 p.m.    | <b>Performance with WNYC’s New Sounds Live</b><br>John Schaefer and the Park Slope Food Coop serve up wild Balkan rhythms, unpredictable electric guitar sounds, and the haunting melody of the Japanese flute in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium |
| 9 p.m.    | <b>Broadway Danny Rose</b> (1984, 86 min., PG), dir. Woody Allen, screening in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium  |
| 9-11 p.m. | Grand Lobby Dance Party with <b>Sam Archer</b> and his modern blend of soca and jazz musical influences  |

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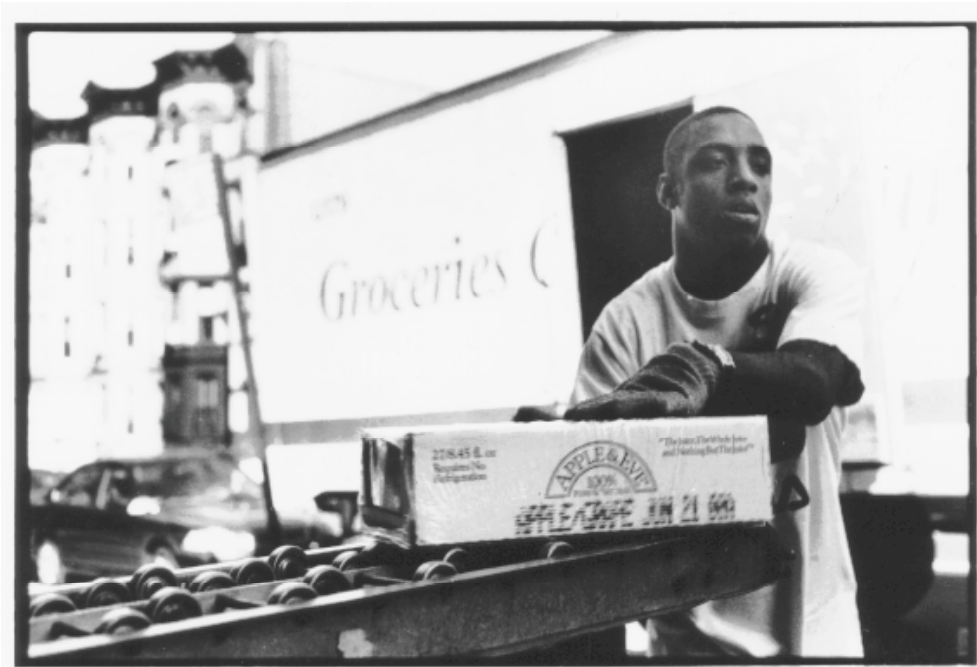




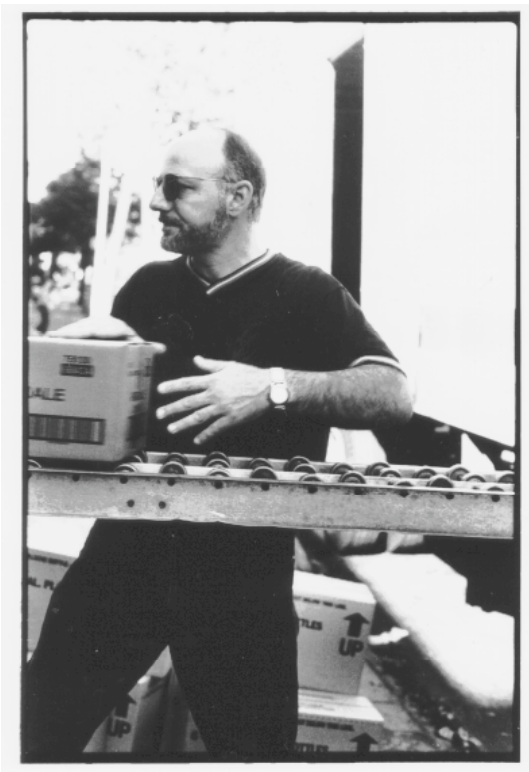
A new supplier? We should try them out. You never know.

# Receiving Department

*Photo Essay*  
By Ingrid Cusson



Student intern, Elvis Coward on the conveyor belt.



Rocco Imbriano moving a carton from Krasdale delivery along.



Receiving Coordinator, Jeremy Nadel relaxing between deliveries.



Aprons and sweatshirts for members working.



All the gloves you need for receiving.



Supplies in the receiving department.

## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

# Credit/Debit Cards at the Coop?

## Member Discussion Sought

By Joe Holtz, General Coordinator

*This column first appeared in the July 15, 1999 Linewaiters' Gazette and is being reprinted as a service to members. -Ed.*

Should the Coop accept credit and debit cards? We have been looking at this idea for several years. As the cards become more versatile and usage has become more widespread—including in supermarkets—more and more members and potential members have mentioned it as a convenience that they would like to have at the Coop. Recently also, the Renovation Committee did a random study among members that indicated that more than half the purchases at the Coop would be with these cards if we accepted them.

It seems that it is time to bring the topic to the membership for discussion at a General Meeting. In addition to the issues confronting any store or coop, there are issues particular to our Coop that have to be considered.

### Handling Card Transactions Within Our Member-Labor System

An attractive idea raised by some members is that of bypassing the cashier station because payment could be made at the checkout with a card. In one four-week period, we have about 350 cashiers. In the same four-week cycle, we have perhaps 1,000 different checkout workers. We don't know yet if it would be wiser to restrict cardpayment transactions to the smaller group. Research would need to be done to determine whether the larger and more changing group could handle them. If you have current or recent experience in processing card transactions at a retail store and can share your experience, please give one of the General Coordinators a call.

### Costs vs. Benefits

Did you know that businesses must pay for every transaction at the bank? That is, we must pay to buy funds for cashiers to start up; we must pay to deposit cash and to deposit checks; and, should we start to accept cards, we will have to pay for that, too. However, we already know that the fees for accepting credit cards and certain debit cards—those that have the MasterCard or VISA logo—run about 1% higher than the bank fees for depositing cash and checks and transactions from debit cards without those logos.

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We also know that card companies do not allow the option of handling debit cards without also handling credit cards.

Salespersons representing the card companies tell us not to worry about the 1% increase in fees because "people spend so much more when they use cards that the increase in sales will easily pay for both the higher fees and the costs associated with moving more food through your store." Indeed, this may actually be true for clothing stores, but is it true for supermarkets, and in particular, is it true for our unusual Park Slope Food Coop?

Will potential members care about the convenience (or lack thereof) of being able to use plastic when

they are considering joining? What about members—is this a significant factor in members' ongoing decisions about whether their membership provides enough benefit to justify their commitment to the Coop?

### How Would We Handle the Costs?

If we believe that it is true that card use will bring increased sales, then what are we waiting for? We would have more money for the Coop members' commonly owned treasury to pay Coop expenses; more convenience for the members who use cards; and benefit the Coop as a whole by improving overall member satisfaction.

If we don't believe or only partially believe the salespersons' projections, we have some choices: a) don't accept cards; b) accept cards but raise prices enough to pay the full cost (approximately 1%); c) accept cards and raise prices enough to pay for part of the cost; d) accept cards and don't raise prices unless (or until) our income does not increase enough to compensate for the costs.

One choice not allowed by the card companies is for the individual member using a card to be charged for the use of that card. Any price increase to pay for the cost of accepting cards will raise the controversial issue of people who don't use a card paying a higher price so that others can. Would the Coop benefit enough as a whole to balance these costs?

### Three Last Points

If we accept cards, we will handle less cash, and that's good for safety.

We will never be able to ascertain how much more money comes in from members spending more because they were able

to use a card. All we can know for certain is whether, overall, we have enough income to keep the Coop solvent.

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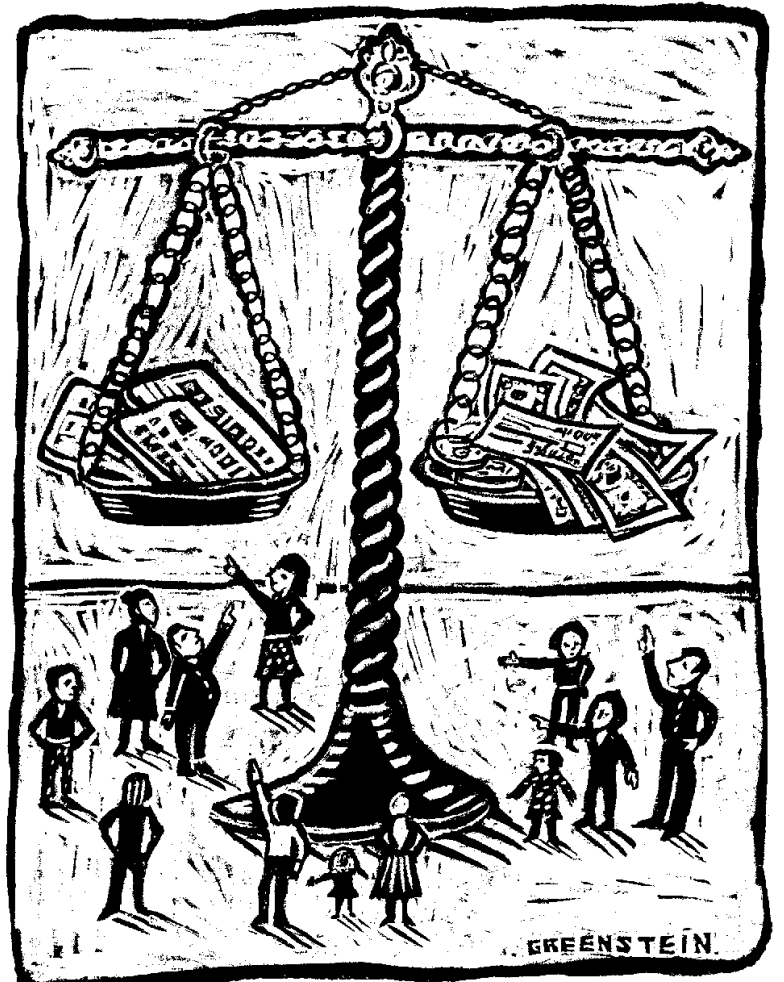
We are in this together. For better or for worse, we have a collective, cooperative decision to make. Our membership growth is currently on an upward trend. We could use continued growth to help us afford the expanded and better store that we voted for and that is being planned by the Renovation Committee.

If cards have become so much an assumed way of life that it will be held against the Coop when members and potential members measure the benefits of membership required, then collectively—both users and non-users alike—will benefit from the accepting of cards. This is a very serious question for all of us to address because if total membership lags, and if not accepting cards contributes to that lag, it is conceivable that the decision not to accept cards could still lead to higher prices as we carry our fixed costs on fewer shoulders.

### Member Discussion Needed

We have submitted this topic to the General Meeting Agenda Committee for open discussion. Watch the *Gazette* and the Coop Community Corner bulletin board for it to be scheduled.

Please share your comments with one of the General Coordinators and please come to the General Meeting to help discuss these and other issues raised at the meeting. Help answer the question of which direction will make us stronger. ■





### COOP HOURS

**Coop Office Hours:**  
Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Coop Telephone:**  
622-0560

**Hours for Getting Membership Cards:**  
Evenings — Monday & Thursday  
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Daytime — Monday through Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Coop Shopping Hours:**  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday 8:05 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.  
Saturday 8:05 a.m. to 7:30\* p.m.  
Sunday 8:05 a.m. to 5:00\* p.m.

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

**Childcare Hours for Shoppers:**  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday 8:05 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8:05 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:05 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**World Wide Web address:**  
<http://www.foodcoop.com>

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**Letters:** Maximum 500 words.

**Voluntary Articles:** Maximum 750 words.

**Submissions on Paper:** Double-spaced, typed or very legibly handwritten.

**Submissions on Disk:** We welcome 3.5" disks *along with* the paper copy of your letter or article. Please save your submission in text format. Disks are returned in the Member Disk Returns envelope at the back of the *Gazette* submissions box.

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The sound of one cello is sublime, but the sound of eight celli will delight you for all time.

### CELLENIUM

Cellennium, in its premiere year, is a cello octet. Its members are: Angelina DeSanctis  
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Elise Tobin-Dyer  
Anahit Haruturyan-Gaskill  
Phil Gaskill  
Marguerite Iskenderian  
Richard Putter  
Martha Siegel



This performance will be its debut, featuring Bachianas Brasileiras #1 by Heitor Villa-Lobos for Orchestra of Celli and the aria from Bachianas Brasileiras #5 for Orchestra of Celli and Soprano.

Special guests performing a program of solos and duets from composers Dowland, Purcell and Garay: Mara Goodman, alto; Barry Kornhauser, guitar; Maxine Feldman, soprano.

### Friday, November 19

53 Prospect Park West • 8:00 p.m.  
(at 2nd Street) • (doors open at 7:45)  
Tickets: \$8 at the door • \$7 in advance  
(at Soundtrack, 119 7th Ave.)  
Info: Ron Vincent, 768-7634  
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.

## Puzzle Corner

Contributions from members are welcome. Please sign your entries. If your puzzle is printed, you will be credited. Answer appears on page 14.

**Cryptogram Topic: Tinctures & Extracts**  
The code used on the list below is a simple letter substitution. That is, if "G" stands for "M" in one word, it will be the same throughout the list.

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# COOP CALENDAR

## New Member Orientation

Tell your friends. Orientations are held every Monday, every Wednesday and some Sundays.  
Mon., Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Weds., Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24  
Sunday, Oct. 31 & Nov. 21

Be sure to be here promptly: 7:30 or before! The orientation takes about two hours.  
Although we provide childcare during most of our shopping hours, we are unable to provide childcare for the orientations. We ask you not to bring small children.

## Gazette Deadlines:

**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**  
Nov. 4 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon., Oct. 25  
Nov. 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon., Nov. 8

## CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Nov. 4 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed., Oct. 27  
Nov. 18 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed., Nov. 10

## General Meeting

**TUE, OCT 26**  
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m. For location and further information please see the sidebar at right. The agenda also appears in this issue  
**TUE, NOV 2**  
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS for the November 30 GM: 8:00 p.m. Please see the sidebar at right for information on how to submit a General Meeting agenda item.

## Yogurt Container Recycling:

**SAT, NOV 13**  
...and every 2nd Saturday of the month. Noon–2:00 p.m. Clean yogurt, ice cream & sorbet containers & lids. ALL BRANDS.

## Coop Events

*Flyers are available in the display case outside the Coop. Also look for display ads in the Gazette.*  
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# Attend a GM

## Sign up to Receive Work Credit

In order to increase participation in the General Meeting, the GM has voted to allow a *once-per-year* workslot credit for attending a GM.

- Sign Up:**
- The sign-up sheet is posted at the Coop Community Corner beginning in the first week of each month.
  - Please *read the full instructions* posted above the sign-up sheet and follow them carefully.

- How It Works:**
- Coop members on squads in Shopping, Receiving, Inventory (except data entry), Maintenance, Daytime Office, Construction and FTOP can receive credit for one workslot by attending one GM. (Other squads are omitted because their work is more difficult to cover, or attendance at GMs is part of their job.)
  - After attending the GM, the member will summarize the meeting very briefly for their squad during the squad meeting of their *next* regular workslot.
  - You will report to your squad on the next day you work and may then skip the *second* regular workslot following the GM. The work credit may also be applied to make-ups owed or be banked as FTOP
  - *Missing the GM without canceling in advance will result in your owing a make-up, as you are making a commitment as well as taking a slot that someone else will not be able to take.*

# 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. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store.

**We welcome all who respect these values.**

# ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

## Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings 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 at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 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 in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appears 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 Linda Wheeler in the office.

## Meeting Format

- Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)**
- Meet the Coordinators
  - 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 for the next meeting.

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

- Agenda Discussion (8:00 p.m.)**
- The agenda is posted at 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)
- Meeting evaluation
  - Board of Directors Vote
  - Announcements, etc.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings in the community calendar are free. Please submit your listings in 40 words or less by mail or drop them in the mailslot just outside the main door of the Coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ad submissions. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

THU, OCT 21

CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IN BROOKLYN: a community health forum to seek the opinion of New Yorkers on issues related to the health of the public. 5-6:30 p.m. Brooklyn College, Student Union Building. Call Tamara Hubinsky, 212-442-3542.

FRI, OCT 22

BROOKLYN GREENS PROTEST INSECTICIDE SPRAYING: Rallies planned every Friday until the spraying is stopped. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Brooklyn Boro Hall, 209 Joralemon Pl @ Court St. 398-7204.

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Singer-songwriter-guitarist David Roche with musical guests in the world premier of “Odyssey,” a song cycle based on the Homeric epic. \$8. 8 p.m. 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

SAT, OCT 23

FLAX TO LINEN: demos with participation. the flax has been harvested from the children's garden. 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00 p.m. Lefferts Homestead Children's Historic House Museum, Flatbush Ave (near Empire Boulevard intersection. D/Q trains, 41 bus. Saturdays & Sundays in October. Ages 2-8. Free. Further info: 965-8945

BENEFIT CONCERT in support of Mumia Abu-Jamal, award-winning journalist & political prisoner on death row in Philadelphia. Bev Grant, Ben Silver and Prof. Louie & Fast Eddie, People's Voice Cafe, 133 W 4th St NYC, 212-787-3903. \$10, seniors \$5, members \$7

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get support for further initiatives. Newcomers to Part II also welcome. Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 622-0560.

JEWISH BOOK CLUB SERIES: “The Jew and the Lotus” by Roger Kamenetz. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, 131 Remsen St, 7:30 p.m., free. Call to register 522-2070

BROOKLYN WOMEN'S CHORUS: directed by Bev Grant. Bev's philosophy is that everyone can sing. No auditions or requirement to read music. Liberation songs & songs touching on women's issues & lives. \$10 or \$5 sliding scale, 7:30-9 p.m., 768-2972.

BOOK DISCUSSION: “In the Lake in the Woods” by Tim O'Brien. 7 p.m. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. For more info: Constance Pigozzi, 331-1137.

FRI, OCT 29

BROOKLYN RAW FOOD POTLUCK DINNER: the last Friday of each month. Bring a raw, vegan dish, fresh fruits or vegetables. Call Robert Miller 718-499-6984 or Paul Nison 718-833-9712 for more info. 7:30 p.m. at EcoBooks, 5th Ave. & Union St.

SAT, OCT 30

SHEILA'S BOOGIE-BY-THE-PARK: Family dance with Halloween theme. \$7-\$15 depending on the size of your family. 6–9 p.m. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. For more info: Constance Pigozzi, 331-1137.

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LIST LECTURE: guest: Susannah Heschel. Sponsored by the List Family Endowment for Jewish Culture, the lecture brings outstanding scholars of international acclaim to share their work with us. Reception following. an opportunity to meet Ms. Heschel. 7:30 p.m. FREE, open to the public. RSVP 522-2070 or bhsoffice@aol.com. Childcare is not available.

THU, NOV 4

FOOD CLASS: a popular bimonthly series with Susan Baldassano. This month: Puerto Rican Cooking with guest chef, Miriam Rivera. \$2

materials charge. 7:30 p.m. at the Park Slope Food Coop. 782 Union St. 622-0560.

FRI, NOV 5

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: The Moonlighters blend the lilting sounds of 30s jazz & pop with the lyrical sounds of the Hawaiian steel guitar, playing classic covers & their own originals. \$8. 8 p.m. 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

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FRI, NOV 12

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Singer-songwriter & cultural activist Bev Grant shares the stage with Jay



Mankita, songwriter, storyteller, guitarist, humorist, philosopher, etc. in a rousing evening of words & music. \$8. 8 p.m. 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

THE BROOKLYN SAX QUARTET in concert. Radical new music by saxophonist / composers David Bindman, Fred Ho, Sam Fumace & Chris Jonas. 9:00 p.m. at the BAM Cafe, Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave. Also Friday, Nov. 19. Admission: Free.

SAT, NOV 13

SPARKS FLY! A cultural celebration for women political prisoners in the U.S. Proceeds will benefit Women Political Prisoners Commissary Fund. 7:00 p.m. \$10 donation, childcare available,

Brookdale Center, 425 E 25 St (nr 1st Ave.) NYC. 212-772-4257

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FRI, NOV 19

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE–COOP NIGHT: The third Friday of each month is a series sponsored jointly by the Park Slope Food Coop and Brooklyn Interfaith Action. This month: Celli Octet performing the work of Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Classical Plus, trio of strings & flute. Musicians are Park Slope Food Coop members. \$8. 8 p.m. 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

THE BROOKLYN SAX QUARTET in concert. Radical new music by saxophonist / composers David Bindman, Fred Ho, Sam Fumace & Chris Jonas. 9:00 p.m. at the BAM Cafe, Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave. Also Friday, Nov. 12. Admission: Free.

SAT, NOV 20

WRITERS FOR MUMIA: join hundreds of progressive writers in solidarity with US political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. It will an historic day-long write-in & teach-in with internationally renowned writers such as South Africa's Dennis Brutus & Amiri Baraka plus award-winning novelists such as Alice Walker, John Edgar Wideman & Terry Bisson. 212-633-2889. www.peoplescampaign.org.

TUE, NOV 23

BROOKLYN WOMEN'S CHORUS: directed by Bev Grant. Bev's philosophy is that everyone can sing. No auditions or requirement to read music. Liberation songs & songs touching on women's issues & lives. \$10 or \$5 sliding

scale, 7:30-9 p.m., 768-2972.

DIETARY SYSTEMS: with Rachel Kieffer. Confused about what to eat; a diet that worked for you before does not work anymore; can't figure out what is healthy? We will clear that confusion and discuss vegetarianism, macrobiotics, ayurveda, the food pyramid, the zone, low fat, raw foods, & more. Free, 730-9:00 p.m., at the Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 718-622-0560.

FRI, NOV 26

BROOKLYN RAW FOOD POTLUCK DINNER: the last Friday of each month. Bring a raw, vegan dish, fresh fruits or vegetables. Call Robert Miller 718-499-6984 or Paul Nison 718-833-9712 for more info. 7:30 p.m. at EcoBooks, 5th Ave. & Union St. (ASK!!)

MON, NOV 29

JEWISH BOOK CLUB SERIES: “Turbulent Souls” by Steven Dubner. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, 131 Remsen St, 7:30 p.m., free. Call to register 522-2070

TUE, NOV 30

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WED, DEC 1

BROOKLYN RAW FOOD lecture/support group. Every 1st & 3rd Weds. Discussion & Q&A on raw food diet & lifestyle. Free. 7:30 p.m. at Ecobooks, 5th Ave. & Union St. For more info, Robert Miller, 499-6984, Paul Nison 833-9712

THU, DEC 2

LISTENING SKILLS: with Margo Steinfeld. Free, 730 p.m., at the Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 718-622-0560.



DECEMBER DILEMMA: “The Most Challenging Time of the Year.” Rabbi Lippe & a professional Jewish family counselor explore the messages, challenges & approaches to dealing with America's Christmas holiday season. Intended for all families—including interfaith couples, families with non-Jewish grandparents & all those who struggle with the pressures of this season. 7:30–9:00 p.m. FREE. Childcare available by reservation. 522-2070.

Y2K



BAD JOKE

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: *Linewaiters' Gazette*, September 23. I don't usually comment on bad or inappropriate jokes, but seeing my Christian God playing in a band with Satan and being scolded by St. Peter prompted me to send this note. Folks, it's just not nice, not appropriate, and not in a cooperative spirit to poke fun at another persons religion. I do take offense to the comic and, while I can see the simple no-harm-intended humor, I love and respect my God and I don't appreciate anyone depicting Him down at such a base level.

I'd appreciate it if you would simply not publish any "seemingly harmless" jokes, comments, or comics if they include a brand of humor that ridicules a peoples faith and / or deity.

Thank you.  
Kevin Barhydt

CASH ONLY

TO THE EDITOR:

I buy my food at the Coop with cash only and don't like the idea of having to pay additional mark-up if the Coop introduces the use of credit cards. I don't want to support the convenience of other shoppers and suggest to give a discount for cash payments.

I would appreciate considering this idea in the decision making.

Sincerely,  
Ingrid Cusson



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LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be double-spaced, typed or very legibly hand-written. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long. We welcome 3.5" disks along with the paper copy of your letter. If your disk is not Macintosh, please save your submission in a text format. Disks are returned through the Member Disk Returns envelope at the back of the *Gazette* submissions box.

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Nadine Leichter is a Coop member and a regular practitioner of Falun Gong. She has personally experienced the benefits of this cultivation system.

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# Y2K

## a Community Building Opportunity

A Workshop with Jonathan Skurnik & Alicia Culver

Many speak of Y2K-related problems as something to prepare for on an individual basis. Our approach is to use Y2K planning as an opportunity to build relationships of mutual support in our communities. Even if no problems occur, you will still have had the opportunity to hang out with your neighbors.

**Part I: Thursday, Oct. 28 7:30 p.m., in the Coop**

**Part II: Thursday, Nov. 18 7:30 p.m., in the Coop**

This two-part workshop will give participants an opportunity to brainstorm a variety of solutions to potential Y2K-related breakdowns in municipal services, such as water, sewer, heat, electrical, telephone, transportation and food distribution. In small groups, we will strategize an action plan for each of us to work with our neighbors in order to plan community-based solutions to potential Y2K-related service interruptions. These could include a simple dinner gathering of ones neighbors, a meeting in ones childrens school or ones place of worship, or even a block meeting. Potential solutions could include identifying a large central storage place for a weeks supply of water and food for the community. In the second, follow-up meeting, returnees will report back on the progress of their action plans and get support for further initiatives, while newcomers will have an opportunity to fashion their own action plans.

Jonathan Skurnik, Coop member, writer and documentary filmmaker, has been involved in community building activities for many years. He hopes the only result of Y2K is an awakening to our over reliance on technology for survival and a transference that reliance onto our relationships with other human beings and the natural world.

Alicia Culver, Coop member and senior researcher at INFORM, has been an activist, community organizer and workshop leader on environmental issues for over a decade. She is the former coordinator of the Park Slope Community Recycling Campaign.

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with **Susan Baldassano**

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**Thursday - November 4**

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with guest chef, **Miriam Rivera**

- Introduction to Puerto Rican cooking
- Recipes to taste and take home:
  - yuca with garlic
  - tostitos
  - red beans and tofu Spanish style
  - tostones
  - and more

**\$2 materials fee**

**Non-members are welcome. Bring your friends! Come early to ensure a seat.**

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# Loan Drive For Our New Building

In order to reduce the amount we need to borrow from our bank for the renovation project—thereby saving the Coop money—we need to raise as much as possible from our members before the renovation is complete.

The Coop has had an interest-bearing loan program for more than 20 years. This internal system of borrowing from members has benefited the Coop by providing a significant portion of the capital necessary for the Coop’s success at interest rates below what the Coop would have to pay an outside bank. At the same time, it has benefited members by paying them interest at a rate better than they could easily find elsewhere.

We invite every member to take advantage of this program.

## How the Loan Program Works

Please consider giving an interest-bearing loan to the Coop. We pay 8% simple interest on 5-year loans, 7% on 3-year loans, 6% on 2-year loans and 5% on 1-year loans. Lenders receive an interest check each year for the life of their loan. Longer terms are better for the Coop—and pay better interest. The minimum loan is \$500. There is no maximum. You may use this form or pick one up at the Coop. Please note that loans to the Coop are not insured, but we have a long history of financial responsibility.

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## Interest Bearing Loan Form

I wish to make an interest-bearing loan to the Park Slope Coop, Inc. in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
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I understand that the Coop will pay 8% simple interest on 5-year loans, 7% simple interest on 3-year loans, 6% simple interest on 2-year loans, and 5% simple interest on 1-year loans.

I understand that this loan is subordinated to any debts that the Park Slope Food Coop may owe to the Federal, State and City governments, banks, vendors and suppliers.

I am a resident of New York State. (For legal reasons, the Coop will only accept loans from New York State residents.)

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

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Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to, or drop in the mailbox at: Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.  
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- The Coop also welcomes funds of any amount which may be added to the member’s non-interest-bearing investment account (formerly known as their “deposit”) at the cash register. Members may cash checks against the amount of their investment in excess of the required \$100 up to a limit of \$500. Interest-bearing loans, however, do not carry check cashing privileges.
- In order to simplify record-keeping, all loans will fall due on the first day of October, January, April, and July. Thus, the first “year” of a loan may include 12, 13 or 14 months. Interest accrues each month starting with the month in which the loan is received.



### Guest Shopping AGAIN

10/8/99

Please send a letter to member # — — - re rule against shopping for non-members. This was the scenario: two friends shopping together; duplication of many items (e.g. one red onion at the beginning of the shop—one at the end); request for a subtotal midway; and conversation during packing about which items belong to whom & how the non-member was going to get her stuff home. This makes me so mad! —Squad member L.A.

### Response:

Did anyone say anything? We will send a letter. Thanks.—Ellen Weinstat

The Shopping Committee Feedback Book is used by squad leaders, committee coordinators and Coop Coordinators to ask and answer questions, comment on experience during squad work, etc. The comments and dialogue are often informative and /or amusing.

# Agenda Committee Election

## at the October 26 General Meeting Candidates Sought

Four two-year terms are open. The election provides an opportunity to those seeking an interesting and challenging workslot.

The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the General Meeting at the end of the month. In this process, every effort is made to be fair, with consideration given to the emergency nature of an item, its timeliness, its relation to any similar proposed items, the likely time discussion might take, etc. The committee never considers the merits of or “passes on” a proposed item. Decisions of the Committee are usually made by consensus, occasionally by majority vote.

Meetings are about one and a half hours. and committee members are expected to attend several General Meetings during the year.

In addition to accomplishing our function as a committee, members have greatly enjoyed working together in an earnest and honest effort to be fair and to contribute to a smooth-running General Meeting. We have found that our experience as a Committee has been rewarding, that we have played a significant role in the Coop’s operations and that we can recommend Committee membership as an excellent and satisfying workslot opportunity.

If you have any questions, you may call Linda Wheeler in the office for a referral to a current committee member. Nominations are being accepted now and will be accepted on the floor of the General Meeting.





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If your ad would benefit from exposure on the World Wide Web, dial up the Coop's home page. The ads are FREE, and the submission form is contained in the web page.

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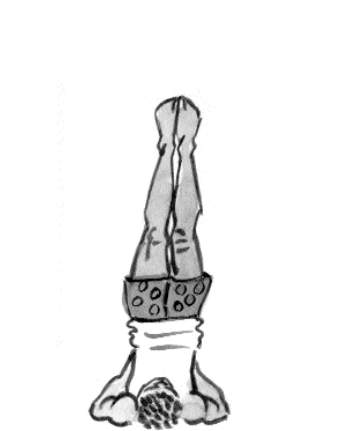
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**Answer to Puzzle on page 8**

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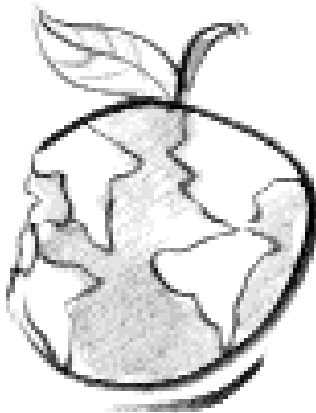
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FREE INITIAL ORAL EXAM in holistic dental office for all Coop members. X-rays are strictly minimized so bring your own. Dr. Goldberg's non-mercury offices in Soho or in Midwood section of Brooklyn. For info please call 718-339-5066 or 212-505-5055.



WELCOME!

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

Laurie Abramson  
Michelle Lee Adams  
Louis G. Albano  
Khuumba Ama  
Dawn Asher  
Andrea Auerbach  
Jonathan Barkowitz  
Jean Beckett  
Leola Bermanzohn  
Antonia Blatchford  
Jonathan H. Bronsky  
Candace Byng  
Rebecca Cheatham  
Mindy Chermak  
Hilda Cohen  
Rodrigo Cortez  
John Coyle  
Robert Cyran  
Emma Ditrinco  
Darryl E-Smythe  
Rebecca Feldman  
Lisa Freda  
Tom Furey  
Zakiya Harris  
Jodi Hewat  
Tonya Hopkins  
Stephen Husiak  
Earl Jagessar  
Chris Johnson  
Karl Kaebnick  
Anthony Katchuba  
Carla Klein  
Russell Langsam  
Beth Lawrence  
Jay Leeming  
Gayle Lemke

Nicole LoBue  
Beth Lonergan  
Vony Louis  
Tamar Malley  
Kevin P. Manion  
Mona Martin  
Hannah Mason  
Lulu McMahon  
Freya Messick  
Beth Monroe  
Dan Moriarity  
Melissa Myambo  
Beth Pollack  
Kira Poskanzer  
Celeste Reinking  
Amanda Ricken  
James Bakula Rusk  
Susan Bakula Rusk  
Stefanie Sacks  
Margot Schulman  
Wendy Sealey  
Anne Sherman  
Tim Smith  
Ross Snell  
Nina Sporn  
Lindsay Starbuck  
True  
Roya Tsuchiya  
Darla Twining  
Toby Twining  
Lori Ungemah  
Martha Von Bujdoss  
Nicholas Von Bujdoss  
Nadine Wilmot  
Sarah Wood  
Merrill Zack

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in the last two weeks.  
As the Coop has a normal turnover in membership of 20-25% every year, we constantly need new members to maintain the size of our working squads.  
We encourage all members to tell their friends about the Coop!

Atlantic Antic Street Squad  
Andrea Auerbach's patients  
Gretel B.  
Lisa Badner  
Ellen Bahr  
Sally Bermanzohn  
Wandajune Bishop  
Shu-Mei Chan  
Cyle  
Susan Doban  
Jess F.  
Tom Gogan  
Greenmarket Street Squad  
Lisa Hidem  
Ernie & Ruth Hurwitz  
Jessy  
Milian Kang  
Barbara Knight

Helen Kostre  
Emma Kramer-Wheeler  
David M.  
Joseph M.  
Susannah Mackintosh  
Karen McMullen  
Jillian Miller  
Laura Mintz  
Heidi Newell  
Angel R.  
Victoria Robertson  
Miriam Rotkin-Ellman  
Anasuya Sanyal  
7th Avenue Street Squad  
Seventh Heaven Street Squad  
Daniel Sherman  
Denise Thomas  
Justin Von Bujdoss  
Bill Weinstein

~ JOB OPENING ~

# General Coordinator

**W**e are looking for someone to join our executive management team of General Coordinators Mike Eakin, Janet Schumacher, Linda Wheeler, Allen Zimmerman and General Manager Joe Holtz.

The ideal candidate should be able to contribute substantially to the management team by possessing many of the following skills and attributes.

1. Consistently brings to bear excellent judgement in management decision-making.
2. Takes initiative and provides leadership in both strategic planning and day-to-day experimentation and implementation, solving complex problems and synthesizing vast quantities of data
3. Understands short- and long-term financial planning..
4. Highly motivated by the idea of the Coop, and curious to understand every aspect of it and improve it.
5. Has excellent oral and written communications skills.
6. Has developed and is committed to continuing to develop broad knowledge of technology and computers as problem-solving tools.
7. Has the interpersonal skills and emotional stability needed to work well with a very broad, diverse and articulate range of co-workers and members.

People of color are especially encouraged to apply.

**WORK SCHEDULE**

Some evening meetings required

**SALARY**

The current salary is \$42,792 per year. Currently, all the General Coordinators including the General Manager are paid the same, and all Coop employees receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

**BENEFITS**

Four paid Holidays: July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day  
Five weeks vacation  
Long-term disability and health insurance fully paid by the Coop  
Defined benefit pension plan fully paid by the Coop

**REVIEW**

The first year is considered probationary. There will be an initial review after three months.

**APPLICATION DETAILS**

Submit applications by January 15, 2000. Applicants should be current members of the Coop, preferably with at least one year of membership in this Coop. Place your application in the Coop mail slot outside the entrance door or mail it to the Coop. Please address applications to:  
Constance Carter, Chairperson, Personnel Committee  
Park Slope Food Coop  
782 Union Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Please enclose your resume with a cover letter stating why you would like to be hired for this position, why you believe you are qualified, what you believe are the most important aspects of the Coop, where you think the Coop most needs improvement, and what you think the role of the General Coordinators is.

# The Park Slope Food Coop

## Pumpkin Sale!



ILLUSTRATION BY LYNN BERNSTEIN

hundreds of  
organic pumpkins  
will be available for sale,  
right in front of the Coop!

*PLUS*  
clowns, face-painting  
and children's table for  
decorating mini-pumpkins

bring your friends!  
non-members are welcome;  
introduce them to the Coop!

Saturday,  
October 23rd,  
from 8:00 a.m.  
'til all pumpkins are gone!