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## Double-Shifters at the Coop

By Walecia Konrad

If you're like most Park Slope Food Coop members, one shift every four weeks is more than enough to fit into a busy schedule. But there's a growing cadre of members who are more than happy to fill two shifts a month for the sake of healthy food and harmony on the home front. And as Park Slope Food Coop rules do allow, "There's a fair number of people out there who do a second shift a month for their spouse, partner, roommate or other member of the household who doesn't have the time

or interest in working at the Coop," says Karen Mancuso, an Office Coordinator. For the most part these double-shifters are women with school-age kids who work at home or otherwise have more flexible schedules than their husbands. But, points out Mancuso, plenty of husbands take on their wives' shifts as well.

According to Coop rules, each adult member of the household who is able must fill a workslot of some kind every four weeks. The policy works on the honor system, relying on members to disclose the number of people in a household when they join the Coop and to update that number when and if a situation changes. "When you work in the office long enough you get a sense that a small group of people cheat on this rule," says Mancuso. "They sign up saying they live alone but then, as time goes by, they slip and say something causal like, 'oh my husband and I went away for the weekend' or 'my roommate just got a new job.' Then it's clear what's going on. Happily, those members are the minority."

Susan Buchsbaum is a double-shifter who joined the Coop about five years ago when her kids were one and five. Right away Buchsbaum figured she would do both shifts. Her husband, Jeff, an environmental engineer who works for the EPA, commutes into Manhattan and occasionally travels for work. Susan is a vegetarian and she and Jeff are both happy with the produce selection and wide variety of vegetarian products the Coop offers. "Jeff

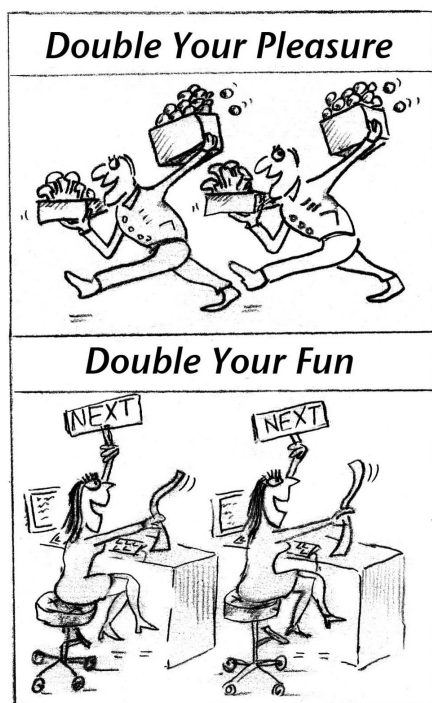


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...one member says, "...there's a real upside to spending the extra time at the Coop."

would have been willing to do his shift, but I was the one who wanted my family to join the Coop. Considering he works a full-time job, I would rather have him home with the kids during his free time than at the Coop," explains Susan.

Currently Buchsbaum does two office shifts a month. She says there's a real up side to spending the extra time at the Coop. "I've definitely been able to develop more expertise in my squad and can help train new people who come in. You get to know your colleagues—it's always nice to be on friendly terms with everyone you're working with."

Sally Minker, a graphic designer, has been doing her husband's shift for about ten years.

It's not that she has more flexibility to do the shifts—both of them work full time and have a six year old son, Roger—but rather, her husband has a definite lack of interest in the Coop. "I love the Coop but it's not for everyone, and nowhere is that more clear than right in my house," says Minker. She and her husband joined together—they live just a block and a half from the Coop—and both did their own shifts for about a year. "But my husband just hated it and you can't make someone do something they hate for long," says Minker.

Besides, Minker doesn't see the twice a

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## COOP GOES TO THE DOGS Profiling Pooches

By Ann Pappert

Since the bench was installed outside the front door and cart walkers appeared in front of the Coop to escort shoppers, hardly a day goes by without a visit from members and their dogs. Big, small, cuddly, friendly, aloof, even intimidating, the array of dogs at the Coop is every bit as varied as the membership itself.

### Mical Moser and Tim Foster with Dora

Mical and Tim got 4-year-old Dora, a mixed breed, from the North Shore Animal League when she was 12 weeks old.

Even though they live ten minutes from the Coop, they seldom bring Dora. "I never bring her when I'm coming to shop," Mical told us. "I think it's unfair to the dogs or not particularly safe." Dora comes to the Coop when both of them are available; so one can stay outside with her while the other shops. When Dora comes to the Coop she loves saying hello to the people out front, Mical said.

For a long time most of Dora's food came from the Coop. Dora's favorites are dried chicken strip dog treats and sea cucumber treats that contain glucosamine. Mical and Tim also buy yogurt to add to Dora's dry food. But her favorites are apples and pears, dried cranberries soaked in water to remove the sugar, and walnuts. "She just loves cracking the shell to get to the nut."

### Mark Drahozal with Opa and Kaya

Opa and Kaya are also rescue dogs from the North Shore Animal League. Mark



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Finnegan strikes a pose.

got Opa, a five-year-old male, first; a year and a half later Kaya, who's three and a half, arrived.

Mark said that he takes them with him wherever he goes. "It's not just the Coop, I take them to the laundry, to the deli. "At the Coop he usually ties them up to the bike

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### Next General Meeting on December 18 Please note it's NOT the last Tuesday of the Month

The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this *Gazette* and available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

## Coop Event Highlights

- Sat, Dec 15 • Adult Clothing Exchange** 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
**Fri, Dec 21 • The Good Coffeehouse** Singer Songwriters 8:00 p.m.  
**Sat, Dec 29 • Children's Book and Toy Swap** 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
**Thur, Jan 3 • Food Class: Embracing Menopause Naturally** 7:30 p.m.  
**Fri, Jan 4 • Film Night: Chasing Perfection, a series of short films about body image** 7:00 p.m.

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

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month shifts as a burden. She has gotten to know and like her fellow squad members after so many years and the variety of work that she's done—everything from checkout to Food Processing

("nuts and berries" as Minker calls it) to, more recently, being a walker, keeps things interesting. "Before I joined the Coop I had to go to three different grocery stores to get what I wanted," says Minker,

"And living so close makes it easy to shop and do shifts." With the one-stop shopping, Minker figures she's still ahead of the game time wise—even if she does have to do two shifts.

Anton Goldman is one of the husbands who is happy to fill in for his wife's shift. "She works, I'm retired, it's only fair," says Goldman. He's been doing FTOP for both of them for eight years now and has banked quite a bit of extra time. That was especially true recently when Goldman's computer expertise—he's a former computer expert at Verizon—helped him pitch in as a support worker during the Coop's shift to debit cards. The couple became Coop members in 1999 after Goldman retired. "We were always interested in the Coop but never had the time. Being



Above: Susan Buchsbaum helps a member over the phone. Below: Anton Goldman assists Office Coordinator Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office, where he works two shifts every month—one for himself and one for his wife.

## WHAT IS THAT? HOW DO I USE IT? *Food Tours in the Coop*

In the beginning there was stardust  
which spun into a round ball  
of hot rock, molten lava and hard cold rock

Then the water came  
The water set the plants to grow  
As they grew they drew the rocks  
up into themselves  
bit by bit

The animals came and ate the plants  
making, in turn, the rocks part of them

People came and harvested the plants  
and ate the animals  
and they too became made, in part, with rocks

And so it was that rocks became part of living things  
so that they too could live

The Park Slope Food Coop  
part of the process

by Myra Klockenbrink

**Mondays**    **December 10 (A Week)**  
                 **December 17 (B Week)**  
                 **January 7 (A Week)**  
                 **January 21 (C Week)**  
                 **Noon to 1 p.m.**  
**and**        **1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday**   **January 22 (C Week)**  
                 **2:30 to 3:30**  
**and**        **4:00 to 5:00 p.m..**

Or you can join in any time during a tour.



PHOTOS BY LISA COHEN

retired made it easy to do a shift and easy to shop at 10 in the morning when the store is not crowded," says Goldman.

He says his wife loves the Coop and is what he calls a great "recreational" Coop shopper, meaning she's great

at roaming the aisles looking for new products to try and new foods to cook, while Goldman is a get-everything-on-the-list-and-get-out-of-there shopper.

*Double-shifters: "...not only honest but really dedicated to the Coop." -Karen Mancuso*

Why bother with the two shifts? After all, there are Coop members who skirt around the rule requiring all members of the household to work. "Hey, this is the Coop," says Buchsbaum. "I'm not really interested in cheating the Coop—that would defeat the whole purpose. And being there twice a month you develop even more of an investment in the idea of the Coop."

Adds Minker, "I couldn't lie—I'm a really bad liar. And what would I tell Roger? That's not exactly being a great role model."

That, says Coordinator Mancuso, is why she loves the Coop double shifters so much. "They're not only honest but really dedicated to the Coop," she says. ■

The Diversity & Equality Committee (DEC) is dedicated to improving human relations and communications through impeccable interpersonal interactions, policies and procedures in the Coop.

The goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop and to promote the ideal of equal and respectful treatment between all Coop members and paid staff regardless of each individual's different identity. The DEC also aims to provide advocacy for individuals who feel they have experienced discriminatory practices in the Coop.

**Voicemail**    (888) 204-0098

**E-mail**        pscfdiversity-cpr@hotmail.com

**Contact Form or Letter:**    DEC Contact forms are available in the literature rack in the ground floor elevator lobby. Place a completed form or other letter/note (anonymously if desired) in a sealed envelope labeled "Attn: Diversity and Equality Committee" and use one of the three methods listed below to get it to the committee.



**Mail**            Park Slope Food Coop  
                 Attention: Diversity & Equality Committee  
                 782 Union Street  
                 Brooklyn, New York 11215



**Mail Drop Box**    Which is located in the entryway vestibule on the ground floor under the flier caddy.

**Membership Office Mailbox**    The DEC has a mailbox in the Membership Office on the second floor of the Coop.

## ANNOUNCING AUDITIONS FOR OUR THIRD COOP KIDS VARIETY SHOW

### Auditions:

Coop members ages 4-18

•Saturday, January 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

•Sunday, January 13, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Coop second floor meeting room

To reserve an audition spot contact::

**Martha Siegel: 718-965-3916 or msiegel105@earthlink.net**

You must audition to be in the show.

■ Polished act not required for audition; we can help you polish it.

■ Singers and other musicians, poets, jugglers, stand-up comics, rappers, dancers, magicians, gymnasts, etc. (no lip-syncing please)

### Performance Date:

Saturday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Old First Church

We look forward to hearing from you!



**Presented by the PSFC Fun'Raising Committee**





Coop Goes to the Dogs

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rack. “I do worry about them, but at the Coop there are enough people going in and out.” Besides, Mark said, “the dogs, particularly Opa, are so attached to me that if anyone tried to take them Opa would probably drag them into the Coop to find me.” In fact, once they did get loose and headed into the Coop to find him.

The dogs love the attention that they get at the Coop. But most of all, they love the treats Mark always buys them. “It’s gotten so that they now know that if we’re at the Coop they are going to get a treat.” He buys them dog biscuits or the chicken strip treats. Opa and Kaya also like cooked or juiced broccoli or carrots.

Julie Cho with Hugh Esteban Grant

Hugh Esteban Grant is a dog with a name almost bigger than he is. Also a rescue dog, owner Julie Cho remembers that when she first saw him she thought, “Little dog, big personality.” About that time the Hugh Grant movie *About a Boy* came out and Julie decided that’s what she would name her dog. She added Esteban because it made her laugh.

Julie thinks that he’s a silky terrier, somewhere between 8 and 10 years old. He had been abandoned because he had a bad eye.

Julie told us, it was the dog that was the impetus for her to join the Coop.

“He only eats organic food and I couldn’t afford buying him food at the farmer’s market, so I became a Coop member. I started eating healthier because I wanted him to eat healthier.”

Although she made his food herself for a long time, these days she buys most of his food from someone who makes organic pet meals. But a lot of Hugh Grant’s veggies still come from the Coop. “He loves tomatoes; he gets them 3 times a week, and broccoli rabe; he loves it cooked with garlic.”



Julie Cho and her mighty dog, Hugh Esteban Grant

Although Julie is only a fifteen-minute walk from the Coop, she never brings him along. In fact, the day we met him was his first Coop visit. “I ran in and out to buy something, but I doubt that I would do it again. Because he was a shelter dog he has real issues about being left.”

Gregg Bromberg with Tofu and Miso

Although Tofu and Miso look like siblings, they were born over 15 years apart. Bichon Frise Tofu is seventeen and a half, while Miso is only six months old. But despite the age difference, they share relatives, sort of. Miso is the 9th generation nephew of Tofu’s littermate brother.

At Tofu’s age having a younger dog in the house might be a problem. But Gregg said that since Miso’s arrival Tofu has new energy.

Gregg lives on First Street between 5th and 6th avenues, but despite being a short walk to the Coop he doesn’t bring them with him very often. “I would be concerned about the dogs. A



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Kaya waits patiently for her owner (and a Coop treat).

big dog can defend itself if someone tries to take it, but not a small dog.”

But when they do come to the Coop they have a great time. “They love it because everyone who comes outside pays attention to them. The day that you took their photograph someone even gave them treats.”

But even without regular visits, Tofu and Miso still benefit from the Coop. A lot of their diet is supplied by food Mark buys at the Coop. “They eat eggs and fish from the Coop, as well as veggies. They love squash, carrots and zucchini and rice. Tofu is a very finicky eater, but Miso will eat anything.”

Sarah Parsons with Finnegan

Another shelter dog, 20-month-old Finnegan is a purebred Pomeranian. “He had a broken leg, that’s why he was given to the shelter,” Sarah told us.

Sarah only brings Finnegan to the Coop when she knows she will only be inside for a short while. “I try not to bring him too much. We go about every two weeks. I feel a bit more comfortable now because there are more people outside.”

It’s not surprising that a dog as cute as Finnegan gets lots of attention wherever he is. “Finnegan is very social and he loves being at the Coop because people always make a fuss about him. Most of the people at the Coop are very hospitable and friendly to the dogs.”

Sarah buys most of Finnegan’s food at the Coop, including organic dry food and Lick Your Chops canned dog foods.

“Finnegan also loves carrots from the Coop. I cut them up and he eats them raw. He is a very happy Coop consumer.”

But not all Coop dog stories are happy. Receiving Coordinator Sarah Strombeck often sees dogs outside who are unhappy, waiting for their owners while they shop. She frequently sees members who leave their dogs outside while they do their Coop shift.

“I remember one dog that sat outside in the rain for an hour and a half. The dog was clearly miserable. We kept paging for the owner, but the owner never came for the dog until their shift ended.”

A few weeks ago Sarah witnessed a panicked dog that had been tied up to the signboard in front of the Coop while the member was inside doing their shift. The frightened dog had tried to get away and dragged the sign board down the street with him, injuring his leg.

Dog owner Mical Moser, who is an Outside worker, has seen a lot of dogs tied up outside the Coop. “I often sit with the dogs. I think that people underestimate how stressful it is for the dogs to be left like that. They come out to check on the dog and the dog gets excited and happy to see them, so they think everything is fine. I think it would be great if the Coop had dog care—just like we have childcare. Someone whose job would be to sit outside with the dogs.” ■

PSFC DECEMBER 2007  
GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday, December 18,  
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.
- Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple) 274 Garfield Pl. at 8th Ave.

AGENDA:

**Subject:** Annual Board of Directors Election candidate deadlines, speaking presentation dates and when proxies are mailed.

**Proposal:** “Concerning the candidacy announcement deadline, the scheduled candidate presentations at meetings for the annual election for the Coop’s Board of Directors and the proxy mailing date, the following replaces all previous settings of such dates and establishes a second meeting where candidates can present and answer questions from members as follows:

1) each year each candidate shall declare her/his candidacy by submitting a statement of up to 750 words to [Gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:Gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop) by March 1st.

2) Each year, as part of the agenda of the General Meeting in the month of March, the candidates will be given an opportunity to make a presentation and members will be given an opportunity to address questions to the candidates. This is in addition to the presentations by the candidates and questions for the candidates at the Annual Meeting, which is usually held in June.

3) The Gazette shall print these candidate statements once in March, April, May & June

4) The Coop website shall post these candidate Statements and keep them available until the Annual Meeting. However, this may not be able to start until the 2009 election.

Proxies shall be mailed to members during the week preceding the legal observance of Memorial Day.” —submitted by the General Coordinators

Future Agenda Information:

For information on how to place an Item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the Linewriters’ Gazette.

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

Monthly on the...

Second Saturday  
Dec 8 • 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Third Thursday  
Dec 20 • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Last Sunday  
Dec 30 • 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

On the sidewalk in front of the receiving area at the Park Slope Food Coop.

PLASTICS

What plastics do we accept?

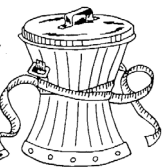
- #1 and #2 non-bottle shaped containers and #1 and #2 labeled lids. Mouths of containers must be equal width or wider than the body of the container.
- All #4 plastic and #4 labeled lids.
- #5 plastic tubs, cups & specifically marked lids and caps (discard any with paper labels).
- Plastic film, such as shopping and dry cleaning bags, etc. Okay if not labeled.

ALL PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN AND DRY

We close up promptly.

Last drop offs will be accepted 10 minutes prior to our end time to allow for sorting.

RECYCLING



# Members’ Suggestions: Change Coop Shelves, More

By Hayley Gorenberg

No one accuses the Coop of lacking for opinions. And the membership has rarely shied from raising issues, large or small. So how has the membership shaped the Coop, through the suggestions it makes?

### Stock Those Shelves!

One of the most obvious ways members change the Coop is by suggesting new products to sell. Receiving Coordinator Kevin O’Sullivan tracks the loose-leaf product suggestion book and routes individual pages of member requests to whichever staff member orders a particular type of product—and then returns the written responses to the book.

“I really do pay attention to what people say! But it’s tricky,” O’Sullivan said of the decisions, “because we’re so much different from any other store. You can’t just throw it on the shelf and see how it goes. Everything we do that’s new adds more confusion.” O’Sullivan, who specializes in ordering various liquid products, gave the example of a new juice. In addition to potential popularity, the Coop might assess whether the labels of different flavors are distinctive enough that restocking will be feasible for people who work a shift every four weeks. In contrast, someone who works every day at a supermarket can squirrel away overstock in hidden places. “If it were a staff person, they’d be doing it forty hours a week. It’s a lot trickier for us to have a gazillion products.”

A new product available through a distributor we already deal with has a greater chance of making it onto Coop shelves, O’Sullivan explained. Particular types of energy bars members have requested may make it to the shelves...or be nixed if they require deliveries from additional small companies, which can be so labor intensive that they would demand many more staff members than the Coop has.

Member suggestions illuminate new consumption trends, O’Sullivan said, citing the example of almond

milk, suggested multiple times over the past year, to the point where now the Coop sells more of it than soy milk. “It shows the shift of membership, moving away from the intake of soy, to more diversity.”

In deciding “what’s going to take up this expensive ‘real estate’ on the shelf, we just try to sell the things that make the most members happy,” O’Sullivan said.

### Banned in Brooklyn?

Several members made their marks on the Coop’s shelves when they secured the vote of the GM to ban items or ingredients.

Foie gras and antibacterial soaps were voted off the Coop’s shelves in recent years. General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman offered that early GMs had voted on carrying salt and sugar.

Such GM decisions supplement the list available from the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), which publishes a list of chemicals, additives, and ingredients evaluated as harmful, Zimmerman said. The list has been adapted and modified over the years, and with more European products on the shelves, European classifications of chemicals have to be decoded at times, Zimmerman said. Recently an “incredibly popular olive we were carrying” was nixed when it was found to contain monosodium glutamate (MSG) by another name, he said.

*If it’s a suggestion with big impact, it has to go to the GM.*

While the CSPI list is readily available, Zimmerman said he knew of no separate list (aside from individual GM documentation) of the items GMs had decided to bar. “It’s not catalogued,” he said. Rather, the information reaches staff members who order products when it’s “handed down by the general coordinators to those who

do the ordering.” He concluded, “We’re pretty careful.”

### Moving Upstairs

Member decision-making has reorganized more than Coop shelves. The shift of many Coop functions to the second floor emanated from a GM vote that refined the role of the entrance workers. The member decision relieved entrance workers of most responsibilities other than focusing on admitting members quickly and a security role, limiting access to the Coop, said General Coordinator Jessica Robinson.

Office Coordinator and Technical Support staffer Karen Mancuso has responded to many questions triggered by the front-end redesign, specifically the reasons for and conse-

quenced in sending members upstairs to address any errors in their checkout receipts, Mancuso said. “The way the old system worked was that a transaction was started at the checkout and then completed at the cashier, which meant that there was the ability in between to make corrections (errors were usually caught while waiting on the cashier line),” she wrote in an email for this story. “The way the new system works is that if a member wants to pay with a debit card at the checkout the transaction is completed at the checkout. Once it’s completed you can no longer make any changes, which is why members have to go to the second floor service desk at that point.”

Mancuso suggested that members paying with debit cards who want a chance to review their receipt before



Above left: FTOP worker Amy Carey stocking the juice aisle. Above right: Scott Blakeman at the Second Floor Service Desk.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN RYAN

quences of moving functions upstairs. “People say, ‘Why on the second floor?’ The real answer is, once you take those functions away from the entrance workers to allow them to focus more on their primary important tasks, you have to find a place to do those things before members enter the shopping floor, and there’s just no other space. Ideally it wouldn’t be on the second floor, but we have limited space. It’s not that it needed to be moved to the second floor; it just needed to not be at the entrance.”

The decision to transfer responsibilities away from entrance workers

paying should tell the checkout worker they plan to pay at the cashier. The checkout worker will then suspend the transaction and give them a receipt, which members can review prior to paying. With a suspended transaction, a member can address an error at the checkout station or with a cashier. “You can still pay with your debit card this way,” Mancuso pointed out. “You’re just adding back that extra step of going to the cashier.”

And finally, Mancuso explained, “If a member finds a mistake on their receipt *after* they’ve paid, they have 30 days to bring their PAID IN FULL receipt to the second floor service desk to get a credit (which is good for another 30 days).”

The shift of responsibilities to workers on the second floor clearly has made a big impression on members, but Robinson noted that the GM structure means that virtually every large decision is either instigated or anointed by members. “If it’s a suggestion with big impact, it has to go to the GM, and that’s often what I end up saying to people [who suggest changes], because it’s not up to us.”

Smaller changes have come to light and been incorporated after members emailed Robinson as “webmaster” of the Coop’s website, or through conversations with members about details of training and smaller issues of office configuration. Robinson recalled that early in her tenure, conversations with longtime office workers resulted in welcoming redesign, like changing desks to face the office door, and adding a buffet table with coffee, tea and snacks in the Membership Office. ■

## Adult Clothing Exchange

Have you noticed that Coop members are great dressers?

The season is changing, and this is your opportunity to trade gently used and beautiful clothes that you no longer wear with other Coop members.

A clothing exchange is a community event that is ecologically responsible and fun. Why support the consumer market and buy, when you can wear clothes that have already been well loved?

Bring items that you think others might enjoy—and a snack to share.



**FREE Non-members welcome**

**Saturday, December 15**  
**10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
**in the meeting room**

**To bring Clothes...**

- Do not leave clothing in the Coop before the hours of the exchange.
- Bring up to 15 items only
- Bring gently used, clean clothing that you are proud to be able to exchange with its new owner.

*Unchosen clothing will be donated to a local shelter.*

## Do you have WINTER CLOTHES you can't use?

**Someone else needs them!**

Bring adult and children's winter clothes and outerwear to the Coop's second floor starting on Friday, November 23, through Monday December 31.



Clothes must be clean and have working zippers & buttons! Winter clothing only, please.

- Adult men's clothing will go to CHIPS\*.
- Women's and children's clothing will go to the Village Care of NY Redhook Community Service Center, the Catherine St. Shelter in Manhattan or the homeless women's shelter on 8th Ave. & 15th St. in Park Slope.

### Many Thanks!

\*Christian Help in Park Slope, our local soup kitchen at 4th Ave. & Sackett.



# Gowanus Canal Conservancy Honors the Coop

By Rod Morrison

On Sunday, November 11, about 150 people gathered for a luncheon at DUMBO’s Water Street Restaurant to celebrate the Gowanus Canal Conservancy. The Conservancy, which promotes the environmental needs of the Gowanus Canal, marked the occasion by giving out two awards. The first award was presented to the Park Slope Food Coop, and the second to the widow of Tom Chardavoyne, a community activist and the founder of the Gowanus Canal Conservancy. Tom Chardavoyne died earlier this year.

### Why did the Coop get an award from the Conservancy?

Conservancy chairman, Andy Simons, presented the award to Joe Holtz and Janet Schumacher, saying: “The Park Slope Food Coop is a wonderful institution that has affected the lives of individuals and families within the watershed of the Gowanus Canal. It has a very strong environmental policy and is an excellent example of citizens working together to effect change at the local level.”

“Some day our Gowanus will become the Venice of Brooklyn”

MARTY MARKOWITZ

Support for the Canal and the Coop was made evident by speeches from local politicians, including Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, Assemblywoman Joan Millman and State Senator Velmanette Montgomery. Marty Markowitz proclaimed, “Some day our Gowanus will become the Venice of Brooklyn. It is our job to continue the effort for the proper use of the

Gowanus area as well as meet our goal of it becoming an ideal location and a clean environment.”

### The Gowanus Canal... Awaiting a Transformation

The Gowanus Canal was built between 1849 and 1869 and runs north for 1.8 miles from Gowanus Bay in New York Harbor to Butler Street. It soon became Brooklyn’s hub for maritime and commercial activity. The past 40 years have not been so kind—the Gowanus mirrored the inevitable decline of New York Harbor. For years it has been a stagnant backwater to all but a few visionaries. Meanwhile, urban waterfronts from Baltimore to Boston underwent a revival but the Gowanus was considered too polluted, too out of the way and too expensive to warrant a full scale clean-up. Then in 1999 engineers reactivated the flushing tunnel pumping 200 million gallons of fresh water to the head of the canal each day. The water quality has improved and so have the chances of a renaissance, but there is still a long way to go.

Two weeks after the luncheon, the *Gazette* interviewed Coop member Bob Zuckerman, the Executive Director of the Gowanus Canal Conservancy and the Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation. He stated, “The Canal’s health is an important aspect of life in Brownstone Brooklyn. The



Coop member, Bob Zuckerman is Executive Director of the Gowanus Canal Conservancy and the Gowanus CDC

mission of the Conservancy is to be the steward of all the environmental aspects of the Canal area.”

**Zuckerman outlined the Conservancy’s mission as follows:**

- Improve the Canal’s water quality
- Transform the area from industrial to mixed use and a public park

### WHAT CAN COOP MEMBERS DO TO HELP TRANSFORM THE CANAL?

- Join the Gowanus Canal Conservancy at \$35 per year.
- Subscribe to the email newsletter, which is free.

Contact Info:  
The Gowanus Canal Conservancy  
509 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231  
718-858-5766  
bob@gowanus.org  
www.gowanuscanalconservancy.org

- Keep the City, the State and the Federal Government focused on the challenges ahead
  - Educate the public on area’s transformation
- One exciting prospect is the issuance of an RFP (request for proposal) for the building of Public Place, the park that will transform the Canal into a mixed use area. Affordable housing, mandated at 50% minimum of all units constructed, will also become part of the plan. ■

Puzzle Corner

December Birthday Jumble

There was more than one famous person born in December. Each puzzle includes a clue to a famous person, that person’s birthdate and their name scrambled. The scrambled name mixes the letters from the entire name and arranges them so they match the number of letters for each part of the name. For example, the clue for Louis Pasteur could be Father of Germ Theory (12/27/1822) – Pauli Sorsute. By Janet Farrell

1. She has won the Oscar, Tony, Grammy and Emmy (12/11/1931) – Moon Airret

2. The musician’s name means nothing at all (12/30/1928) – Di Dobydel

3. His later work is a real cut-up (12/31/1869) – Shane Tierism

4. Poet who knows Horses (12/30/1946) – Phatt Mitsi

5. Stand-up guy (12/09/1922) – Xero Dfxd

6. He designed Main Street and New Orleans Square (12/05/1901) – Yeti Swaldn

7. He had some good lines; his brother wrote a tune or two (12/06/1896) – Sir Hawgrein

8. She has been played by Hepburn and Redgrave (12/08/1542) – Moss, Fenoe Uq Carty

9. Certain British creator of laws (12/25/1642) – Cas Wiser Tinnos

10. Angelic actress (12/02/1968) – Cluy Uli

11. Bob Dylan said she turned him onto folk singing (12/31/1930) – Datote

12. George Orwell called him the prophet of British imperialism (12/30/1865) – Playing Drudrik

13. His Detroit Industry sits in DIA’s Garden Court (12/08/1886) – Roger Vaidei

East New York Food Coop

Help a new coop in Brooklyn

FTOP credit available

In accordance with the sixth Principle of Cooperation, we frequently offer support and consultation to other coops. For the East New York Food Coop, we have also offered help in the form of Park Slope Food Coop member workslots.

The East New York Food Coop welcomes PSFC members to assist in its first year’s operations.

PSFC members may receive FTOP credit in exchange for their help. To receive credit, you should be a member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record.

To make work arrangements, please email ellen\_weinstat@psfc.coop or call 718-622-0560.

East New York Food Coop

419 New Lots Avenue

between New Jersey Avenue and Vermont Street

accessible by the A, J and 3 trains

718-676-2721

COOP HOURS

**Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
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.*

**Childcare Hours:**  
Monday through Sunday  
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

**Telephone:**  
718-622-0560

**Web address:**  
www.foodcoop.com

# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11215.

Opinions expressed here may be solely the views of the writer. The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish articles that are racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory.

The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, and letters from members.

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.

**Voluntary Articles:** Maximum 750 words.

**Submissions on Paper:** Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

**Submissions on Disk & by Email:** We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop). Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

**Classified & Display Ads:** Ads may only be placed by and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the "Merchandise–Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

**Recipes:** We welcome original recipes from members. Recipes must be signed by the creator.

**Subscriptions:** The *Gazette* is available free to members in the store. Subscriptions are available by mail at \$23 per year to cover the cost of postage (at First Class rates because our volume is low).



Friday  
Dec. 21  
8:00 p.m.



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The Good Coffeehouse

COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Park Slope Food Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture

Singer-Songwriters



**Adele Rolider** is a singer-songwriter, music therapist and activist. Adele spins a spiritual weave through passionate, healing songs and chants. You'll be inspired to sing along. "Adele's warm and beautiful voice and empowering songs make me know a better world really is possible" says folk singer-songwriter Ray Corona. Adele will be joined by incredible Bruce Markow and Cara Schwarz, a wonderful singer-signer (and a member of Brooklyn Womens' Chorus), who will also perform solo. Come celebrate the solstice!



**David Roche** has been doing Coop shifts for as long as he can remember but for even longer than that he's been writing songs and playing guitar. A founding member of the renowned "Cooperating Cooperators," he is thrilled to get the chance to earn at least two Coop shifts for performing this Dec. 21st for the Coop fundraiser.

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

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

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-230-4999



Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's products blog.

The place to go for the latest information on our current product inventory.

You can connect to the blog via the Coop's website  
www.foodcoop.com

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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Early Morning Receiving/ Stocking Committees

Monday–Friday, 5:30 a.m., 6:00 a.m., and 7:00 a.m.

Early morning Receiving/Stocking squads work with Receiving Coordinators to receive deliveries and stock the store. These Squads help to unload delivery trucks, organize products in the basement, load carts, and stock shelves, bulk bins, coolers and produce on the shopping floor. You may be asked to stock perishables in the reach-in freezer or

walk-in cooler. Boxes generally weigh between 2–20 lbs.; a few may weigh up to 50 lbs. Other duties include breaking down cardboard for recycling, preparing produce for display, and general cleaning. You will have the opportunity to work closely with our produce buyers and learn a lot about the produce the Coop sells.

Check Writing

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

You will transfer information from vouchers on to checks to pay some of the Coop bills. Neat and legible handwriting, particularly writing

digits, a must. You will be working independently so good attendance record needed. A six-month commitment to the workslot is required. Please speak to Andie Taras through the Membership Office at 718-622-0560 prior to joining the shift.

Plastics Recycling

Saturday or Sunday, 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Work outside in front of the Coop with other members of the Recycling Squad accepting returned plastic containers, mak-

ing sure they are clean and meet the Recycling Squad criteria. Stack and pack plastic for recycling. Must be reliable and willing to work outdoors in all kinds of weather.

General Ledger Confirmation

Monday, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The General Ledger confirmation workslot consists of running a calculator tape to verify the work of the GL bookkeeper and troubleshooting any problems in the confirmation tape. Facility with numbers and working with an

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COOP CALENDAR



New Member Orientations

Monday & Wednesday evenings: . . 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday mornings: . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday afternoons: . . . . . 4:00 p.m.

Be sure to be here promptly—or early—as we begin on time! The orientation takes about two hours. Please don't bring small children.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Dec 20 issue 7:00 p.m., Mon. Dec 10  
Jan 3 issue 7:00 p.m., Mon. Dec 24

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec 20 issue 7:00 p.m., Wed. Dec 12  
Jan 3 issue 7:00 p.m., Wed. Dec 26

General Meeting

TUE, DEC 18

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

The agenda will appear in the next Gazette and as a flyer in the entryway on Wednesday, Dec 6.

TUE, JAN 8

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Jan 29 General Meeting.

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.  
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

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, December 18, 7:00 p.m. (please note date change for holiday)

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month. (Note: Date is changed for holiday.)

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 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 Ellen Weinstat in the office.

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 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.

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.

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.

• Childcare can be provided at GMs:

Please notify an Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.

• 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.

• Is it FTOP or a Make-up?

It depends on your work status at the time of the meeting.

• Consider making a report...

...to your Squad after you attend the meeting.

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. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store. We welcome all who respect these values.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your listings in 50 words or less by mail, the mailslot in the entry vestibule, or [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop). Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

FRI, DEC 7

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS: A CELEBRATION OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE features the traditions of Scandinavia & Finland at Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway at 95th St. 212-864-5400 or [www.nyrevels.org](http://www.nyrevels.org). The Christmas Revels is a tapestry of dances, songs & drama-theater for all ages, full of spirit, humor & beauty.

DUPRÉE IN CONCERT with Barry Kornhauser: Jaqué DuPrée, perhaps best known as one of the lead vocalists of Casselberry-DuPrée, performs at Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. DuPrée brings a rich legacy of musical genres: gospel, folk, country, with a deep appreciation for the Gullah narrative, a bridge to her African roots. 53 Prospect Park West at 8:00 p.m. \$10.

SAT, DEC 8

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Bob Norman, David Massengill at the Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33rd St (btwn Madison & Park), 8:00-10:30 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible. For info, call 212-787-3903 or visit [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$12 general/\$9 members/more if you choose, less if you can't. No one turned away.

E-WASTE RECYCLING DRIVE: Sponsored by the Lower East Side Ecology Center & PS 321 Parent Teacher Assoc. There's no more

room for electronic waste in landfills. E-waste contains a wide assortment of toxic substances & contributes 70% of the toxicity in landfills. Recently at the Mall of the Americas in St. Louis, a three-day e-waste recycling event was cut short after the vendor collected 1 million pounds of e-waste in just 19 hours. What can Brooklynites do to help? Bring your electronics from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to PS 321, 7th Ave. btwn. 1st & 2nd Aves. Also on Sunday, Dec. 9.

GALLERY SHOW: by Park Slope artist with brain cancer, Cordula Volkening. 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Brooklyn Artists Gym, 168 7th St., near 3rd Ave. Running Dec. 10-13, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Check out Cordula's art & video on her myspace page:[www.myspace.com/cordulavolkening](http://www.myspace.com/cordulavolkening)

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR: 16th annual holiday crafts fair to raise money for P.S. 321. Silent auction, food, holiday shopping from more than 80 local artists and craftspeople. Special section for children to create their own crafts. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at P.S. 321 (7th Ave. & 2nd St.).

SAT, DEC 15

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Hanukkah, Christmas, Solstice Concert at the Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33rd St (btwn Madison & Park), 8:00-10:30 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible. For info, call

212-787-3903 or visit [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$12 general/\$9 members/more if you choose, less if you can't. No one turned away.

ESPERANTO WORLD LANGUAGE OPEN HOUSE: Learn about the useful language, easily learned that has broken barriers & built over a million egalitarian friendships. Music, video, short talks by world-traveled speakers of Esperanto (in English). 6:30-9:00 p.m., 2nd Fl., United Federation of Teachers, 52 Broadway, Free. Rector St. #1 train/Wall St. #4,5 train. Refreshments served. 212-366-9482.

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Rachel Stone, Laura Warfield at the Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33rd St (btwn Madison & Park), 8:00-10:30 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible. For info, call 212-787-3903 or visit [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$12 general/\$9 members/more if you choose, less if you can't. No one turned away.

SAT, JAN 5

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Jon Fromer, Kim & Reggie Harris at the Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33rd St (btwn Madison & Park), 8:00-10:30 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible. For info, call 212-787-3903 or visit [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$12 general/\$9 members/more if you choose, less if you can't. No one turned away.

WORKSLOT NEEDS

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adding machine are necessary skills for this workslot. Bookkeeping jobs are task oriented, not time oriented. There is some flexibility for when this job needs to be completed. A six-month commitment to the workslot is required. Please speak to Andie Taras through the Membership Office if you are interested.

Office Data Entry

Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Are you a stickler for details, accurate on the computer, and like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. You will receive training and Coop staff will always be available to answer questions. Please speak to Ginger Hargett in the Membership Office if you would like more information. Workslot requires a six-month commitment.

CHIPS Soup Kitchen

Monday, Tuesday or Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 pm

CHIPS serves a daily meal to the homeless, needy and hungry at their storefront soup kitchen located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street. Workslots preparing food, helping serve meals, and cleaning-up are available to Coop

members who have been a member for six months. Coop members will work alongside other volunteers at CHIPS. Reliability, cooperation and ability to take directions are vital. Experience with food prep is a plus for working in the kitchen. Please contact Camille Scuria in the Membership Office if interested.

Mop Cleaning

Thursday, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This workslot involves organizing the cleaning equipment used by the Maintenance squads, washing (by hand) all the mop heads in the Coop, and replacing any worn-out mop heads. Speak to Mary Gerety in the Membership Office if you are interested.

Office Setup

Weekday mornings, 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 am

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 Adrianna in the Membership Office, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FIIM NIGHT

Friday, January 4 • 7:00 p.m. at the Coop



Chasing Perfection

**Chasing Perfection** (working title) is a series of short films about body image, media, and cultural identity that will be combined to make a feature documentary.

**WET DREAMS AND FALSE IMAGES** is a Sundance award-winning documentary film, that uses humor to raise serious concerns about the marketplace of commercial illusion and unrealizable standards of physical perfection.

**THE GUARANTEE** A dancer's hilarious story about his prominent nose and the effect it has on his career. (winner: Best Short Film, Newport International Film Festival)

**34x25x36** A tour of the Patina V Mannequin Factory in the City of Industry, California. (work-in-progress)

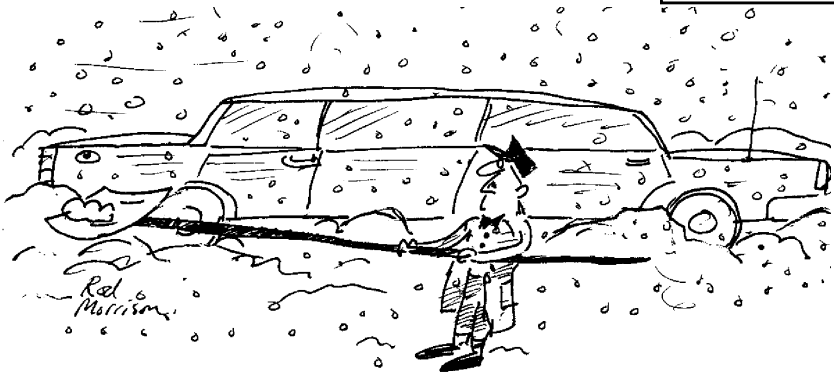
**SKIN** Is the "grass always greener"? (work-in-progress)

Filmmaker Jesse Epstein, received an MA in documentary film and gender studies from NYU. She has directed and produced documentary projects both nationally and internationally. Her Public Service Announcement about body image has been shown in the Media That Matters Film Festival in conjunction with the Human Rights Watch International Film Festival and on the Oxygen Media Channel. She is also the founder of a youth video program in Manhattan's Lower East Side, and an instructor for Reel Stories: Sundance's youth documentary lab. Jesse has received sponsorship from Chicken & Egg Pictures and the Fledgling Foundation. Some of her films are being distributed by [www.newday.com](http://www.newday.com).

A discussion about this work-in-progress documentary with Coop member and co-producer, Trish Dalton and filmmaker, Jesse Epstein will follow.

**FREE**  
**Non-members**  
**welcome**

Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop





## CONCERT COMMITTEE REPORT

## MEET THE ARTISTS

By Zenobia Conkerite

On Friday, December 21, at 8 p.m., the *Very Good* Coffeehouse rings in the holidays with another great evening of music from Adele Rolider and David Roche.

Talking about music being a ministry. Well, I was talking about it with a friend the other day and often times, we tend to forget the role music plays in our lives. Music has been recognized as a tool for healing, for remembering, forgetting, starting over and basically to survive. This is what Adele Rolider's parents knew to be true and it was handed down to their daughter.

Adele's father was a holocaust survivor and her mother, also a child of war in Europe, always had music in their home. Adele remembers singing along with musi-

cals, on family trips and in their own living room. So, it's in her blood. Her music comes from inspiration while she writes about healing, feeling, connecting, building community and standing together to fight for social justice and peace.

She is inspired by people, nature, her spirituality, and by her own heart. It's about making that connection with humanity. As a psychotherapist, she is taken by how others live in their hardships and still are capable of radiating love.

Adele, a 15-year Coop member, is the music leader of the "Raging Grannies and Their Daughters," which was founded in Canada during the 80's. It is now a worldwide activist movement of women, mostly older women who

take old songs and change the words to fit the cause or issue. They sing at demonstrations, benefits, concerts, conferences, the streets and any place they want or need to take their message.

Many of her songs that she performs are chants with many parts to join in. So come and plan to chant along.

For now, there are no recordings for sale at this concert but stay tuned. You can see Adele Rolider leading the Grannies online at: [www.myspace.com/raging-granniesnyc](http://www.myspace.com/raging-granniesnyc)

You may not have known this but Dave Roche comes from a musical family. His sisters are the acclaimed group "The Roches." Now that you know that, perhaps you will spell his name correctly—if you hadn't already.

To me, Dave seems like a cool guy, rather a laid back kind of guy who loves his music. It's evident that he loves singing with friends and

many members of the Coop, even if it's only for a workslot, which he makes no bones about.

When I asked him if he had any recordings he'd like to sell at the concert, he revealed to me that fifteen years after making his first album of original songs, he produced his second album this year. And you will be able to purchase one or more providing they arrive in time before the show on December 21.

Now, if they don't show up in time for the concert, please make a note on a Post-It and stick it on your fridge to

remind yourselves to support Dave when the album does come out.

Dave will be playing the piano on one song and guitar on the others. He may be joined by other Coop members for certain songs and added, "There are a few Christmas numbers (songs for those of you who may not be familiar with musician lingo) that I love to get the chance to do every year that this gig will be perfect for."

It beckons to not be a "Silent Night" but to "Deck The Halls," get toasty and bring on the mistletoe! ■

## Fair Trade Blueberries Come to the Coop!



On November 15, Interrupcion\* Fair Trade offered free samples of their blueberries to Coop members who were lucky enough to stroll through the produce aisle. These blueberries, which come from Argentina, are now available for sale on our shelves. For more information, check out [www.interrupcion.net](http://www.interrupcion.net)



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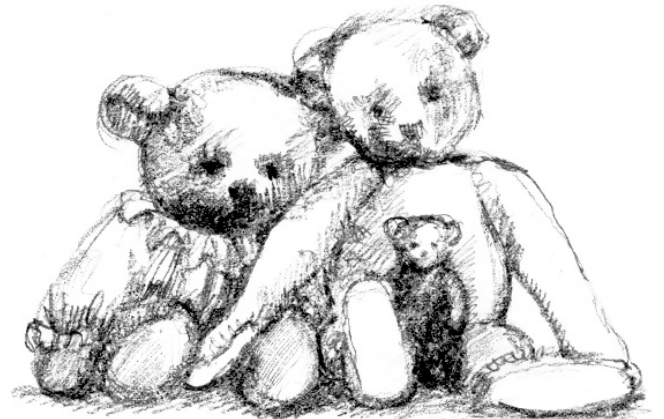
## Do You Have Any Gently Used Toys?

The Coop Childcare ToyCollection is looking rather sparse these days.

The hobbyhorses have gone out to pasture and the trains have been derailed.

Our wish list: Brio trains and tracks, tool box, hobby horse, large cardboard blocks, food and dishes for the play kitchen, dolls and doll clothes, coloring books, markers and any other cool things you might have to donate.

Please drop off your gently used toys at the Membership Office upstairs at the Coop.



## Support a New Coop!

Do you live or work in the Bronx?

Would you prefer to do your workslot on Saturdays?

Then inquire about supporting the South Bronx Food Cooperative!

In accordance with the 6th Principle of Cooperation, the Park Slope Food Coop is offering the SBFC support and consultation by allowing PSFC members to complete their workslot at the Bronx location.

PSFC members will receive FTOP credit in exchange for their help.

To receive credit, you should be a PSFC member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record.

To make work arrangements, please email [ellen\\_weinstat@psfc.coop](mailto:ellen_weinstat@psfc.coop) or call

**718-622-0560**

## Have you experienced bias at the Coop?

Do you have ideas on how to better address bias incidents at the Coop?

We would like to hear your story...

The Diversity and Equality Committee will be holding focus groups with Coop members to better understand the types of bias incidents occurring at the Coop and members' experiences of these incidents.

Please join us on:

**Monday, December 10 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Please call (888) 204-0098 to confirm your attendance or for more information. This is a voicemail box, so please be sure to leave your name, coop member number and contact information so that we can be in touch with you.

**Diversity and Equality Committee  
PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP**

**Work credit is available to those who attend.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



EXIT WORKERS UNITE

TO THE EDITOR:

We exit workers have become children of a lesser God, and many of us are hopping mad. Or in secular terms, we have come to a totalitarian state of food distribution.

Is it in the name of efficiency that an amenity fundamental to any desk job was removed, er, the desk itself, now supplanted by a smallish notepad board? A desk, the mark of our distinction from pure proletarian labor, perish the thought! Shouldn't we be treated as the nec plus ultra of shift workers, the intelligenzia, the party apparatchiks in our intimate kolkhoz?

So pray tell, did someone at the top of the Food Coop chain notice us at all, forlorn in our demotion, hanging at the edge of our chairs, reaching to receipts as the only means of staying in midair? Many comrades certainly did! And several have used the term "obnoxious" to qualify this treatment. What did this save, really? Would it have been so hard at the very least to have fastened with brackets some plywood to the glass frame, perhaps painted to conceal a paltry consideration but giving us at least a modicum of countenance?

The other day, I placed a large empty container upside down on the garbage by said glass panels to rest my pad and pens, and yes, to welcome myself into my double shift. But to add insult to injury, an officious official approached me, alleging that I was blocking the disposal of recyclables into the can.

Well! In my several years at this post, not once I have never seen someone using this can except me. Spare me, I replied to Officious, who finally walked away, grunting of offended authority.

Are the higher-ups sternly pointing their michelangelic fingers at workers whom some describe as having it easy? Well, I do find the job pleasant, but it sure taps into our personalities to shore up the spirits of those who just made it through the gauntlet of dodging carts and cardboard boxes, long shopping lines, wrong entries at check-out registers, and for some, the added aggravation of cash register waits. Exit work is a job for enthusiastic souls, gents who by their very nature enjoy dealing with other gents. Yes, the job is easier than the thankless entrance work because there, anxiety pervades the mood of members dreading what they're getting into, sometimes for a forgotten head of garlic indispensable to make a heady dish of kale and white beans!

Personality is the key to good work here, but give us some decorum, please!

While I'm at it, let me point out that the date stamp was also taken away, with no apparent instructions on the alternative. This would not be so bad if it did not reduce the task to merely slash receipts with a felt tip pen, as do workers at Comp USA, thus a truly meaningless task. While we're at it, shouldn't the Coop spare the ink and equip us with dead pencils to punch said receipts, like Home Depot? How about removing the chair, too? As for me, conscientious troll I

am, I started signing all receipts with my initials, to make this acknowledgement of a legitimate exit meaningful and so we can be traced should there be discrepancies later. I suggest this become policy, though I know, I am inviting extended freezer jail terms for the offenders!

Who's next in this downsizing? Did someone say outsourcing?

Alexandre Courtney Barbier

SOLOMON: CHILDCARE AND MORE

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, we seem to be approaching *meltdown* in the Co-Op's new Zero-Tolerance Hate Speech Policy. The following is from Team 4 editor who I thought was my friend. This is all she could say? What racial slur "follows?" This is her *entire* message—*honest!*

"JOAN MINIERI'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 14TH:

To: hobces@yahoo.com

Subject: gazette letter

Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 23:11:48 -0500

Hi Albert—under our policy of Respect, we can't print a letter that contains a racial slur, as follows. Thank you—Joan Minieri, Team 4 co-editor.

"Lotsa luck on getting our two-programmer crew to fix or change anything, but there it is!"

And, it goes without saying she gave me *no* opportunity to correct the letter, didn't even offer one, and ignored my reply. Someone must have been maaaaaaddddd—or at least busy! In any case, I think

she and the Co-Op owe me an apology—and more than to me, an apology to free speech!

And so we are sending the statement Joan probably was referring to, removing the names of the accused and hoping the next editor will be "kinder and gentler" and a little less rattled. Eric?

Your disqualified candidate and especially Steve Brown continue to be harassed in a screaming crescendo of race-baiting defamation, a certain Justice and Unity member has added another notch to her physical assaults by assaulting Delegate Andrea Fishman in the Pledge Room, and a certain J&U supporter's latest insult

to numerous people, including myself, Mitchel Cohen and Steve Brown, seems to be his best. Look at [http://video.google.com/video play?docid=6191093168988235963&hl=en](http://video.google.com/video/play?docid=6191093168988235963&hl=en) we know it's a long URL, and go to 1 hour 46 minutes 0 seconds to see this magnificent 5 minute outburst of antiwhite hate speech, assault and defamation.

On another front, we have been expelled from our Childcare shift for having too many absences. We agree that we richly deserve some punishment, but *permanent* expulsion after twelve years of excellent attendance seems excessive and discriminatory. If this permanent exclusion persists, we will be making this point to the Childcare squad leaders and to the Shopping squad leader (Childcare workers are part of the Shopping squad), as well as requesting tabulations of other workers who have been similarly expelled, as well as those who have not been expelled for similar offenses.

Seems possible that if this policy were pursued thoroughly there might not be any Childcare workers at all!

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A POEM: CLASS TRANSIT

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No need to park your automobile,  
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No parking lot or city garage,  
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No form of travel beats the limo,  
No possibility, it's primo.  
No workplace benefit compares,  
No more the mode of millionaires;  
No sweat for you, no need to squirm;  
No tab! It's paid for by your firm.  
Yes!

Leon Freilich

Thursday, Jan. 3

7:30 p.m. at the Coop

Susan Baldassano coordinator

Embracing Menopause Naturally

Food guidelines and kitchen-tested recipes that help relieve menopausal symptoms.

MENU

- Greens with Hiziki
- Sweet and Sour Carrot Salad
- Lentil Soup with Seasonal Greens

Guest chef Gabriele Kushi, BFA, MEA

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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](mailto: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.

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In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual 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.



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Puzzle Answers

December Birthday Jumble

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| 2. Bo Diddley    | 7. Ira Gershwin         | 12. Rudyard Kipling |
| 3. Henri Matisse | 8. Mary, Queen of Scots | 13. Diego Rivera    |
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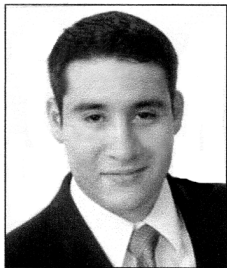
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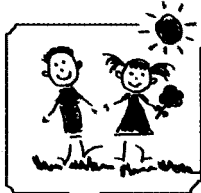
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**PROGRAMS**

**Thursday, December 6  
through Sunday December 9**

The following programs will happen within four days of publication of this issue. For full ads, please look at the November 8 or 22 issues or pick up copies of the flyers in the Coop.

**Thu, December 6**  
7:30 p.m. Food Class: Tis the Season

**Fri, December 7**  
7:00 p.m. Film Night: *Ruthie & Gussie* and *Faces of the Farm*

**Sat, December 8**  
2:00 p.m. Simple Solutions for Organizing Your Life

**Sun, December 9**  
12:00 p.m. 12 Strategies to Make Big Life Transitions Faster and Easier

**Friday, December 14  
7:30 pm at the Coop**


**FREE**  
Non members Welcome

**ETHANOL:  
FOOD OR FUEL?**

This talk/discussion will revolve around changing energy needs and the importance of renewable energy and ethanol production in our future. How does the production of ethanol on a local level lead to better food in the long-term? There will be short online video presentations and handouts. Copies of the book "Alcohol Can Be a Gas!" will be available.

"If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about answers."

—Thomas Pynchon



**Michael Winks** is a longtime coop member who edited the book "Alcohol Can be a Gas! Fueling an Ethanol Revolution for the 21st Century" by ethanol godfather David Blume. He is hoping to start a driver-owned ethanol fuel station in Brooklyn in the coming year.

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WITH MORAIMA SUAREZ

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**Moraima Suarez** is a Coop member, certified Holoenergetic® Healing Practitioner, certified Bowen Therapist, and Reiki practitioner. She has studied and practiced the healing arts for over 20 years and her healing practice in the Park Slope vicinity.

**FREE**  
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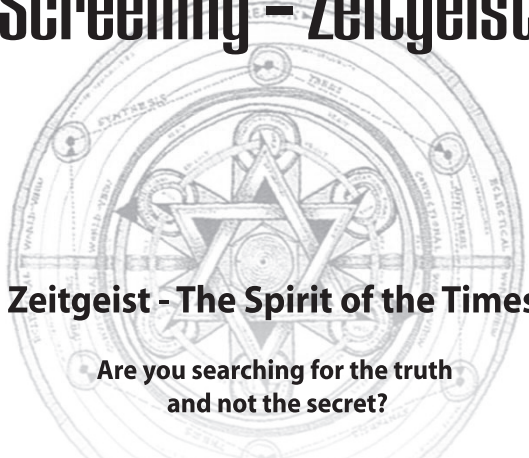
**Saturday, December 15  
3:00–5:00 p.m. at the Coop**

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**Saturday, December 15  
7pm at the Coop**

**FREE**  
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**Screening – Zeitgeist**



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**Philip Botwinick** is a coop member and the Executive Director of Local Energy Solutions, a project of the Five Borough Institute a Not For Profit 501(c) 3 organization, educating and empowering people on the issues of energy, economics, food and community building.

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**Saturday, December 29  
10:30–2:00 at the Coop**

**FREE**  
Non members Welcome

**children's  
book and  
toy swap**



Ready for an early spring cleaning of your kid's room?


Bring your children's outgrown books and toys to swap with others.

Please bring only books and toys that are clean and in good condition.

Broken or shabby items will not be accepted.

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**Eating Healthy on a  
New York Budget**  
with Ameet Maturu



Start off the new year with a new relationship with food and money. In this interactive workshop, we'll discuss the importance of eating well and also how our thoughts about money can sometimes get in the way of truly nourishing ourselves.


We'll also share real solutions to spend less, eat better, and feel great.

Ameet Maturu, HHC is a chef, personal finance guru, and founder of The Intuitive Cook, a local holistic health counseling practice. He has worked for several years in the food industry and is a member of the Park Slope Food Coop.

**FREE**  
Non members welcome

**Sunday, January 6  
12:00 p.m. at the Coop**

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# Holiday Help Needed

Owe make-ups? The Coop needs extra workers this holiday season! You don't need to schedule make-ups in most cases. Just show up at the start time of a shift and speak to the squad leader. Do you want to get ahead on your FTOP work? Contact the Membership Office to schedule FTOP shifts.

## Swapping Helps the Coop and You!

Can't make it to your regularly scheduled shift over the holidays? Don't leave your squad mates understaffed! Swap with another member to make sure your job is covered.

There are three ways to find a swap:

1. The "Shift Swap" bulletin board next to the cashier area is where members looking to trade shifts put up notices.
2. The Coop website ([www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)) has a "Shift Swap" section where members post messages for trades. Look for "Arrange a Shift Swap" on the homepage.
3. The Coop provides Committee schedules that include the names and phone numbers of other members who do the same type of work as you at the same time on alternate weeks. These schedules are available in the entrance lobby and in the Membership Office.

