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Coop Grows by Leaps and Bounds

Hard Times and Tech Innovations Fuel Popularity

By Willow Lawson

Maybe it's the debit cards, maybe it's the slowing economy, but one thing's for sure: the Park Slope Food Coop is doing some serious business.

Membership is at an all-time high of 13,768, and sales for the spring and summer months were up about 20 percent over last year, according to General Coordinator Tricia Leith. In July, "it's been very firmly up 23 or 24 percent," she said. Gross sales will likely top \$35 million this year, up from about \$30 million last year.

Some of the year-over-year growth can be attributed to the introduction of debit cards some 10 months ago on October 1, 2007. It started off with a bang, according to Leith.

About 62 percent of trans-

actions are now completed with a debit card at checkout. Members using debit cards account for about 72 percent of overall sales dollars. The average debit card user spends \$65 per sale, while the average member paying cash spends \$41, according to Leith.

Although debit card use has relieved the bottleneck at the cashier counter, not all of the effects have been good, says Joe Holtz, a General Coordinator. In particular, the software that the Coop purchased to run the debit system has had many flaws, he notes, and that has generated extra work for the Coop's tech support staff.

"Luckily we have great people [working] at the Coop who help generate fixes" by

communicating the problems to the software company, he says. Still, bugs are a continual strain on the staff. In late July, when the two servers that track inventory became "out of sync," it took three staffers nearly two full days to re-establish the correct numbers, after intense data crunching. This kind of work "is invisible to almost all members," says Holtz.

Despite the hiccups, the system works and has fulfilled the goal of reducing the amount of time waiting on line, which has benefited all members, not just those shopping with bank cards. And Leith notes that freeing up the cashier line has made it possible to buy just a few things at the Coop—shoppers can head straight to the cashier desk if they are buying three or fewer items, as long as they don't need to be weighed, for example, produce or bulk items. (Though signs are posted in the express aisle, this convenience does not seem widely known.)

From a shopper's perspective, it might seem that debit card use has fueled sales growth at the Coop by allowing people to spend more money than they have in their pocket, or by attracting members who were put-off by the previous cash-only system.

But Leith and Holtz say debit card use probably isn't the most important reason for that recent growth. Two other big factors—inflation and rising membership—are probably just as important.

Overall, food prices are up over 5 percent in the last year, which means some of the

GENERAL MEETING REPORT

July GM Coverage

By Diane Aronson

Attended by more than 160 members and ably chaired by Imani O'Ryn, the July GM was not without controversy and confrontation.

Open Forum

The July GM got off to a quiet start with an Open Forum question about the proposed expansion of the Coop front end by means of a temporary structure in front of the Coop, an idea that has been in play since it was presented and the \$300,000-plus budget approved by the April 2007 GM. General Coordinator Joe Holtz explained that the Coop was in discussions with the New York City Department of Transportation, regarding the projects. Talks have not been "smooth going," according to Holtz. A landscape architect, who is a Coop member, and an outside architect have been brought in to lend their expertise in future talks with the City. According to Holtz it's "too early to say whether we are going to succeed in getting permission."

Another Front End Option

When a member asked about a contingency plan to relieve front-end Coop congestion, Holtz described the current backup plan: the cashier count can be dropped

to three, and room made to create a fifth express checkout. Holtz also said that our large entrance desk could be shrunk to the size of the smaller check-in station, freeing up space for an additional regular checkout. Holtz observed that the checkout area would "still be very tight."

Coordinators' Reports

After a few other member comments, the GM moved on to the Coordinators' Reports. With the two general coordinators who usually give the financial report on vacation, Joe Holtz stepped in. Our cash assets as of June 22 are \$1,636,954, but to offset any notion of unused cash in the bank, Holtz directed the GM's attention to the accounts payable entry, or what we owe our suppliers: \$1,409,699. According to Holtz, we have usually been an institution of "negative wealth," or as he defined the phrase, "no wealth," but "we pay people on time."

We are at 13,768 members 20 weeks into this fiscal year, compared to 12,839 members 24 weeks into the last fiscal year.

Safe Tomato, Jalapeño Sources

Next up was General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman,

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Next General Meeting on August 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, August 26, 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.

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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Coop Event Highlights

- Thu, Sep 4 • Food Class: Raw Desserts** 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Sep 5 • Film Night: Dr. Bronner's Magic Soapbox** 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Sep 13 • Pocketbook, Purse, Bag and Shoe Exchange** 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Sat, Sep 27 • Poker Night** 7:00–10:00 p.m.

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

Product Return Policy

Please use the following guide to determine if an item is eligible for return:

Produce (fresh fruits & vegetables)	<p>May not be returned with the exception of coconuts, pineapples and watermelon. Even if the claim is that the item is spoiled or that it was purchased by mistake, produce cannot be returned except for the three items listed above.</p> <p>The produce buyer may be contacted on weekdays by members to discuss any other claims for credit.</p>
Books	May not be returned.
Juicers	May not be returned.
Bulk items & bulk items packaged by the Coop	May not be returned. Members may contact the bulk buyer to discuss any other claims for credit.
Refrigerated items Frozen items	May not be returned unless spoiled.
All Other Products (not covered above)	<p>A. Other products may be returned if they are spoiled or defective and the category is not specified above</p> <p>B. Other products may be returned if they are unopened, undamaged and therefore can be sold again.</p> <p>C. Other products may not be returned if they are opened or unsellable, and were purchased by mistake or not needed.</p>

It's the number of new members joining the Coop that has taken many by surprise. The membership trajectory is one that few might have predicted, says Holtz. "If you had asked me last year if membership would be up 10 percent this year, I would have said no. Maybe 2 or 3 percent at the most, but probably closer to 0 percent," he says.

Maybe it's the debit cards, maybe it's the slowing economy, but one thing's for sure: the Park Slope Food Coop is doing some serious business.

When it comes to increased business, the number of shoppers has the biggest effect on the shopping experience. The influx of new members means the Coop is crowded more often, and workers have to stock the shelves multiple times throughout the day “or we’ll have some very unhappy members who go home with-

PHOTO BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

The Coop can have more food delivered. Most weekday mornings United Natural Foods delivers an entire truckload of goods to the Coop. (Though once a week or so it is half a trailer.) If the Coop needs more products to put on the shelves, delivery can be expanded to Sat-

Holtz says the perception that the Coop had a long waiting list for members persisted well into the late 1990s, when the Coop was looking to expand and needed new members. ■

PSFC AUGUST 2008 GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 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.
- Meeting Location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl. at 8th Ave.

AGENDA:

Item #1: Grace Day

Proposal: "Each Coop member will be granted a Grace Day on one missed/cancelled shift per calendar year."

Comment: “This idea arose during the first year I joined the Coop when two consecutive shifts I was scheduled to work were cancelled, one due to holiday, the other for inventory. With every intention to work, I suddenly found myself in suspension. I think many members are familiar with cancelled shifts due to the above situations.

The Grace Day would include any un-worked shift whether due to the absence of the member or the closing of the Coop. Given the communal atmosphere of the Coop not every member will utilize the Grace Day, but for those who do this will certainly be a welcome reprieve.

I believe the Coop will actually see an increase in shifts worked, from members who remain members rather than resign due to suspension, and the good will this will engender would help the Coop attract new members.

The Coop has sometimes received a bad rap for its perceived rigidity; this proposal will do much to counteract that misconception."

—submitted by Marc Vigliotti

Item #2: Cart Dispatcher

Discussion: New workslot: cart dispatcher for walkers. There is confusion with cart walkers, and some shoppers take carts and leave them if no walkers are available. A dispatcher can log in and out carts.

—submitted by Matt Mitler

Future Agenda Information:

For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*.

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

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 psfcdiversity-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.
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Membership Office Mailbox	The DEC has a mailbox in the Membership Office on the second floor of the Coop.
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Cooperation Grows in Brooklyn

By Cristin Flanagan

A fan thrums loudly and swirls the air in the basement of Queen Anne of All Saints Church in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. It's July, and nearly thirty people mill about before eventually gathering in a circle. Bare legs stick to the seats of the church's metal folding chairs in the summer heat.

Greene Hill Food Coop

These are the members of the recently named Greene Hill Food Coop. Most of the people gathered are commu-

nity members of the surrounding Fort Greene and Clinton Hill neighborhood, and many are already assigned committees in the newly formed cooperative. The purpose of the day's meeting is to update the various committees on what each has been up to since the last general meeting, and to generate ideas.

The Park Slope Food Coop and the Flatbush Food Coop have been around since the 1970s, but the Greene Hill Food Coop is the next gener-

ation: one of a number of cooperatives cropping up across the five boroughs, as consumers look for alternative sources for affordable food and healthy organic produce.

Fulton Street, one of the main streets running through Fort Greene, is lined with bodegas with higher-than-average prices and a smattering of high-end specialty shops. A food cooperative like Greene Hill would bring to the neighborhood lower prices for a decent selection of fresh produce. It would also cut down on the travel time of current Park Slope Food Coop members in the Fort Greene/Clinton Hill neighborhood who may be looking for similar options. "It takes me about ten to fifteen minutes on my bike from where I live now," says Amy Duquette, a current Coop member and Fort Greene resident who thinks she might make the change once Greene Hill is fully operational.

While the Greene Hill Food Coop has come up with a name for itself, and established its guiding principles, it is still a long way from being a fully operational food cooperative. "We're still very much in the formation process," says Peter Axtman, a member of the Outreach Committee.

Members of Greene Hill are still scouting locations to accommodate their future coop, and plans are underway for a September case-study presentation for three different locations. The next meeting of the Greene Hill Coop on August 14th could be a polarizing one: on the agenda is a decision on whether to be a coop populated by working or non-working members, or some combination in between. Members are evaluating both sides of the issue. Members of the Park Slope Food Coop, as well as a representative from a coop where a part—not all—of its membership work, are expected to be on hand to discuss the benefits of each.

Cooperative Expansion

The Greene Hill Food Coop hopes to join other newly formed cooperatives, like the East New York Food Coop or the South Bronx Food Coop, in building a successful model. The South Bronx Food Coop has been in operation since September 2007, now boasts about eighty members and plans to move into a new, 1,500- square-foot location within the next few months,

according to one member. Even well-established food cooperatives like the Flatbush Food Coop, which tripled its retail space last year, are expanding.

Bay Ridge Food Coop

While existing food coops grow, other groups are just getting their feet wet. About thirty members of the Bay Ridge community are also contemplating opening a food coop although they are at a much earlier planning stage than the Greene Hill Food Coop—they've only met three times. Like the members of Greene Hill, Bay Ridge community members have visited the Park Slope Food Coop and spoken with Park Slope founding member, General Coordinator Joe Holtz.

David Marangio is a Park Slope Food Coop shopping squad leader. He is also one of about ten current and former Park Slope members who have shown interest in the Bay Ridge project. He hopes to become a core and founding member of the Bay Ridge Food Coop.

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Based on Holtz's experience at PSFC, Marangio believes a good 10 to 12 people will need to step forward as core members to drive plans for a Bay Ridge Coop. Holtz also said that further organizing could take two years. "I hope we don't take

that long, but if we do, we do," says Marangio.

Marangio says he has learned from talking to Holtz that "it's hard to start a coop, and it's equally hard to maintain one." He's not one of those Coop members whose eyes glaze over at the thought of attending a General Meeting: "That's where the bulk of the work gets done," insists Marangio.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Marangio has only praise for the work Holtz has done to aid not only Bay Ridge but for other coops trying to establish themselves. "He's an open book as far as any questions we had. He's going to advise and essentially lose us as [Park Slope Food Coop] members."

"We are almost an anti-business," says Marangio. Holtz goes out of his way to talk to groups forming new food cooperatives—not only in the area, but across the nation; even across the globe. Holtz recently facilitated visitors from a future coop in Venezuela in observing and recording one of Park Slope's recent general meetings.

For members who think this may be at cross purposes with the Park Slope Food Coop's goals, and will result in a loss of membership, Holtz is often quoted relaying one of the earliest principles of cooperatives, a gentle reminder that we are a cooperative corporation: part of our mission is "cooperation amongst cooperatives."

For more information on the Greene Hill Coop: www.clintongreenefoodcoop.com

To be involved in the Bay Ridge Food Coop planning contact: bayridgefoodcoop@gmail.com ■

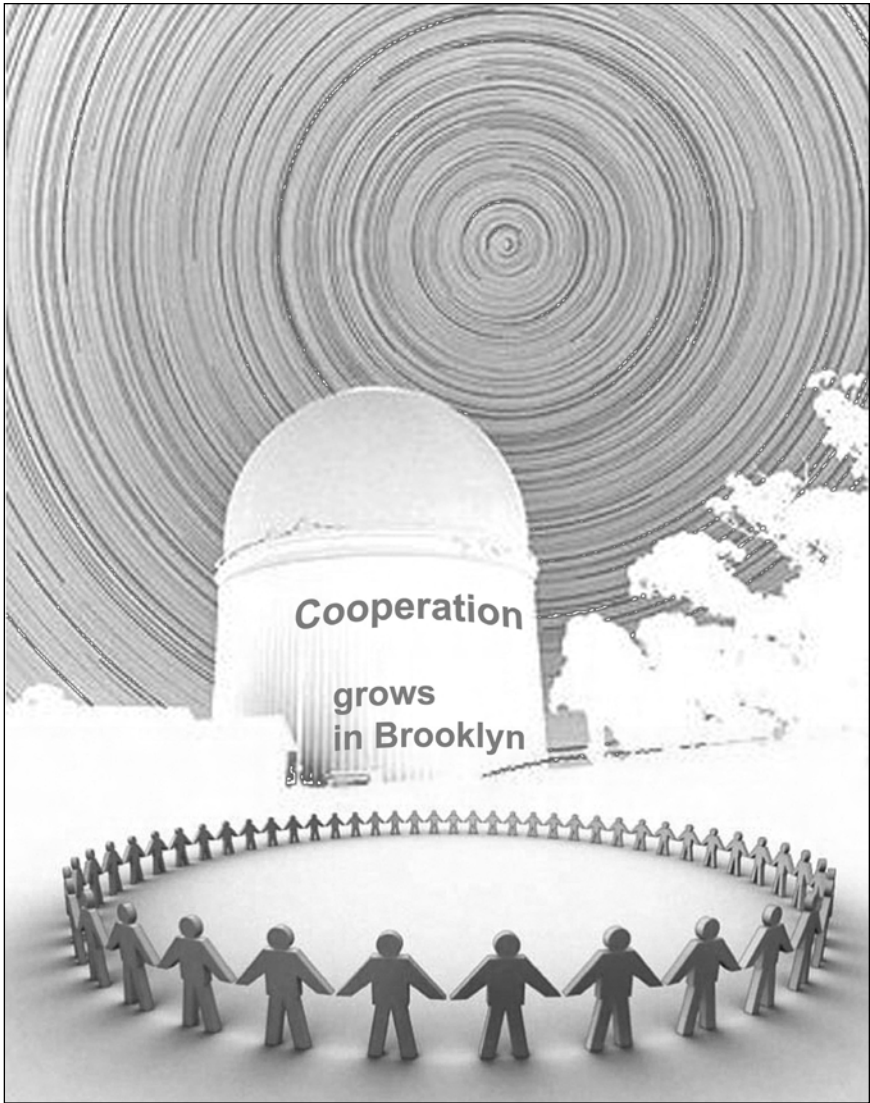


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Thursday, Sept 4

7:30 p.m. at the Coop

Susan Baldassano coordinator

PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

The Raw Palette:
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Helen Castillo received her living foods lifestyle certification from the Ann Wigmore Natural Health Institute in Puerto Rico and her Associate Chef/Instructor certification from the Living Light Culinary Arts Institute in California. She has worked closely with raw foods chefs Elaina Love, Chad Sarno and Renee Loux Underkoffler at several venues in New York City. Her current projects include a raw desserts book to be published next year and a desire to educate others from her 40 acre biodynamic farm in Costa Rica, on the benefits of healthful eating.

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Saturday, September 13
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in the meeting room

To bring Pocketbooks, and Shoes...

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- Bring up to 15 items only
- Bring gently used, clean purses, pocketbooks and shoes that you are proud to be able to exchange with a new owner.

(Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.)

July GM Coverage

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who spoke about produce, particularly about the recent salmonella scare. He observed that “every tomato we sold during that period did ultimately score 100 percent on the safety guidelines” from the FDA, including, Zimmerman stressed, tomatoes from Mexico. Zimmerman also explained that the salmonella source was ultimately identified as jalapeños, and not from a location stocked by the Coop during the scare.

Zimmerman took several questions from members

about local versus distant sources for the produce sold in the PSFC. During the Q&A, Zimmerman observed that his job was to bring in the food that members want to eat.

Controversy During a Committee Report

Jeffrey Aronowitz presented for the Coop’s Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC), which was the sole committee reporting at the July GM. Formed in 2004, the DEC has the goal, said Aronowitz, “to work toward preventing and eliminating



PHOTOS BY JUDY JANDA

Washed green bags drying for re-use.

discrimination in the Coop.”

Aronowitz urged members to participate in a DEC survey covering bias and discrimination issues. The survey runs through August 31, and PSFC members may access the online, anonymous questionnaire through the PSFC’s home Web page. According to Aronowitz, 1,200 surveys had been completed as of the July GM. The committee is looking for 1,400 completed surveys, or a sampling of approximately 10 percent of our active member count.

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After Aronowitz completed his presentation, member Jeannine Sandrini-Cooke questioned him sharply about the diversity survey. She began by requesting to report an example of inappropriate conduct, but then she abruptly broke off—“not here!” She then continued, “You have been begging us many times to answer questions and surveys; you’ve been begging, begging... I guess if you do not have a lot of answers, it’s because there are not many instances of discrimination at the Coop.” She went on to claim, “We cannot force people to give discrimination examples, if we do not have any.”

Sandrini-Cooke’s speech then took an abruptly personal detour. “It is rare that I will get mad, but I will get mad tonight.” Sandrini-Cooke targeted Aronowitz directly with her next series of comments: “You showed up last with a skirt.” During his July GM presentation, Aronowitz was also wearing a skirt of sorts: a blue-plaid kilt.

Defying GM Chair O’Ryn’s diplomatic attempt to intervene, Sandrini-Cooke would

not be stopped. “Why did you show up with that dress, when five minutes after you talked, you had changed for a pant? Are you checking how far our ability to not discriminate is? You say inappropriate conduct. I think your conduct is not appropriate. You are trying to manipulate us, and I feel manipulated, and I will not take it!” The Chair instructed, “You will have to stop; this is inappropriate.” Sandrini-Cooke returned with, “Well, I am sorry. He has to be appropriate.”

Several GM attendees took issue with Sandrini-Cooke’s comments, and one asked her to sit down, observing, “We have to respect everything, no matter what.” The GM Chair quickly gaveled the proceedings back to order, instructing the GM, “This is a Coop and we cooperate with each other.” While the Chair was speaking to the GM, Sandrini-Cooke continued trying to interrupt, with other GM attendees then commenting in response to Sandrini-Cooke’s outbursts.

The Chair put a firm and fast end to additional exchanges, though, pointing out that the GM doesn’t encourage cross talk, nor does the meeting tolerate members personally attacking one another: She stressed that the GM was not a forum to “vent our personal opinions about someone.”

Agenda Items

The GM moved to the evening’s agenda items, each for discussion only, leading to no decisions or actions voted by the meeting for those items.

Change the Coop Work Commitment?

The first agenda item, presented by Todd A. Price, was, as worded in the GM hand-out, to be a discussion about how “to limit the amount of work hours per month to two hours. With the dramatic growth of membership, the

commitment of hours per month should be reduced,” which would make the Coop work commitment 24 hours yearly, down from our current annual work commitment of a little under 36 hours.

As he presented his agenda item, Price commented, “I challenge our board and our staff to be creative, to be innovative, and to find a way to work with less workers in less hours. To have people coming to their shifts to work two hours to feel that they are working productively and that they are coming at a time that makes sense for them.”

The GM then turned the matter over to member discussion.

Some members were for reexamining how our work shift is structured. Amy Cohen, an FTOP member, thought a committee should be formed to explore “ways that we could perhaps improve work. Perhaps there are better ways we can use people.” Cohen offered work-from-home shifts, like data entry, as one example of how to restructure the workslot commitment. Regarding work-shift length, Cohen felt if shorter shifts weren’t feasible, then perhaps members could work longer shifts every five weeks to make it easier for people to come and work. Several other members at the GM spoke in favor of working every five weeks.

Jess Osserman was in favor of a shorter workslot, though, commenting, “I live far away and I have been on work alert for probably a year, and I can never make up the shifts.” He also believed that members should be able miss one or two workslots without having to do two makeups. Osserman felt a more flexible makeup policy would ease Coop work pressure on households with young children, and on members who work multiple jobs.

Brian Wengrofsky thought that a “two-hour work shift would be really convenient.

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TAKE THE SURVEY BY AUGUST 31

**The Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC) of the
Park Slope Food Coop is currently conducting a
member-wide survey to document and better understand
issues of bias and discrimination at the Coop.**

We are asking ALL Coop members to take the survey.
Your participation will help us to get a broad range of views
and perspectives on these issues.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.
The fastest and most environmentally friendly way to complete
the survey is to take it online at:

www.foodcoop.com

(Click on the box on the upper right that says “Take Survey”)

If you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey,
copies are available at the entrance desk,
second floor service desk, and the membership office.

If you have any questions or difficulties
with accessing the surveys and/or any special needs,
please contact the DEC Committee at

1-888-204-0098

Do less work and stuff; sounds good to me. But at the same time, I wouldn't want it decided by just a group of people." Wengrofsky would like to see a survey taken to see how members felt about the staffing levels of their shifts.

Several GM attendees were concerned that a change in the member work commitment would cause difficulties. Radha Patel pointed out that while we do have more members, those members make more work, and although she would "love a two-hour shift, the Coop is for all intents and purposes mostly a well-oiled machine." Patel was curious to know if research had been done on the effects of a lessened work obligation. She would be concerned if there hadn't been an analysis of a work-commitment change's impact.

Veteran squad leader Matt Mitler pointed out how disruptive shift changes can be on the shopping floor, and was worried about more shopping shift changes because of shorter shifts. He commented, "I try to avoid shopping at the Coop when there's a change of shift." His goal as a squad leader is to create a pleasurable shopping experience, and he felt that shopping at the Coop would become less pleasant with more-frequent shift changes.

Receiving Coordinator Chase Valdez, who works 8 to 10 hours daily Friday through Monday, observed, "There's been many a time that we have not had enough people for squads." He urged people who would want to rethink how our work commitment is organized to talk to people on squads that are not adequately staffed. He, too, was concerned about a degradation of conditions at the Coop, even with the current work-shift commitment in place. He pointed out that, as a supermarket, we are "gov-

erned by the department of health, and there are regulations that we have to follow."

Office Coordinator Ann Herpel commented that she spends "a lot of time thinking about workslots." Herpel identified a couple of issues. She observed that staff sees that "work in the Coop is unevenly distributed according to people's lives; people come to the Coop to do makeups when we don't need you, to be quite honest." She gave Martin Luther King Day as an example of when there are traditionally more people at the Coop to do makeups than there are slots to fill. Herpel concluded that days like this lead members to believe there are too many of us for the current work shift structure.

To see the other side of the equation, Herpel urged members to drop by during weekdays or during the summer, with understaffed squads due to absenteeism and work reschedules. Herpel urged the Coop to "rethink how we do makeups. Maybe we can channel work for people who need to do makeups better to where the Coop needs that work done, as opposed to what's convenient for everyone to do."

Herpel also commented that a reduction of the work shift to two hours would require a membership increase to 16,000 members to support the Coop, which would mean 800 extra people shopping a week, and she observed, "I don't know if we can do that in the building we're given." She mentioned that the Building Department does have occupancy limits.

How Can We Use Less Plastic Produce Bags?

There was some more member discussion about the standard Coop work shift, but the July GM gradually moved on to agenda item two, a discussion, as the

agenda item was worded, "to solicit ideas about... whether we can substantially reduce the number of produce bags we use at the Coop, and...how to do so without making the shopping experience more inconvenient or burdensome." The item was presented by the Environmental Committee, the General Coordinators and concerned Coop members.

Aronowitz urged members to participate in a DEC survey covering bias and discrimination issues. The survey runs through August 31.

Discussion time was tight, but members came up with some interesting ideas during the brainstorming session. Many GM attendees suggested that shoppers reuse their own produce plastic bags. General Coordinator Joe Holtz showed the GM a wooden-spoked gadget designed specifically for bag drying. He also showed cotton bags and Debbie Meyer GreenBags as reusable options. Many meeting attendees spoke enthusiastically about cotton reusable bags, and one attendee commented that perhaps new PSFC members should be given muslin bags. Other members suggested Coop signage as a way to educate members about how to reduce plastic produce bag use in the Coop. Others said it was time to rethink how members pay for all those produce bags we tear off rolls in the Coop.

The July GM gradually drew to a close. Since the two agenda items were for discussion only, the only Board votes taken were to accept the minutes of the April and May GMs as well as those of the June 2008 Annual/General Meeting. ■



Should the Coop eliminate these plastic bags?

Park Slope Food Coop Video Squad Workslots Available

Did you know that the Coop has a regular show on Brooklyn Cable Access Television and will soon be expanding to podcasting via the Internet?

The shows feature members and issues related to the Coop and the larger Brooklyn community. Past shows include health, improv performance, live music, cooking classes and ideas for living ecologically.

There are current workslot openings for:

1. Show Host
2. Researcher/Storyboarder
3. Post Production: Editing and Compression

For more information, contact David at simpsonda@gmail.com and include "PSFC Video Squad" in the subject line.

Saturday, August 16
7:30 at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE:
The Black Panther Party and Beyond

A very important, but rarely seen film about the Black Panthers, Young Lords, and other people's movements of the 1960s, and the conscious lengths that certain government agencies have gone to impede them.

Features: former Black Panther Bobby Seale, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former CIA case officer Philip Agee, Leonard Peltier, and Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Rob Falotico is an activist and political researcher whose interests include domestic political assassinations, the government's war on dissent, power elites, and other aspects of U.S. hidden history. He has been a Coop member since 2003.

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- Forgive yourself and others
- Focus and use the power of unconditional love
- Align your head and your heart
- Use the power and energy of love to relieve stress
- Participate in a group unconditional love meditation

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
Non-members welcome

Saturday, August 16
2:00-4:00 at the Coop

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Friday, August 22
7:00 at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

Avatar Adi Da Samraj

The Enlightenment Of the Whole Body

Students speak of their teacher, Avatar Adi Da Samraj, considering the process and the nature of enlightenment and reality.

Pohchoo Lok will present her guru, Adi Da Samraj, born in the West, who points to the possibility of a life based in reality, beyond the opposite points of view of East and West.

Documentary will be shown, with discussion to follow. Live music too!

Pohchoo Lok, originally from Malaysia, is a Coop member now living in the Brooklyn Adidam cooperative community.

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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:
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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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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.

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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.

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Puzzle Corner

Summer Puzzle

Use the clues below to fill in the quote.

Puzzle Author: Janet Farrell. For answers, see page 11.

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2. Downpour

3. Potato Place

4. Statue Lover?

5. Certain Wife

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7. Aisle 3 Favorite

8. God or Vehicle

9. Activity Center?

10. LawnNeed

11. Sanctuaries

12. Smile

13. “Me Too”

14. Army Transport

15. Masterpiece

16. Rental Contract

Monthly on the...

Third Thursday
August 21
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Last Sunday
August 31
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Second Saturday
September 13
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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

RECYCLING

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.
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the collection end time to allow for inspection and sorting of your plastic.

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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Shopping Floor Set-Up and Cleaning

Monday thru Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Are you an early riser with a love of cleaning and organizing? Work under the supervision of a staff person to set up and clean the shopping floor checkout stations. Must like to clean, be meticulous, detail oriented and able to work independently. Great opportunity for someone who wants to work when the Coop is not crowded. Please contact Cynthia Pennycooke at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop or contact her through the Membership Office. FTOP credit available.

Plastic Recycling Drivers

The Plastics Recycling Squads are looking for

drivers to transport plastic recycling collected at the Coop to the recycling plant in Brooklyn. Drivers are needed for shifts on Wednesday or Friday. Drivers must have a large capacity van, truck, or mini-van with removable backseats for the volume of recycling collected (no hatchbacks!). You need to be able to lift and work independently. Reliability a must as you are the only person coming to do this job on your day. All drivers must be available to drop off the recycling at the center between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when the recycling facility is open. Member will be reimbursed for mileage according to IRS reimbursement rates. If interested please contact Office Coordinator Cynthia Pennycooke at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop or drop by the Membership Office to speak to her.

Paper Recycling

Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Do you have a large vehicle (such as a cargo van, truck, or mini-van with removable seats) and want to help the Coop be a good green citizen? Collect recycled paper from the Coop, bag it, load it into your vehicle and drive it to the paper recycling center. You need to be able to lift and work independently. Reliability a must as you will be the only person coming to do this job on your day. The recycling center is located at 165 43rd St in Brooklyn. If interested, please contact Adriana Becerra at gmcredit@psfc.coop or drop by the Membership Office to speak to her.

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:

Aug 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 18
Sep 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Sept 1

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Aug 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 20
Sep 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Sept 3

General Meeting

TUE, AUG 26

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
The agenda appears in this issue and is available as a flyer in the entryway

TUE, SEP 2

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Feb 26 General Meeting.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

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, August 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 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. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue. *Denotes a Coop member.

SAT, AUG 23

DANCING FOR ANIMALS: a non-profit organization, is holding Saturday night dance parties. Alternate Saturdays, enjoy an evening of dancing while helping animal welfare organizations at the same time! Intro dance class 8:30-9:30 p.m. General dancing 9:30-12:00 a.m. (music for all partner dances played). Dance Times Square, 156 W. 44thSt.,3rd Floor. Cost: \$10. 212-946-1824. www.dancingforanimals.org.

WED, AUG 27

AL GOLDSTEIN SPEED SERIES 5K: Race open to all runners and starts at 7 p.m. Registration is on race day at the Oriental Pavilion in Prospect Park next to the skating rink from 6 to 6:45 p.m. \$5. For more info, www.pptc.org/

JEWISH WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL: A series for, by and about Jewish Women! Watch "The Toll-booth" with Hadassah Brooklyn Young Women's Group. Women and Men in their 20's 30's & 40's welcome. 7 p.m. \$5 in advance/\$8 at the door, includes light kosher dinner. 1416 Avenue M. More info call 718-382-6454.

SAT, SEP 6

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SAT, SEP 13

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Carl Schwartz Celebration. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); Wheelchair-accessible. For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 members/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

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

Saturday, August 23
3:00 at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

Into the Body:
Tools and Tips for Reducing Stress

Seeking a sanctuary from stress? Look no further than your own body. In this experiential 90-minute workshop you will:




Learn five simple tools for body-centered stress reduction

Practice using these tools to shift from stress to well-being in minutes

Discover the five secrets to integrating these tools into your life

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a stressful scenario to work with in your mind.



NOTE: Due to the experiential nature of this workshop, no one will be admitted after 15 minutes. Thank you for arriving on time!

Jenny Chafe is the owner of Essential Embodiment, a coaching practice based in Park Slope that helps clients reduce stress using body-centered skills and approaches. Jenny holds a master's degree in somatic counseling psychology from Naropa University and has been a Coop member since 2005.

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Past Life Regression Through Hypnosis

WITH JEFFREY T. CARL, CHT.

DO YOU HAVE THE FEELING THAT YOU HAVE LIVED BEFORE?

Have you ever just met someone and felt like you have previously known them?

Are there other countries or cultures that seem familiar to you?

Well there might be an explanation for this.


Through hypnosis we can tap into the subconscious mind, as well as enter into a peaceful trance-like state to retrieve memories of our past lives.

Relax and take a journey within.

Gain:

- Realizations
- A deeper understanding of who you are
- Retrieve memories
- Pass beyond death and back again

Bring: A blanket to lie down on or a comfortable lawn chair to relax into
A note book to write down anything that comes up



Jeffrey T. Carl, CHT, a Coop member, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist, and a member of I.A.C.T. Jeffrey is also certified in past regression though the Wiess Institute.

FREE
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7:30 p.m. at the Coop

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Saturday, September 6
2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

Jump-Start Your Life

And Move to the Next Level


Renate Reimann, Ph.D.,
Certified Personal and Life Coach



Are you feeling that you are ready to move to the next level in your personal or professional life, but don't quite know how to get there? Then this workshop is for you. Through high-level interaction and stimulating exercises, you will zero-in on your core needs and core values. This process will clarify your purpose and translate your dreams into SMART goals. In the final step, you will create your own action plan that outlines *when* you need to do *what* to create the life you want. Are you ready to jump-start your life?

Renate is a Certified Life Coach. She works with clients who desire to live at their personal best. Her professional experiences include coaching, teaching, and academic and market research. She holds a Certificate in Personal and Life Coaching from New York University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from The Graduate Center of CUNY. She has been a member of the Park Slope Food Coop and a Park Slope resident since 1991. Check out her Web site and get in touch with her at www.freshlifecoaching.com.

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Friday, September 5 • 7:30 p.m.
at the Coop

Saving the world...one bottle of soap at a time.

OFFICIAL SELECTION
MILL VALLEY
FILM FESTIVAL 2006

OFFICIAL SELECTION
HAMPTONS
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL 2006

OFFICIAL SELECTION
PLANET IN FOCUS
FILM FESTIVAL 2006

DR. BRONNER'S MAGIC SOAPBOX

BRONNER SO PRODUCTIONS Presents a BRONNER SOVEREIGN ROBOT Production a Film by SARA LAMM "DR. BRONNER'S MAGIC SOAPBOX"
Associate Producer: ROBERT COLEMAN COLLINS LUDMAN Executive Producer: MATT KESLOW Original Music by PETER DICKSON
Graphic Design by DANIEL SIEGEL Artistic Design: Directed and Produced by STEPHAN NESEAN Camera by ANDREW ANASTAS SARA LAMM
Edited by MATT FINCH Produced by SARA LAMM ZACHARY MORTENSEN CHERIE ANDERSON Directed by SARA LAMM
www.magicsoapbox.com

Dr. Emanuel Bronner was a master soapmaker, self-proclaimed rabbi, and, allegedly, Albert Einstein's nephew.

In 1947, after escaping from a mental institution, he invented the formula for "Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap," a peppermint-infused, all-natural, multi-purpose liquid that can be found today in every American health food store. On each bottle of his soap, he printed an ever-evolving set of teachings he called "The Moral ABC," designed, in his words, "TO UNITE ALL MANKIND FREE!"

A human story about a socially responsible company, "Dr. Bronner's Magic Soapbox" documents the complicated family legacy behind the counterculture's favorite cleaning product—Bronner's son, 68-year-old Ralph, endured over 15 orphanages and foster homes as a child, but despite difficult memories, is his father's most ardent fan.

Producer Zachary Mortensen is the founder of Ghost Robot, a production and management company in New York City. Recent productions include **Against The Current** starring Joseph Fiennes, Michelle Trachtenberg and Mary Tyler Moore and the Gotham Award-winning feature film **Choking Man** by iconoclastic music video director Steve Barron. In spring 2008 Ghost Robot produced the awe-inspiring 3D music video for Bjork's **Wanderlust**.

Mortensen's feature **Road** by director Leslie McCleave premiered at the Los Angeles Film Festival 2005. He also produced the award-winning documentary features "**Breath Control: The History of the Human Beat Box** and **Hell House**" by George Ratliff.

Director Sara Lamm has been working with various forms of live performance-based and radio documentary for ten years. In New York City, she produced and directed a variety of multimedia performances, featuring audio collage, video and still photography. Her work has been presented at PS NBC (a showcase space for NBC), The New York International Fringe Festival, Chashama, Surf Reality, The Atlantic Theater, The 24 Hour Plays and on National Public Radio's The Next Big Thing. Originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, she attended the University of North Carolina, where she graduated with highest honors in Performance Studies and received the "Faculty Award for Most Outstanding Achievement in Live Performance." **Dr. Bronner's Magic Soapbox** is her first documentary film.

Film curator Alexandra Berger can be reached at isisprods@yahoo.com.

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FOOD CHANGES EVERYTHING

TO THE EDITOR:

Happiness is only real when shared. This is why I love the Coop. Cooperation is all about sharing. About putting our values first. About good will defeating the almighty buck. And it gives us access to good food. Food is prosperity. It brings together families and friends, communities and cultures. Food stimulates dialogue and thought. And we always want more. More and better.

It is all about quality. Quality explains why I joined the Coop when I was living in East Harlem. And quality also explains why I have spent more time working in the Coop than shopping. It is the quality of food, the quality of the members, the quality of the coordinators and the quality of our principles that explains our success story.

Let us then be happy that our Coop is in the forefront. Let us work on keeping it there. Let us keep growing and helping others grow. Let us promote wholesome, minimally processed foods so we can forget about synthetic ingredients. Let us read the labels. Let us respect authority while questioning it. Let us promote reusable bottles regardless of what healthy fluid they carry. Let us promote containers that keep our food and planet safe. Let us promote reusable bags throughout the store that minimize our waste. Let us all freely embrace the enriching diversity of our teams and shelves.

I have been living in the city for one year: long enough to get to know the Coop and enjoy it. Long enough to move to Brooklyn; to bike the five boroughs; to get a handful of shopping bags; to get into recycling every week; to purchase energy from renewable sources; to attend several sustainability events; to become involved with the sustainability team during my internship in an engineering firm. I marvel at the results of bringing the farms closer to the city and the food closer to our hearts. Now I am reading *In Defense of Food*. It helps me realize that food changes everything and that we need to keep changing for the better.

I will be leaving the city in a few weeks: I am going back to Europe to complete my education. But I will keep reading the *Gazette* and hopefully I will come back soon to see us forging ahead. I will continue to research about cooperation and I will be happy to keep my refundable investment in the Coop. It is an investment in quality. An investment to keep us thriving.

Thank You,
Francisco Javier Roca

HEY, GOING MY WAY?...

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the anonymous Coop member who, on a recent Saturday, announced over the loudspeaker that he was leaving shortly and would be glad to give a ride to any member who was going in the same direction. Several shoppers in my vicinity murmured appreciative remarks such as, "That's the true Coop spirit."

Besides being neighborly, sharing rides is a great way to cut down on fuel costs and the resulting pollution. If the Coop had a ride sharing message board, people could arrange to share rides, either with a Coop member who doesn't have a car and might want to chip in for some gas, or to alternate driving with another shopper who does have a car. Our website has a message board that enables members to arrange shift swaps. Couldn't we set up a web page for members to arrange ride shares as well?

Sincerely,
Cynthia Blayer

HIDDEN TREASURE IN BROOKLYN: CAMBA'S SHONA GALLERY

DEAR EDITOR:

Many of us know CAMBA for its many social service programs that since 1977 have served approximately 30,000 individuals each year. I recently met with Joanne Oplustil, CAMBA's Executive Director, to talk about its Shona Gallery. She stressed the importance of supporting Shona art now, since many of the artists support not only their immediate families, but extended families and beyond with the sale of their art work.

Occupying 1,500 square feet in CAMBA's health services building, Shona Gallery houses one of the largest collections of Shona art in the United States. The gallery began in 1991 as a way to sustain CAMBA's services while simultaneously supporting artists living and working in Zimbabwe. With the aid of an art dealer raised in Zimbabwe and living in New York, the gallery is able to have a direct relationship with the artists, whose work is purchased outright.

The word Shona means both the Bantu people and language of natives of Zimbabwe and southern Mozambique. The range of dialects spoken and regions where the artists live and work is reflected in the diversity of styles and techniques apparent when viewing Shona Gallery's offerings. While the techniques of stone carving the artists employ have been passed down for hundreds of years, and subjects are culled from traditional folklore and spiritual beliefs, Shona art is decidedly modern. Examples can be found in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Musée Rodin in Paris, Queen Elizabeth II, the Rockefellers, the Rothschilds, and actor Danny Glover among others.

CAMBA's Shona Gallery is home to the work of some of the world's most renowned Shona artists, including Nicholas Mukomberanwa (1940 – 2002). On view currently is his work "The Prophet." Carved from springstone, or black serpentine, one of the hardest and least available stones used for sculpting in Zimbabwe, the material is prized for its under layer of brown, which adds a rich dimension to the otherwise hard black surface. "The Prophet" exhibits a skill for abstraction in the carving of the head, where the face is reduced to geometric forms and a play between positive and negative space, as if probing the interior of the subject's mind. The

beard is carved in undulating, narrow lines, suggesting the thinning, wispy whiskers of an elder sage. Rough, brown-hued edges suggest that the prophet has emerged to impart its wisdom before reuniting with the stone it was born from.

Other master artists included in CAMBA's Shona Gallery collection are Gregory Mustasa; Lawrence Mukomberanwa, son of Nicholas; Richard Mteki; Lameck Bonjisi; Adam Gatsi; and Fanizani Akuda.

CAMBA's Shona Gallery, at 19 Winthrop Street between Flatbush and Bedford Avenues, is open by appointment. Hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9am to 7pm, Tuesday and Thursday. For information, call 718-287-2600 and ask for Lorelie, or e-mail the gallery at info@shonasculptures.com. For information on the gallery's holdings and Shona art, please visit the website at <http://shonasculptures.com> or www.camba.org.

Mary-Beth Shine

MY SUV

*Needing a bankful
To buy a tankful
I took a spin
And traded it in
(My 50K Hummer
A worthless hummer)
Bargaining hard
For a MetroCard.
What's it provide?
A \$2 ride!*

Leon Freilich

CONTAINED COOPERATION

DEAR LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE EDITORS:

I'm getting a little concerned about the recycling committee. I am hoping we can reorganize a little bit to make recycling easier on all members. As the recycling's gotten more popular, it would be great if we could keep it efficient and hands-on for all involved. I understand the reasoning behind and importance of cleaning the recycling...maybe especially those 5s! But I really don't need to stand around for 10 minutes to either be scolded or congratulated for the cleanliness of my yogurt containers. A few recyclers have set themselves up as judge and jury for the process. Maybe we could all get more involved in the cleaning? Like we could prioritize a station where some committee members could help people clean? It'd be really nice. We need a little more group effort here.

Thanks kindly,
Peter Jacobson

VETTING THE FOOD AND PLASTIC BAGS

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the article "How the Coop Chooses What to Sell," I want to point out that high fructose corn syrup is the FIRST ingredient on Tiger's Milk bars (sold in the nutrition bar section), and they also contain TRANS fats (partially hydrogenated vegetable oils). The Center for Science in the Public Interest recommends abolishing all trans fats, and

California is banning all trans fat use in restaurants. Perhaps the Coop should ban all the trans fat products as well.

On another note, I had an idea for a compromise on the plastic bag issue since I don't always remember to bring enough packs to every shopping trip. The Coop could sell some bags at the door for a much higher than normal price (perhaps \$2/bag) and then donate the profits to environmental groups or causes. Or maybe the other bag substitutes that are sold should be placed more prominently near the checkout areas.

Karen L. Fuller

DEMOCRACY IS NOT TRANSPARENCY

TO THE EDITOR:

"A fact which allows us to hope the Resurrection will reflect a considerable attention to detail."

—Marilynne Robinson

This is addressed to the woman I spoke with outside the Co-Op yesterday:

I must say in the last three years my faith in Democracy has been challenged. Observing and being a part of the conversion of the Pacifica Foundation to a democratic system has opened my eyes to the possibility that Democracy might not be a thing that needs no justification. The woman held that I was a member of the Co-Op, I enjoyed it, therefore I should not fight for democracy. I suppose this would not have applied to a Jewish banker or a concentration camp commander in Nazi Germany, or to a resistance fighter in Gaza or Lebanon. I also believe that our ideology has to be consistent, so that what is important in one place is still important in another.

Democracy has been a terrific struggle at Pacifica, and some of those who wrote it into the new Bylaws are horrified and not wanting to see any more of it. And they are joined by those who never wanted democracy in the first place.

Democracy is not transparency. It is not accountability. It is not a good feeling. It is not an attitude of fairness. It is not good and honest rulers or leaders. I agree that we have more than our share of these things at the Co-Op. To me democracy is fair and equal representation in a sovereign assembly of delegates elected under proportional representation.

You will say that democracy cannot flourish without these other things, and I will say that these other things can flourish without democracy. There are many good things about a benevolent dictatorship, but let's not put the cart before the horse!

One thing I have learned is that I never again want to be a candidate for office, in a democracy or otherwise! I did it twice at WBAI-Pacifica and that was enough.

Democracy in its first stages has been tremendously destructive to Pacifica, just as a nervous breakdown can be destructive in a personality, a serious illness can be destructive in a body, and a political revolution can be destructive in a country. But all of these upheavals can and should be

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Susan March and Marija Santo are Geotran practitioners.



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Saturday, September 6
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All attendees will get a proof-of-attendance card enabling them to borrow traps from a number of area trap banks.

Jesse Oldham, a PSFC member, has been an animal welfare advocate for 13 years. She is the founder and President of Slope Street Cats and is on the NYC Feral Cat Council.

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Saturday, September 6
9:30 - 12:30 in the Coop

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Suzy Lieber, LCSW, is in private practice in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, and midtown Manhattan. She holds a Certificate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy from the Post Graduate Center of Mental Health and has training in group psychotherapy from the Psychodrama Training Institute and The American Society of Group Psychotherapy.

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Friday, September 12
6:45 p.m. at the Coop

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Nourish Yourself with Integrative Nutrition

Discover a refreshing and exhilarating approach to learning about your health.



In this workshop, holistic health counselor Dages Keates will demystify much of the confusion people experience from all the different dietary theories out there. You will get tips on how to cater your diet to your individual needs, not on one theory or diet style. You will learn to understand your cravings and why you crave certain foods. And you will discover other ways to nourish your life beyond the foods you eat.

Dages Juvelier Keates is a board-certified Holistic Health Counselor (AADP) and the founder and director of Delicious Dialogues, whose mission is to inspire, educate, and support individuals who aspire to live life to the fullest and achieve optimum well-being. She is a graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, a member of the Yoga Alliance, and a member of the PSFC.

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Saturday, September 13
4:00 at the Coop

FREE
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Community Acupuncture and You

Come join our ongoing discussion about:

- Affordable healthcare options in NYC
- Community acupuncture in theory and in practice
- Social entrepreneurialism for personal and planetary health

Discussion hosted by Coop members Robbie Butler, LAc, and Sarah Chase, LAc, of the Brooklyn Acupuncture Project.

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Saturday, September 13
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
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FROM YOUR KITCHEN TO THE GARDEN



Shabazz Jackson and Josephine Papagni of Greenway Environmental Services talk about their zero-waste approach to managing organic waste on a large scale. They are a regional facility that serves municipalities, institutions, construction contractors, landscapers, and gardeners in the lower Hudson Valley. Greenway intercepts the food waste at the point where it is generated -- bypassing the toxic practices of landfilling or incineration. Their system creates high-quality compost, soil, and mulch, which in turn are used to grow food in an organic, sustainable fashion. The Greenway representatives will also talk about their natural water-filtration system, using plants to remove toxins and purify the water.

Philip Botwinick is a Coop member and the co-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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Sunday, September 14
12:00 at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

The Emotional Side of Healing

Are you aware of the connection between your mental and emotional attitudes and your health? Unmanaged stress and toxic emotions are as destructive to our health as poor food choices and a polluted environment.

Come join us and

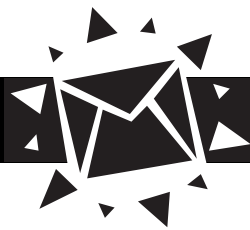
- Get a better understanding of how your emotions play an important role in your ability to heal and maintain good health;
- More easily identify how we get in the way of our own healing process;
- Take simple steps toward converting toxic thoughts and emotions into healthy attitudes.

Take this opportunity to begin your journey.



Clarisse M. Domingo is a Certified Colon Hydrotherapist and the resident nutritional and lifestyle coach at Prana Brooklyn, a wellness center in Park Slope. Her practice focuses on exploring the connection between emotion, daily eating habits, overall lifestyle, and our ability to heal. Clarisse holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from NYU and is a graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition. She has been a member of the Coop since 2004.

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means toward a higher level of existence. What I am proposing is a political revolution on a small scale, abetted by management, wherein we would take our mission to be a social experiment more seriously. Though in the short term there might be some upheaval, because we are a much more central, simpler and more coherent organization, I don't think it would be as bad or as life-threatening for us as it is at Pacifica.

I hope this answers some of your questions.

In Solidarity,

Albert Baron Solomon

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4. PIGEON	10. MOWER	16. LEASE
5. TROPHY	11. OASES	
6. TONY	12. GRIN	

This Month's Quote:
"A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than yours."
J.B. Priestley

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WELCOME!

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

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