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## Gazette Printer Closes Shop

#### By Diane Aronson

bove the Linewaiters' Gazette's articles about the General Meeting or missing shopping carts or reminders about cooking classes, one constant has been those little bits of information in our newsletter's masthead that signify how the production of the Gazette is in line with the Park Slope Food Coop's social and economic values.

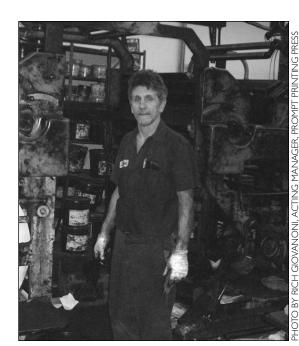
Proudly displayed to the left of our masthead is a union "bug," which signals that the *Gazette* is printed in a union plant. To the right are the familiar symbols for recycling and soybased inks.

It isn't until the middle of the *Gazette*, below the publishing information and submission guidelines, that you spot a familiar line: "Printed by Prompt Printing Press, Camden, N.J." As of this issue, that line will change.

#### A Press with a Conscience

Since July 2004, the Linewaiters' Gazette has been printed by Prompt, a small, unionized press shop whose environmental stance and good prices filled the needs of customers as diverse as the Graphic Artists' Guild, a U.S. edition of a Middle Eastern publication and the Park Slope Food Coop. In addition to the Gazette, Prompt printed the Coop's membership manuals.





Stephen Paulmier, lead pressperson, in front of Prompt's 40-year old Goss Community web off-set press.

But as of September 30, 2008, the day Prompt shut its doors, our newsletter will no longer be published by this South Jersey press, whose Web-based bulletin board featured an Oxfam link and whose union employees were part of the Graphic Communications Conference. An emailed statement from Prompt stated:

We apologize for the suddenness of the notification. But waiting any longer to close would probably just lead us further in financial debt and make it even harder for us to pay our union workers any outstanding vacation pay and the proper severance pay.

According to Rich Giovanoni, acting manager of Prompt, the official decision to close the company's doors came on September 15, although he remarked that the closure was "somewhat imminent for a period of time." Prompt's business demise this fall comes after a round of layoffs in 2007.

One of the only options to keep the business going would have been to raise prices to reflect the higher costs of paper, ink and energy, but Giovanoni felt that this would make their small-run customers "print less often, not print at all or print less quantity." Giovanoni also pointed to online reading as a contributing factor to a shrinking customer base. The constant pressure to hold prices down in a contracting economy, which has turned printing away from union shops, and the migration of readers to the Internet has deprived the Coop of a special vendor who enjoyed working with small businesses: those retailers and orga-

## **Never** Lost for Good

#### By Willow Lawson

For a Tannenbaum looked shocked as she stood next to the entrance of the Coop, a copy of 8 Weeks to Optimum Health by Andrew Weil in her hands.

She had lost the book days earlier at the Coop, leaving it in the underbelly of her shopping cart. But when Tannenbaum checked the gray "Lost & Found" bins next to the lockers, she found her pristine, hardcover book waiting for her. "I was sure someone would just take it," she said, shaking her head with disbelief. "This really is an honest place."

If you lose a wad of cash on the sidewalk of Seventh Avenue, it's pretty safe to say you'll never lay eyes on it again. But lose something in the aisles of the Coop and there's a decent chance you'll find it waiting for you in the Lost & Found or in the Membership Office on the second floor. That's what happened to Cora Jackson, a member for about 16 years. She once lost an envelope with a blank but signed—check in the Coop. Someone from the office called to tell her it had been found. Jackson didn't care to imagine what might have happened had she lost the check someplace else.

#### Plenty of Valuables Recovered

Charlene Swift, an Office Coordinator who oversees the Lost & Found, says "it restores your faith in humanity" to see so many lost items returned to the Coop, especially the valuable ones, such as cell phones, iPods and wallets. Even wads of cash sometimes in excess of \$100, says Swift—have been turned in to the Coop office. (Valuable items are locked away and recorded in a logbook,

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Cell phones, an iPhone charger, a blood donor card and a pair of earrings made their way into the Lost & Found.



HOTO BY JUDY JAND/

Prompt made its last delivery of the Gazette to the Coop on September 25.

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Event	Fri, Oct 24 •	Blood Drive 11:00 a.m6:00 p.m.
	Sat, Oct 25 •	Blood Drive 11:00 a.m6:00 p.m.
Highlights	Thu, Nov 6 •	Food Class: Vegan Thanksgiving 7:30 p.m.
	Sat, Nov 8 •	Adult Clothing Exchange 7:30 p.m.

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

#### Next General Meeting on October 28

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.\* The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 28, 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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## **PSFC OCTOBER 2008 GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, October 28, 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: Annual Agenda Committee Election (30 minutes)

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

#### Item #2: More Space in the Basement (30 minutes)

Discussion: "Discuss eliminating the basement compressor room in order to gain more space for walk-in coolers in the "produce" basement. This would entail putting the frozen food compressors on the roof and moving the hot water heater to the second floor. " —submitted by General Coordinators

## Item #3: Shop & Cycle Committee Work for Credit (30 minutes)

Proposal: "To allow the members of the committee to continue to work for credit for an additional eight more months." —submitted by The Shop & Cycle Exploratory Committee

#### **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.



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nizations who had printing needs of fewer than 15,000 copies per run.

Michael Scheinberg, a Prompt employee for 21 years, whose specialty is digital prepress work, described the Gazette's layout as "very appealing," and he shared his own Brooklyn coop roots. Before moving from New York to South Jersey, Scheinberg shopped at the Flatbush Food Coop. One of Prompt's pressmen, a member of the Weavers Way Co-op in Philadelphia, would distribute extra Linewaiters' Gazettes to Weavers.

#### A Loss of Union Jobs in Challenged City

With Prompt's closure, Camden, N.J., will lose several union jobs in a community that has suffered unemployment as high as 13% as recently as 2003, with a September 2007 unemployment rate of 9%. These unemployment figures were measured in a city described by a recent Camden Consolidated Plan: "95% of the census tracts in

the city of Camden have a concentration of low income persons. The top 2 priorities of our residents remain: housing and n e i g h b o r h o o d improvement and job creation targeted to residents."

#### Where to Go to Print the *Gazette*?

Where does Prompt's closure leave the Linewaiters' Gazette?

Karen Mancuso, a Coop Office Coordinator closely involved in producing the *Gazette*, has found a temporary vendor: New Media Printing, a union shop based in Bethpage, Long Island. A pro-union label is prominently featured on New Media's Web page. Production will continue as before, except printed issues will be shipped overnight to the Coop, rather than trucked in. Prompt was charging \$580 per run; our costs with New Media will actually drop a little: \$437.07,



Gazette workers prepare the last issue to be printed by Prompt Press.

plus \$65 for delivery.

Mancuso observed that the Gazette print order had been trimmed from 3,600 to 3,000 copies per issue. She cited leftover copies and the Gazette's online availability as factors in cutting the newsletter's print run during the last year. ■

## Coop Job Opening: Computer Programmer Description:

The ideal candidate will work as part of a team and be well versed in Object Oriented methodologies and the full software development life cycle (analysis, design, coding, testing, debugging and documentation). The programmer will interact with Coop members and staff members. The candidate will maintain the following legacy applications while rewriting them to utilize a SQL database backend and, eventually, webbased user interfaces.

Membership accounting application (tracks workslots, member data and member card printing application) Inventory/Produce applications (maintains inventory data and assists ordering process)

Other in-house developed programs

#### **Requirements:**

SQL database design and maintenance experience

Web-based application development in Java, Perl, PHP, LAMP or similar

Experience with analysis, development and maintenance of an interactive application communicating with proprietary or SQL-based backend.

Strong interpersonal/communications skills

Experience with source code versioning systems

User and source code documentation experience

Candidate must have at least three years of programming experience and a BS in Computer Science or equivalent experience.

#### **Highly Desirable:**

Work experience with the following:

Automated unit testing

Adapting to a legacy development language or framework

Tiger Logic/Raining Data's Omnis 7 / Omnis Studio

Join the Blood Drive at the Park Slope Food Coop

**ẽ Thursday, October 23 •** 3:00 − 8:00 p.m.

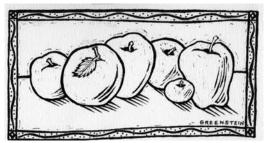
- ℰ Friday, October 24 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
- **ẽ Saturday, October 25 •** 11:00 a.m. − 6:00 p.m.

In the second floor Meeting Room



**FACT:** Less than 3% of the population donates blood and 90% will use blood some time in their life.

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 In cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital •
For further information about blood donation, call Stuart Rosenhaus, 780-3644



Application development in a Mac OS X environment

- **Hours:** 40 hours/week
- **Wages:** \$ 76,151.24 year
- **Benefits:** Four paid holidays: July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day
  - Five weeks vacation
  - Health & Personal paid time
  - Health insurance and long-term disability insurance, fully paid by the Coop
  - Defined benefit pension plan, fully paid by the Coop
  - Transit Checks
  - Health Reimbursement Account
  - Not a profit-driven environment
  - After 12 months of employment: Dental Coverage, employee-funded 401(k) and Life Insurance
  - Flexible hours

### Application & Hiring Process:

Please email a cover letter with your résumé to hc-programmer@psfc.coop. Alternately you can mail your letter and résumé or drop them in the mail slot just inside the entryway vestibule of the Coop. All members who submit both a cover letter and résumé will receive a response. Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application.

#### Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the PSFC, immediately prior to application and for at least six months.

### **Probation Period:**

There will be six-month probation period.

## We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

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## Bev Grant and the Human Condition Reunion Concert

36th Anniversary Concert October 18 at People's Voice Café Recalls Early Days of the Park Slope Food Coop

#### By Bev Grant

B ack when Park Slope was a working-class neighborhood in a struggling borough where storefronts on Seventh Avenue were shuttered and empty and brownstone mansions were rooming houses, a new spirit was stirring. Activists and artists, musicians and writers, actors and

adventurous pioneers were giving their creative energy to Park Slope, Brooklyn. The Park Slope Food Coop grew out of this community about the same time as my band, the Human Condition, was brought to life on Garfield Place between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. Founded by Park Slope Food Coop members Gene Hicks and me, together with Garfield Place residents Jerry Mitnick and Mario Giacalone, the band was an early supporter of the Coop, playing performance benefits on its behalf. Keyboard and fiddle player Gene Hicks (who now does his shift as cashier) was an early member, as evidenced by his threedigit membership number (#617). He remembers helping to knock down walls as the Coop was being built.

The Human Condition played folk-rock music with a strong political messageanti-war, feminist, antiracist, with a class consciousness reflecting the roots of its members. Throughout the '70s, regular dances and benefits were played at St. John's Presbyterian Church and at the Park Slope Methodist Church. In 1975 the band recorded "The Working People Gonna Rise" for Paredon Records, an independent record label, which later became part of Folkways Records (now at the Smithsonian Institution). "Inez," a song recorded with the Human Condition by Paredon Records, is included in the Grammynominated Best of Broadside collection produced by Smithsonian/Folkways.

By the early '80s, the band had morphed into a worldbeat band with the addition of Chipo Wakatama, from

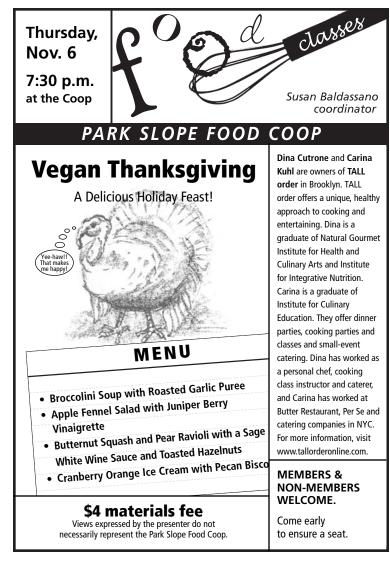
Member

Negrón, from Puerto Rico, and grew into a 10-piece ensemble including such notable musicians as Ubaka Hill, Hillary Kay, Zane Massey, Frank London, Charles Mena, Chris Cullo, Maria Breyer and Chris Carter. We recorded our second album, "Kulonyaka," with songs in Zulu, Spanish, Creole and English. We gained a reputation as bridge builders between the disparate communities in New York City, playing in the Haitian community, performing against apartheid and in support of the African National Congress. In 1987, the Human Condition played at the Prospect Park

Zimbabwe, and Frank

Bandshell as part of Celebrate Brooklyn. The band finally broke up in the early 1990s, although many of its members continued their musical careers.

On Saturday, October 18, the Human Condition will celebrate its 36th anniversary with a performance by the original members and special guests covering our 20-year history. The concert will be held at People's Voice Café at The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison and Park Avenues) in Manhattan at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. For more information, call 718-788-3741 or visit my Web site: www.bevgrant.com.





Coop members Bev Grant and Gene Hicks (second from right) with the folk-rock band the Human Condition.

## The Fifteenth Question

Another Way to Solve the Diaper Dilemma

By Mitchell Baker

s the world eternal? Is the self identical with the body? Cloth or disposable? Parents in the Slope have to find their own balance among conflicting constraints of time, money and sustainability (not in that order). I would like to share with you our diaper strategy; not that it represents anything new or any ideal, but just to say that it can be done, and fairly painlessly, as part of the rest of the childcare ritual. Our motivation has been some combination of cheapness, ecology, time and space constraints, and did I say cheapness? We are a family of four living in 550 square feet, without a washer or dryer in the building, and weekly diaper service costs are daunting. Now there is some consensus, after much modeling, that with new, efficient washing machines cloth diapers have a smaller ecological footprint than disposables. However, why make things complicated? If you handwash and hang-dry your diapers you can throw away the abacus. Happily for the planet, our apartment is much too small to house a washer and dryer, so any home cleaning has to be by hand.

washing tumbler ("Wonder wash") available through Lehmans or The Laundry Alternative online, which works well, both in terms of cleaning and speed. We do a load every day after storing the diapers dry (we rinse the poopy ones). It's easier to clean them each day, and then I can fit all the diapers in a single load. One day's diapers, plus a blanket and washcloth from the bath, usually fit in one load. We also bought a tabletop spin dryer that leaves the diapers dryer than the washing machine at the Laundromat in two minutes. Pre-war high ceilings in our apartment meant that we had plenty of space to hang a telescoping laundry hanger in the hallway, outside the bathroom, where the air is dryer. Even on a humid summer day the very thick, fitted cloth diapers dry in 24 hours; in the winter they are dry by morning. The whole routine-wash and two rinses in the tumbler (remembering not to use too much soap), spin dry and hang-takes 20 minutes, and I do it while the baby is being nursed before bedtime. In economic terms, the washing tumbler, spin dryer and hanger cost \$140, and will continue to be useful

**Contributions** after the diapers are through. We inherited our cloth diapers, but they would have cost about \$275 new, and a little more than half that if

cost about \$275 new, and a little more than half that if secondhand. For that investment, and the time, we save six to eight disposable diapers a day, saving \$1.70-2.20 a day over using only disposable diapers (unbleached Coop diapers cost about the same as the standard brands at Target), or somewhere between 600 and 800 diapers per year. We're not perfectwe use disposables for the first night's diaper and for longer day trips—but the startup costs are low enough that after the first couple months, we save money every time we avoid using a disposable diaper. To us, that's a worthwhile equation.

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There is an effective hand-



## **Bike Valet Parking Demo**

and Join Us for a

**Bring Your Bike Shopping** 

## Saturday, October 18 • 12-5 pm

Where: on the sidewalk just west of the Coop, outside the schoolyard

Our one-day-only valet parking demo will show you what life can be like in a bikeand eco-friendly world. Just drop your bike off, do your shopping, and hop back on—it's as easy as that. No locks, no worries, no thief. And it's available to all Coop shoppers as a courtesy to the environment, brought to you by



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#### Never Lost for Good

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while other belongings are put in the bins).

The Lost & Found bins at the entrance to the Coop are fairly new. The old Lost & Found consisted of cardboard boxes on top of the lockers. Not only did the bins often go unnoticed, but found items frequently fell behind the lockers and had to be fished out.

The member whose job is to monitor the bins labels items in the bins with masking tape. Items are stored for at least 30 days. If a name is attached to the item, Swift makes an effort to track the person down.



It's not all travel mugs and

sunglasses. In the last two months, the following items have landed in the bins: a yoga mat, a 10-pound bag of cat food from PetCo, a window screen, a bike tire, a pink Strawberry Shortcake purse and a book titled Sexing the Cherry by Jeanette Winterson.

#### A Neighborhood Depot for Coop Members

The Coop also serves as a kind of depot of lost items for the neighborhood, more powerful than Craigslist or even the renowned Park Slope Parents listserv. Lose your wallet or backpack in the neighborhood? If your Coop card or a checkout receipt is inside, a good samaritan may drop it off. Swift and other office coordinators field a surprisingly large number of phone calls from people who have found a Coop member's wallet on the street. Usually it's a case of a stolen wallet that was discarded on the street after the money was removed.

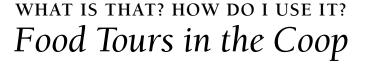
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Don't despair: lost belongings are often found. Labeled bins reside next to the lockers in the entrance lobby. More valuable items are kept in the Membership Office.

Brooklyn. The center is a transitional home and jobtraining program for people recently released from



The Coop is one of those places where time gives you a little squeeze: the belly grips the shoulders reach for the ears

We put shopping on the list of things to get DONE When we come in, we're already thinking about coming out

But there's the Coop of a parallel universe where items are stocked in orderly rows Fruits and vegetables bulge colorfully into the aisles Fellow members are busy at their tasks There's the peaceful hum of human activity, probably not much different from that of the farms where all the food is grown

In this Coop we're connected to everyone else who eats

The strangest item Swift has spotted: a spare car tire, the kind people call a "donut." It sat on top of the lockers for weeks, looming above her every morning when she arrived. Eventually it found a new home.

"As with most things at the Coop, there's really not a lot of space," says Swift of Lost & Found storage. Unclaimed items are donated. Men's clothing goes to CHIPS shelter and soup kitchen on Fourth Avenue. Other items, including women's clothing, are donated to the Redemption Center in Brownsville,



prison. One reason the Coop favors the center is because it is willing to pick up donated items.

Although unclaimed stuff may eventually find a needy owner, Swift pleads with Coop members not to view



the Lost & Found as a place to donate or dump unwanted belongings. One day several garbage bags of women's handbags mysteriously appeared near the Lost & Found. Swift believes someone had good intentions, but the Lost & Found can be a bit of a thorn in the side of the staff. In the winter, the bins overflow with scarves, hats and coats.

#### **Help for Coop Losers**

One bit of advice: If you lose something at the Coop and can't find it in the bins, check back in a week or even a month, says Swift. "This building is a kind of Bermuda Triangle of belongings," she says. Sometimes an article is wedged behind a shelf or otherwise unnoticed in some crevice. The item may turn up during a thorough cleaning.

Another tip: Don't put your wedding ring in the apron pocket while you work in food processing. Many rings have gone missing, even though a large number are found, sometimes still in the pocket after going through the wash. Other times, the laundromat the Coop used has called to report their discovery in the dryer. Says Swift, "People are just so incredibly grateful." And last of all: Consider printing your name and phone number on items like water bottles, coffee cups, sippy cups and bike helmets. Charlene Swift and the Lost & Found thank you. ■

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to a community that works together to get food to one another

to the person who hefts a melon and declares it good

And right now at this moment we can be glad there is time enough to take part

The Park Slope Food Coop In time with the moment

by Myra Klockenbrink

Mondays October 20 and November 3 Noon to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays October 15 and November 12

You can join in any time during a tour.

### 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.





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GENERAL MEETING REPORT

## Members Warned of Rapidly Rising Food Costs, Earlier Shopping Hours Debated





Coop members listen to General Coordinator Jess Robinson at the General Meeting.

#### By Cristin Flanagan

he September 2008 General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was well attended despite a schedule change because of the Rosh Hashanah holiday. Although some members of the Audio-Visual Squad and the Chair Committee ran late, more than 100 members were present. Members were seated, with a few sprawled across the Beth Elohim social hall's gym mats, enjoying the Coop's fresh fruit and cookies, when the meeting was called to order. Coop members received updates on the Coop's financial status, heard the latest on autumn produce, elected a Hearing Committee member and debated earlier weekday shopping hours.

#### **Fiscal Picture Still Sound**

Mike Eakin started off the meeting with a presentation of the Coop's latest financial report. In comparison to other large coops, Eakin noted, members have saved about \$7 million on sales year-to-date because of the Coop's 21% sales markup and also through members' work and operating systems.

The Coop's sales are up 21% from the same 32-week period a year ago. The Coop continues to grow; membership is up almost 12% this year, to more than 14,000 members. The Coop is spending less on staff as a percentage of sales this year due to the Coop's rapid growth and a slight lag in filling positions. The Coop, indicated Eakin, is trying to hire more people to meet members' growing needs. Noting that the interest on the Coop's mortgage at one time after the Coop's renovation had been more than 1% of sales, Eakin said, the Coop's mortgage interest is now about a guarter of 1% of sales. After his presentation, Eakin fielded questions about the Coop's financial holdings from members concerned about recent bank failures and the safety of the Coop's funds. Eakin assured the meeting that the Coop was fiscally sound and that while the Coop keeps its excess funds in a single money market account with Citibank, cash is turned over rapidly to pay bills and buy inventory. Furthermore, stated Eakin, keeping Coop cash in multiple accounts would be difficult for operations.

"Money market funds have become the soundest thing you can have," said Eakin, noting the recent United States Treasury decision to guarantee many money market funds in its program at least for the next year. Although the latest Treasury developments related to money market funds and not money market bank deposit accounts, which are insured up to \$100,000 per account, "The basic banking part of the banking business is not at risk," said Eakin. "Hopefully we are not mistaken."

#### Members Seen Tightening Belts in Future

After Eakin's presentation, Allen Zimmerman gave a produce forecast. Zimmerman, the Coop's produce buyer, said produce prices are going to continue to rise at unprecedented rates: cited the early brisk fall weather as well as prices at the gas pump, which will boost prices on food from further afield. Because of the early arrival of autumn this year, locally grown crops, particularly vine crops like peppers, tomatoes and summer squash, can be expected to wind down a little sooner than usual. Waterheirloom melon and tomatoes aren't going to last much longer: "Try them now!" said Zimmerman. Prices have gone up nationally, said Zimmerman, but Coop members have been protected in the past few months. Members were sheltered from higher priced foods as the Coop had been getting much of its produce from local farms. Now that the local growing season is ending, produce will have to

Produce buyer Allen Zimmerman discusses prices and seasonal availability.

come from farther away. Green seedless grapes have gone up over \$1 per pound for a good reason. We are paying extra for a biodynamic grape so that we can carry the best quality grape possible. Cucumber prices go higher every winter, but prices are rising earlier this year. Recently, Hepworth Farms, the Coop's main supplier of local cucumbers, was hit by the powdery mildew blight that had already affected much of the Northeast. The Coop has located a few unaffected local farms to supply cucumbers.

Carrots, like potatoes and onions, have gone up in

price, partly because their bulky weight demands higher fuel transportation costs. On a positive note, Zimmerman reported that locally grown Nantes carrots are only about 10 cents a pound more than those from California, and are fresher, tastier and juicier. We also have local yellow and "cosmic purple" carrots. For those concerned about the unusual colors, Zimmerman assures members that the carrot's original color was purple; the Dutch developed the orange carrot later in the 18th century.

The autumn squash are fantastic this year, raved Zimmerman. He went on to sug-

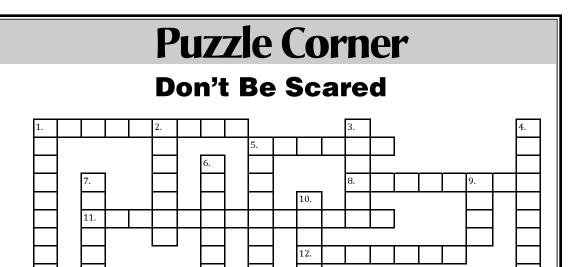
Coop members applaud election of Monique Bowen, right, to the Hearing Officer Committee.

gest members try the kabocha and sweet mama squashes. "The reason we carry the sweet mama squash is because of its cool name," Zimmerman later confessed.

With a touch of pride, Zimmerman closed his presentation by noting that the Coop now carries 125 locally grown items.

#### Hearing Officer Committee Election

Monique Bowen of Prospect Heights, a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at CUNY and a Coop member since 2002, was introduced after the produce report. Those in attendance





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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.

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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 by Email: Send your submissions to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day. If possible, attach your submission as a Word document.

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 wall pocket in the entrance lobby). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be cameraready and business card size (2"x3.5").





## Paul Friedman and Jody Kruskal

These two guys from Brooklyn love to play old-time tunes and songs from North America and beyond. Heart songs and hokum, by turns, silly, sweet and serious. Jody has a distinctly American sound on the concertina, like a fistful of harmonicas, with rich harmony and melodic counterpoint while pumping out rhythms with the bellows. Paul is deep in the traditions of old-time fiddling and both enjoy a rich medley of tunes and songs from the U.S., England, Sweden and the Shetland Islands.

## Anath

Singer-songwriter Anath musically fuses traditions, inherited and chosen. Born in Tunisia, and raised in Israel and France, Anath has already had a globe-trotting career. A singer, dancer and actress, she has recorded and performed in all three capacities throughout Europe and the Middle East, singing in French, Hebrew, Arabic and English. Anath is currently working on her new album with pianist/producer Pablo Vergara.



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

Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit. Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741 **Childcare** is available from Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture for a nominal fee.

Monthly on the... Second Saturday October 11 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Third Thursday October 16 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Last Sunday October 26 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

## 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).

ASTICS

• 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.

Read the Gazette while you're standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com

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WORKSLOT NEEDS

### Office Data Entry Tuesday, 4:30 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 sixmonth commitment.

## 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 through the Membership Office at 718-622-0560.

## **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.

## Community Ties Outreach (FTOP Only)

Community Ties is our directory of businesses offering exclusive discounts to Park Slope Food

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#### **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:

 Oct 23 issue
 7:00 p.m., Mon. Oct 13

 Nov 6 issue
 7:00 p.m., Mon. Oct 27

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**

Oct 23 issue Nov 6 issue 7:00 p.m., Wed. Oct 15 7:00 p.m., Wed. Oct 29

### **General Meeting**

#### **TUE, OCT 28**

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

#### TUE, NOV 4

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m. Submissions will be considered for the Nov. 25 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).

## Attend a GM for Workslot Credit

The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decisionmaking process. Following is an outline of the program. For full details, see the instruction sheets by the signup board or visit www.foodcoop.com.

#### • Advance sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must sign up in advance of the meeting on the signup sheet in the entrance lobby of the Coop. The signup sheet is available all month long. You have until 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting to sign up. Signups over the phone are not permitted. Some restrictions to this program do apply.

## 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 nontoxic, 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, earthfriendly 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.

## GENERAL MEETING

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## **Our Governing Structure**

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

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 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

#### • Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

#### Certain squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Constructionand 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:

 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.

### 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 p.m.)

(unless there is a vote to extend the meeting)

- Meeting evaluation
- Board of Directors vote
- Announcements, etc.

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#### 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.

#### SUN, OCT 12

#### FRI, OCT 24

ALIX KATES SHULMAN SPEAKS: The acclaimed feminist discusses her memoir, "To Love What Is: A Marriage Transformed," about the richness of caring for her disabled husband. 11 a.m. at the Brooklyn Ethical Society, 53 PPW.

#### THU, OCT 16

STEP UP TO THE PLATE: Ending the Food Crisis. Be part of the solution! Join Frances Moore Lappé, Raj Patel and others for the national launch of an urgent Call to Action on the world food crisis. 7 p.m. Cooper Union (7 E. 7th St, NYC). FREE. www.whyhunger.org.

#### **THU, OCT 16**

15TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REMEMBRANCE VIGIL: organized by the Safe Homes Project of Good Shepherd Services. 6:30 p.m. at PS 321, 7th Ave. & 1st St. Rain or shine. Info: 718-788-6947.

#### SAT, OCT 18

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Human Condition Reunion. 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. GOOD COFFEEHOUSE MUSIC PAR-LOR: Singer/Blues Guitarist Paul Geremia—Traveling Troubadour Concert Series. 53 Prospect Park West at 2nd Street in Park Slope. Info: 718-768-2972, www.gchmusic.org. Show start at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$15/kids \$6.

FREE FILM SCREENING AND DISCUS-SION: The PSUMC Social Action Committee presents a screening of "Burning the Future: Coal in America," a compelling new documentary about coal and the environment followed by a discussion with director, David Novack. 7:30 p.m. at the Park Slope United Methodist Church, 410 6th Ave. @ 8th St. FREE! Info: 718-768-3093 or www.parkslopeumc.org

#### SAT, OCT 25

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Hook Report with Chris Lange; Emma Graves\*. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); wheelchairaccessible. 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.

#### SUN, OCT 26

FREE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES: Imani Winds. At the Stevan Dweck Center For Contemporary Culture (found under the vast front steps of the Brooklyn Public Library in Grand Army Plaza), 4 p.m. OUEERING DEMOCRACY: Rev. Osagyefo Sekou discusses the contribution to democracy in thought and practice of gay civil rights leaders James Baldwin and Bayard Rustin. 11 a.m. at the Brooklyn Ethical Society, 53 PPW.

FREE ACUPUNCTURE! Join us for our monthly open house at Brooklyn Acupuncture Project. FREE acupuncture for all from noon to 3 p.m. 530 3rd Ave. btwn 12 & 13th sts. Info: 718-369-0123.

### SUN, NOV 2

SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for aging family and friends meets the first Sunday of each month from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at Park Slope United Methodist Church. Open to all members of the community dealing with issues around elderly parents, family or friends. Come share feelings, insights and resource ideas with others. For info, call 718-783-4404.

#### WED, NOV 5

FOLK OPEN SING: Come sing with us. Bring voice, instruments, friends. Children welcome. Cohosted by the Folk Music Society of N.Y., the Ethical Culture Society, & the Good Coffee House. At the Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West. 7:30-10:00 P.M. Info: 718-636-6341.



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Coop members. See the new Fall 2008 issue at www.foodcoop.com or in print at the entrance vestibule. What other businesses would you like to see listed? Which neighborhoods are missing? The Coop needs workers to canvas neighborhoods (via phone and/or foot) to enlist new businesses for a free listing in our upcoming Winter 2008 issue. If you're marketing savvy and community minded, leave a voicemail message for Camille Scuria at 888-922-2667, mailbox 87.

## Early Morning Receiving/Stocking Committees

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.

#### CHIPS Soup Kitchen Monday, Tuesday or Saturday, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CHIPS serves a daily meal to the homeless, needy and hungry at their storefront soup kitchen located at Fourth Avenue and Sackett Street. Workslots preparing food, helping serve meals and cleaning up are available to Coop members who have been a member for at least 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.



Tuesday, October 21 • 7:30 p.m. at the Coop

## GRAYMATTERS



They finish each other's sentences, dance like Fred and Ginger, and share the same downtown loft—the perfect couple? Not exactly. Gray and Sam are a sister and brother so compatible and inseparable that people actually assume they are dating. Mortified, they both agree they must branch out and start searching for love. He'll look for a guy for her and she'll look for a gal for him. A romantic comedy about a brother, a sister and the girl of their dreams.

#### FREE Non-members welcome

Writer/director Sue Kramer com-

pleted **Gray Matters** in 2007. The film pays homage to 1940's screwball comedies with one big bang of a modern twist. It stars Heather Graham, Tom Cavanagh, Alan Cumming, Sissy Spacek, Bridget Moynahan and Molly Shannon, and Alexander Payne is the executive producer.

Kramer adapted the book **The Last Innocent Summer**, a book that Sissy Spacek was attached to star and direct. She also wrote **The Bunnies** for Touchstone Pictures, which is based on the book **The Bunny Years** and pays homage to the Playboy Club in 1963. In 2002, she completed **Walking Backwards** for Julia Roberts and Revolution Studios. Set in Italy, it is a supernatural love story about a woman who loses everything and needs to pick up the pieces.

Sue is a graduate of UCLA Film School. She graduated with honors, having won the Jim Morrison Award for Outstanding Direction and Writing for her short film, entitled **Till Death Do Us Part**. Sue currently lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with her husband and daughter and likes to split her time between New York and Paris.

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Monday – Friday, 5:30, 6:00, 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.

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

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## **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 arrange to receive PSFC credit, please email ellen\_weinstat@psfc.coop or call 718-622-0560

#### South Bronx Food Coop • 646-226-0758 • info@sbxfc.org

#### The South Bronx Food Coop is seeking an experienced graphic/web designer to update their website ASAP!

#### Must know how to:

set up online purchasing system
create edit-able calendar
incorporate audio & video links
link websites

Preference for designers who can link database/inventory systems to web sales. Most important—must have cool sense of design!

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## THE FIRST TAKEOUT

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan Invite a young Italian mahn Into his gleaming summer palace And proved he bore no hint of malice Unlike that century's Japanese Who treated strangers as disease. "Welcome to Mongolia, Where, as in sunny Italia, We honor visitors from abroad In proof we're not a mongrel horde." His guest was Venice's Marco Polo, Traveler extraordinaire and solo. "I think I've found a home away From home," M.P. was glad to say. Indeed, it was the start of a stay That lasted twenty years to a day But homesickness must have its sway So finally he sailed away. However, the monarch Khan made sure

He left with a present from the store. "Take gems or gunpowder, whatever, As sign our friendship will never sever,"

K.K. told his Venetian amico. (Who'd later settle in Puerto Rico). "I've loved your cuisine so very much That what I'll ask for—just a touch— Is a dish of your exquisite lo mein, Khan's gift to belly and to brain." And so he set sail with a plastico Bag that held a prize fantastico. The lo mein remained fresh and warm Till he reached home—and would

transform Italian cooking through and through, Both for the many and the few. Potatoes no longer headed the roster—

The king of cuisine became now pasta.

But what to call the Chinese takeout? Before he reached the final shakeout M.P. tried many a different name, But all turned out to sound too tame.

#### And that is when he remembered his roots And the tree that bore his family

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fruits.

Marco, you see, had been born Moishe Pippik,

Near the banks of the winding River Glippik,

In the ghetto of his city-state Set off by boundaries of hate. So by dint of remembrance and of sweat, oh,

He called the novel noodle spaghetto!

Much later, confusion with confetti Caused a rechristening to spaghetti. Repaying his service, the Doge (the boss)

Supplied a lifetime of tomato sauce. Next time, good neighbor, you order takeout,

Please credit Marco for his breakout.

Leon Freilich

## IN RESPONSE TO SUSAN METZ'S EDITORIAL

#### TO THE COOP ...

This is in response to Susan Metz's editorial about the Atlantic Yards posted in your newsletter July 17th, 2008.

While Susan Metz has the right to make her views known publicly or privately on any subject of her choosing, I must make clear the Park Place and Underhill Block Association did not ask or vote to be represented by Ms. Metz in her editorial. I sincerely apologize to anyone who interpreted it as such.

> Sincerely yours, David Bijur As President of the PPPUABA

### THANK YOU TO THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

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#### TO THE COOP ...

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Last month, I traveled from Switzerland to visit Brooklyn. I stayed in Park Slope with my cousin during the month of September. During this time, I joined the Park Slope Food Coop for a month.

During my stay, I had the opportunity to work there as a member, get to know some other Coop members and the staff, and observe how the Coop is organized. I was deeply impressed by the Coop's commitment—not to slick presentation, but to quality. Behind its utilitarian, simple appearance, I discovered a sophisticated and amazing management plan and high level of investment in functionality and infrastructure.

I am grateful to the Coop staff for their help during my stay at the Coop and admire how they encounter the daily ongoing changing of the work shifts with patience, courtesy, and sincerity.

The Coop impresses me as a present-day replacement for lost community life that villages used to provide, where many of our individual human needs and talents are met and expressed.

I am now returning to Switzerland. There, I will tell people about this experience. I will tell them how much enthusiasm and affection and admiration I have for the Park Slope Food Coop.

> Many Thanks, Stine Corpateaux Basel, Switzerland

## LETTERS POLICY

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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 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.

#### 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.

## **General Meeting Report**

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almost unanimously elected Bowen to the Hearing Officer Committee. Bowen will serve a three-year term. The Hearing Officer Committee says it still remains understaffed at about six members and could use a few more members to reach the committee's target of nine.

#### **Longer Shopping Hours**

Lori Oriucci, a Coop member for 12 years, pre-

members, who are usually unloading and stocking shelves at this time.

Although the Coop is currently open at 6 a.m. on weekends, the level of weekday deliveries is much higher, with about 1,000 cases of produce coming through in one day alone, argued Zimmerman. Other members agreed with Zimmerman that having shoppers on the floor while pallets are being driven for the Coop could be potentially dangerous. Another coordinator also noted that many special maintenance and other tasks are done by weekday 6 a.m. shifts. These tasks can't be completed while members are shopping. Local Action conference. Raj Patel, the author of "Stuffed and Starved," as well as Anna Lappé, coauthor of "Hope's Edge: The Next Diet for a Small Planet" and also a Coop member, are confirmed presenters.

The conference, which recently partnered with the Caribbean Women's Health Association, will be at P.S. 321 and John Jay High School on May 2, 2009. ■



sented an agenda item to introduce earlier weekday morning shopping hours to the Coop. Oriucci asked members to consider having the Coop open for shopping at 6 a.m. every weekday.

Oriucci reasoned that the Coop is already open for stocking and receiving, and that an early morning shopping squad would create a whole new set of slots for morning people, as well as make it easier for those driving from long distances to find parking. Oriucci believed the only issues were that shoppers might disturb the neighbors, and that paying an additional coordinator to come in at 6 a.m. might cost too much. A few members who lived near the Coop didn't think that the earlier shopping hours would disturb the neighbors; they are already accustomed to the early morning arrivals of trucks unloading produce.

One member responded that many people currently working early morning shifts work those slots because no other shifts were available when they became members and suggested it might be harder than Oriucci thought to fill those shifts.

Allen Zimmerman told the crowd, "I'm for it and completely against it." Zimmerman went on to say that while he thought the extended hours would be good for shoppers, having shoppers in the Coop at 6 a.m. would hinder the stocking and receiving squad 1100

"It's not impossible, but certainly impassable," noted Zimmerman as he invited Oriucci and members to come and observe the work that happens at the Coop at 6 a.m. during a weekday.

#### **Open Forum**

During the open forum, Joanna Smith brought up an item suggesting Coop employees wear identifying items with name tags and shirts. Joe Holtz responded that employees are encouraged to do so and that some do wear name tags. He added that the Coop could do better to encourage it in the future.

Talks were renewed about the missing cart situation, when an FTOP squad member suggested the Coop institute a checkout system for the carts. A Coop coordinator responded that such a system had been in place previously but hadn't proved efficient. The coordinator noted that cart monitors often ended the evening in possession of all the carts as well as several member cards. The meeting chair said that the suggestion could be moved to an agenda item if desired.

#### **Politics of Food Conference**

A member of the Safe Food Committee presented further details of the Politics of Food: Global Crisis,

#### WITH MORAIMA SUAREZ

Is there someone you need to forgive?

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**Moraima Suarez** is a Coop member, certified Holoenergetic<sup>®</sup> 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	Saturday, October 11
Non-members welcome	2:00-4:00 at the Coop

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FREE Saturday, October 25 7:00 p.m. at the Coop Non members Welcome

FREE Sunday, October 26 12:00 p.m. at the Coop Non members Welcome

# Presentation by Philip Botwinick

Food and money have a long history. In fact, up until World War II, tea bricks were used as money in Siberia. Today, unfortunately, neither system is sustainable, but thankfully that's beginning to change — for food at least. Money is a daily part of our lives too, but why is there no movement for a sustainable monetary system, worse yet, few people understand it. Join us for an



opportunity to better understand our current monetary system — its origins, evolution, the current economic crisis, and how a sustainable monetary system is possible.

Philip Botwinick is the co-executive director of Local Energy Solutions, a project of the Five Borough Institute (a 501(c)3) organization. Its mission is to educate the public on the issues of food, energy, and the economy and the interconnectedness of the three

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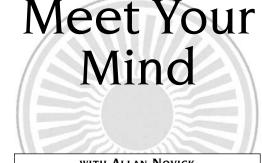
What many people don't seem to realize is that you can lose weight and still be unhealthy—which means lost weight is often gained back. This workshop is designed to give you the tools you need to kick-start your metabolism and get your body in a state of calorie-burning health while at the same time



teaching you to prevent arthritis, heart problems, diabetes, fatigue, insomnia, mood disorders and other dis-ease. Find out how to become the shape you are meant to be!

Coleen DeVol is a certified Holistic Health Counselor from the American Association of Drugless Practitioners and a certified yoga teacher. She runs a private wellness practice in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn and is a Coop member.

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WITH ALLAN NOVICK

The fundamental nature of mind is stable, strong and clear-yet these qualities become obscured by the stress and speed of our lives.

Meditation opens and calms the mind.

This is a basic meditation class for beginners, and for anyone who would like a renewed understanding of the technique.

Allan Novick, has practiced meditation in the Shambhala Buddhist tradition since 1975 and is a certified meditation instructor in that tradition. He lives in Park Slope, has been a Coop member for 14 yars, and works as a psychologist for the NYC Dep. of Education

FREE **Non-members welcome** 

Tuesday, October 28 7:30 p.m. at the Coop

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#### Park Slope Food Coop, Brooklyn, NY

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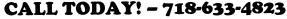
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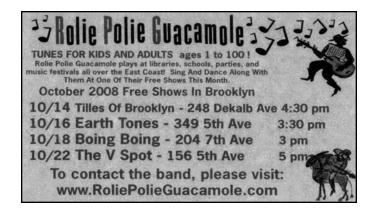
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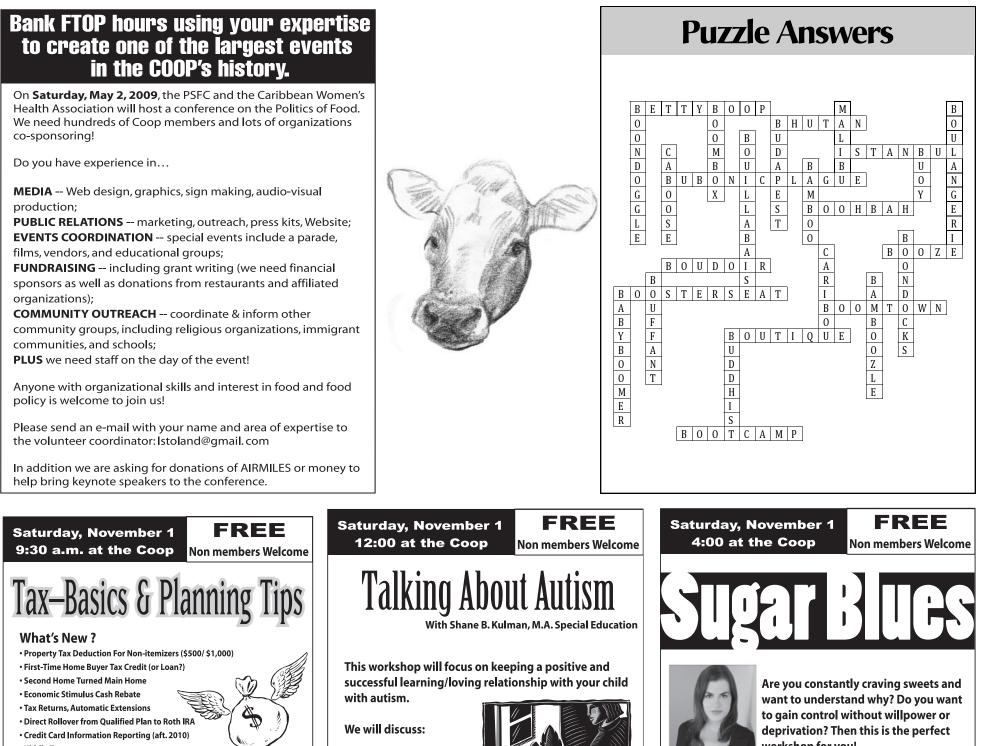
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We will also discuss knowing your taxes, worldwide income, taxable income, tax-exempt income, tax-deferred income, income exclusions, income-planning tips, expenses and adjusted gross income, deductions, business deductions expense-planning tips, tax and tax payments, and real-estate investments. We'll explore benefits, money planning, and savings.

> Jenifer Lee is a CPA, CFP®, and MBA and a Coop member.

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## **ENHANCING FERTILITY NATURALLY:** A CHINESE MEDICINE APPROACH WITH LARA ROSENTHAL, L.AC.

your child: • How siblings can relate to their sister/brother

with autism; How to set up your

Saturday, November 8

How to be a teacher to

- home to foster independence;
- How to promote independence for your child in and outside of the home.

Shane B. Kulman is a Special Education Therapist and a certified practioner of Yoga for the Special Child®, LLC. Shane has more than 10 years experience working with children younger than 5 years old. She works with children in their homes in any vicinity in Brooklyn, and is the owner of Yourbeautifulchild.com. Shane is a Coop member and a Brooklyn native

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10:00 am - Noon at the Coop<sub>Non members</sub> Welcome



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workshop for you!



n Brennan-Cressey is a Certified Holistic Health Counselor, accredited by the American Association of Drugless Practitioners. She is a graduate of The Institute for Integrative Nutrition in partnership with The Teachers College of Columbia University. She has a Bachelors' Degree in Fine Arts from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Shannon is the sole proprietor of Bliss Health and Nutrition and works at The Jena Wellness Center in Manhattan. She has been a Coop member since May 2008

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#### Sunday, November 9 12:00 at the Coop

#### **UNDERSTANDING FERTILITY:**

- The energetics of reproduction
- What our grandmothers never told us: reading our body's signals

#### **OBSTACLES TO FERTILITY:**

- Chinese medicine patterns of imbalance • "Unexplained infertility" explained

#### IMPROVING THE ODDS:

- Nutrition and lifestyle choices for your body type
- Tilling the soil: preparing the body for the rigors of pregnancy

WORKING WITH ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES: • Eastern and Western approaches side by side

Lara Rosenthal is a Licensed Acupuncturist and Board Certified Chinese Herbologist. She maintains a private practice in Manhattan specializing in Women's Health and Fertility and works at the NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases' Initiative for Women with Disabilities. She has a B.S. in Biological Sciences from Stanford University, is fluent in Chinese, and studied and worked in Taiwan for three years. She is a faculty member at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine and a Coop member.

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Sunday, November 2

12:00 p.m. at the Coop

Family Yoga

### **Yoga Fun for the Whole Family!**

Bond with your family and explore your child's inner yogi as you balance like a flamingo, stretch into a downward puppy, or breathe like a bunny. Music, dance, and games are all seamlessly incorporated into this fun-filled, family yoga time.



Phyllis Uma Botté feels fortunate to be a Coop member and is eager to share her love for yoga with other members. Watching her daughter practice yoga with her family, in San Francisco, inspired Uma to share her passion for yoga with families in NYC. She is certified through Karma Kids Yoga in NYC.

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• Do you want to avoid gaining weight over the holiday season?

- Do you feel frantic with all the extra demands of the season on top of your busy schedule?
  - Do you want more energy and a healthier holiday season?

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You are invited to this workshop to learn some simple techniques for avoiding overeating, overstressing, and overspending.

Christine Boutross is a personal trainer, a certified holistic health counselor, and a Coop

member. She is a graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and is certified by the American Association of Drugless Practioners. As a holistic counselor, Christine works with clients in addressing their health concerns, including weight loss, having more energy, deconstructing cravings, and various nutritional concerns.

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