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Breaking Point?

Coop Basement Overflows to Meet Needs of Growing Membership—Price Is Paid by Stressed-Out Staffers

By Willow Lawson

It's late Thursday morning, during the middle of the delivery that will get the Park Slope Food Coop through the weekend onslaught. A woman's voice, audibly peeved, is heard on the paging system for a second time: "Can someone PLEASE answer me

unloaded by two hurried workers in the freezer. An egg delivery is being wedged into the yogurt cooler. At the scales next to the meat cooler, two Coop members are pricing parts of two entire hogs. Nearly every aisle is filled with u-boats, much of it

shoppers upstairs, Gillian Chi, a receiving coordinator, says, "We feel bad. We want people to be able to shop. But the more stuff we have [in the basement], the harder it is to get to the stuff they need." U-boats that used to simply shuttle goods around the store are now deployed as movable shelves to store products that can't fit on shelves. If shoppers need more Brussels sprouts in the produce aisle, 10 heavy boxes of fennel may need to be relocated just to get to the sprouts. And there may be four carts of prepared salad blocking easy access to those sprouts. Quickly responding to shoppers in need of an out-of-stock item has become much more difficult.

The near-daily frenzy in the basement is a consequence of the Coop's growth—both in the number of members and the amount of goods they are buying. In the last year alone, membership has increased 10% to over 15,000. Also in the last year,



PHOTO BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

A morning delivery of produce from Albert's Organics being unloaded at the Coop.

and let me know if there is any more cashew cheese in the basement?"

Downstairs, several u-boats of ice cream pints are being

holding food that must be quickly refrigerated or kept frozen.

Asked how she feels about the pages from impatient

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ILLUSTRATION BY DIANE MILLER

Burgeoning Coops Provide Quality Services While Empowering Workers

By Erica S. Turnipseed

When the *Linewaiters' Gazette* reported on We Can Do It! Women's Cooperative in March 2007, it was a new housecleaning cooperative business birthed at the Center for Family Life in Sunset Park (www.cflsp.org), a neigh-

borhood-based, nonprofit organization founded in 1978 that serves 13,000 residents of Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Today, We Can Do It! is thriving, with 20 members who make a living wage through their housecleaning service.

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Next General Meeting on May 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 on Tuesday, May 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.

JOB OPENING AT THE COOP! SEE PAGE 16 FOR DETAILS

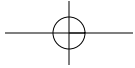
Coop Event Highlights

- Sat, May 23 • **Bag and Shoe Exchange** 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Sat, May 23 • **Electronics Recycling Information Session** 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Sat, May 30 • **Kids' Toy and Book Exchange** 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- Thu, Jun 4 • **Food Class: Malaysia** 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, Jun 5 • **Film Night: Flow** 7:00 p.m.
- Sat, Jun 13 • **Plant Swap** 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Fri, Jun 19 • **The Good Coffeehouse**: 8:00 p.m.

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

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PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

Product Return Policy

The Coop does not “exchange” items. You must return item and repurchase what you need. Returns of eligible items will be handled at the Second Floor Service Desk within 30 days of purchase only when accompanied by the PAID IN FULL receipt.

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

Produce
(fresh fruits & vegetables) **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.

The produce buyer may be contacted on weekdays by members to discuss any other claims for credit.

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 **May not** be returned unless spoiled before the expiration date or within 30 days of purchase, whichever is sooner.
Frozen items

All Other Products
(not covered above)

A. Other products **may be** returned if they are spoiled or defective and the category is not specified above

B. Other products **may be** returned if they are unopened, undamaged and therefore can be sold again.

C. Other products **may not** be returned if they are opened or unsellable, and were purchased by mistake or not needed.



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PHOTO BY JUDY JANDA

Left: Receiving Coordinator Theresa Gray moving U-boats out of basement walk-in. Right: Access to groceries in this aisle is blocked by people waiting in line and U-boats.

Breaking Point?

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shoppers have increased their collective spending by 17% on average.

Many of the receiving coordinators interviewed for this article expressed a sense of wonder that the Coop was able to handle the demand. Each major holiday seems to break a new record, said Chi. “Two years ago it seemed like we couldn’t fit more down here. But we keep squeezing in more.”

Many members complain that the Coop is too crowded. But if they don’t work their monthly shifts in receiving, they may not know that it is also more crowded downstairs. Receiving staffers say they feel stressed and overworked.

“A few of us are seeing physical therapists,” said Lisa Hidem, a coordinator who works in the “yogurt cooler,” which is the size of a large living room and actually holds everything from hummus and eggs to kombucha. “If you’re working down here and we ask you to move a box, there’s probably a good reason,” she said smiling and rolling her shoulders.

“We want people to be able to shop. But the more stuff we have [in the basement], the harder it is to get to the stuff they need.”

Members who don’t work in the basement “don’t have a sense of the square-inchness of the situation,” said Ken Macdonald, a receiving coordinator who has been on staff at the Coop for eight years and a member for 16 years. He eyed a half-inch crack between a tower of strawberry boxes and other produce,

noting that eventually the lost space would make a difference when his colleagues tried to fit 64 cases of broccoli that would be delivered on Saturday. “You feel different waking up on a Thursday morning than you do when you wake up on Wednesday because you know what is waiting for you at work.”

“It used to be that on Thanksgiving we’d run out of room. Now it happens every week. We are constantly shuffling things around,” said Caleb Webster, who has been a receiving coordinator for almost four years. “We are getting more and more worn out by the huge deliveries,” he said while stacking cases of ice cream on the shelves of the walk-in freezer. He recounted how, just a week earlier, several compartments of the upstairs freezer failed, one after another. The upstairs food was crammed back into the basement freezer. But then the basement freezer broke, too. “The repair guys were here every day. We’ve been trying to catch up since.”

One of the most overtaxed coolers in the Coop’s basement is the meat cooler, simply because it is so small. The size of a large walk-in closet, it can’t hold all of the meat that members eat in a week. Bill Malloy, who has been the meat buyer for three and a half years, says fitting everything from fresh meat to cold cuts to sausage wasn’t a problem when he first started the job. Now he keeps only fresh meat in the meat cooler. Cured meats, which can be stored at a slightly warmer temperature, are wedged into the yogurt cooler, which on Thursday also houses overstock milk, because the upstairs dairy cooler can no longer hold

enough milk to get the Coop through the weekend.

In just one week, Coop members buy 1,400 pounds of boneless chicken breast. Malloy must restock the chicken breasts three to four times a day to keep up with demand. “Don’t think these Coop members are all vegetarians who dance around sniffing daisies,” said Malloy. “These people like meat. And they eat a lot of it.”

“You ever read ‘Wind in the Willows?’” asked Malloy. “Mr. Badger? When he needs more space he just digs another room. I keep thinking of tunneling under the Fire Department.”

In the freezer section, it’s the frozen salmon and blueberries that fly off the shelves. Webster said he has tried carrying additional brands of both, devoting more shelf space to each. The effect is that shoppers buy even more. “If you add another salmon, they won’t buy less of either salmon,” said Webster, shaking his head.

Is there any hope of relief? Perhaps just a little. The main produce cooler will soon be expanded; the compressor room, which houses the machinery that keeps the coolers cold, is being demolished and new frozen-food compressors will be located on the roof instead. That extra space will make it easier to maneuver in the produce cooler, but it’s unlikely to make much difference elsewhere.

“You ever read ‘Wind in the Willows?’” asked Malloy. “Mr. Badger? When he needs more space he just digs another room. I keep thinking of tunneling under the Fire Department.” ■



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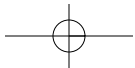
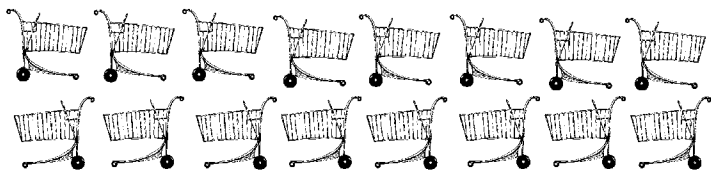
The Fun Committee Needs You!

The Fun Committee is looking for an enthusiastic member who has experience and expertise in “alternate outreach”—21st-century style—to inform our membership and community of our committee’s upcoming events.

We want to increase attendance and participation at our events by creating an online presence on sites like Facebook.

Recent Fun Committee events include Poker Night, Game Night, Pub Night, Valentine Card-Making workshop, Adult Variety Show and the Food Conference.

All interested members, please e-mail Len Heisler at heislerlen@yahoo.com.



GENERAL MEETING REPORT

New Coop Committee Formed at April Meeting

By Diane Aronson

Attended by 206 members on April 28, the Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting heard from a Coop board candidate, voted into existence a new committee and debated, as a discussion item only, capping membership.

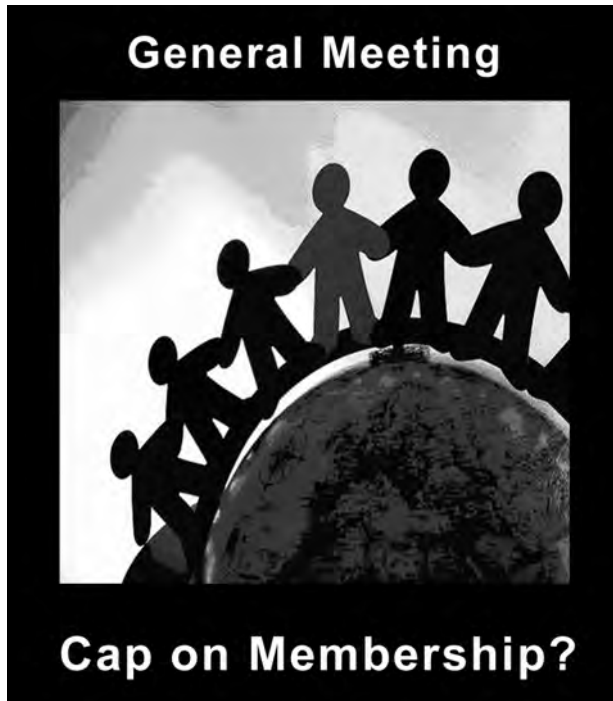
The GM was chaired by David Golland. As part of the meeting's warm-up session, Golland reminded attendees that members could go to as many as two GMs annually for workslot credit, but they needed to register in advance.

The open forum yielded a written, anonymous FTOP question, which the chair read: "Is anything being done to alleviate the FTOP scheduling problem? I am on constant alert, because there are simply not enough spaces in the schedule." General Coordinator Jessica Robinson addressed the question. Squad sizes are being evaluated, she explained, which may possibly lead to larger head counts for select squads.

Additional early morning, evening and weekend receiving slots have already been added.

The chair read another open forum question, one from member Mary Buchwald, about whether the bulk bin items could be labeled for place of origin; Buchwald would be willing to label the shelves as her workslot. General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman spoke for the staff, observing that we identify the sources of cheese and produce, so doing the same for bulk items "would be the right thing to do." He said he would bring the idea back to our bulk buyer and "try to get this task undertaken."

The third open forum question was about getting shelf prices to match the price that



Bulk foods aisle. It is proposed that location of origin be labelled on bulk items.

scans at checkout. General Coordinator Joe Holtz acknowledged the problem and that there is no set solution possible at this point. Holtz stressed that fixes are not easy—the speed and accuracy required to accomplish a match are enormous. Holtz's dream would be to have electronic shelf pricing, which would update directly from the Coop's database.

Reports Highlight Finances, Sales, Health Alerts and Spring Produce

The open forum heard a few more member questions and then moved on to the general coordinators' reports. Mike Eakin spoke first, presenting the Coop's current financial statement, which he stressed—as is the case with

all PSFC financial statements—is preliminary until all the numbers are final and audited at the end of the Coop's fiscal year.

Sales are up over 17% from the same point in 2008. Membership is up about 10% from a year ago, with a head count of 15,365 as of late March 2009. The Coop is turning inventory 67 times a year. Eakin pointed out that our turnover of goods "is much higher than a typical large coop or food store, which is more like 15 or 20 times" a year.

The Coop is steadily paying off the mortgage, a figure that is below a million dollars, down from a figure as high as 2.5 million dollars. Because of the way the loan is structured, however, we would have to pay a stiff penalty if mortgage payments were made in excess of 10% of the remaining balance in a single year.

Next up for the coordinators was Allen Zimmerman, who spoke about two diseases much in the news: swine flu and salmonella. He had a request from the Coop's meat buyer to tell the GM that the swine flu is not transmitted through eating pork.

Responding to news accounts of links between salmonella poisoning and raw alfalfa sprouts, Zimmerman stressed that there had been no reports in the New York area, and no cases involving our grower. When April 26, a Sunday, brought an FDA advisory that people should not eat raw alfalfa, Zimmerman noted, "All of our suppliers had already stopped shipping and had recalled or accepted full return on products by Monday morning; so by Monday morning we were in compliance with that advisory." Zimmerman stressed that the Coop's alfalfa sprout supplier treats the seeds through a special process to avoid contamination, and the supplier was not implicated in the outbreak. As Zimmerman put it, "If you ate alfalfa sprouts [from the Coop] on Saturday, I think you're fine."

Zimmerman closed his report with an enthusiastic roundup of all the Northeast spring greens and produce coming to the Coop, including produce from Lucky Dog and Hepworth farms as well as from the Lancaster Family Farm Cooperative, a group of primarily Amish farmers.

Orientation, Coop Board Candidate

Jessica Robinson rounded off the coordinators' reports by outlining revised orientation policies for new Coop members. Those who want to join must now pre-register to attend an orientation. Robinson gave a couple of reasons for the changes. As mandated by a previous GM, new members are required to show proof of identity and of address when joining, and pre-registration allows prospective members to bring the necessary paperwork. Pre-registration has also started addressing concerns that orientations are growing too large and the Coop's growth rate is overly rapid. According to Robinson, our growth is "leveling out right now," which she attributes in part to orientation pre-registration.

The chair advised the meeting it was running behind and still had a full agenda ahead. There was some minor committee business, and the GM then moved on to the first piece of agenda business, which was hearing from 34-year member Audrey Miller-Komaroff, who put in her bid to run for re-election to the Coop's board. Candidate statements are made at the March GM, but a family emergency pushed Miller-Komaroff's declaration to April. She highlighted her service to the Brooklyn community, which includes work organizing neighborhood gardens, as well as her service to the Coop. Among her other PSFC roles, she had served as a squad leader for twenty years. The election of board members will take place during the Coop's annual meeting in June.

New Committee out of Existing Squad

The meeting then moved on to the second GM agenda

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GM Meeting

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item, which was a proposal that the Park Slope Food Coop become a founding member of the Brooklyn Food Coalition, which would be, as described in the proposal presented at the GM, “an entity that will be organized...for the purpose of promoting the values of food democracy through community outreach, network-building and educating for legislative change.”

Put forward by Kathie Borowitz and Nancy Romer, the proposal was linked to the Brooklyn Food Conference, which took place May 2. Working from the results of that conference, a new squad would form out of the Safe Food Committee, with the new name of the Park Slope Food Coop Brooklyn Food Coalition Committee. According to the agenda proposal, the new committee would, “in collaboration with

system that provides healthy, environmentally sustainable food for all.” The new committee would be “the group that relates to the broader coalition and then initiates projects within it.” Other founding members of the Brooklyn Food Coalition include the Caribbean Women’s Health Association, Brooklyn Rescue Mission, World Hunger Year and Brooklyn Bounty. In addition to this core group, more than 200 organizations are interested in participating in the coalition.

Chris McNally was concerned about what the new committee would and wouldn’t do in the name of the Coop. McNally was also interested in a head count for the new committee. Borowitz detailed the early mission of the Food Safety Committee as tracking GMO food and trying to prevent GMO seeds from being grown in the U.S. After a lobbying push on GMO issues, the committee’s

She also highlighted that the committee would need to be “vigilant” in reporting to the GM. “Our way has been to really work with a wide group of people,” she observed.

Romer refined the mission as “to create a food system that provides healthy, environmentally sustainable food for all.”

In response to a member query about whether the food coalition connection would mean financial support from the Coop, the presenters indicated that if funds needed to be raised at a later date, then that would be a separate issue from forming the new committee.

Marje Wagner asked for confirmation that the new committee would participate in outreach efforts to help foster food coops in other Brooklyn neighborhoods, which Wagner thought “is so



PHOTO BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

Congestion in the aisle as shoppers squeeze between the line to pay and a member stocking yogurt.

should be included. Philip Nikolov felt the committee’s head count should be determined after a trial period—he suggested perhaps a year—and after a report detailing whether the committee was accomplishing its mission. Sam Natov, acting as GM secretary, suggested that Nikolov’s thoughts could be worked into an amendment. Nikolov agreed. There was some debate about wording—most notably, whether there would be more work-slots created by the new committee—as well as about points procedural.

Some further discussion ensued about head count, goals, accountability and resources for the new committee, but the agenda item was ultimately brought to a vote. The creation of the new committee was approved, based on a raised-hand vote overwhelmingly in favor. As recorded by the GM, the motion passed was:

“That the PSFC become one of the founding members of the Brooklyn Food Coalition and that the Safe Food Squad act as stewards of this coalition under the new name Park Slope Food Coop Brooklyn Food Coalition Squad and that the squad will report to the General Meeting in one year.”

Membership Cap Idea Yields Suggestions

The next order of business was the agenda item submitted by Kayla Schwarz: a discussion-only item about capping Coop membership at 12,000 through attrition. Once that figure was reached, new members would come from a waiting list. As part of her presentation, Schwarz said she felt that growth in general had been positive and was as “well managed as it could possibly be,” but that the Coop was still “too crowded.” She said the 12,000 fig-

ure was an “ideal,” and her goal that evening was to start discussion among members.

One member conceded that waiting was a “pain,” but her larger concern was whether Coop crowding exceeded fire-safety capacity.

Mark Grashow, a 34-year member who is still part of his original squad, usually shops at night. He thought perhaps members could shift their shopping patterns to times when crowds are typically lighter; shopping spread more evenly could be an alternative to limiting membership.

In response to Grashow’s suggestion to avoid top shopping times, Schwarz felt many members could shop only during the weekend because of work commitments. She also thought that even less-than-peak times were still too crowded.

Holtz agreed membership growth presented a problem, but “going backwards in membership is a whole other thing than what we’re doing.”

Jerome Barth didn’t “think it was right to limit membership.” Instead of head-count caps, he believed the Coop should “expand” with membership growth and do this through a larger building. He also thought tweaks could be made to the process to help move shoppers through the Coop more quickly. He pointed to debit cards as an example of a positive step.

Citing a Monday-before-Thanksgiving shift she worked as an example, Lynn Armentrout expanded on Barth’s idea of moving members more quickly. She recounted a few simple steps taken that helped reduce bottlenecks: shopping-squad members unloading shopping carts and one or two line managers quickly matching



PHOTO BY JUDY JANDA

Stocking in the bread area on a Friday afternoon produces congestion.

the General Coordinators,” increase its numbers “to accommodate its broader responsibilities.” As part of its initial information-gathering task, the PSFC Brooklyn Food Coalition Committee would cull ideas about what sort of coalition people want through several neighborhood-level meetings, which would take place following the May 2 conference. The new Coop committee would play an active role in coordinating these meetings.

Questions from the GM came next. One member queried the exact goal of the new committee and its involvement in the Brooklyn coalition. Romer refined the mission as “to create a food

status was in flux for a while, and Borowitz conceded that she thought the committee wasn’t as effective as it could have been. She highlighted the May food conference as an opportunity for the committee to evolve and become productive again.

Adina Popescu asked about accountability. “After these meetings, what will be done? How will you be responsible to Coop members in whose names you make these political claims?” Romer agreed that “accountability is a really important issue.” She continued, “We should have at least one article a month” in the *Gazette* “that has an element of reporting and of interest.”

key; that addresses the concern about the next item on our agenda—the overcrowding.” She also asked if the proposed committee “was the only committee that is addressing this issue of outreach and creating further coops.”

Romer didn’t rule out an effort to help organize other food coops in Brooklyn, but she also said she “didn’t know if it would have to be through the coalition.”

After some additional comments, a motion was put forward to vote the committee into existence. General Coordinator Joe Holtz noted the proposal didn’t formally include the committee’s name change and that this



PHOTO BY JUDY JANDA

Late Friday afternoon in the checkout line, with members and carts on one side and U-boats on the other.

shoppers with open checkout stations. Armentrout observed that small steps like these added up to no lines during the 6:00–8:45 p.m. shift on this congested shopping day.

Majeed Balavandi thought putting a cap on membership was “a little bit radical,” with consequences unknown. But he also thought all would agree that “we cannot expand forever.” He felt there needed to be a comprehensive study of membership and membership patterns.

Elizabeth Tobier called members’ attention to the International Cooperative Alliance Statement of Cooperative Identity, which was available as a handout at the GM. She read the first principle from the statement:

“Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.” Tobier continued, observing, “This possible proposal to cap membership goes against that principle.”

Geneviève Mandola thought that instead of member capping, the PSFC should put energy into creating other Brooklyn food coops, because “people are coming from all over Brooklyn.”

Geraldine Librandi felt “it’s not that you want to necessarily put on a cap, or not include people, or not want people to be part of the Coop, but sometimes—espe-

cially when I am working bulk—people cannot get down the aisle. People become rude; people become angry.” She recounted many member discussions about moving to a different location, but she commented, “We’re so tied to Park Slope and where it is.”

Christine Moreyra was concerned about a capital investment to open another coop in another location. She feared “it might end up sinking us in the long run.” Moreyra thought that if the economy were to recover, we could lose members and end up in a bad financial position. She supported capping membership for a set amount of time, with a date for reconsideration.

Joe Holtz told the meeting that for the past six to seven weeks prior to the April GM, the membership number had remained constant. He said pre-registering for new member orientation was a factor in slowing the new member rate, explaining that orientations are now running 20 to 25 fewer people a week than they were at this time in 2008. Holtz agreed membership growth presented a problem, but “going backwards in membership is a whole other thing than what we’re doing.” He described the waiting list to join the Coop in the early 1980s as “a really terrible experience.” Among many

other problems, for a long time the only open slots were for people who could work during weekdays.

Before the agenda portion of the meeting drew to a close, a few more members commented about the pros and cons of capping the PSFC

head count as well as alternative suggestions such as shopping during nonpeak hours, streamlining the shopping process and coops in other locations. The April GM ended with the board voting to accept the actions of the meeting. ■

looking for something new?

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PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP—PRODUCTS & INFO

BROOKLYN, NY

GF! LSI! HCl! WTH!

GF stands for “gluten free.” Not only did we get a new gluten free waffle from Kinokids, the freezer finally has doughnuts! These cinnamon sugar doughnuts are also from Kinokids and are also gluten free.

LSI stands for “low sodium” which is what Amy’s Hotter Border meal is. Loaded with all kinds of veggies, Indian cheese (paneer), and exotic spices.

HCl stands for “holy cow” which is what some people will exclaim in reaction to the new products.

WTH stands for “what the heck?” which is what some people will say when I tell them that the Henry and Lisa frozen shrimp might have been discontinued. We haven’t been able to get them for weeks but our distributor kept on saying “next week.” Well, they’ve changed “next week” to “maybe never again.” I’m looking into other environmentally friendly sources for shrimp.

It’s springtime in the produce aisle

Right now we have English peas (peas in a pod)

and fava beans, both organic and from Mexico.

On Friday we are expecting from Lancaster Farm Fresh Co-op from Lancaster County PA, the following organic greens:

loose arugula
loose dandelions
baby red russian kale
baby mache
loose baby spinach
loose wild watercress

And on Monday we expect: organic rhubarb from California

posted by Julie at 3:18 pm

Labels: fava beans, local greens, peas, rhubarb

Life by Chocolate

We’ve added some new chocolates from Life by Chocolate in Greenville, New York in time for Easter. The bunnies are hopping out of

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Park Slope Food Coop

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

check out the coop’s products blog at www.foodcoop.com

Puzzle Corner

Can Can

You can-can do this new Japanese number game. The numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 will appear once and only once in each row and each column (or 1-6 in the larger puzzle). Each connected set of boxes has an arithmetic clue. The number part of the clue equals the result of applying the arithmetical operation to all the numbers in the boxes, in any order. For instance, both of these work:

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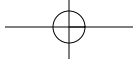
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Puzzle Author: Matt Burkhard. For answers, see page 15

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



The Environmental Committee has a blog!

Please visit often for timely news and information from the PSFC Environmental Committee.



We're blogging about our activities at the Coop, as well as environmental events of interest at the Coop and beyond.

Find us at:
<http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com/>



Interested in Engaging Coop Work?

Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members



If you are good at:
Communicating • Problem solving • Dealing with difficult situations • Investigating *We need you!*

The DC is seeking new members to work with us on making the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

Being a DC member offers the opportunity to be involved in **important, interesting and challenging work**. We contribute more time than regular monthly shift (much of it is done from home via phone & e-mail). We are seeking members prepared to make a **substantial and consistent commitment** to the Coop (you will get credit for overtime hours)

Some of our work includes:

- Investigating allegations of misbehavior by members, such as failing to report for or to complete shifts, bringing in non-members to shop, shopping while suspended, stealing, using racist, sexist, homophobic or nasty language against other Coop members and staff, etc.
- Participating in disciplinary hearings
- Mediating disputes between Coop members
- Engaging in problem-solving and policy issues related to the DC's work

We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. WE ARE SEEKING A CANDIDATE POOL THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE COOP'S MEMBERSHIP.

Requirements for Candidates:

- Coop members for at least a year & have good attendance records
- attend an evening meeting approximately every six weeks.

Candidates with experience in **writing, investigation, conflict-resolution, or mental health professionals** encouraged to apply. Use of a **computer and email is essential**.

Interested? Please call **Jeff: 718-636-3880**

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Food Tours in the Coop

We show up to do our part in the work slot of life breathing for the privilege of being alive

We take what pleasure we can from what we do
But joy comes from being a conduit for consciousness

For seeing ourselves like so many blossoms on an apple tree
Like the egg we came from dividing we continue to become what we are:

apples blushing under the light of the sun
crowded under our awning of leaves until we too fall to the ground and the bugs

But while we are here we can give shine to the light color to the sky
we can be round, complete and perfect as we are

The Park Slope Food Coop
Apple Crate to the Community

by Myra Klockenbrink

Monday

June 1
1:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday

June 8
noon to 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 too 2:30 p.m.

Friday

June 12
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.





PARTICIPANT

PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP COMMUNITY TIES

Coming Soon

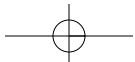
The summer issue of Community Ties

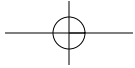
This is the directory of neighborhood merchants offering exclusive discounts to Park Slope Food Coop members.

In June, check **www.foodcoop.com** for the summer issue of this invaluable reference. Printed copies will also soon be available throughout the Coop. Get ready to enjoy your discounts!

In every issue:

- Advertising & promotion
- Antiques
- Apparel
- Art gallery
- Beauty salon
- Bed & breakfast
- Books
- Business coaching
- Car rental
- Career counseling
- Children
- Classes
- Cleaning services
- Computer café
- Computer services
- Cosmetics
- Counseling
- Dance
- Dentist
- Design
- Dry cleaning
- Extermination
- Financial services
- Food & restaurants
- Furniture
- Gym/trainers
- Healing arts
- Health & beauty
- Health products
- Health services
- Management
- Maternity/infant/ nursing
- Mediation
- Museum
- Organizing
- Parties & entertaining
- Photography
- Solar energy
- Specialty
- Sports & sporting goods
- Used furniture
- Video services
- Web design
- Writing/editing





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

SPRINGTIME FOR KILLJOY

The schoolyard and the stoops
Are brimming over with stuff,
Cute jeans and cuter tops
That never are enough.
Plus upholstered chairs and sofas
And cushions, a large supply,
All obviously bargains
That folks are itching to buy.
Yes, flea markets are fun,
They definitely are,
But these are risky times—
Beware the bedbug bazaar.

Leon Freilich

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

DEAR GAZETTE READERS,

In light of a recent letter to the editor I would like to point out two significant Jewish efforts to change Israeli government policy.

Please see:
www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/apr/28/israel-boycott-leviev for Abe Hayeem's essay on the cancellation by the British foreign office to rent from settlement builder Lev Leviev's company Africa-Israel. The UK embassy in Tel Aviv will be elsewhere. The Leviev name might be familiar to you—his diamond shop on Madison Avenue was picketed at Christmas time—but Hayeem's might not be; he is an Iraqi Jew and British architect.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_Voice_for_Peace for mention of the activities of Jewish Voices for Peace, such as working against Caterpillar, whose armored bulldozers demolish Palestinian homes; demonstrating in New Jersey against discriminatory house sales in the Israeli West Bank settlements; and blogging—in 2007 they launched Muzzlewatch. They are based in California.

Good reading.

*Yours in cooperation,
Nikki Leger*

LET'S GET TOGETHER

HELLO:

The Coop seems so full of cute, bright alternative people I was wondering if maybe we can have a more organized singles forum.

It would be great if some squad member could create a simple online meeting place for Coop singles, or some type of new Coop space for singles, virtual and/or real.

Spring is here!

*Thanks,
A Coop lover*

THANK YOU

DEAR KEN MACDONALD, COOP MEMBERS, STAFF,

We received the Coop's generous donation of canned goods from the canned food drive. We are very grateful. Please extend our gratitude to each and everyone who participated in the collection and decision to organize this canned food drive for CHIPS.

All of you at the Park Slope Food Coop constantly and continuously enable us here at CHIPS to prepare delicious and nutritious meals for the hungry and homeless that eat at our soup kitchen at least six times a week. Sometimes we serve close to 220 people on a daily basis.

Be assured of our prayers, love and gratitude to you all at the Park Slope Food Coop. A blessed and beautiful spring and summer season to you.

*Sincerely and gratefully,
Sister Mary A. Maloney SFP
Director, Park Slope Christian Help, Inc.*

P.S. Thank you for all your volunteer services and delivering food three times a week.

A CALL FOR A BOYCOTT

DEAR EDITOR,

I write in support of a boycott of Israeli goods until that government ceases its assault on Gaza. Although Israel has ceased firing the dime (dense inert metal explosive) bombs and the white phosphorus, it continues to maintain its complete blockade on the Gaza strip. A blockade is an act of war under international law.

One Israeli product the Coop carries is Sabra hummus. That company donates products to the (so-called) Israeli Defense Forces.

I call for a boycott of Sabra hummus until Israel opens all four Gaza borders including access to the sea. Israel must be pressured to allow unimpeded access of all humanitarian goods including building materials.

There are many effective local and national organizations denouncing Israeli apartheid, such as Council for the National Interest, End the Occupation, Brooklyn for Peace and Adalah.

Boycotts have been proven historically to work because they are tools of nonviolent resistance that are wielded by broad, representative organizations.

Let us be the change we want to see.

*Ann Schneider
Board member, National Lawyers Guild,
NYC Chapter*

CART PARKING MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO OUR HEALTH

DEAR EDITOR:

My letter is in reference to the article, "Emergency Planning and Procedures," appearing in the April 9th issue of the *Gazette*.

Actually, extra shopping carts at the parking area (near entrance desk) will hinder emergency exiting. I often notice them extending beyond the floor tape making the pass-through of people slow or, at times, not possible.

Shoppers need to consciously avoid the excess by starting a new row. And when any of us see extra carts, a squad leader needs to be immediately alerted.

Hopefully, an unfortunate emergency will never occur. Nonetheless, safe and rapid evacuation is of utmost importance and must always be present for us.

*In cooperation,
Steve Solomon*

EDITING OF SUBMISSIONS

DEAR COOP MEMBERS:

I am glad to see an active discussion in the letters section of the last three issues on the editing of *Gazette* submissions.

Currently, article and letter submissions can be altered by an editor without permission from the author. By omitting or changing the original content of a piece, an author's intended expression can be diluted or reinterpreted incorrectly by the editor.

So far in the discussion, the two Coordinating Editors have expressed a perspective that the way submissions are handled now must be accepted, due to the limitations of the Coop's workslot system and their view that less editing of submissions in the past elicited complaints of inaccuracy.

My question at this point is since the Coordinating Editors are in a position of power and influence over this area of the Coop, isn't it incumbent upon them to do some problem-solving? How can it be good enough to say "our hands are tied" when legitimate complaints and suggestions worthy of exploration are being raised?

A list of suggestions that have arisen in the letters section pertaining to this issue that have been rejected or have not been addressed yet by the Coordinating Editors include:

- 1) Correcting the online version of pieces that have been misprinted
- 2) Creating a method by which editors can consult with writers regarding proposed content changes
- 3) Allowing authors to proofread pieces before publication
- 4) Creating a mediation protocol that would handle disputes between writers and editors
- 5) Changing *Gazette* policy to allow contributions to be published as written, as long as they conform to the restraints published in the printed guidelines
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The fact that the Coordinating Editors have expressed a view in their letters that is completely closed to any change of policy confirms to me very definitely that a careful examination of this matter needs to take place.

There will be a discussion on this topic scheduled for a future General Meeting. I hope all who want to be able to rely on the *Gazette* to reflect members' views accurately and completely will look for the GM announcement and participate in the discussion.

*Sincerely,
Elizabeth Tobier*

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

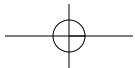
You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop or on disk.

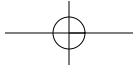
Anonymity

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

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.





COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday

8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. Please note that member-submitted articles, unlike letters, can be edited for content and style by editors. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words. Like member-submitted articles, committee reports can be edited for content and style by editors.

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

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

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

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Friday June 19

8:00 p.m.

very The Good Coffeehouse

COOP CONCERT SERIES

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

Saxophonist and Clarinetist **Janelle Reichman** has performed with Doc Severinsen, the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, the Chico O'Farrill Jazz Orchestra, Anne Hampton Callaway and Nnenna Freelon, among others. Janelle attended the esteemed Henry Mancini Institute in 2003 and 2004, where she performed Vince Mendoza's *Miracle Child* for solo tenor saxophone and orchestra. Janelle has studied with Dick Oatts, Steve Wilson and Bob Mintzer, who calls Janelle "a joy to listen to." Janelle will be performing jazz standards and originals with a trio of musicians to be announced.



Eric Alabaster and Anjana Roy— Tabla & Sitar duet

Sitarist Anjana Roy from Delhi, India studied with Shri Rebati R. Debnath, a disciple of Allauddin Khan. She received her Masters in music in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Drummer, composer, educator and tabla player Eric Alabaster has performed throughout New England, the Caribbean, Europe and Pakistan. He's worked with artists such as trombonist Roswell Rudd, guitarist Mark Ribot, South Asian artists Muni Begum and Fidah Hussain.

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

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

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...

Last Sunday

MAY 31

10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Second Saturday

JUNE 13

10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday

JUNE 18

7:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

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

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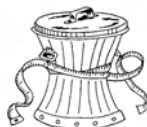
What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

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

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

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

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



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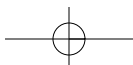
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Voucher Data Entry

Tuesday, 7:00 to 9:45 a.m.

The Coop needs detail-oriented members to enter data from voucher sheets into an Excel spreadsheet. Accuracy working with numbers and facility with Excel required. The shift must begin by 7:00 a.m. but you can come as early as 6:00 a.m. You will need to work independently, be self-motivated and reliable. Please contact Renee St. Furcy at renee_stfurcy@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560 if you are interested.

Shopping Floor Set-up and Cleaning

Monday or Wednesday, 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 and 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.

Bathroom Cleaning

Weekdays, 12 p.m.

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

Laundry

Monday, Friday, or Saturday

There are openings on two separate shifts.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

You will collect and sort Coop laundry (aprons, bandanas, gloves, dishcloths, freezer coats, child-care sheets). You will load laundry into washing machine and complete other maintenance tasks from a checklist while the clothes are washing.

8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room.Please contact the Membership Office to sign up.

COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop
FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 26

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JUN 7

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the May 26 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

June 4 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, May 25

June 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 8

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

June 4 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 27

June 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 10

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.

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.

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, May 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)

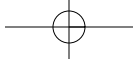
(unless there is a vote to extend the meeting)

• Meeting evaluation

• Board of Directors vote

• Announcements, etc.

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

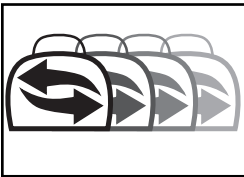


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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

may 23
sat 10 am–2 pm

Bag and Shoe Exchange



Do not leave things in the Coop before the hours of the exchange; bring up to 15 items only; bring one item, take one item; at 1:30, you can take as many items as you want; bring gently used, clean purses, bags and shoes that you are proud to be able to exchange with a new owner. (Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.)

may 23
sat 3–6 pm

Recycle Your PCs, Macs, Smartphones



This will be an ongoing series and will include a short film on recycling called *Story of Stuff*. Learn how to salvage parts from your computer and how to clear data from a computer for recycling. We'll show how to integrate your computer and Smartphone. Please e-mail info@brooklyncoop.org for more information.

may 24
sun 12–3 pm

Sustaining Motivation

Reflection, video, meditation and dialogue to help us open deeply to the pain of what's taking place in our world; experience that pain as power to act on its behalf; and connect the dots between sustainability, justice and personal fulfillment. Facilitated by Coop member **Melanie Chopko** and members of the NY Metro Area Awakening the Dreamer Network.

may 26
tue 7 pm

PSFC MAY General Meeting



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

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

Item #1: Voting to allow the Shop and Cycle Committee to achieve permanent status (30 minutes)

Proposal: "The Shop and Cycle committee proposes to be turned into a permanent committee and be allowed to work for credit." —submitted by *Sarah Phillips*

Item #2: PSFC Shop and Cycle Committee survey (30 minutes)

Proposal: "To conduct a survey to learn how to better serve the needs of the members. We will require approximately \$300 to fund this initiative." —submitted by *The Shop and Cycle committee*

Item #3: Cultural & Linguistic competency at the Coop (30 minutes)

Discussion: "To require all signs on the doors of the Coop, all event fliers, and monthly publications to be bilingual, English-Spanish; also at least one office staff." —submitted by *Sekai Chideya*

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

may 26
tue 7:30 pm

Gas Is So 20th Century!

Help form the Park Slope Ethanol Coop. **Michael Winks** and **Kevin Burget** are forming a community-based renewable energy coop with the goal of using locally made ethanol to power our vehicles and even heat our homes. Find out more. Come to a screening of David Blume's *Alcohol Can Be a Gas!*

may 29
fri 7 pm

The Enlightenment Of the Whole Body

Abel Slater, long-time devotee of Adi Da Samraj, speaks of the never-before revealed teachings given by Adi Da and the relationship with his spiritual master, during and after his physical lifetime. Video of Adi Da speaking will be shown, followed by discussion. Presented by Coop member **Richard Hart**, a student of the World-Friend, Adi Da Samraj.

may 30
sat 10 am–1:30 pm

Kids' Toy & Book Exchange

Bring your old and gently used toys and children's books to the Coop to swap with others. All donations must be dropped off by 1:00 p.m. Books and toys must be clean and in good condition. We cannot accept textbooks, computer-related books, guide books, outdated books, magazines or journals. Do not bring toys or books to the Coop before the hours of the exchange.

may 30
sat 3:30 pm

Confused About Aisle 4?

Join Coop member **Carol Patti**, clinical nutritionist, to get more insight about what the "vitamin/supplement aisle"—Aisle 4—has to offer. Carol will give highlights on which supplements are available and what they are useful for, where on the shelf you can find them...and what to do if you cannot.

may 30
sat 6:30 pm

Spanish Language Workshop

Learn basic oral and written Spanish skills using a vocabulary of food and ingredients from Latin America and Spain that are found in the Coop. Coop member **Irene Donoso** is a native speaker from Chile, grew up in Venezuela and went to college in Spain. She is a great cook and a food fanatic.

may 31
sun 12 pm

How to Eat Healthy

Join Coop member **Ella Nemcova**, a holistic health counselor and natural foods chef, for an energetic lecture filled with tips, tricks and recipes for good nutrition in tough economic times. Find out which of the healthiest foods cost less than \$1, which foods carry the heaviest toxic burden and what you can do to feel better for good.

jun 4
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Malaysia—The Heart of the Spice Trade



Malaysia was centrally located in the heart of the spice trade and its cuisine is a lively blend of Malayo-Polynesian, Chinese, Indian and Thai influences. Menu includes *mixed vegetable achar*, *tempeh and pressed rice cake skewers with spicy peanut sauce*, *dry prawn sambal*, and *taro, coconut and banana pudding*. Guest chef Annie Kunjappy works as a private chef and teaches at the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. **Materials fee: \$4.**

To book a Food Class, contact Susan Baldassano, sueb@naturalgourmetschool.com.

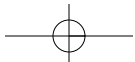
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Flow



Flow is Irena Salina's award-winning documentary investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st century—the world water crisis. Salina builds a case against the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply and gives viewers a look at the people and institutions providing practical solutions.

To book a Film Night, contact Alexandra Berger, isisprods@yahoo.com.



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jun 6
sat 10:30 am

Getting to Yes

Via an interactive workshop based on role-plays, come and learn practical skills to increase your ability to connect with others and be heard and understood. This workshop offers a basic introduction to the practices of compassionate, nonviolent communication, presented by **Dian Killian**, PhD, founder and director of Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication.

jun 6
sat 2–4 pm

Forgiveness

Learn to 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, and participate in a group unconditional love meditation. Coop member **Moraima Suarez** has studied and practiced the healing arts for more than 20 years.

jun 6
sat 7 pm

Superfood, Raw Chocolate & Elixir Tasting Party

Learn how to use rare elements and superfood elixirs to permanently eliminate the primary causes of weight gain, accelerated aging, poor mood and common health challenges. Coop member **Sheri Silver**, HHC, is a Holistic Health Counselor and chef specializing in whole foods, raw foods and superfood preparations.

jun 12
fri 7:30 pm

Inside the Bailout

Why do we socialize risk and privatize profits? Come and see who's to blame for the current "economic disaster." Includes excerpts from the PBS special about the bailout and Noam Chomsky's talk on this topic. As time permits, we'll show *The Corporation*. Presenter **Ralph Yozzo** (fedex1@gmail.com) is a happy Coop member.

jun 13
sat 10 am–12 pm

Garden and House Plant Swap

Plant swappers may choose one plant for each plant they bring. Please bring healthy plants with adequate roots, packed in a lightweight container with adequate soil. Do not bring cuttings. If you are bringing plants that send out runners (ivy, pachysandra, etc.), please pack at least three runners, with roots, in each container. Plants will not be accepted after 11:30 a.m.

jun 14
sun 12 pm

The Greatest Event in History Is Now Unfolding

A group of enlightened teachers, led by Maitreya the World Teacher, is here to inspire a great planetary transformation based on sharing and justice. Learn more at this video presentation, featuring author Benjamin Creme in Tokyo. Q&A follows. Presented by **Phil DiRossi**, a long-time Coop member concerned with peace and justice issues.

jun 19
fri 7 pm

Turn Your Closet Into Cash!

Learn how to sell your unwanted items on eBay. Learn about eBay auctions, fixed price listings and stores; what sells; finding products to sell; packing and shipping; seller community; third-party services; fundraising on eBay; and recent changes at eBay. Coop member **Jennifer C. Stevens** has been selling on eBay for more than nine years.

jun 19
fri 8 pm

Janelle Reichman and Eric Alabaster and Anjana Roy



Saxophonist and clarinetist **Janelle Reichman** has performed with Doc Severinsen, the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, the Chico O'Farrill Jazz Orchestra, Anne Hampton Callaway and Nnenna Freelon, among others. She will be performing jazz standards and originals with a trio of musicians to be announced.

Performing a duet are sitarist **Anjana Roy** and tabla player **Eric Alabaster**. Roy is a Delhi native who has studied with Shri Rebati R. Debnath, a disciple of Allauddin Khan. Alabaster is a drummer, composer and educator who has performed throughout New England, the Caribbean, Europe and Pakistan.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd Street) • \$10 • doors open at 7:45.
The Very Good Coffeehouse is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.
To book a Coffeehouse event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.

jun 20
sat 10 am–2 pm

Adult Clothing & Costume Jewelry Exchange

The season is changing, and this is your opportunity to trade gently used and beautiful clothes and costume jewelry that you no longer wear with other Coop members. Do not leave clothing or jewelry in the Coop before the hours of the exchange. Bring up to 15 items only. Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.

jun 20
sat 3 pm

Sugar Blues

Are you constantly craving sweets and want to understand why? Join **Aja Davis**, holistic health counselor, to learn how to change your relationship with sugar forever. You will discuss how to understand where those sugar cravings come from and how to reduce and eliminate them naturally.

jun 20
sat 7 pm

Screening of *Blue Gold—Global Water Wars*

The award-winning 90-min. documentary, *Blue Gold—Global Water Wars* addresses how corporate giants, private investors and corrupt governments vie for control of our dwindling fresh water supply. Presenter and Coop member **Henry Rock** has been a passionate advocate of innovative technological solutions to water, energy and habitat issues.

still to come

- jun 27-29 Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen
- jun 27 Relationship Health Check
- jun 27 Boogie Down with Nia
- jun 28 Greening and Cleaning Your Home
- jun 30 Building Your Personal Financial Recovery Plan

- jun 30 PSFC Annual Meeting
- jul 7 Agenda Committee Meeting
- jul 11 Digest This
- jul 11 Moving Your Business Forward
- jul 19 Sustainable Stress Reduction

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

Help New Members Feel Like Royalty!



The **Orientation Committee** has no openings at the moment, but we need members who are trained and ready to step in when a vacancy occurs.

We are looking for energetic people with a teaching or training background who can work Sunday afternoons, Monday or Wednesday evenings, or Wednesday mornings. FTOP shifts are also available. Orienters lead sessions every six weeks, and on the week midway between sessions you must be available as backup for emergency coverage. Only Coop members with at least two years of membership will be considered.

Workslot credit will be given for training sessions. An annual meeting of the Orientation Committee is part of the work requirement.

We are especially interested in members who speak fluent Spanish or Russian. For more information, contact the Membership Office or write to karen_mancuso@psfc.coop.

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Burgeoning Coops

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The success of We Can Do It! has inspired the creation of two more cooperative businesses: We Can Fix It! Cooperative and BeyondCare cooperative child care service. All three businesses, incubated at the Center for Family Life, fill the important role of providing members with professional opportunities and economic self-determination while offering much-needed services to the greater Brooklyn community.

These cooperative businesses, like the Park Slope Food Coop, subscribe to the same internationally recognized cooperative principles. (Learn more about cooperative businesses at www.ncba.coop.) But these coops are much smaller; the largest has 25 members. And these newer cooperative businesses give voice to an often-marginalized population of immigrant workers who traditionally have been denied the dignity of equitable employment terms and living wages because of the barriers of language, immigrant and socioeconomic status, and lingering stigmas associated with certain kinds of domestic and service professions.

A Better Way to Work

When we met with Vanessa Bransburg, LMSW, the Center for Family Life's cooperative coordinator, she spoke passionately about the progress

that each cooperative has made. Before joining their coop, Bransburg explained, members had experienced such contractor abuses as refusal to pay agreed-upon wages, usually a result of worker and client ignorance about workers' rights. As members of workers' cooperatives, however, members have enforceable contracts with their clients. Not only do cooperative members have an advocate, in case there's a misunderstanding between them and their clients, they also set a standard of service to which both parties agree, creating balance in the working relationship. For their efforts, coop members earn 100 percent of the fee paid for services rendered.

We Can Do It! a Model for Success

Speaking first of We Can Do It! (www.wecandoit.coop), Bransburg noted that the coop is both an income source and a social support for the women who are members. With 20 founding members (additional members are acquired through their yearly open house and interview process), the coop assures that each member has a stable amount of work, whether part-time or full-time, allowing all of them to make a living wage. Members earn an average of \$20 per hour. By creating detailed job estimates, having written client agreements and charging by the job rather than per hour, the members seek to create a climate of excellence and

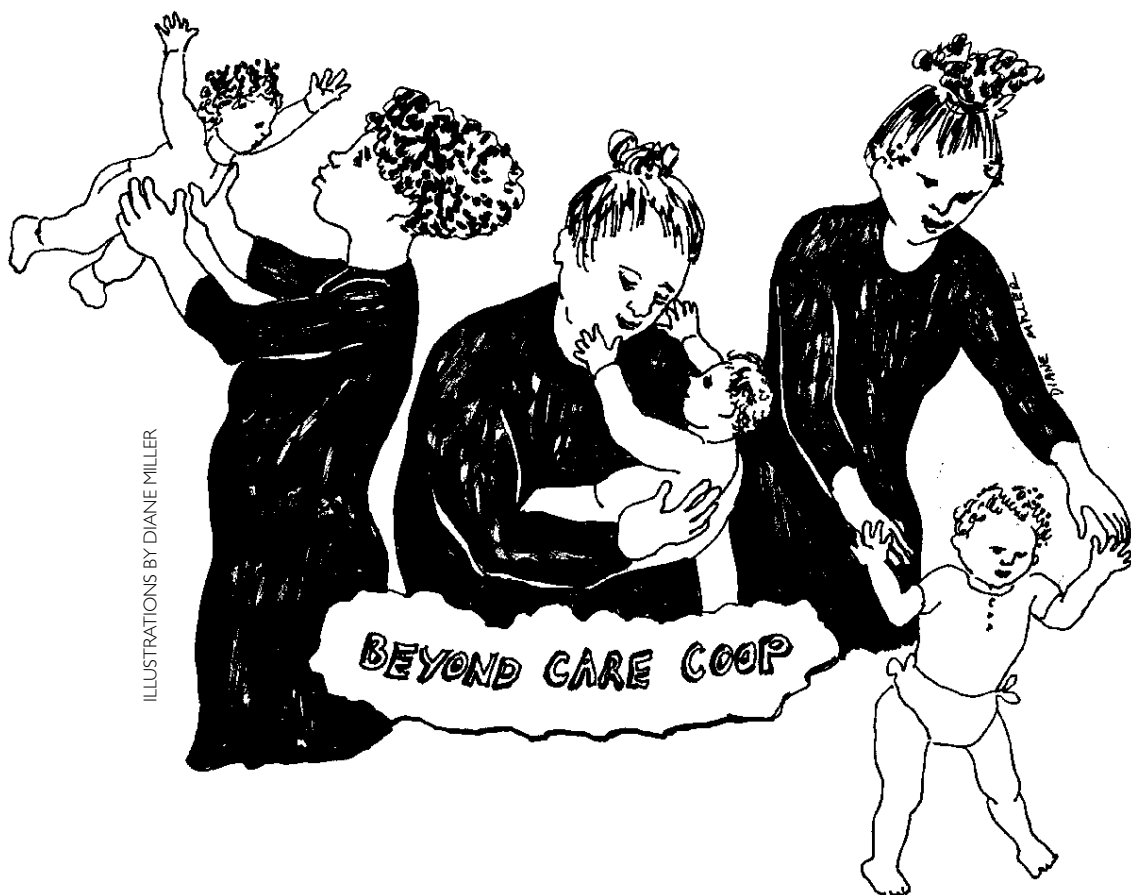
mutual satisfaction. The cooperative encourages clients to provide the most effective and least toxic cleaning products available for a safe and healthy work and home environment.

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Bransburg explained that clients have been enthusiastic about We Can Do It! Not only are they pleased with the work product, but they also feel good about supporting a socially responsible cooperative business. Notably, the cooperative is in the process of incorporating, which will allow members to apply for group health insurance while also further protecting their work status.

We Can Fix It! and BeyondCare Make a Difference

We Can Fix It! (www.wecanfixit.coop), by contrast, was established in October 2007 and was originally composed of men who were day laborers in the construction field. It has since become a gender-inclusive coop and has refined its focus to such residential handiwork as painting, plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and masonry. Operating on the consensus decision-making model, the cooperative is developing bylaws and will soon begin its incorporation process.



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BeyondCare (www.beyond-care.coop), a cooperative of 20 women founded in June 2008,

They set a standard of service to which both parties agree, creating balance in the working relationship.

provides members with an eight-week curriculum in topics such as CPR; child development; child safety; and health and nutrition. It also offers ESL classes for members to further enhance their skills. In

developing their cooperative, members were resolute about wanting to offer holistic, loving and progressive child care, not mere babysitting. BeyondCare offers competitive rates for services administered by trained child care professionals who have been reviewed and cleared through the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment: It charges \$550 per week for full-time care of one to two children, or \$15 per hour for part-time care of one child.

All three cooperative businesses are empowering men and women to effect positive changes within their families, Sunset Park, their immigrant communities, and the broader community of people who support economic justice and nonexploitative work environments. As an established, successful member of the community of cooperatives, the Park Slope Food Coop welcomes the opportunity to highlight the progress of other burgeoning cooperative businesses. ■



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THE WEB COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR...

1. An experienced developer who is a Drupal expert with some PHP and MySQL skills. You should be familiar with installation, configuration and theming, as well as the most common modules. Super strong HTML, CSS, JS and JQuery skills are a plus. We want you to help us:
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2. An experienced front-end coder and Drupal themer to:
 - Help us create and implement a custom theme.
 - Move easily from digital design (e.g. Photoshop/Illustrator) into production-quality (X)HTML and CSS

If you are interested, please send a link to your résumé (or include it in the body of your email) as well as links to some of your past Drupal work by June 4 to dust@monica-lisa.com.



Join in the Coop's effort to provide members with safe, plentiful bike parking. Become part of a valet bike parking trial on Saturday afternoons this June. You'll get FTOP credit as we establish monitored bicycle parking outside the Coop.

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SAT, MAY 23

SINGSPIRATION FOR BOYS ages 12-16: Voice Lessons @ 2-4 p.m. An interactive singing and acting experience for boys sponsored by New York Youth at Risk and Brooklyn Repertory Opera. 3 sessions \$25, 1 session \$10 @ Brooklyn Lyceum, 227 4th Ave, Union/President. www.bropera.org.

FRI, MAY 29

CONCERT, Nightingale: Multi-instrumentalists Becky Tracy, Jeremiah McLane & Keith Murphy play vibrant sophisticated music from New England, Quebec & beyond. At OSA, 220 E. 23 St., Suite 707 (between 2 & 3 Ave.), NYC. Folk Music Society of N.Y. Admission \$15, children \$6. Info: www.folkmusicny.org or 718-672-6399.

WED, JUN 3

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 Goodcoffee House. At the Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park W. 7:30-10:00 p.m. Info: 718-636-6341

FRI, JUN 5

A MASKED BALL by Verdi: A plot to assassinate a ruler, a sorceress's prediction, an affair between a ruler & his best friend's wife, and a Masked Ball! Performances in English & with orchestra by Brooklyn Repertory Opera. Office Coordinator Kath-

leen Keske* sings the role of Amelia. Brooklyn Lyceum, 227 Fourth Ave. (President St.) @ 7:30 p.m. Admission \$20, seniors/students \$10, w/unemployment stub \$5. www.bropera.org.

SAT, JUN 6

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SUN, JUN 7

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FRI, JUN 12

A MASKED BALL by Verdi: A plot to assassinate a ruler, a sorceress's prediction, an affair between a ruler & his best friend's wife, and a Masked Ball! Performances in English & with orchestra by Brooklyn Repertory Opera. Office Coordinator Kathleen Keske* sings the role of Amelia. Brooklyn Lyceum, 227 Fourth Ave. (President St.) @ 7:30 p.m.

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SAT, JUN 13

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SUN, JUN 14

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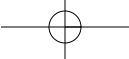
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Coop Job Opening: General Coordinator

The Coop is looking for applicants interested in joining its management collective as a General Coordinator. The General Coordinating team is the Coop's top level of management and, collectively, share responsibility for long-term planning, oversight of the finances and the member-labor system, and supervising the rest of the paid staff.

The ideal applicants will have experience in one or more of the following:

- Grocery store management/food industry experience
- Supervision and/or training
- Project management
- Human resources
- Facilities/plant management
- Finance
- New media/social networking tools

The ideal candidates must also be able to significantly contribute to the Coop's existing management team by possessing all of the following:

- Interpersonal skills and ability to cooperate with a diverse group of co-workers and members
- Self-starter able to provide leadership in strategic planning and project implementation
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Excellent judgment that is consistently brought to the management decision-making process
- Comfortable engaging in debate and discussion as part of the collaborative decision-making process
- Facility with computers, Macintosh a plus
- Math competency
- Environmental consciousness

Work Schedule

Average workweek of 45-50 hours, including regular evening and weekend work.

Salary

The General Coordinator salary is \$79,100.

Benefits

- Five weeks vacation
- Four paid holidays: Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- Eleven Health/Personal days
- Health and long-term disability insurance, fully paid by the Coop
- Defined benefit pension plan, fully paid by the Coop
- Non-Matching 401(k), FSA, and TransitCheks
- Dental plan and Life Insurance after one year of employment, fully paid by the Coop

How to Apply

Applicants must currently be Coop members with at least one year of Park Slope Food Coop membership (immediately prior to application). Please provide your résumé along with a cover letter stating your interest in the position and explaining how your qualifications, skills and experience will benefit the Coop. Materials should be e-mailed to hc-generalcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "General Coordinator" in the subject field. Please do not call the Coop about this posting or to follow up on your application. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. We will begin reviewing applications on June 1, 2009 and will continue until the position has been filled. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

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Connie Frida	Lisa G. Noah Garabedian	Elizabeth Kosack Jordana	Jennie Schueler Zachary Schulman
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Hilda Cohen Greg Costikyan	Sabrina Hofmann	Clare Peeters Juniper Perlis	Stephanie Wang-Breal
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Andrew Delamarter	Kate Jassin Satinder Jawanda	Davide Pivi Elizabeth Pratt	Emily Westlake Jo Whitsell
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Laurel Dugan Emily Durkin	Jeremiah Jones Jeffrey Joseph	Frances Rabinowitz	Gregory Wright
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Melissa Fishner Aimee Follette	Byron Kim Leah Koenig	Erin Roche Julie Rosenberg	
Kimberly Fusaro		Woody Rubin Nikola Savic	

WELCOME!

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

Hannah Abbott	Wilfred Campbell	Christian Forero	Kelly Haviland	Ella Levitt	Zulfiya Mukhamedjanova	T. Woody Richman	John Sztot
Matthew Abbott	Cathleen Caron	Naima Fowler-Timir	Marissa Hiller	Maureen Lloren	Chelsea Myers	Johanna Rippon	Ashley Taylor
Leslie Adato	Deniz Cebenoyan	Tiffany Foxworth	Judith Hoffman	Valerie Lockhart	Alia Nakashima	Heather Ritchie	Fiore Tedesco
Carolina M. Alvarez	Justo Chamas	Kwesi Fraser	Chris Housemate	Emily Loeb	Luigi Nappi	Sandra Rodriguez	Lachlan Thom
Ingrid Alvarez	Nicole Cherubini	Eve Frederick	Avigail Hurvitz-Prinz	Luca Loguercio	Arianna Naumann	Arianna Rogers	Katie Thompson
Kathryn Ansell	Sonya Cheuse	Steven Freed	Krismin Inocentes	Ricardo Lopez	Jelieth E. Nelson	Jon Roth	Rikard Treiber
Eli Avraham	Win Chia	Ann Bingley Gallops	Elizabeth Insaurralde	Aaron Louis	Shunpei Okochi	Dmitri Russell	Mark Turrigiano
Orit Avraham	John Ciambriello	Mark Gallops	Albert Iturregui-Elias	Ginny Loulodes	Saraivy Orench Reinat	Kamran Sadeghi	Shannon Twomey
Christiana Axelsen	Jessica Cohen	Jeremy Gauger	Heather Ivins	Eric Lynch	Cindy Ormondroyd	Laurie Sagalyn	Allison Van Dyck
Tebukozza Babumba	Joanne Colan	Danielle George	Sherri Jackson	Julia Malta-Weingard	Tina Pamintuan	Antonio Sanchez	Olena Vasyl'eva
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Katie Bender	Quinlan Corbett	Sophia Gilbert	Kamara James	Amy Marsh	Reshma Pattni	Marci Schultz	Erich Walker
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Emily Butters	Margaret Haskett	Margaret Haskett	Frances Largeman-Roth	Carmina Mosquera	David Redekop	Ellen Sussman	
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