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BK FARMYARDS BUILDING FARMS IN BROOKLYN

By Larissa Phillips



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Like many schools these days, the High School for Public Service (HSPS)—a seven-year-old public school in Crown Heights—is planning a school garden.

Unlike many schools, this one has an entire acre of land at its disposal and intends to eventually produce food for the surrounding community. And unlike many fledgling school gardens, this one has the support and backing of a

group of committed urban farmers, architects and designers that is trying to restructure the way New Yorkers get their produce.

HSPS's garden will be small at first—a mere quarter acre. It will have composting bins, a greenhouse and a tool shed. During the school year students will tend the garden, and over the summer they will participate in a garden mentoring and employment program. Their studies will include environmental sci-

ences such as water conservation, composting and integrated pest management.

Over the next five years, the HSPS garden will expand annually until the full acre is a working farm. The expansion includes plans for an HSPS CSA which will involve the surrounding community with blockwide harvest festivals in the spring and fall. Eventually, the school may also be host to a regional farmer's market.

This project is the brainchild of BK Farmyards, a Brooklyn-based group that is working to build a decentralized farming network within the borough.

By creating smaller, more local, more individualized sites of food production, BK Farmyards is launching stones at several dragons at once: the so-called food-industrial complex, global warming, community disenfranchisement, "food deserts" in lower income neighborhoods, even the doldrums of summer vacation and the need for enough space for a good dinner party. (The group suggests that community gardens make perfect sites for dinner parties.)

Why all the fuss? Why not just go to the farmer's market—or the Coop? The demand for organic produce is an increasing component of the food industry, which itself is already a prime contributor to climate change—second only to transportation in fossil fuel consumption. As BK Farmyards points out on its website, "Our food system is at a

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What's New at the Museum of the City of New York

By Anita J. Aboulafia

(a) When did the City of Brooklyn establish its first park? (b) What is the largest park in New York City? (c) Which is the only freshwater river in New York City? *

To find the answers to these questions and learn more about New York City's rich and diverse natural environment, visit the Museum of the City of New York's exhibit, "Legacy: The Preservation of Wilderness in New York City Parks," on view through March 21. Take note: The Museum is free for Park Slope Food Coop members.

Legacy: The Preservation of Wilderness in New York City Parks

In 2006, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation commissioned Joel Meyerowitz to photograph the parks throughout New York City. The huge, full-color laser photos that he took are magnificent. As described in the brochure, "The exhibition,

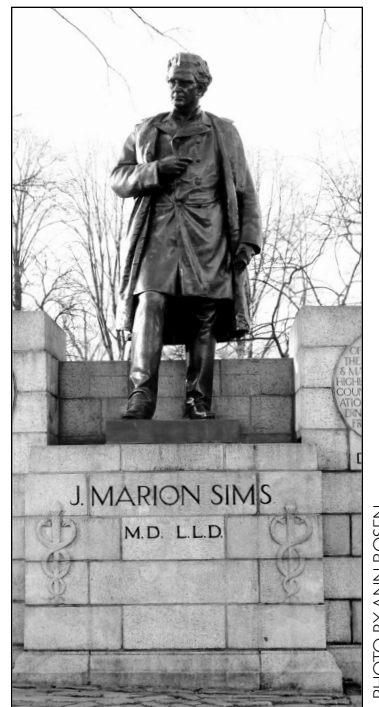


PHOTO BY ANN ROSEN

A statue at the museum.

containing 90 photographs... documents the untamed and wild nature of the city's cherished and hard-won open spaces, as well as bucolic and pastoral landscapes."

The Brooklyn parks that are part of the exhibition are

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Next General Meeting on February 23

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, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

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

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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Coop Event Highlights

- Sat, Feb 13 • **Valentine Card Making for Everyone** 3:30–5:30 p.m.
- Fri, Feb 19 • **Coffeehouse: Harmonic Insurgence and Mamie Minch** 8:00 p.m.
- Thu, Mar 4 • **Food Class: Lucid Food: Cooking for an Eco-Conscious Life** 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Mar 5 • **Film Night: Horns and Halos** 7:30 p.m.

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

What’s New at the Museum of the City of New York

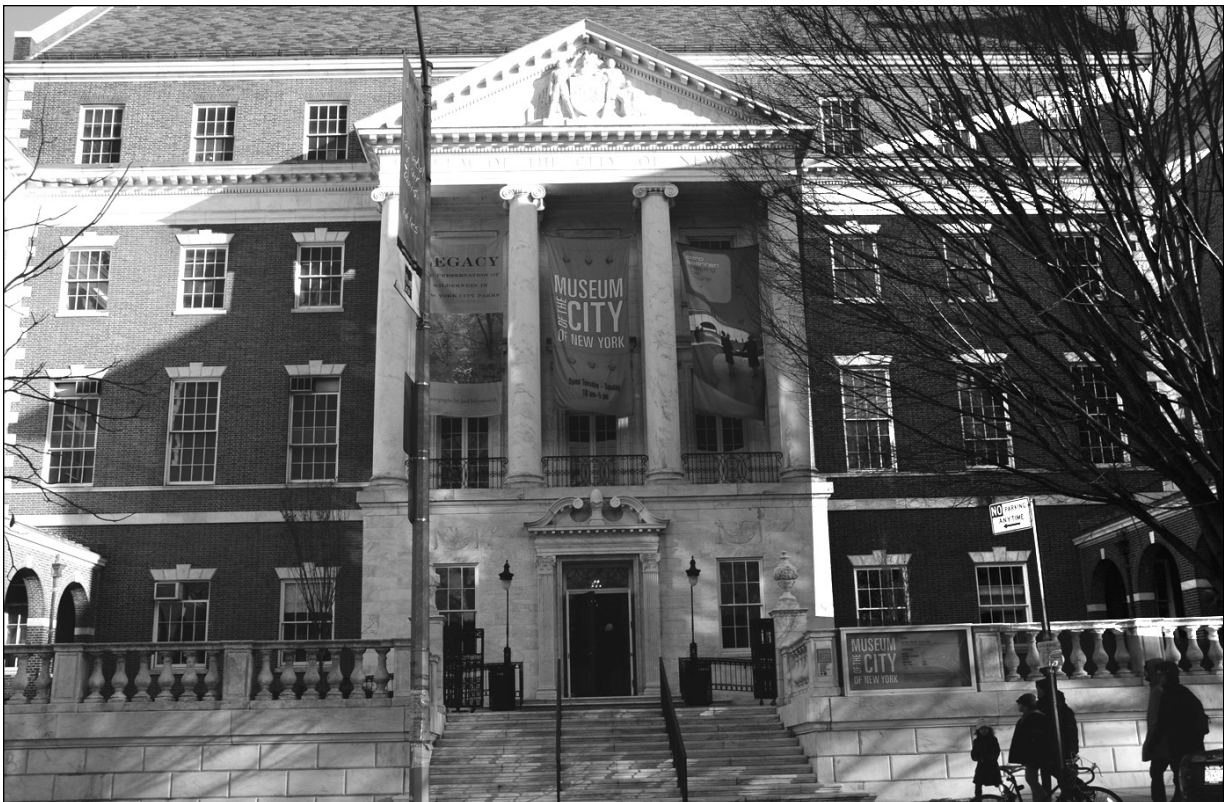
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Prospect Park, Owl’s Head Park in Fort Hamilton, Louis Valentino Jr. Park in Red Hook, Marine Park, Brooklyn’s largest park at 798 acres, and Fort Greene Park.

Only in New York: Photos from LOOK Magazine

On view through April 10, the Museum’s “Only in New York: Photos from LOOK Magazine” depicts the magazine’s “love affair” with New York, highlighting the era from the end of World War II to the early 1960s. LOOK Magazine, which published from 1937 to 1971, was a biweekly that covered not only fashion, food, celebrities and popular culture, but also presented more probing investigations of the civil rights struggle, health issues, education and international affairs.

Among the photographers whose black-and-white images grace the walls of the museum is the young Stanley Kubrick, who sold his first photograph to the museum when he was 16. As a LOOK photographer, Mr. Kubrick, who later became famous as a



The Museum of the City of New York.

director of such films as *Dr. Strangelove* and *2001: A Space Odyssey*, specialized in taking photos of showgirls, well-known cultural figures, boxers (like Rocky Graziano) and ordinary people riding the subways.

The January 18, 1949 issue of the magazine presented “The Brooklyn Nobody Knows,” focusing on Brooklyn’s major cultural institutions, celebrated artists and writers, and architecture.

Five years later, the darker, noirish side of Brooklyn was presented in LOOK’s pages with “Could This Happen to Your Boy?” a photo montage of four local youths (called “thrill killers” after they were accused of an unprovoked attack and murders) and their stunned neighbors.

The exhibit coincides with the publication of the first-ever book, *Only in New York*, devoted to the museum’s extensive LOOK photography

collection, by Donald Albrecht and Thomas Mellins.

Book Discussion

Presented in conjunction with the LOOK photography exhibit, on Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 PM, *The New York Times* Urban Affairs Correspondent Sam Roberts, author of *Only in New York: An Exploration of the World’s Most Fascinating, Frustrating and Irrepressible City*, will explore what makes New York City so unique. He will

investigate riddles of urban life, such as: Why do we have doormen? Is it noisier in the city or the country? Are New Yorkers really as liberal as the rest of the country thinks we are? This event is free.

In Celebration of Women’s History Month

In celebration of Women’s History Month, the museum will present composer, arranger, producer and percussionist Annette A. Aguilar. Tickets are free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 917-492-3395.

About the Museum of the City of New York

The Museum of the City of New York (www.mcny.org) is located at Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street. The building resembles a Colonial American mansion with its white stone columns and marble floors and stairways. Founded in 1923 to present the history of New York and the people who live here, the museum was designed by Joseph J. Freedlander in the neo-Georgian style. Building construction began in 1928 and was completed in 1930.

The museum is in the midst of an ambitious renovation and expansion project that will expand the gallery space on the third floor and create classrooms in the Frederick A. O. Schwarz Children’s Center, while providing new offices for curators, educators and other museum personnel. Its 2,800-square-foot gallery opened in the fall of 2009 as did its state-of-the-art curatorial center, designed to store and preserve the museum’s vast but fragile collections of photographs, prints, textiles and works on paper.

The museum hours are Tuesdays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Its phone number is 212-534-1672. ■

*Here are the answers to the questions: (a) The City of Brooklyn established its first park in 1836; (b) For those of you who thought Central Park is the largest park, you’re wrong. The largest park in New York City is Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, which is 2,766 acres as compared with Central Park’s 843 acres. (Prospect Park is 526 acres.); (c) The 23-mile-long Bronx River is the City’s only freshwater river, running through several parks, including Bronx River, Hunts Point and Riverside Parks.

RETURN POLICY

The Coop strives to keep prices low for our membership. Minimizing the amount of returned merchandise is one way we do this. If you need to make a return, please go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

1. The Paid-In-Full receipt **MUST** be presented.
2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

No, we do not “exchange” items. You must return the merchandise and re-purchase what you need.

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce*	Bulk* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk)
Cheese*	Seasonal Holiday Items
Books	Special Orders
Calendars	Refrigerated Supplements
Juicers	& Oils
Sushi	*A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

NEVER RETURNABLE

RETURNABLE ONLY IF SPOILED BEFORE EXPIRATION DATE

Packaging/label must be presented for refund.

RETURNABLE

Refrigerated Goods (not listed above)

Frozen Goods

Meat & Fish

Bread

Items not listed above that are unopened and unused in re-sellable condition

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.

Saturday, February 13

3:30–5:30 p.m.

FREE

Non members Welcome

VALENTINE CARD MAKING

FOR EVERYONE

Bring Family and Friends!

Children under 10 years old should be accompanied by an adult.

We will supply glue, markers and paper.

Bring any other special art materials you would like to use with you.

We are looking for art supply donations like buttons, fabric, recycled paper, magazines, newspaper and cardboard.

Fun Committee
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Event to be held at the Old Stone House, 336 Third St., in Washington Park.

First come first serve space limited to 15 at any given time.

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

GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Fracking Bad, Kale Good: Word From the January General Meeting

By Gayle Forman

Food safety, and the far-reaching implications of a new form of natural gas drilling known as hydraulic fracturing, were the focus of impassioned discussions at the Park Slope Food Coop's January 26, 2010 General Meeting, held to a record crowd in the Congregational Beth Elohim Social Hall in Park Slope. David Golland chaired the meeting, with Imani Q'ryn acting as chair secretary and Robin Campbell also present at the chair table.

Longtime Coop member Alice Joyce Alcala presented a discussion item aimed at galvanizing the PSFC membership into some kind of action to stop the process of hydraulic fracturing, also

Ithaca. Wright explained how agents from the big energy companies, including Exxon Mobil, were sending representatives out to small farmers to lease wells on their lands. The farmers, said Clover-Owens, who is himself a farmer, "believe they're signing leases for conventional wells, which haven't had an impact on farms. They don't understand the size of the wells, or that the wells use two to nine million gallons of water or that trucks are in and out constantly to haul out the gas." Wright held up a bag of organic flour grown in Tompkins County that is bought by several local Brooklyn restaurants. "Forty percent of Tompkins County is leased for gas drilling," she announced.

Thirty-two states have

who also has a place upstate, had a few examples for what funds could accomplish in galvanizing the farmers and locals in the so-called southern tier who would be most directly and immediately impacted: Put a billboard along Route 17, which would run from \$350 to \$2,000 for a month. Put out a one-shot

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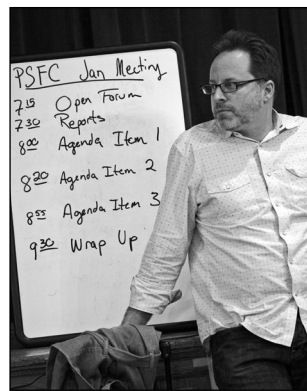
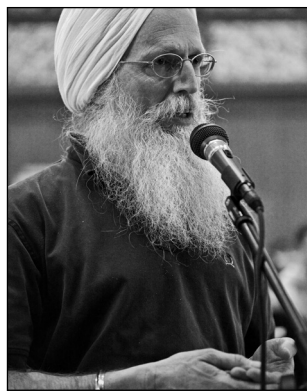
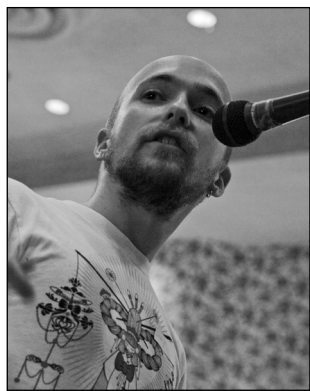
newspaper ad on the issue or run an ad in four major upstate centers (\$10,000 for the ad). As a defensive measure he suggested conduct-

deep concern over fracking and offered advice. One member suggested forming a new committee, since this issue is central to our existence as a coop. Margaret Stix wondered if there were legal challenges the Coop could bring against the environmental impact statement. Ken Baer explained some of the legal wrangling likely to come in the months before drilling would begin and said he thought we needed a statewide ban on fracking and the Coop should adopt a resolution supporting such a ban. Adam Rabiner of the newly re-formed Safe Food Squad (more on that below) suggested that this issue could be taken on by that committee.

Toward the end of the discussions, Chair Commit-

tee. We organized the Brooklyn Food Conference last year." Former squad member Giselle Sperber called the squad "a really great incubator, a place where ideas were born."

Such good ideas that in April 2009, lead organizers of that squad created the Brooklyn Food Coalition and when the GM approved this move, it disbanded the Safe Food Squad. Nancy Romer of the Brooklyn Food Coalition called this move "an error in judgment and procedure. We never should've disbanded it." The Safe Food Squad has been back working on issues, informally, focusing on education and organizing a film series, but the GM needed to formally vote to reinstate the squad, which it did, overwhelmingly, by a show



PHOTOS BY HAZEL HANKIN

known as fracking, in the upstate New York areas. Fracking involves the blasting of millions of gallons of water, sand and at least 260 types of chemicals deep into the ground, causing the shale to crack open and release previously untapped deposits of natural gas. "This is a stealth issue," Alcala said, going on to explain how few people understood the implications of fracking. And the implications are dire. The chemicals used in the process—like ethylhexanol, methanol, boric acid and formaldehyde—make their way into the soil, potentially polluting the farms that provide the Coop with so much of our organic produce, our cheese, our meat. But this goes beyond what stocks the PSFC's shelves. Those chemicals also seep into the aquifers, potentially polluting New York State's watershed—and our legendarily clean drinking water.

Joining Alcala were two upstate activists, Lisa Ann Wright and Ryan Clover-Owens from Shaleshocked Citizens Action Alliance in

allowed hydrofracking and the results have been catastrophic in places—including tap water so full of gas it ignites (you can watch videos of this on Youtube). "Hydrofracking is an intense industrial activity that could turn upstate New York into an industrial wasteland, inject chemicals deep into the ground near primary aquifers," said Wright. "Even Mike Bloomberg is against it, and it's a little awkward for me to be cheerleading for Bloomberg." An environmental impact statement on fracking in New York, however, minimized the risk, because, claim Alcala and Wright, it was written by the energy industry. Making matters worse, they added, Governor Patterson is eager to extract some of the money fracking would bring in, no matter what the expense to the state's water-and foodshed.

Initially, Alcala's discussion item called for raising Coop funds to support environmental activists and upstate farmers who will be doing civil disobedience. Coop member Carl Arnold,

ing baseline testing of a single well, which would cost about \$15,000. But money wasn't the ultimate goal, he said; raising awareness was. Arnold noted that at a recent rally in Albany, he'd met many legislators who were largely ignorant of the issue. "The point is, we are all connected in this, one world, one state, one country. Whatever we can do to help our state resist this is crucial."

General Coordinator Joe Holtz commented that the membership has been reluctant to donate funds in the Coop's name, noting that historically "the Coop does not take monetary stands." He said that he believed "building a grassroots campaign was the most important thing you can do on these kinds of issues," and added that when he brings an item to the floor for discussion, he looks to the membership to help him craft his next step in coming up with a specific proposal, or jettisoning the idea of a proposal.

That seemed to open a floodgate of ideas as members expressed their

tee member David Moss bluntly advised Alcala not to come back to the GM for a proposal. "Money you're not going to get. A statement, it's too little too late. And I don't think you need a proposal," he said. So many constructive ideas had come out of the meeting and time was so much of the essence, he suggested that maybe working within existing committees was the best way to go about it. And indeed, after the GM wrapped up, Alcala was swamped with members, swapping cards and phone numbers, eager to get involved.

Food safety—and scarcity—seemed to be a theme of the night. A proposal to reinstate the Safe Food Squad was presented by Maratea Cantarella. The squad, which had been in existence for more than eight years until it was disbanded last spring, was dedicated to "educating the Coop and broader community about GMOS, sustainable food," Cantarella explained. "We did work around the farm bill, and getting bottled water out of the

of hands.

Food scarcity was the bad news in Allen Zimmerman's wintertime "doom and gloom" general coordinator's report. Speaking specifically about adverse weather in California and Florida—two main growing regions in the country—Zimmerman cataloged catastrophic crop losses: in Immokalee, Florida, a loss of 70% of the tomato harvest. In Miami/Dade County, a loss of 70% of the squash.

He pointed out that parts of California had received as much rainfall in the preceding week as they normally do in an entire year. In Texas, the spring onions have been wiped out due to unrelenting frost. In Costa Rica, adverse weather has affected organic pineapple crops. One crop that doesn't seem to be suffering, Zimmerman noted, at least in our aisles, is kale. "In the last three weeks, we sold 7,600 bunches of kale. We have 15,000 members. Who here hasn't bought kale?"

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critical point; we either reconnect to local resources, or we risk the health of ourselves, our communities and the land."

To this end, BK Farmyards is trying to resurrect a smaller, local scale of farming. But instead of focusing on appendages to existing structures (like vertical farming or rooftop gardens), BK Farmyards is concerned with old-fashioned horizontal gardening sites—even here

in the city. The former models are exciting to imagine in dense urban areas, but they are also expensive, requiring engineers and structural amendments. And, BK Farmyards asks, why bother? According to the Department of Planning, New York City has more than 10,000 acres of unused land. Brooklyn alone has 1,500 acres of unused land; that's not even counting private backyards. BK Farmyards has identified this

surplus as potential farmland and was founded with the mission of seeing some of that acreage put to use.

The driving force behind the group is its founder, architect and designer Stacey Murphy. Speaking from her usual workspace in a Gowanus coffee shop, she described moving to New York City and becoming simultaneously obsessed with food and frustrated with aspects of the architecture industry. "I felt like architecture was in a decline. It was so driven by high-end and mass market projects," she says, recalling

the events leading up to the creation of BK Farmyards. "This was a way to do architecture on a different scale. Instead of three buildings in my lifetime, I could do 100 gardens—and it could have a larger impact."

The group, which was a 2009 finalist in the Buckminster Fuller Challenge, officially launched in the spring of 2009 and has already worked with a variety of host sites. "Right now we're working with homeowners, a school, and a couple of nonprofit companies and development companies."

In some cases the group will act as consultants for homeowners. Last year it started a small CSA in Ditmas Park called Foxtrot Farm. With just 600 square feet, the farm produced tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, lettuce, carrots, collards and other crops. Six members paid \$18 a week. This year the garden will expand its membership slightly and allow the members to work the farm.

"I still see what I do as architecture," says Murphy. "We're working with clients and planning budgets. But I'm trying to put the emphasis on the community rather than on the person who's doing the work."

The plan for the one-acre garden at the High School for Public Service is the biggest project yet and will involve more community members than any other of BK Farmyard's projects.

It's all exciting and encouraging—except for one

thing: Money.

"In order to have urban farming become a viable profession," Murphy says, there need to be some major structural changes. "I don't think the profession can take off as a not-for-profit business. Everyone is going after the same grants. Eventually, those grants are going to dry up."

To raise money for the Crown Heights school garden, BK Farmyards has a number of fundraising efforts under way. The group is also planning a three-course benefit dinner at Get Fresh Table and Market on February 22, and is also listed on Kickstarter, a website that helps artists and groups find funding from private donors. BK Farmyards has listed the project at: www.kickstarter.com/projects/BKFarmyards/bk-farmyards-developing-a-1-acre-youth-farm and has a goal of \$10,000 by February 26. The catch? As with all Kickstarter drives, if the goal is not reached, the group doesn't get any of the funds.

"That money will all go to the HSPS project," says Murphy. "Some of it will pay for our work, a lot will pay for materials." She points out that while school gardens are currently something of a hot ticket in the grant world, very few of the grants cover salaries. "To date, we're working for free."

To learn more about BK Farmyards and its plan to turn the city's unused land into farmland, visit its website at BKFarmyards.com. ■

What Is That? How Do I Use It? Food Tours in the Coop

The genius of the frigid weather
is that it drives people together—
we head indoors and congregate

Now that the holiday is over
we can rest in each other's company
we can be alert to each other's needs
Everyone can be a guest—
every seat a place of distinction

Now it is plain to see
the kitchen is the heart of the home
pots pipe and simmer
the oven yields steaming loaves
everyone eats and exclaims
and holds their hunger
like the best confidante
of all we crave:
closeness, sweet kindness
love-full understanding

It is now that we can hold
our hands cupped together
and accept it all
one by one
each by each
everything we need

The Park Slope Food Coop
Refuge in the Storm

by Myra Klockenbrink

Monday February 22
noon to 1:00 p.m.
and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
You can join in any time during a tour.

GENERAL MEETING REPORT

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Mike Eakin's financial report was a little sunnier, given the general economic climate. The Coop seems to be doing well, and in December we paid off our mortgage!

The Hearing Officers Committee, the committee that runs the disciplinary hearings

and decides on appropriate punishments, held elections. Marian Hertz and Liam Malanaphy were re-elected to three-year terms. Yomi Ajaiyeoba was elected for her first term. And the membership voted to allow election of two members in absen-

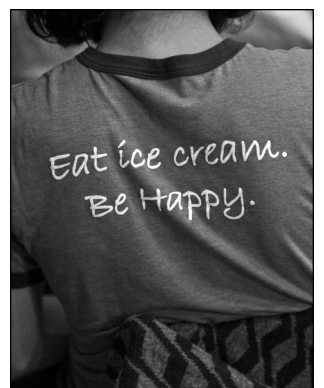
tia—Andrea Hirshman, who was elected to her first term, and Gerald Sun, who was re-elected. Under normal rules, candidates are required to be present for election but because the Hearing Officers Committee's numbers have dwindled from nine to two, a waiver was requested and approved by the membership.

Open Forum was relatively

quiet. One member announced the formation of an animal-friendly committee to research and label products that are cruelty-free. Another member wanted to know if the Coop might start carrying bulk liquid items (olive oil, maple syrup, etc.). Allen Zimmerman replied that the maintenance of the bulk aisles is difficult enough without a staff to supervise. "I

don't want to be there when the olive oil gets mixed with the honey," he joked.

Not to mention that getting through the aisles is getting ever trickier. The Coop membership reached an all-time high the Sunday night before the meeting—15,578 members as of January 24—Holtz announced as an aside. At least there's enough kale for all. ■



PHOTOS BY HAZEL HANKIN

Northeast Organic Farming Association Winter Conference Report, Part I

By Marion Stein

This year's Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)'s winter conference took place from January 22-24, and was the best attended ever, with more than 1,000 participants pre-registered and many more drop-ins over the course of the three-day event. It was really a thrill to see so many young people here. Friday featured a daylong intensive workshop for young (read: new) farmers, which was fully subscribed. There are three topics that I thought would be of interest to you, Coop members: 1) Food justice and the Coop 2) Potential new products for the Coop to carry, and 3) Community gardens and how to initiate them using permaculture techniques. Today I will tell you about two of these. The food justice piece will appear in the next issue of the *Gazette*. Please look for it.

Potential New Products for the PSFC to Carry

Every year that I attend this great conference I am astonished at the array of new products that are coming our way. I try to alert the Coop buyers to items that I think we should consider for the Coop. Here are a couple from this year's offerings:

1. "Better than Brittle," made in Syracuse, NY, is a peanut brittle made according to a traditional African recipe. It is outstanding and could be a great seller in our store. You may read all about it at: www.shop.bluetreestudios.com/category.sc?categoryid=54.

2. Zorbas Natural Food in Ballston Spa, NY, is producing a Skordalia-type product that they call "Gar-la-la." It is a potato-based garlicky spread for bread or for use as a dip. It's vegan too. Here's a link to their website: <http://zorbasnaturalfood.com/Product%20List/Product%20List.htm>.

One of my earlier successes in recommending products is the line of Tierra Far nuts and snacks. Gunther Fishgold, their president, told me this year that due to my recommendation, he is now selling at PSFC and that we are one of his best customers.

Community Gardens and How to Get Them Going Using Permaculture Techniques

Maria Grimaldi is one of my favorite people at NOFA. She exudes a love of gardening and the products that she grows. She is a true 'people person' and born teacher. I've never been bored in her presence. This year in her session she told us about creating a "family garden" on a plot of

between the seedlings as they emerge with seedless straw. That's all there is to it!

She has designed the garden for people who are unable to stoop easily in mind. To facilitate gardening, raised beds are needed so the gardeners may sit on a ledge and garden while seated. For the youngest gardeners, she has prepared beds for crops that they will enjoy growing and harvesting. For example, she suggested that kids plant crops with large seeds like peas and beans. Carrots are a crowd-pleaser for the younger set, but the seeds are so tiny that the carrots tend to germinate in clumps which then need thinning, which is a delicate operation though still a positive learning experience for kids.

Maria stressed how gardens bring people together. We at the Coop know that well due to our participation in so many local community gardens. Maria reinforces this by saying that gardens create families of many people who are not necessarily blood relatives.

Once again, I invite any interested people to join me at the NOFA NY winter conference. It's so reassuring to see the caliber of people who grow our food. It's really thrilling. ■

Member Contribution

land behind her house. She has had a garden for decades, but this was a new one designed as a magnet for people young and old. The permaculture approach was new to me. She suggested what is called "lasagna gardening" which uses layers of materials instead of tilling. It sounded so easy and effective that I plan to try it myself. If one wants to create a garden on a patch of grass, simply put down cardboard, which kills the grass, and put a layer of compost on top. Then sow your seeds in the compost and cover the soil

Coop Band Nite

The Fun Committee is looking for bands (various genres including rock, folk rock, funk, indie, etc.) to perform at event on May 1, 2010 at Old First Church

Please contact Sarah Safford at saffo1953@gmail.com or drop off demo CD with Mary Gerety at the Coop. Deadline for submission is February 28th.



LEFFERTS FARM FOOD COOPERATIVE

We are a newly-formed group made up of residents from Flatbush, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens and Crown Heights, working to develop a new medium-sized food cooperative in the area.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There's no question Brooklyn needs more food cooperatives, but it's not simple. Food co-ops are businesses and development projects created for and by the community.

JOIN OUR PLANNING GROUP

In order to make this happen, we need YOU! Why? Because as a member, you have experience with food co-ops. And as a worker/community member, you have experience we need—from organizational development, branding/messaging, finance/accounting, fundraising, to real estate development and community outreach. Even people you know or the groups you belong to are a valuable asset to the process!

GET INVOLVED

PSFC members will receive FTOP credit in exchange for their participation. Join our MeetUp group at www.meetup.com/plgfoodcoop or contact leffertsfarm@gmail.com for more information.

JOIN US: www.meetup.com/plgfoodcoop

BAY RIDGE FOOD CO-OP

We're one step closer to opening for business
NOW WE NEED YOU!

The Bay Ridge Food Co-op is moving ever nearer to opening its doors, providing a valuable new resource for communities across South Brooklyn and beyond.

Response to the launch of our membership equity drive has already been amazing, but we still need your help to ensure we achieve all our goals. If you live in or close to Bay Ridge, do consider joining our co-op now — we have set a goal of 2500 members to open our doors, ensuring a desirable product selection and service level.

We're looking for people to help our growing membership with the many tasks that go into establishing a new co-op. Whatever your skills, talent or experience, your support will truly help make a difference. And please visit our site to subscribe to our email newsletter to keep up on our progress.

PSFC members receive FTOP credit for their work!

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Puzzle Corner

Sudoku

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For answers, see page 15. This issue’s puzzle author: *Stuart Marquis*

The Park Slope Food Coop
Agenda Committee (“AC”)
is seeking qualified nominees
to stand for election and serve
on the committee.

The AC was established by the General Meeting (“GM”) to help facilitate the timely presentation of Coop business to the members attending the monthly meeting.

In addition to assembling the monthly agenda and maintaining records of items submitted, the AC works with members who submit items for consideration by the GM and may need assistance formulating proposals and discussion points.

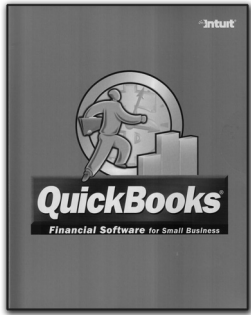
The AC meets the first Tuesday of every month at 8PM at the Coop. Committee members are also required to attend five (5) GMs per year.

In addition, committee members caucus by telephone and via e-mail as needed to facilitate committee business.

Qualifications include a cooperative spirit, experience working in a committee environment, and an ongoing interest in the business of the Coop. Interested members contact Glenn Brill at glennbrill@earthlink.net.



The Ecokvetch
is now on Facebook,
representing the
Park Slope
Food Coop’s
Environmental
Committee.



Quickbooks
Help Needed

Seeking a member proficient in Quickbooks to get Park Slope Food Coop workslot credit by doing work for the South Bronx Food Cooperative. If you are interested in learning more about this workslot opportunity, please contact Zena Nelson at the South Bronx Food Cooperative at sbfc.inc@gmail.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 with experience in investigation, writing, and conflict-resolution. Mental health professionals encouraged to apply. Use of a computer and email is *ESSENTIAL*. Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

Some of our work includes:

- Investigating allegations of misbehavior by members. (i.e. 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)
- Engaging in problem-solving and policy issues related to the DC’s work
- Participation in disciplinary hearings
- Daily email contact with DC members to discuss issues

Requirements:

- Must be a member for at least a year
- Have good attendance record
- Attend an evening meeting approx. once every six weeks

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.

Interested? Please call Jeff: 718-636-3880

Hearing Officer Committee
Seeks New Members

The Hearing Office Committee is seeking two new members. The committee conducts and presides over disciplinary hearings, ensures that hearings proceed in an efficient and unbiased manner and, after a randomly selected Deciding Group has decided whether an accused member violated a Coop rule, determines what disciplinary action should be taken against the member. Applicants should be Coop members in good standing for at least two years, have good attendance records and preferably have judicial, arbitration, mediation or legal backgrounds.

Members of the committee meet and earn workslot credit on an as-needed basis only, that is, when hearings are required. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop workslots in good standing or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of the committee’s work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

The committee seeks an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested, please telephone Marian Hertz of the Hearing Officer Committee at 212-440-2743 or email at Marian.Hertz@cna.com.



SHOP & CYCLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Valet Bike Parking Comes to the Coop

By Marina Bekkerman for the Shop & Cycle Committee

Imagine this: You pull up to the Food Coop on your trusty two- or three-wheeled vehicle. You hand it over to some eager and friendly folks in exchange for a numbered ticket. You go into the Coop and stuff your bike bags, a backpack or a trailer with all your favorite foods. As soon as you come out and show your ticket, your bicycle is wheeled over to you with a smile. No need to struggle with chains and locks, no need to spend your valuable time looking for a space on one of the crowded bike racks and no need to worry about your bike being stolen or vandalized.

This scenario, known as valet bike parking, was a favorite fantasy of mine years ago, when I lived in Sunset Park and biked to the Coop carrying a 10-pound chain. In those days, I would sometimes come back to my bike to find a screw-on light missing or a brake cable cut. Amazingly, having your bike securely parked and watched at the Food Coop is now becoming as real as being able to buy beer and meat (and hopefully less controversial).

The Coop's valet bike parking, which started last summer as a pilot program, is organized by the Shop & Cycle Committee. The committee, first formed on a temporary basis, became a permanent PSFC committee last year.

The Shop & Cycle Committee's mission is "to promote bicycling as a viable alternative to unsustainable modes of transportation and as a convenient way to shop." Some of the S&C Committee's ideas for achieving this include:

- Provide Coop members with safe, reliable and plentiful bike parking, which would include a valet bike parking program, based on the Transportation Alternatives model.
- Offer bicycle-related information to Coop members, including literature, maps, workshops and occasional articles in the *Gazette*.
- Encourage more Coop members to become bicycling shoppers by suggesting routes and directions to and from the Coop from various neighborhoods.
- Create a bicycle ride-shar-

ing program at the Coop. The committee would serve as a clearing-house for members who have similar commutes. We will explore using the Coop website as a way to implement this program.

- Recommend bicycle-related safety products for the Coop to sell.

Naturally, implementing all of this will take some time and some people power. In the meantime, the less-than-year-old Shop & Cycle Committee has already persuaded the NYC Department of Transportation to install several more city racks on Union Street near the Coop and presented a workshop on how to lock your bicycle.

And last summer and fall, for the first time in PSFC's history, the committee organized and offered valet bike parking.

This pilot program ran one afternoon a week from early June to late October. In that period, we parked approximately 490 bikes, averaging 35 bikes for each afternoon that valet bike parking was available. From June through August the program ran on Saturday afternoons, then switched to Sunday afternoons in September and October, as we found that Sundays were more popular with the bicycling crowd.

In light of the success of



last year's pilot we plan to start the service earlier this year, on April 4 and run through November 21. Once again, at least initially, we'll be offering valet parking on Sundays. The hours will be from 3:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., although the hours, days and dates might change,

depending on demand. Each of the two shifts will be staffed by five people, consisting of a squad leader and four workers. Of the four bike valet worker spots each shift, two will be for regular ABCD-week workers and two for FTOP workers. If you're interested in more information or in signing up for these shifts, please contact Charlene Swift at

charlene_swift@psfc.coop or via the Membership Office.

Two training sessions will be held in late March for anyone interested in working on the valet bike parking shifts. Session attendees will get work credit. Watch these pages for further details and dates.

The Shop & Cycle Committee is also looking for additional members. If you are a bicycle enthusiast who would like to be at the forefront of creating a more bike-friendly Park Slope Food Coop while receiving work credit, contact Sarah Nicole Phillips at snphillips@gmail.com.

The Park Slope Food Coop's mission statement includes the sentence: "We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations." Riding a bicycle to shop is not only in line with this objective, but is also fun and healthy. Please get involved and help make the Coop a model of a bicycle-friendly store. ■

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got drupal?

Need hours? Willing to work under deadlines?

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Workers Needed for Bike Valet Service!



After a trial run of Bike Valet Service at the Coop last year, the Shop & Cycle Committee is planning for the 2010 Bike Valet Service season and needs workers for regular squads on Sunday afternoons/evenings. The 2010 Bike Valet Service season will run on **SUNDAYS**, beginning April 4 through November 21.



Bike Valet Service works like a coat check: Coop members arriving by bicycle leave their bikes with a Bike Valet worker and receive a numbered ticket, which they will use to identify and retrieve their bike when done shopping. The service helps to provide secure, plentiful bicycle (and stroller!) parking during peak shopping times.



We are looking for **regular squad members** to join these shifts, and are also looking for one **Squad Leader** per shift. Workslot times will be: Sundays 3:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.–8:15 p.m. There will be a range of shared responsibilities for the shift, including setup and take-down of the check-in station & bike racks. Shifts will be rain or shine and there will be 2 trainings offered in late March for potential members.



If you are interested in becoming a regular squad member of the Bike Valet Service, please contact Membership Coordinator Charlene



Swift (email is preferable) at charlene_swift@psfc.coop and please indicate if you are interested in being a Squad Leader.

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. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: Except for letters to the editor, which are published without editing but are subject to the Gazette letters policy regarding length, anonymity, respect, and fairness, all submissions to the Linewaiters' Gazette will be reviewed and if necessary edited by the editor. In their review, editors are guided by the Gazette's Fairness and Anonymity policies as well as standard editorial practices of grammatical review, separation of fact from opinion, attribution of factual statements, and rudimentary fact checking. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any proposed editorial changes. Writers must make a reasonable effort to respond to and be available to editors to confer about their articles. If there is no response after a reasonable effort to contact the writer, an editor, at her or his discretion, may make editorial changes to a submission without conferring with the writer.

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.

Digital Submissions: 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
Feb. 19

8:00 p.m.

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The Good Coffeehouse
COOP CONCERT SERIES

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

Harmonic
Insurgence

is an a cappella vocal ensemble who respond to the dramatic events of our times, passionately crying out for justice, freedom and peace. They sing songs from many cultures, in four-part harmony, alternately powerful, shocking, mournful, sweet, and joyous. With extraordinary arrangements by Gene Glickman.

Harmonic Insurgence is
Russell Joel Brown
Chris Carlson
Ellen Davidson
Gene Glickman
Mara Goodman
Bobby Greenberg
Nancy Hoch
Mark Karwowski
Nicholas Panken
Don Raphael
and Marie Robinson



Park Slope local singer and guitarist

Mamie Minch

sounds something like a well fleshed-out 78 record. She's known around town for her Piedmont style finger-picking chops, her big deep voice and her self-penned antique sounding songs. Mamie's played music all over the world and Brooklyn, with all kinds of excellent people, including Dayna Kurtz, the Roulette Sisters, Jimbo Mathis, and CW Stoneking.

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...

Second Saturday
FEBRUARY 13
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday
FEBRUARY 18
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday
FEBRUARY 28
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

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

PLASTICS

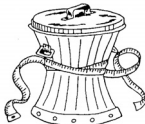
What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

- #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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WORKSLOT NEEDS

General Meeting Childcare

Last Tuesday of Every Month, 7:00 to 9:45 p.m.
The Coop needs two childcare workers to work at the General Meeting each month. The shift always meets the last Tuesday of the month at Garfield Temple on Garfield Place at 8th Avenue. Because this work shift only meets 12 times per year you must be willing to stay longer than 9:45 p.m. if the General Meeting runs over schedule.

Visitor Log Data Entry

Tuesday or Wednesday, 7:30 to 10:15 p.m., or Friday, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.
Do you enjoy doing data entry? Are you a stickler for details and accuracy? Do you enjoy deciphering difficult-to-read handwriting? Comfortable working on a Mac and toggling

between two different databases? Then this workslot may be for you! Information from the Visitor Log needs to be entered into a Filemaker Pro database. Accuracy and attention to detail are important. We are looking for members who are careful and patient when typing data. Please contact Charlene Swift at charlene_swift@psfc.coop if interested.

Shopping Floor Set-up

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, 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 if you are interested.

Voucher Data Entry

Tuesday or Thursday, 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.

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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, FEB 23
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, MAR 2
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Mar 30 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Feb 25 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 15
Mar 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon Mar 1

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Feb 25 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 17
Mar 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Mar 3

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, February 23, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The Temple House of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ellen Weinstat in the office.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators
• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items
• Explore meeting literature
Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.
Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports
Agenda (8:00 p.m.)
• The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.
Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.

- **Advance Sign-up required:**
To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby.
Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.
- **Two GM attendance credits per year:**
Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.
- **Certain Squads not eligible:**
Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)
- **Attend the entire GM:**
In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the entire meeting.
- **Childcare can be provided at GMs:**
Please notify an Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.
- **Signing in at the Meeting:**
1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.
- **Being Absent from the GM:**
It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

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.

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

feb 13
sat 3:30 - 5:30 pmValentine Card Making
For Everyone

Bring family and friends! Children under 10 years old should be accompanied by an adult. We will supply glue, markers and paper. Bring with you any other special art materials you would like to use. We are looking for art supply donations like buttons, fabric, recycled paper, magazines, newspaper and cardboard.

Event takes place at the Old Stone House, 336 Third St., in Washington Park.

feb 19
fri 8 pmHarmonic Insurgence and
Mamie Minch

Harmonic Insurgence is an acappella vocal ensemble that responds to the dramatic events of our times, passionately crying out for justice, freedom and peace. They sing songs from many cultures, in four-part harmony, alternately powerful, shocking, mournful, sweet and joyous. With extraordinary arrangements by Gene Glickman, the ensemble includes Russell Joel Brown, Chris Carlson, Ellen Davidson, Gene Glickman, Mara Goodman, Bobby Greenberg, Nancy Hoch, Mark Karwowski, Nicholas Panken, Don Raphael and Marie Robinson. Park Slope local singer and guitarist **Mamie Minch** is known for her Piedmont-style fingerpicking chops, her big deep voice and her self-penned antique-sounding songs. Mamie's played music with Dayna Kurtz, the Roulette Sisters, Jimbo Mathis and CW Stoneking. **Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.) • \$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.*

feb 23
tue 7 pm

PSFC FEB General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on 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: Password Protected Member Information on foodcoop.com. (45 minutes)
Proposal: "Allow Coop to develop a feature on foodcoop.com that provides for the creation of individual, password-protected online accounts giving members access to their Coop information." —submitted by the General Coordinators and the Web Committee
Explanation: "The Coop's staff and Web Committee want permission to develop a feature on foodcoop.com that would provide members the option of creating their own password-protected online account through which they could access information about their membership. For example, members would be able to access an enhanced shift-swap feature, look up their workslot and next work date, status, number of make-ups owed, scheduled FTOP shifts, and several weeks of work 'history.' Right now, members must contact the Membership Office to access this information. Putting it online in a secure manner will be a significant improvement in the Coop's member services."

Item #2: Supporting Child Nutrition Act and Improving School Nutrition (45 minutes)
Discussion: "That the PSFC supports community efforts to get Congress to pass a Child Nutrition Act that gives schools resources to serve REAL FOOD for lunch."

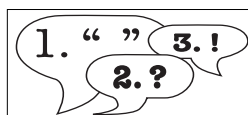
—submitted by Adam Rabiner

Explanation: "Several local organizations are encouraging Congress to pass a Child Nutrition Act that ensures that all children have access to high-quality, nutritious foods, local and regional whenever possible, in their schools. These include the Time for Lunch Campaign at Slow Foods USA which is organizing a series of eat-ins in the community and the work of the NYC Alliance for Child Nutrition Reauthorization. This proposal would ask that the PSFC support the actions of the NYC Alliance by endorsing the campaign."

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.

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tue 7 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

mar 4
thu 7:30 pmFood Class: Lucid Food: Cooking
For an Eco-Conscious Life

Louisa Shafia is the author of the new cookbook *Lucid Food: Cooking for an Eco-Conscious Life* (Ten Speed Press), a collection of seasonal recipes and eco-friendly advice on cooking, food shopping and entertaining. Louisa is a graduate of The Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts, and has cooked at notable restaurants in New York and San Francisco, including Aquavit, Pure Food and Wine, Millennium and Roxanne's. In 2004, with a mind to bringing sustainable practices to the world of fine catering, Louisa started the eco-friendly Lucid Food consultancy. *Menu includes a green smoothie; cabbage, apple and dulse salad; and congee with vegetables and fresh herbs.* **Materials fee: \$4.**

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fri 7:30 pm

Horns and Halos



In 1999, St. Martins Press recalled the bestseller *Fortunate Son*, the first-published biography of George W. Bush, when it was revealed that the author, J.H. Hatfield, served five years in prison for solicitation of capital murder. *Horns and Halos* captures the unlikely connection of three men—an ex-con turned celebrity biographer, a janitor cum underground publisher and U.S. President George W. Bush—whose paths to power and popularity become tangled in this controversial book. Set against the backdrop of the fierce 2000 Presidential campaign, the film follows the battle with lawyers, the media and mounting debt to get *Fortunate Son* back on the shelves. Co-director/editor Suki Hawley has completed two features with partner and co-director/cinematographer Michael Galinsky: *Half-Cocked* (1995) and *Radiation* (1999). **To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezezone@hotmail.com.**

mar 7
sun 12 pmAcupuncture and the Treatment
Of Digestive Disorders

Acupuncture is an effective way to keep the body healthy, happy and clean, especially when used in conjunction with smart food choices. Join us to find out how to improve your happiness by improving your digestive tract! Coop member **Kimberly Russell**, MS, CNC, RYT-500, holds a Masters in Health and Healing as a Certified Nutritional Counselor. **Natasha Kubis**, L.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM) is a licensed acupuncturist in the state of New York.

mar 9
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film title to be announced.

feb 13—mar 28 2010

mar 12
fri 7:00 pm

Meet Your Mind

A class in basic meditation. The fundamental nature of our mind is stable, strong and clear—yet these qualities become obscured by the stress and speed of our lives. This is a basic meditation class for beginners and anyone who would like a renewed understanding of the technique. Coop member **Allan Novick** has practiced meditation since 1975 and is a meditation instructor at the New York Shambhala Center.

mar 13
sat 12 pm

Nutrition Response Testing

Join us for a look at Nutrition Response Testing. **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, will explain how NRT can identify the underlying reason your body is creating symptoms and help you design a personalized clinical nutrition program to have you looking and feeling better than you have in years.

mar 13
sat 3 pm

The Energetics of Fertility and Sexuality

Enhancing fertility naturally: what our grandmothers never told us, reading our body's signals. Obstacles to fertility: patterns of imbalance. "Unexplained infertility" explained. Improving the odds: tilling the soil, preparing the body for the rigors of pregnancy. Nutrition and lifestyle choices for your body type. The physiology of pleasure: sexuality and health. Working with art: East and West side by side. **Lara Rosenthal** is a licensed acupuncturist and board-certified Chinese herbologist specializing in Women's Health and Fertility.

mar 13
sat 6 pm

Beyond *Collapse*

The Copenhagen Conference has passed for now, but Jared Diamond's book *Collapse* endures as a thought-provoking survey, ranging from Easter Island to the Greenland Vikings to Haiti, Rwanda and China. He discusses corporations and citizen action. Another story not in Diamond's book is that of the Danish citizen initiative that created the modern wind industry, a leading effort in renewable energy. Coop member **Mark Rego-Monteiro** has presented at Social Justice Conferences and founded WakeUPDemocracy.org.

mar 13
sat 7 pm

Our Fourth Biennial Coop Kids' Variety Show



Finalists, ages 5-16, include Akari Hunte; Clementine Vonnegut; Margareta Stern; Jordan Nass-DeMause; Cloe Dean; Lara Saddique; Eric Stern; Kiyomi Johnson; Aliyah Verdiner; Ruby Kahn; Kaylan Hunte; Zoe Gorenberg Screwvala and Aidan Gorenberg Screwvala; Cyan Hunte; Jonah Murphy. INTERMISSION. Amelia Mosher-Smith and

Lilly Ray Darling Anderson; Sasha Lazarev; Ikhari Hinds; Dominic Wynter; Iolanthe Brooks; Maya Greenberg; Marina Zero Espinet; Genie and Aliyah Verdiner; Jair Froome; Xena Brooks; "The Four Violins"—Genie, Aliyah, Cyan and Kaylan and Akari—will play an arrangement of the Pachelbel Canon; and "The Lucky 13 Jugglers from MS 51" will perform.

Event takes place at the Old First Church, Carroll St. and Seventh Ave., on the First Floor. Admission is \$5; refreshments for sale. Nonmembers are welcome.

mar 19
fri 7:30 pm

The Second Gun: Who Really Killed Robert Kennedy?

Do not miss this chance to see this rare 1973 investigative documentary on the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Reporter Theodore Charach, who was in the Ambassador Hotel the night of the assassination, interviews eyewitnesses and key figures of the RFK case shortly after the assassination. This groundbreaking film is an excellent introduction to the controversies surrounding this terrible event that struck down the 1968 presidential hopeful. **Rob Falotico** is a six-year member of the Coop and a researcher of the assassinations of the 1960s and other deep American political events.

mar 19
fri 8 pm

Kathleen Payne and Cara Schwarz



Kathleen Payne, a native Brooklynite, sings in a wide range of genres, including pop, R&B, classical, musical theater, Latin, gospel and country. **Cara Schwarz** sparkles on stage as she combines the beauty of American Sign Language with her own interpretations of contemporary and classic folk songs into a form of musical theater.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.) • \$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.

mar 20
sat 10:30 am

Release Stress and Discover Your Strength and Power

Learn exercises and meditations to use throughout the day so that you can release stress and tap into your natural enthusiasm and joy for life. Coop member **Cara Franchi**, LCSW, CASAC, is a licensed therapist, addictions counselor and Adjunct Professor at the NYU Graduate School of Social Work. She will teach easy-to-learn meditations and exercises; show you ways to relax in the midst of stressful situations; help you to access your strength and power when you need it most; and discuss the profound benefits of a daily practice.

mar 20
sat 2 pm

Esperanto: A Cooperative Tool Toward World Friendship

Esperanto is a fascinating language, useful in meeting people in China, France, Cuba, Japan, Israel and most countries. Being hosted, via Pasporta Servo, it is free in a thousand locales. Designed to be easy, Esperanto is often mastered online for free. Activists world-wide link friendship and peace. Come to an introductory lesson, including songs. Coop member **Neil** is a retired teacher, and a UN volunteer. He has traveled to 32 countries using Esperanto. Hear some experiences and share your stories from a linguistic viewpoint.

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

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.

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

still to come

mar 21 Six Healing Sounds of Qi Gung

mar 23 Handling Your Child's Anger, Frustration or Fears

mar 23 PSFC MARCH General Meeting

mar 27 Dynamic Posture

mar 27 Adult Clothing Exchange

mar 28 Evolutionary Astrology: A New Perspective



SAVE LOCAL LEGAL SERVICES

TO THE EDITOR:

As a New Yorker who cares deeply about effective delivery of services to poor communities, I am appalled by Legal Services New York's proposed elimination of neighborhood legal services offices in Brooklyn. This misguided plan to centralize services would inevitably diminish both the quantity and quality of legal services available to poor Brooklynites, and any cost savings would be illusory.

Consider first the issue of travel. Neighborhood offices serve walk-ins, among them many people who cannot

afford the cost of a bus or subway ride. Legal service clients are the same people served by community-based social service agencies; those agencies report that their clientele often depend on them for Metrocards. By virtue of proximity, neighborhood legal services offices are also uniquely accessible to the disabled, domestic violence victims and the working poor; the working poor risk their jobs when compelled to take time off work.

In other words, if Brooklyn legal services are centralized to one Brooklyn office, what will result is a kind of Darwinian triage. Some of the most vulnerable people with the greatest needs will be

deprived of service and "disappeared," made invisible because they will never even cross the threshold of that office.

Consider second the issue of neighborhood. Jane Jacobs described a neighborhood as an "organ of self-government" and an unsuccessful neighborhood as "a place that is overwhelmed by its defects and problems and is progressively more helpless before them." The neighborhood legal services office actively promotes the success of its neighborhood, as a vigilant presence on the street and community player responsive to community leadership.

This role is not mere 1960s-style sentimentalism, but is instead crucial to ultimate impact. Neighborhoods matter. Indeed, the most recent research shows that neighborhood has big consequences for individual mobility, and that to grow up in a high poverty neighborhood is damning, more than disadvantages of race, parental education, occupation or labor force participation (See "Neighborhoods and the Black-White Mobility Gap" at www.economicmobility.org, published in July 2009).

The restructuring plan now in the works would disempower the local community by eliminating the local Boards of Directors, replacing them with a downtown (read Manhattan) controlled Board of Directors.

The plan would also destroy a highly effective model of neighborhood legal service, expressly designed to promote neighborhood success. The Community Economic Development Unit of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A has pioneered in the representation of community-based organizations—health clinics, child care centers, housing development corporations, domestic violence agencies and tenant and immigrant groups, among others. Surely, legal service to community-responsive organizations that serve multitudes is at least as effective as one-on-one service to individual clients.

Nationwide, legal services are in peril as funding shrinks. LSNY's centralization plan, proposed on the pretext of promoting efficiency, instead guarantees lesser service to a few and makes a mockery of accountability. If legal services are to survive, those in

charge of their delivery must recommit to neighborhood-based service and seek new sources of funding commensurate with the importance of their mission.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Eckhaus

DIATOMACEOUS EARTH HELPS FIGHT BEDBUGS, TOO

TO THE EDITORS:

The 12/31/09 article "The Bedbugs are Biting" was timely and helpful. I'd like to add that there is a non-toxic and inexpensive form of insect control called Diatomaceous Earth. Food grade Diatomaceous Earth (rather than the kind used for swimming pools) is a naturally occurring mineral compound that is effective against a variety of indoor insects. I know a number of people who have had success using it for bed bugs as well as for other infestations. You can do a web search to learn more, as well as where to buy it. The many-years-defunct Earth General used to carry Diatomaceous Earth and I think the Coop may have had some at one point as well. Perhaps we should carry it again.

Cynthia Blayer

NOT FINGER-LICKING GOOD

TO CHECKOUT

PEOPLE:

I just read Lisa Guido's letter in the 1/14/10 edition of the *Gazette*, and I couldn't agree more. While I find the checkout people to be very friendly and good at their jobs, several times I have observed a few of them eating with their hands and even licking their fingers before picking up unpackaged produce! The last time I went to the Coop, I started bagging more of my produce in plastic, just to avoid checkout-contamination. Of course, using more plastic is really not the answer to this issue.

I believe that there should be a rule of "no eating" at the checkout. Also, if a checkout person is sick, i.e. sneezing and coughing, they should not be working checkout. If they are not sick but happen to cough or sneeze, they should immediately wash their hands or use a Pural-

type gel to sanitize their hands.

Again, these are very competent people overall, and I do appreciate their hard work. There are just a few that need to be more conscientious about not spreading germs.

Thanks,
Jennifer Pawlitschek

WHY EMPHASIS IN HAITI SHOULD BE ON A HUMANITARIAN PRESENCE NOT ON A MILITARY/"SECURITY" PRESENCE

TO THE EDITOR:

A lot of people in the US and all over the world have been showing a lot of caring and solidarity with the Haitian people in this terrible tragedy that struck Haiti on January 12th, 2010. Friends that have education projects run by volunteers in Haiti are telling me that there is a tremendous solidarity and help among Haitians, that they want to rebuild "their" future despite this tragedy, but that also thousands of people hurt in the quake have still no access to medical care (and in general humanitarian help) after more than... 15 days... Let's imagine how long are these days for the ones affected...

Fortunately we have fantastic NGOs on the ground, but I have been struck that the emphasis by American officials and policy in Haiti has been on "security" when the emphasis should be purely a humanitarian presence. Why a plane from Doctors Without Borders was denied the right to land in Port-au-Prince with emergency medical supplies when at the same time planes carrying thousands of US soldiers are given priority? On Jan. 17th, World Food Program's Director Jarry Emmanuel confirmed that there are 200 flights entering daily, "most were military." He added: "Their priorities are to secure the country. Ours are to feed. We have got to get those priorities in sync." To me, that was a "diplomatic way" to say that the emphasis should be on humanitarian presence, not on the current military/"security" presence.

Also what really concerned

Board of Directors Election

The General Meeting & the Board of Directors

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: "The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the members shall be known as the General Meeting.... The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have come before the meeting."

Duties of the Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of five elected Coop members and the senior General Coordinator present. Members serve three-year terms. Members of the Board are expected to attend GMs monthly. They receive Coop work credit for their attendance.

The Board of Directors conducts votes at the end of every GM whether to accept the advice of the members that night. Members of the Board are required to act legally and responsibly.

Openings

We have two three-year terms and one two-year term open this year.

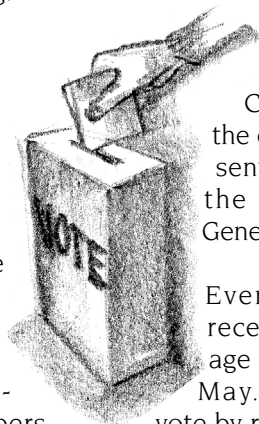
Candidate Deadline

If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by Monday, March 1. Please submit a statement of up to 750 words to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Please include a small photo for publication in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and the member proxy mailing.

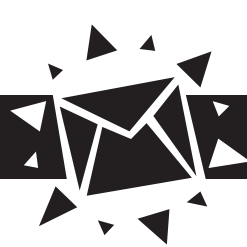
Deciding and Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 23, 2010, General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. Members may vote by returning their ballot by mail or by bringing it to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 29, 2010.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



me in this huge influx of military presence is that it could be a prelude to a US intervention/occupation; history tends to repeat itself: there was already one in Haiti from 1914 to 1935. Haitians do not need this type of presence. They need urgent medical and humanitarian assistance in the short term.

In the long term, at an international level, that such a huge number of people in need are still not receiving any medical and humanitarian after two weeks shows also a large failure of governments to want to cooperate on that issue. The emphasis on "security" also tells me that our priorities are still not clear, despite thousands of year of "civilization". The US Government and the G20 had the power and came quickly to an agreement to bailout the banks when they went broke, but we cannot put as a priority to deliver medical aid to most in need...after two weeks? This is a human disaster. It is a large failure, after Katrina, of our system of government and of our priorities as countries. Someone has suggested to create in Haiti the first international center dedicated to NGOs and international bodies (WHO for health, WFP for food, etc.) in order to plan and coordinate in advance for the human consequences of the next "natural" disaster. I think this is a great idea. It would help to reset our priorities toward Peace and Human Development for all.

Jean-Marc Grambert

QUARTET SUBWAY

Noisy, dark
& unkempt,
Underground
& beneath contempt.

STATUS REPORT

No Brooklynites
Live in Brooklyn Heights.

CASH CALORIES

Diet authors
Beat the band
Living off the
Fad of the land.

EXPRESSIVE LINES

Smile without care
But be aware
Today's twinkles
Are tomorrow's wrinkles.

Leon Freilich

OPPOSE AMERICAN MILITARISM AND DEMAND SERVICES FOR US HERE AT HOME

TO COOP MEMBERS:

A delegation from the Latin America Committee of Brooklyn For Peace visited Representative Yvette Clarke's office to thank her for co-sponsoring HR 2567, a bill to close and investigate the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly called the School of the Americas (SOA) and commonly referred to as the School of the Assassins. Nydia Velazquez (12th CD) and Jerrold Nadler (8th CD) also co-sponsored the bill. Ed Towns (10th CD) and Anthony Weiner (9th CD) need to hear from their constituents asking them to sign on.

Closing the WHINSEC/SOA would begin eliminating programs that train Latin American security personnel—including in sabotage, torture and murder. 150 exist within the US. At Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri one provides instruction in Haitian Creole. International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEA), like the one in San Salvador, have a similar mission. Former students have been documented participating in police repression of movements defending indigenous territory from mining, logging and drilling, murder of union organizers, assassinations of progressive candidates and military coups that have overthrown elected governments. Website: SOAWatch, at www.soaw.org/.

One example: The *New York Times* in October 2008 reported that in Colombia, young people from marginal neighborhoods and the countryside were kidnapped and murdered and their bodies were turned in to authorities as rebels killed in skirmishes with guerillas. The mastermind of the false positives was Gen. Mario Montoya, trained at the SOA.

President Obama announced in his State of the Union address that he would veto raises in domestic spending for three years beginning in 2011, but will ask for more money for security—the armed forces, the CIA and military contractors. Congress is asked to approve billions in supplemental funding to pay for the occupations of Iraq and

Afghanistan and to beef up US military presence on seven bases in Colombia.

We insist that our elected officials reject this plan and vote on proposed legislation in accordance with basic principles: support for sovereignty or self-determination for peoples and nations, and respect for law and the rights of peoples to organize on their own behalf, and to choose their leaders and their economic system.

Collective mass action pressures elected officials: rallies, marches and demonstrations.

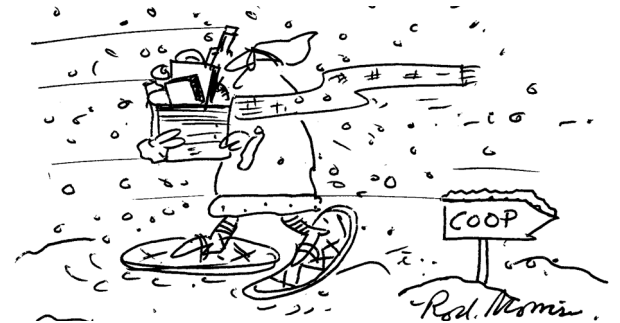
Lectures and discussions sponsored by the various committees of Brooklyn For Peace are posted on its web-

site. The Latin America Committee's CineForos will be held at Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays—February 18th about immigration and March 18th about Venezuela.

Men with guns will never bring peace, prosperity or fulfillment. Through mass action, lobbying, selecting candidates with a proven

record of militancy on issues of peace and social justice, and by living simply with awareness of our responsibility for our government and our power of transformation, we may provide for our grandchildren a clean, well-equipped and safe place to study and to play.

Susan Metz



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.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not

appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.



Office Set-up

Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
6:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana in the Membership Office for more information.

WORKSLOT NEEDS

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Beer Enthusiast Squad

Tuesday or Friday, 3:30 p.m.

The Coop is seeking members to stock and organize the beer shelves weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings. We are looking for folks who are knowledgeable and/or interested in beer, a bit meticulous, able to lift cases of beer, and willing to be responsive to member requests. You will work with a partner and will be trained by and work with the Coop's beer buyer. You must speak to Anngel before signing up for this shift. Anngel can be reached at anngel_delaney@psfc.coop.



COOP COOKING SHOW NEEDS PEOPLE AND RECIPES

Are you a Coop member who loves to cook, or know another member who does? We want to make you a star (and you'll get shift credit too)! The Coop video squad is seeking people with great recipes to be featured in a TV show on cooking. Check out our shows on <http://exposureroom.com/members/psfcvideosquad>. Contact psfcvideo@gmail.com for more info.



Television Show Host Wanted!

Seeking personable, outgoing foodies to host Coop cooking show for TV and get shift credit! Contact David at psfcvideo@gmail.com for more information.

CLASSIFIEDS

BED & BREAKFAST

The House on Third St. B+B-beautiful parlor floor thru apt. Queen bed, private bath, kitchen, deck, wi-fi, sleeps 4 or 5 in privacy and comfort. Located in the heart of the Slope. Call or visit us on the web. Jane White at 718-788-7171, houseon3st.com. Let us be your Brooklyn Hosts.

CLASSES/GROUPS

A NEW DANCE studio managed by two Coop members is now open. We offer Salsa, Modern, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Pilate, Yoga, Cardio Salsa, Tae Kwon-do & Kickboxing programs for all age groups. La Casa De Salsa Dance Studio is located at 8617 5th Ave. in Bay Ridge. 718-833-5075. We look forward to seeing you. Discounts for Coop members.

COMMERCIAL SPACE

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES available. Ideal for massage therapist, acupuncturist, psychotherapist, etc. Be part of a holistic center, either in a beautiful Soho section or in an excellent Brooklyn neighborhood. Doctor will introduce all patients to you. For information call 212-505-5055.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue. An asterisk (*) denotes a Coop member.

SAT, FEB 13

Peoples' Voice Cafe: Rod MacDonald. 8-10:30 p.m., Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

THE 25th ANNUAL NEW YORK SWORD DANCE FESTIVAL: The festival features 15 teams, as the performing groups are known, in an exciting weekend of performances in public spaces around the city including the Brooklyn Heights Library at 3:00 p.m. Visit halfmoonsword.org or call 212-569-4374 for full schedule. Live music! Family friendly.

SUN, FEB 14

THE 25th ANNUAL NEW YORK SWORD DANCE FESTIVAL: The festival features 15 teams, as the performing groups are known, in an exciting weekend of performances in public spaces around the city including the grand finale at the Brooklyn Museum at 2:30 p.m. Earlier performances at four local churches. Visit halfmoonsword.org or call 212-569-4374 for full schedule. Live music! Family friendly.

THU, FEB 18

CINEFORO: Screening of "Al Otro Lado" ("To the Other Side") in Spanish with subtitles. A tender-hearted look at migration from the perspective of the little ones left behind. 6:30 p.m. Film begins promptly at 6:45. Discussion to follow with David L. Wilson, co-author of "The Politics of Immigration." Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park W at 2nd St. Contributions appreciated. Info: latinam@brooklynpeace.org or 718-484-4824.

SAT, FEB 20

BOOK SALE: Thousands of new & used books plus DVDs, videos, CDs, records & tapes. Prices start at 50 cents. Incredible bargains! Terrific Children's Corner! Park Slope United Methodist Church (6th Avenue at 8th Street). 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Donations needed! Visit www.parkslopeumc.org for details.

Peoples' Voice Cafe: Magpie—Laura Warfield, Red Flag. 8-10:30 p.m., Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

SUN, FEB 21

BOOK SALE (afternoon only): Thousands of new & used books plus DVDs, videos, CDs, records & tapes. Prices start at 50 cents. Incredible bargains! Terrific Children's Corner! Park Slope United Methodist Church (6th Avenue at 8th Street). 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Details & more info at www.parkslopeumc.org.

SAT, FEB 27

Peoples' Voice Cafe: Mike Agronoff, Peter Pasco, Spook Handy. 8-10:30 p.m., Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

THE VEIL OF FORGETFULNESS: World Premiere! Power struggle at Shaftesbury Abbey between Abbess Marie, secretly writer Marie de France & half-sister of Henry II; and Regina, Head of Novices & former mistress of Henry II. In English & with orchestra by Brooklyn Repertory

Opera. Littlefield Performance and Art Space, 622 Degraw, btw 3rd & 4th aves. 3 p.m. Admission \$20, Seniors/Students \$10, w/UI stub \$5. Info: www.bropera.org or www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SUN, FEB 28

THE VEIL OF FORGETFULNESS: World Premiere! Power struggle at Shaftesbury Abbey between Abbess Marie, secretly writer Marie de France & half-sister of Henry II; and Regina, Head of Novices & former mistress of Henry II. In English & with orchestra by Brooklyn Repertory Opera. Membership Coordinator Kathleen Keske* sings Abbess Marie. Littlefield Performance and Art Space, 622 Degraw, btw 3rd & 4th aves. 3 p.m. Admission \$20, Seniors/Students \$10, w/UI stub \$5. Info: www.bropera.org or www.littlefieldnyc.com.

WED, MAR 3

FOLK OPEN SING: Come sing with us. Bring voice, instruments, friends. Children welcome. Co-hosted 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 p.m. Info: 718-636-6341.

FRI, MAR 5

CONTRA DANCE: Live Music! No experience necessary. All dances taught! \$10 at the door. PS 295, 330 18th St. (btw 6th & 7th aves.). 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

SAT, MAR 6

FOLK DANCING FOR FAMILIES at The Old Stone House in the park at 5th Ave. and 3rd St. Ages 6-adult. All dances taught, with live music on fiddle and piano. 10a.m.-12:00 noon. \$10 admission. Info: 718-768-3195.

CLASSIFIEDS (CONTINUED)

MERCHANDISE-
NONCOMMERCIAL

MONGOOSE 24-speed Solution Mountain bike. Judy II rock shocks. Full suspension. Shimano components. Not a Walmart bike! Like new; only ridden a few times. Regular price new was \$499. Asking \$245 or best offer. 718-832-6069.

SERVICES

TOP HAT MOVERS, INC., 145 Park Place, Bklyn. Licensed and Insured Moving Co. moves you stress-free. Full line of boxes & packing materials avail. Free estimates 718-965-0214. D.O.T. #T-12302. Reliable, courteous, excellent references & always on time. Credit cards accepted. Member Better Business Bureau.

EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, experienced mover. Everything quilt padded. No extra charge for wardrobes and packing tape. Specialist in walkups. Thousands of satisfied customers. Great Coop references. 718-670-7071.

ATTORNEY—Experienced personal injury trial lawyer representing injured bicyclists and other accident victims. Limited caseload to ensure maximum compensation. Member of NYSTLA and ATLA. No recovery, no fee. Free consult. Manhattan office. Park Slope resident. Long time PSFC member. Adam D. White. 212-577-9710.

ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—30 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultation. Prompt, courteous communications. 20-year Park Slope Food Coop member; Park Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at www.tguccionelaw.com.

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Food Coop, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.00.

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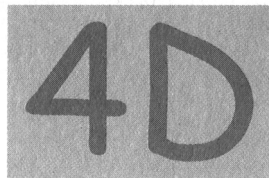
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WELCOME!

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

Alex Ambrose	Julianne Carney	Stephanie Dore	Dardi Harrison	Jennifer Kronovet	Anna Miller	Anhelo Reyes	Jesse Trentadue
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Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in the last two weeks.

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In Memoriam

Sara Elizabeth Johnson
January 19, 1964–December 3, 2009

Sara was the personification of honesty and warmth. Every word, every gesture was given with a measure of love and a dash of humor. Her kindness inspired us to imagine better versions of ourselves, and her beautiful presence shined simple as light and clear as day. Many of us are feeling the loss of this light.

Along with her husband, Eric Justin Johnson, Sara was a Coop member since 1993. In addition to her husband of 21 years, she leaves behind her two sons, Patrick Emanuel Johnson, 18, and Pablo Parker Johnson, 14.

The Coop joins Sara's family and many friends here in New York as well as Minnesota in mourning the sudden loss of this remarkable woman.

Professional Diversity Consultant Needed

The Diversity and Equality Committee seeks a professional diversity consultant to review and provide input on the committee's strategic recommendations based on last year's survey. Total time needed approximately 4-5 hours. Workslot credit will be provided. Experience developing diversity programs at large, volunteer-based organizations is especially welcomed. Interested parties should contact committee co-chair George Perlov by email at george@perlov.net.



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