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A Tale of Two Ts

By Diane Aronson

Eventually the winter of 2010 will end. T-shirt weather will return. Motivated to display a little pride in your Park Slope Food Coop affiliation, you decide to invest in a Coop T-shirt. For more than 25 years, you would have had one choice—the ubiquitous clasped hands surrounded by produce.

In 2008, this choice was supplemented by T-shirts and tote bags sporting a tidy row of inviting carrots, a graphic created by the Signage Committee. According to Coop Receiving Coordinator Lisa Hidem, this was a design prelude to the big event: the 2009 Park Slope Food Coop T-shirt contest, which was open to all members in good standing who were 18 and older and had been members for at least six months. The T-shirt design had to incorpo-

rate the Coop's full name, Brooklyn location, and our founding year of 1973.

While you may still see the older PSFC T-shirts styles at the Coop, members now have two new designs to pick from. Fewer than 20 votes out of 3,012 cast separated the co-winning designs. As a prize, the winners gain instant recognition and a year's worth of Coop work credit.

Will Design for Workslots

If you're feeling edgy, you might opt for the T-shirt by the design and domestic duo Michael Marwit and Karen Hagopian. Their simple "Will Work For Food" slogan combines the Coop's cardinal membership work rule with more than a nod to tight economic times.

While the T's graphic is

simple all type, Karen and Michael's design background is full of texture, based on their collective design experience. Karen creates beaded jewelry and Michael's specialty is collages. They have collaborated to make pendants, combining's Michael's collage aesthetic with Karen's jewelry background.

An Indiana native, Karen has a BFA in ceramics and glass and a master's in social work. Jewelry has been a natural for Karen—it's something she's done since junior high, and, she observes, "I can do it out of my apartment. It's small, compact, not dirty, and it's affordable; I didn't have to look for a studio." This all-under-one-roof arrangement also allows Karen the flexibility to work as an office man-

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Winning T-shirt designs.

Coop Event Highlights

- 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.
- Fri, Mar 12 • Food Drive** 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

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

Park Slope Parents Really Do Want to Help Save the Planet

By Liz Welch

Coop member Claudia Friedetzky has always been interested in climate change, but didn't see it as a real threat until she gave birth to her first son in April 2003. "I never planned on having kids, and so the issues around climate change seemed so distant," the German-born freelance grant writer says. But when she had her second child in 2006, her feelings had an urgency. "I realized that this is a gargantuan problem," she says. "And that if I did not act now, then my children would suffer the consequences." Claudia posted a message on the ParkSlopeParents website looking for other concerned parents who felt the same way and wanted to do something about it. ESL Professor, Park Slope mother of two kids



ages 12 and 4, and Coop member Jacqueline Smith saw Claudia's posting and responded immediately. "I was thrilled," Jacqueline says. "I thought, finally! Someone else cares about this too!" The two met up and quickly realized that they had the same vision: "We did not want to focus solely on educating our children about the environment, because that seemed like passing the buck," Jacqueline says. "We both agreed that we needed

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Next General Meeting on March 23

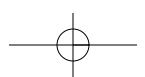
The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is usually held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

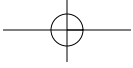
The agenda is in this Gazette and available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

*The March meeting is a week early because of Passover.

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Work the Line

By Jill Dearman

Move On Up

“Next regular...COME ON DOWN!”

No, Bob Barker hasn’t become a Coop member (though with his whale-conservation proclivities, we’d surely welcome him). That voice belongs to Ed Kelly, the Sunday brunch-time shopping squad leader who now doubles as a line manager. He says he’s been doing this task for sometime now, but on Sunday, January 31, he got his first taste of what it feels like to be official.

Member Beth Segal first brought the idea of a Checkout Assistance program to the Coop’s attention five years ago.

She states, “I was standing in line one day and the checkout line snaked all the way through the fruit and veggie area. Of course everybody standing in line was grumbling about the wait. I thought it would be better to help out rather than just stand in line, so I offered to pack groceries. Within 15

minutes, the line had vanished. And most members seemed grateful for the help.”

Now, the roles of Line Manager and Checkout Assistant have been formalized in response to overwhelming approval of the proposal brought by Segal at the November 2009 General Meeting. The service was rolled out over Martin Luther King Jr., weekend. According to General Coordinator Ann Herpel, the plan is to expand the service to all shopping squads during the week in late spring, or possibly summer. In the meantime, the workslot will only be filled on the weekends, notoriously the busiest times for Coop shopping. The service is two-pronged: Line Managers will direct members to the next available checkout lane, and Checkout Assistants will provide help to members with the unpacking of their groceries.

Segal first submitted the idea for discussion at a GM more than five years ago. It was well received and it was

agreed that the shopping squad should try out the suggestion. In the three years following, though, she said she never once saw a packer or unpacker. Frustrated with the long lines, Segal resubmitted the idea as a proposal. It took the GM well over a year to get around to voting on it. “The Agenda Committee did not believe that the proposal could pass because the discussion had happened so long ago,” she recalled, but when asked how she felt about her victory at the November General Meeting she said, “I felt like I won the presidential election.”

Help! I Need Somebody...

Wearing a bright-red apron emblazoned with his new title, Kelly says he’s been called an elf, among other things, but he clearly enjoys the gig, costume and all. He says he tries to make it fun by making jokes with shoppers and fellow workers while he does his job. “It takes a lot to put these smocks on,” Kelly says with a smile, but he adds, “It’s a tough position, and not for everyone. The people who do this job have to be outgoing. Any inhibition they’ve got, they’re going to have to get rid of.”

The complementary role of Checkout Assistant, however, can be done with great effectiveness even by more low-key personalities, like Saara Nafici. She was only subbing for a friend when wrangled for the new task. “It speeds things up,” she said. “Most people appreciate it.”



ILLUSTRATION BY DIANE MILLER

there are, say, seven strawberry yogurts, she will place them together so the checkout person can just scan one seven times for maximum speed and efficiency. The weighable items are next on Nafici’s line of attack, then loose fruits and vegetables. She, like other members working the Checkout Assistant slot, only does unpacking—from cart to counter—not the packing of goods once they’ve been checked through.

“A lot of people don’t want help,” Kelly says. “They resist it. A lot want it, many don’t. They have a system.”

Time Waits for No One

Member Mara Heppen is currently in the final stages of researching the effectiveness of this system. She spoke to 150 Coop members (including eight shopping squad leaders) and found that 68% of people interviewed said that the long lines affect their experience as Coop members in three ways:

1. The long lines put shoppers in a bad mood, negatively affecting their Coop experience.
2. Shoppers reported they have to plan life around Coop lines by being strategic about when to shop, as opposed to just shopping when they want to.
3. People leave the store to shop elsewhere or come back at a different time or day.

Heppen, who is finishing her Master’s in Environmental Psychology at the CUNY Graduate Center, thinks the most important thing a Line Manager can do is to call

members up to the checkout station while the previous shopper is finishing up (not when that shopper is leaving) so there’s not a big gap in line movement. Also, according to her research—which will be presented to the General Coordinators in March, when it’s complete—members had reservations about people packing their groceries. Unpacking was fine.

Kelly also noted that “some people have a system.”

I Love a Man (or Woman) in Uniform

As 1 p.m. approached on the last Sunday in January, the line swung around to the end of the frozen food section. The store was going to be closing early that day for inventory, adding to the usual jam.

Kelly and Nafici helped keep things running smoothly by grabbing empty carts and baskets and returning them to their places, and helping other Checkout Assistants who had questions about particular items. Meanwhile, Iliana Delgado, an Exit Worker with seven years under her magic marker, helped get shoppers through the final stage of their hectic weekend shopping day, while observing all the goings-on on the floor from the best seat in the house.

When asked how the new system was working, she said cheerily, “Ah...our green-vested folk... Sunday lunchtime is usually packed ... I asked a few people what they thought and they said it’s been great.”

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 weekdays to discuss your concerns.

NEVER
RETURNABLE

Refrigerated Goods (not listed above)
Frozen Goods
Meat & Fish
Bread

RETURNABLE
ONLY IF SPOILED
BEFORE
EXPIRATION DATE
Packaging/label
must be present-
ed for refund.

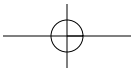
Items not listed above that are unopened
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

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.

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She brings her shopping squad experience to the job, and appeared to have a method in mind as she unpacked. She says she tries to put the scannable goods on the counter first. And if



Delgado was particularly in favor of the use of the green smock to identify Checkout Assistants. Although there were workers performing the role previously, she said it's been going much more smoothly since everything became official. "The uniform has a real effect on the psyche," Delgado, who works as an educator and holistic health counselor, noted. "Otherwise people feel like you're intruding."

Checkout Worker Jen Varni concurred. "I'm glad they wear a vest, and it's standardized now. Otherwise for some people it's a bit of an intrusion."

Thank You for Being a Friend

Shoppers like Cecilia, who did not give her last name, and who had a full cart to unpack, appreciated the help. She said she is used to the long lines on weekends. "I wish I could shop during the week, but I can't because of work."

Meanwhile, a child of about six serenaded the floor with an impressive improv set on his harmonica, and Kelly called out "Next rrrregular!" trilling his R's in harmony.

Another Sunday afternoon shopper, brand-new member Kimberly Todd, thought the Checkout Assistant made

the experience more time-effective. "Seems like this moves things along," she said, before heading out with her groceries, blissfully unaware of the chaos that preceded the ringing in of this new system.

As the shift wound down, Nafici could be found quickly piling loose yellow onions into what looked like a still-life painting as Kelly made an announcement on the P.A. thanking the shift for their hard work. "This was a really tough day, I don't know...we got a full moon or something, but you really stuck it through. So thank you!" ■



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FOOD DRIVE

TO BENEFIT CAMBA, ONE OF BROOKLYN'S LARGEST NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS



Friday, March 12 • 12 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Outside the Park Slope Food Coop

Please help us keep children in Brooklyn from going hungry by donating healthy, non-perishable food items including:

Rice • Beans • Fruit • Vegetables • Pasta • Canned tuna/salmon
Canned chicken • Cereal • Canned, boxed or dried milk
Peanut butter • 100% fruit juice

Cash donations will also be accepted. All cash donations will be used exclusively for the purchase of food for the food pantry. All donations made to the food pantry during the months of March and April will be matched by the Alan Shawn Feinstein Fund (for the purposes of the match, the Feinstein Fund values donated food items at \$1.00 per pound). Anyone interested in learning more about CAMBA's Beyond Hunger Emergency Food Pantry, hosting a food drive or becoming a volunteer at the pantry, please contact Lucila Santana at 718-282-3082 or lucilas@camba.org.

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.

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:

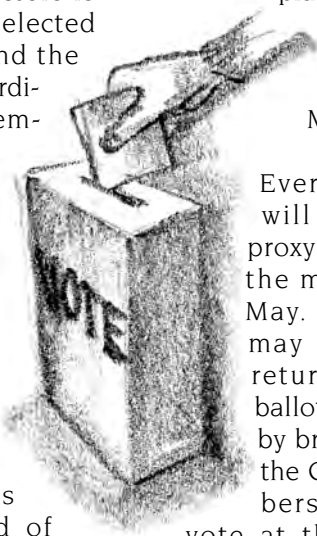
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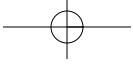
Please include a small photo for publication in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and the member proxy mailing.

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.





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ager as she plans a shift back into art full time this year. Michael has a BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago, with concentrations in performance art and sculpture. But, he observes, “sculpture

arts activities, Michael returned to school and recently received an associate’s degree in graphic design from Parsons School of Design, and he has expanded his graphics portfolio to include a growing logo design business. To see sam-

9/11 “as a whole other story in itself.” While the two lived in separate apartments when they moved to the city, creating a home together a few years ago also gave the couple a chance to join the Coop. Karen and Michael learned about the T-shirt contest from the chalkboard in the Coop, right over the express check-out area. They came up with two earlier designs before settling on the one they submitted. One of the works in progress was more image-oriented. “Inspired,” Michael commented, “by the Allman Brothers peach record label of the 1970s—where there was a peach instead of the sun.”

While you may still see the older PSFC T-shirt styles at the Coop, members now have two new designs to pick from.

After the trial runs, the two “boiled it down to one concept, one slogan,” observes Michael: “Will work for food,” designed in Sauna type, with the rest of the T’s information speced in Universe type. Going with a simpler, all-type design made it easier to keep the image within the contest’s two-color maximum. Picking Sauna was a conscious choice to keep the slogan “classy and playful,” according to Michael, as a counterpoint to the phrase’s often stark meaning and context.



Michael Marwit and Karen Hagopian with their winning T-shirt entry in the Coop design contest.

The two wondered if the slogan wouldn’t become controversial. But they went with the potentially provocative statement, and voting Coop members green-lighted it as one of our official Coop T-shirts.

A Different Choice

The second winning T-shirt design, submitted by Bill Miller and his wife, Lauren Tomaselli, takes the PSFC T-shirt design program 180 degrees in the opposite direction: an old-fashioned tomato-can graphic featuring the Coop’s pertinent stats. Bill and Lauren have been Coop members since they moved to Brooklyn from Seattle in 2003. A graphic designer by training and trade, Bill currently freelances full-time. Among his design specialties are children’s books. He honed his book design skills as a five-year staff member with DK Publishing; to see samples of his work, check out his Web site at www.billkmiller.com.

Compelled to Design

Bill was motivated to submit a T-shirt design because he wanted to promote the Coop, and he felt it would be a good “self-assignment” to flex his graphic-arts muscle. Although he had ideas floating around for a while, Bill finalized and submitted the design on the contest’s last day! Another big draw was the tantalizing possibility of winning a year’s break from the workslot to spend as much time as possible with the couple’s newborn daughter, Ruby, who arrived in January. Bill and Lauren will each be able to take a full year

off—one year for one household member from parental leave and the other from the contest co-win.

Steam Punk Tomatoes

Bill’s graphically ornate tomato T harkens back to the turn of the last century—a late Victorian, early Edwardian celebration of rich, woodcut-style details. He describes this retro choice as a “steam punk” aesthetic, a graphic art direction that finds its way into his work regularly. When Bill and his wife moved to brownstone Brooklyn, he felt his design sensibilities shift to the historic—moving away from the modern, linear lines of his Seattle work—as the shapes of the swirling wrought-iron fences and like architectural details have steadily taken the visual lead.

Bill patterned the tomatoes T after 100-year-old Sears, Roebuck and Co. advertisements, with ornate type fonts, expansive brackets and other details, and a finely shaded tomato looking temptingly just picked. When I asked Bill why a tomato, his quick answer: a distinctly modern muse—Andy Warhol’s tomato soup can! Perhaps in homage to his T-shirt’s tomato theme, Bill is partial to the design printed in black on a rusty, tomato-ey red T. Indeed, both design teams of our new PSFC T-shirts are pleased with wide choice of color combinations featuring their prize-winning creations. To see for yourself, look for the new shirts stocked in the Coop’s check-out area, right between the ice cream cooler and the express lane. ■



Bill Miller and Lauren Tomaselli, in their winning T-shirt designs, with their 5-week-old daughter Ruby.

went to the wayside pretty quickly when I ran out of space, so I started painting and doing collage work, which became sort of my forte.” Collage artwork clients include a Microsoft executive. To supplement his fine

ples of his colorfully crisp work, surf to michaelmarwit.com. The couple moved to New York City in 2001; their planned arrival day was September 11. Michael sums up moving New York right after

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Food Tours in the Coop

We are not there yet
we are in the shift
winter is done—
whatever the snow and rain—
the sun is on our side
stretching itself after its long nap
fattening the buds on the trees
Look closely how
the tree crowns have fuzzed

This is the edge:
where creativity happens
where the world makes itself—
out of sheer
nothing—
into a new expression
never realized quite this way before

The edge is where the fire burns quickest
where the sail catches the wind
where the ocean births reefs
where we crawled out of the damp mire

to evolve into our magnificence:
a brain
a heart
on two legs

We stand ever at the edge:
between all that has happened
and all that lies ahead
the knife blade of this wild moment
where we get to choose
who we are

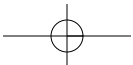
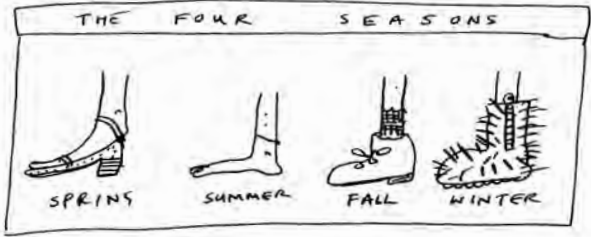
The Park Slope Food Coop
The Leading Edge

by Myra Klockenbrink

Monday **March 8**
March 22
noon to 1:00 p.m.
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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You can join in any time during a tour.



Protecting All of New York State: Calling for a State-wide Ban Against Unconventional Gas Drilling

THE JANUARY 26, 2009 GENERAL MEETING

By Alice Joyce Alcala



When two Ithaca residents, Lisa Wright and Ryan Clover-Owens, joined me in addressing the January 26th General Meeting about the environmental impact hydraulic-fracturing (also known as unconventional drilling or “fracking”) will have on New York State, I requested that they speak about how this technology will affect those of us who live in the city and shop at the Coop.

This may seem counter-intuitive. Why would upstate residents who are fighting to save their towns, their homes, their wells, their farms, their livelihoods, their way of life agree to come to New York City, whose interests historically have been in opposition to theirs? Even now, when the issuance of permits to allow unconventional drilling upstate seems imminent, the position of many of New York City’s politicians seems to be that as long as their constituents’ water supply is protected, drilling can be allowed to proceed in the rest of the state, and damn everyone else.

Both Lisa and Ryan are members of ShaleShock—an organization that collects and distributes information about, and collects signatures calling for, a total state-wide ban against unconventional drilling. They came from Ithaca to appear at the General Meeting, with the hope that their struggles—and that of their neighbors—to preserve the environmental integrity of all of New York State would resonate with the 15,000 members who shop at the Coop. They came to remind us that to heed the sirens’ call to protect only the New York City watershed at the expense of the rest of the State’s water is to be manipulated into turning against our allies upstate. They came to draw our attention to the old divide and conquer routine,

bait held out by politicians and the energy companies to draw our attention away from the fact that if we do not support each other, the cost will be the loss of the environmental integrity of the entire State for all of us.

Why this is so is due to the fundamental nature of water. Water flows, and it flows where it will. If the process of hydraulic-fracturing inadvertently opens fissures, cracks, or crevices that will grant access to New York City’s watershed, water contaminated by the undisclosed chemicals in fracking fluids, salt, and radioactive materials may flow into the water city residents drink. Even if this does not happen, polluted water from drilling sites upstate will seep into the ground in such areas as the

Member Contribution

Finger Lakes, where much of New York City food is grown, wineries flourish, heritage grains are ground into flour, and animals are raised for food.

Anna Stratton, a member of the GreenStar coop in Ithaca, wrote this to me on December 16, 2009:

“Let’s be honest: we’re in this ‘energy crisis’ together. How far does food travel before the average Brooklynite eats it off his or her dinner plate?”

Not that far, according to Coordinators Allen Zimmerman, Yuri Weber, and Bill Malloy, who order produce,

cheese and meat, respectively. According to them, the Coop receives fresh deliveries from the Finger Lakes every week. Although fresh food is scarcer in winter than in spring and summer, at the time of the interview in late January, the Coop was receiving onions from Delagrange and Green Meadows Farms, potatoes from Black Walnut Farms, shallots and Jerusalem artichokes from Rose Valley Farm, turnips from Stick-n-Stone Farm, feta cheese from Lively Run Farm, aged goat cheese from R&G and meat from pasture-raised animals from McDonald’s and Aberdeen Hill Farms. Of course, there is more produce available during spring and summer.

The following words, written by GreenStar Coop member Anna, aptly summarize

the information presented by Lisa, Ryan, and me at the January 26 General Meeting:

“This is a socioeconomic war... Wealthy gas companies bait with huge signing bonuses to secure leases from struggling farming families. They build wells, use water resources from our rivers from our rivers, add a cocktail of chemicals and sand and inject the mixture 8,000 feet below ground. Then they collect the natural gas that is released from the Marcellus Shale, evaporate water from the contaminated flowback and then tuck the remaining waster sludge to as-of-yet-undetermined water treatment facilities equipped to process toxic waste.”

We must not let this happen to any of us—wherever we live, in whatever part of the state, water is essential to us all. ■

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

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:

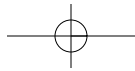
- Investigating allegations of misbehavior by members. (i.e. failing to report for or to complete shifts, bringing in non-members to shop, shopping while suspended, stealing, using racist, sexist, homophobic or nasty language against other Coop members and staff)
- Engaging in problem-solving and policy 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**



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to act now—so even if we fail, we will be able to at least look our children in the face and say we tried.”

Claudia and Jacqueline met over coffee several times with a few other concerned parents, including Coop member Karen Fuller, another early believer, before deciding to launch their own organization, with the intent of educating parents on the issues of climate change, and making it easy for them to impact change. "It's great to get people to screw in a compact fluorescent light bulb, but that is not going to do it," Jacqueline says. "We decided to focus on legislation—and to make it really easy for time-strapped parents to get educated and involved."

"I never planned on having kids, and so the issues around climate change seemed so distant... I realized that this is a gargantuan problem... And that if I did not act now, then my children would suffer the consequences."

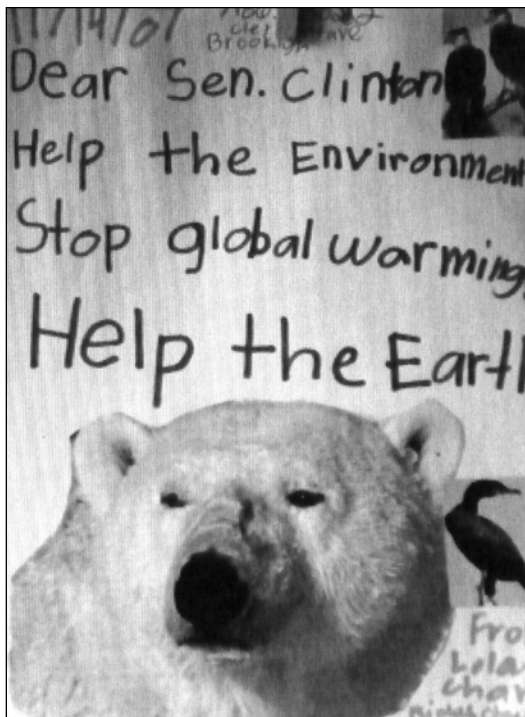
Parents for Climate Protection (PCP) launched at a party at Claudia's Windsor Terrace home in January 2007. "We invited a senior scientist from the Environmental Defense Fund to come educate us about the issues," Claudia explains. "Roughly 60 people came—and after his talk, we asked parents to write letters to legislators based on their new knowledge." But this was not a typical letter-writing campaign: as the parents were being educated, their kids were working on beautiful collages—colorful paper decorated with photographs cut from nature magazines—that served as stationery.

That was the birth of Parents For Climate Change. Since then, the two founders have launched a website (www.climateactivism.org) and set up tables at least six times a year at community-based events—like ParkSlopeParents Harvest Festival and Eco Fair, as well as the Gowanus Goes Green Festival and Brooklyn's Peace Fair—to garner support, sign up volunteers and spread their message. Since their inception, they have sent hundreds of letters to policy mak-

ers. "In the spring of 2007, we wrote to then Senator Clinton asking her to co-sponsor the Global Warming Pollution Reduction Act, which she did in May of 2007," Claudia says. "And then we sent President Obama 200 postcards urging him to attend the environmental summit in Copenhagen."

This year, instead of an annual house party, the organization has teamed up with Beth Elohim's Environmental Committee to host a gathering at Beth Elohim (271 Garfield Place) on March 7 at 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For parents, there will be a panel discussion called "After Copenhagen: The Science and Policy of Climate Change," which will feature four keynote speakers.

Gavin Schmidt, Ph.D., a climatologist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and co-founder of www.RealClimate.org, will talk about his book, *Climate Change: Picturing the Science* (WW Norton, April 2009), followed by a slideshow presentation by his co-editor, photographer Joshua Wolfe. "He has traveled the world photographing the impact of climate change on nature," Claudia explains. "Receding



glaciers, places where there are droughts, deforestation." Their book will be available for purchase at the event.

Coop member Frank Zeman, an engineer and the Director of the Metropolitan Institute for Sustainability at the New York Institute for Technology, will then take the stage to talk about the feasibility of renewable energy sources, from wind, solar, thermal and geothermal to the more futuristic "carbon capture" and geo-engineering. Last but hardly least, Sean Sweeney, the Director of the Global Labor Institute at Cornell University, who has attended the UN Climate Talks, will conclude the dis-

cussion with a policy update based on his observations at all of the recent UN conferences on climate change. There will be a Q&A following the panel, so come with any questions you may have. "It is a gift to have such esteemed experts willing to share their knowledge with us," Claudia says. "We really hope people will take advantage of this!"

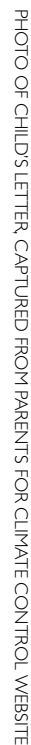
While parents are learning about these different aspects of climate change, their children will be partaking in free workshops and activities in adjoining classrooms: The Alliance for Climate Education is offering a multimedia presentation to educate and empower teens to take action on climate change, while Tiffany Threadgould, the founder of RePlay-Ground, will run a crafts workshop for younger kids. "She uses discarded items, like cereal boxes and milk jugs, to make arts and crafts," Jacqueline says. Check out her website at www.replay-ground.com for a sneak preview, as well as DIY instructions on how to make woven placemats out of cereal boxes. Buzz alert! Rumor has it that CNN may be filming Threadgould for an upcoming segment on her company...

So if you have a child 13 or younger, make sure to reserve a space soon! Email Judy Schneier at parentsforclimateprotection@gmail.com or call 347-451-6498.

After the panel, there will be an opportunity to write letters as well—the whole point of PCP. “Our democracy is in such a precarious state,” Claudia says, “which is why it’s so important that individual citizens make it known to their legislators that we are out here and we’re willing to do this work in order to improve the situation for all of us.”

Speaking of work, Claudia and Jacqueline are still looking for volunteers to help with the event. Coop member Amy Cohen has already signed up to help, as has Coop member Chandru Murthi, but PCP welcomes any other offers to help with childcare, set up, and, most importantly, food donations. "We have a tradition of doing potluck at our house parties," Jacqueline says. "We'd like to continue that." In short, please feel free to bring food, along with curious kids and inquisitive minds. As Claudia points out, the whole reason for doing this is not only for future generations, but it is, in her words, "this idea of responsible stewardship of the planet."

For more information about the event, go to: www.climateactivism.org and click on "upcoming events." ■



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!

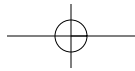
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Tax Season Is Here

Are You Ready?

By Wanda Williams, CPA

The tax season is upon us again and each year brings some new changes to the tax law. The passage of the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” (ARRA) contains many tax breaks for most working Americans. Below are the top 7 tax breaks for individuals.

1. **Already Bought a New Car and Take a Deduction on the Sales and Excise Taxes**
There is great news for those who purchased a motor vehicle after February 16, 2009 but before January 1, 2010. You can deduct the state or local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of

Most working Americans have seen immediate benefits from larger paychecks, though due to the changes in the withholding tables, some tax filers may receive a smaller refund. Also, some tax filers who normally expect to receive small refund checks could end up owing taxes instead.

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a qualified motor vehicle. A qualified motor vehicle is defined as a passenger automobile, light truck, motorcycle or a motor home. This new deduction can be taken even if you do not itemize your deductions.

2. Making Work Pay Tax Credit

The “Making Work Pay Tax Credit” is part of the ARRA and will be in effect for 2009 and 2010. This tax credit may mean more take-home pay due to a change in withholding tables.

3. First-Time Homebuyer/ Existing Homeowner Tax Credit Expanded

Did you purchase a home? Are you currently under contract to purchase a home? You may be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$8,000 (first-time homebuyers) and up to \$6,500 (current homeowners who have lived in their home for five of the past eight consecutive years) with no payback requirement. An eligible taxpayer must buy, or enter into a binding contract to buy, a principal residence on or before April 30, 2010 and close on the home by June 30, 2010.

4. Education Benefits

The new American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) helps families and students find ways to pay higher education expenses. The AOTC modifies the existing Hope Credit for tax years 2009 and 2010, making the Hope Credit available to a broader range of taxpayers, including many with higher incomes and those who do not pay income tax. Many of those eligible will qualify for the

maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.

5. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

The ARRA provides a temporary increase in Earned Income Tax Credit and expands the credit for workers with three or more qualifying children. These changes are temporary and apply to 2009 and 2010 tax years. The maximum EITC for this new category is \$5,657. The earned income tax credit is a refundable credit intended to help people who work but earn modest incomes.

6. Unemployment Compensation

The first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits an individual received in 2009 are tax-free.

7. Teacher Expenses Deduction

If you are a qualified teacher, teacher's aide, or principal and have worked at least 900 hours in a school that provides elementary or secondary education, you may deduct up to \$250 (\$500 if married filing joint) of any un-reimbursed expenses as a tax deduction for your 2009 supplies. ■

Puzzle Corner

Sudoku

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For answers, see page 16. This issue's puzzle author: James Vasile



Workers Needed



for Bike Valet Service!

After a trial run of Bike Valet Service at the Coop last year, the Shop 'n' 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.



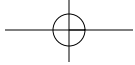
Bike Valet Service works like a coat check: Coop members arriving by bicycle leave their bikes with a Bike Valet worker and receive a numbered ticket, which they will use to identify and retrieve their bike when done shopping. The service helps to provide secure, plentiful bicycle (and stroller!) parking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

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718-622-0560

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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
Mar 19

8:00 p.m.

very The Good Coffeehouse

COOP CONCERT SERIES

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



Kathleen Payne's voice has been described as "fiery" and "ethereal." The Brooklyn-born singer performs in a variety of genres, including R&B, pop, jazz, country, gospel and cabaret. She also leads Vox Amica, an a cappella quintet. Kathleen was the featured soloist at the 2009 "Absolute Gospel" music festival in Lyon, France, performing with a 100-voice mass choir and the Lyon Symphony Orchestra. Joining her is Cynthia Hilts, a gifted jazz pianist, composer and singer.



Cara Schwarz combines the beauty of American Sign Language with her own interpretations of classic and current folk, show and pop tunes. She encourages sing alongs and will teach you some sign language too as she weaves the story of her life and times into poetry and music. Special guests will be on hand to lend their voices. Barry Kornhauser accompanies on guitar and cello.

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

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

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...

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

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

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

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

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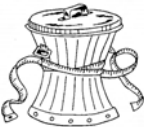
What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

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

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

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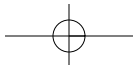
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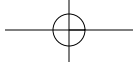


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WORKSLOT NEEDS

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.

Check Store Supplies

Saturday, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

This workslot is responsible for restocking supplies on the Shopping floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task and detailed-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working

independently and is pro-active. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

Schedule Collating

Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

You will work on a small committee to collate and staple printed committee schedules used by members to keep track of their work shifts. The squad is also responsible for distributing new schedules to various areas in the Coop using a checklist and replenishing the supply of schedules in the Membership Office. Low-key workslot for members who like to work in a small group and also show attention to detail.

Beer Enthusiast Squad

Weekdays, 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.

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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, MAR 2

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Mar 23 General Meeting.

TUE, MAR 23

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Mar 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon Mar 1
Mar 25 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Mar 15

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

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

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is usually held on the last Tuesday of each month. The March meeting will be held one week early due to Passover.

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.

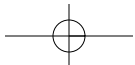
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

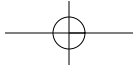
• Being Absent from the GM:

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.





COOP COOKING SHOW NEEDS PEOPLE AND RECIPES

Are you a Coop member who loves to cook
or do you 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 on a cooking show. 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.



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Snowed-in Brunch

By Emily Robbins

Working from home during today's major snowstorm, I made myself a good brunch from odds and ends and wanted to share the ideas with you. Try this some

quiet winter morning when you are at home with tasks interruptible by trips to the stove. These recipes serve two, but you may want to have something extra if you will be shoveling the snow.

Whoops Rosemary Salt

On a recent trip to the Coop I bought fresh rosemary and a bag of salt, which landed at the bottom of my carry sack and became friends when the salt bag split. I saved the salt from the bottom of the sack and am keeping it in a jar on my kitchen counter. It's a nice addition to almost any savory winter cooking. Try it yourself with half a stem of fresh rosemary stirred into a quarter cup of salt and save in a sealed container to let the flavors develop.

Mesclun with Bottom of the Mustard Jar Salad Dressing

Take a mild-flavored mustard jar—you know, that jar in the back of your fridge with a teaspoon or so of mustard at the bottom that's been sitting around way too long. Add one minced garlic clove, a tablespoon of lemon juice and two tablespoons of a good olive oil. Put the jar lid back on and shake vigorously until blended. (If you have a fresh lemon, add a teaspoon of its grated rind too.) If the mustard is really dried out, reconstitute with a teaspoon of hot water before you add

the other ingredients. I used a Maine Maple Champagne mustard from Stonewall Kitchens.

Meditative Potatoes

1 russet potato, peeled and cubed
1/2 cup cherry tomatoes (slightly wrinkled are OK)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon walnut oil
1/4 tsp Whoops Rosemary Salt (see above)

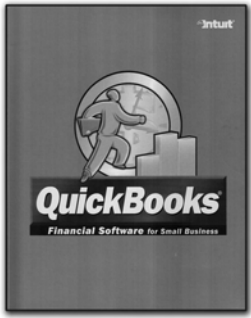
Boil the potatoes until they are barely done. Heat the oils in a nonstick pan over medium heat and add potatoes. Russet potatoes are not good for hash browns—they fall apart too easily. But you can make it work. Just don't stir them. Let them sit for a few minutes. Turn them over gently with a fork, one by one, as each side browns to your liking (this is the meditative part). Use any remaining oil in the pan to coat the uncooked sides. After about 15 minutes the potatoes should be nicely done on all sides. Remove potatoes from pan, leaving some oil behind, and put them in a bowl to keep warm. Turn up heat to high, add cherry tomatoes and salt. Cook until cherry tomatoes are a bit puckered and start to split. Add cherry tomatoes to potatoes and stir gently to combine.

Member Contribution

Poached eggs

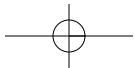
Fill a pot with 2" of water and 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar. Bring to a boil. Have two fresh eggs ready, each one cracked into its own small dish. Once water is at a full boil, turn off heat, quickly add a teaspoon of Kosher salt, and then slip in each egg. Put the lid back on the pot and let sit for three minutes. Remove eggs with a slotted spoon and gently tilt to pour off water—or blot on top with a paper towel.

To assemble brunch: Toss two servings of mesclun with a teaspoon of the dressing. (You want the greens barely flavored.) Serve each salad in a low bowl or plate, topped with the potato-tomato mix, and a poached egg on top of that. Nice accompaniments are fresh citrus and a hot cup of coffee. And a snow day, of course. ■



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.





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

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED...

TO FELLOW COOP MEMBERS:

The *Gazette's* coverage of January's General Meeting mentioned Coop members suggesting that a committee be formed to work on the issue of hydraulic fracturing in New York State. The Environmental Committee has been working on this issue for about a year and a half, including:

- *Gazette* articles ("The Treasure of the Marcellus Shale," 11/5/2009, "Coop Water Wars," 1/29/2009).

- The 3/21/09 forum at the Coop, covered in the 4/23/2009 *Gazette*, "Coop Hosts Forum on Protecting New York City's Watershed" (<http://foodcoop.com/go.php?id=84>) which had presentations by Carolyn Zolas, the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter's Watershed Coordinator, and Assembly member Jim Brennan, co-sponsor of legislation to halt drilling in the watershed that supplies water to New York City.

- Posts in our blog (<http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com/search/label/watershed>) explaining the issue, publicizing hearings and lectures to attend, numbers to call, email addresses to write, and petitions to sign.

- Keeping in touch with, supporting, and publicizing other groups working on this issue such as the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter (<http://newyork.sierraclub.org/>), Damascus Citizens for Sustainability (<http://www.damascuscitizens.org/>), Un-naturalgas (<http://un-naturalgas.org/>) and Scott Stringer's Kill the Drill (http://mbpo.org/release_details.asp?id=1386&page=).

Many more people are needed to work on this issue. Please check our blog for updates (<http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com/>) and write us at ecokvetch@yahoo.com if you're interested in getting more involved.

We urge concerned people to join one or more of these groups to form a critical mass that can have more of an effect, as well as to learn what has already been done, how effective it was and collaborate on next steps.

Cynthia Blayer
Environmental Committee

KIDVERSE; TRICERATOPS

Triceratops, you dinosaur,
You've got four massive legs—and
more:

Three bony growths in funny places,
A setup found on no other faces.
A long horn juts above each eye
And stands at attention when you cry.
A short horn pops out under those,
Directly growing on your nose.
That makes a handy trio of horns
And gives you a tool for brushing
thorns

Away along with pesky ants
When eating leafy, juicy plants.
So, you hulking, giant lizard,
You're something of a horny wizard.
While other dinosaurs are flops,
YOU are definitely tops.

Leon Freilich

TWO ITEMS OF INTEREST

DEAR COOP,

1. I think the Coop would be well served, as well as our landfill's burden lifted somewhat, if we would use larger bags for nuts, raisins and other appropriate dried fruits. Tiny bags of trail mix serve no one's purpose. I usually have to grab at least three to get a decent portion. Those who like the smaller bags can just buy larger bags and portion them out. Less plastic=the better.

2. Processed foods that contain low salt should be clearly identified. Whether they have their own area on the shelf, an identifying label, or what, I leave it up to the staff to best determine how to do this. Reading the nutrition labels on each and every item is time consuming and wasteful when more efficient options are available. This is not just a health issue, but people's lives are at stake here.

How about the Coop getting ahead of the curve on this issue?

Thomas Glynn

HAITI, THE AMERICAN MILITARY, AND BEYOND

TO THE EDITOR AND FELLOW MEMBERS,

The mega-tragedy in Haiti reveals the deep commitment that the permanent U.S. government has made to the military as an enterprise and as an executor of foreign policy. Feel the suffering of a family in Kandahar, startled awake by the whine of a robot drone bomber, and feel the suffering of a twelve-year-old boy pulled from the collapsed corpse of his home in Port-au-Prince, whose rotting leg is cut off with a construction saw on a table outdoors.

Shocking, but not surprising, is the continuity of support for the military that provides a demonic continuity from the administration of Papa Bush through Clinton and Baby Bush to that of Barack Obama. Obama promised change.

In his State of the Union speech after one year, security is the category Obama wants protected from reduction in funding as post-industrial corporate capitalism, our iconic economic system, collapses as though in an earthquake. While cutting back on teachers and addiction counselors, public employment is still available, intimidating the population in the jagged mountains of Afghanistan, as are opportunities with good pay and decent benefits through federally funded contracts

hunting down to murder opponents of the reactionary regime in Yemen.

From right after the earthquake, the U.S. military controls the air gate to Haiti. Twelve thousand soldiers, and increasing, as well as the supplies to maintain them strained its capacity. The sea lanes and roads are also. Complete hospitals and medical supplies detoured through the DR sent howls of outraged protest from their donors, the government of Venezuela, Doctors Without Borders, and even France. Soldiers in full battle gear don't deliver the food and water trapped in warehouses. National Guard units, trained in emergency procedures, carry heavy weapons made in Connecticut through the poor neighborhoods of Baghdad. Corporate military contractors and arms manufacturers are still good investments if you have extra cash, and their CEOs take home six figures.

I write from the forbidden island, doing research on the movement initiated in the late 60s by a government that really meant change to provide creative leisure time activities like choruses, poetry writing workshops and carving to homemakers, workers and students in community cultural centers. Cuba is on the U.S. list of Nations Sponsoring Terrorism, and is blockaded from the normal client status awarded to other islands on the periphery. Their government of ancient revolutionaries no longer spends hours explaining why kids now will not get protein in their lunch at school.

Michel and I visited the dinosaur exhibit at the Museum of Natural History. They ruled for how many millions of years how many millions of years ago, and then they completely disappeared. We came after.

Susan Metz

CORRECTION

DEAR COOP MEMBERS:

Some of you may have been wondering why there was a photo of a J. Marion Sims statue on the front page of the February 11 issue of the *Gazette* yet no mention of Sims in the subsequent article, "What's New at the Museum of the City of New York." This mistake was brought to my attention when a Coop member called to ask why a figure such as Sims would be displayed on the front page of the *Gazette*.

Good question!

After some investigating, here's what I discovered: The writer of the article, Anita J. Aboulafia, had included the following excerpt in her original submission to the editor of the February 11 issue.

J. Marion Sims

Across the street from the Museum is, of course, Central Park. There is a bronze statue on Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street, opposite the New York Academy of Medicine, of J. Marion Sims, M.D., in surgical wear, by Ferdinand von Miller. Never having heard of Sims, I did some research and what I learned was, to say the least, rather disturbing.

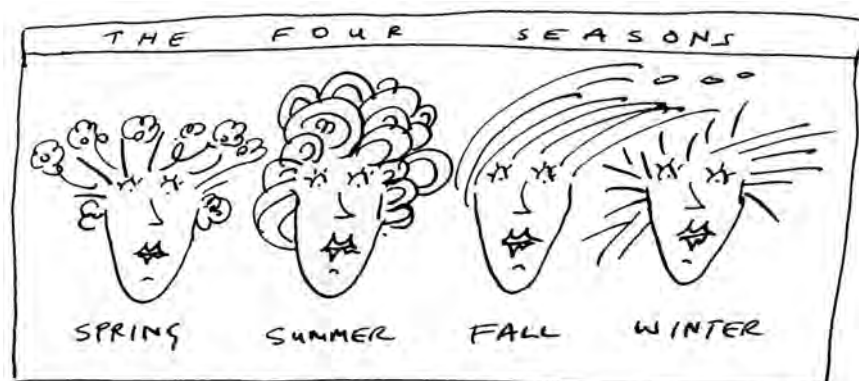
J. Marion Sims (1813–1883) was a surgical pioneer, considered the father of American gynecology. Born and raised in South Carolina, Mr. Sims attended medical school in Philadelphia. He moved to New York in 1853 and in 1855 founded the Woman's Hospital (now part of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center), the first hospital for women in America. Dr. Sims's legacy is, however, tainted because, according to his Google profile, "Modern historians argue about his legacy as Dr. Sims used slaves as experimental subjects." Despite such notoriety, Dr. Sims served as president of the American Medical Association and American Gynecological Society.

A *Gazette* photographer, using the writer's original article, took photographs accordingly. The editor, however, chose to cut the part about Sims because it wasn't relevant to the subject of the article. This explains why a photo of the statue was taken in the first place, but it doesn't explain why the photo was used.

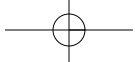
Upon further investigation I learned that the photo was not part of the original layout of the *Gazette*. However, at the last minute, the post-production worker while tweaking the layout needed a piece of art for the front page and used the photograph of the statue assuming it was still valid. She didn't know that the part about J. Marion Sims had been cut from the story.

I apologize if the inclusion of the photograph offended anyone. Steps have been taken to ensure that mistakes like this don't happen in the future.

Sincerely,
Karen Mancuso
Membership Coordinator and Staff
Liaison to the *Gazette* Committee



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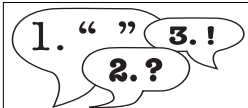


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calendar of events

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tue 7 pm

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mar 4
thu 7:30 pm

Food 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.**

mar 5
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, squeezeestone@hotmail.com.**

mar 7
sun 12 pm

Acupuncture 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 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; Kaylen Hunte; Zoe Gorenberg Screwvalla and Aidan Gorenberg Screwvalla; 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 Kaylen 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.**

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fri 7:30 pm

The Second Gun: Who Really Killed Robert Kennedy?

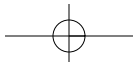
Do not miss this chance to see this rare 1973 investigative documentary on the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Reporter Theodore Charach, who was in the Ambassador Hotel the night of the assassination, interviews eyewitnesses and key figures of the RFK case shortly after the assassination. This groundbreaking 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** combines the beauty of American Sign Language with her own interpretations of classic and current folk, show and pop tunes. She encourages singalongs and will teach you some sign language too as she weaves the story of her life and times into poetry and music. Special guests will be on hand to lend their voices. **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.**



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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.

mar 21
sun 12 pm

Six Healing Sounds of Qi Gung

Each of six Qi Gung exercises is performed with a sound that has a healing resonance with a body organ: liver, heart, spleen, lungs, kidneys and triple burner. The “life/breath” of each organ can be strengthened with regular practice. This workshop is limited to 15 participants. Please reserve by calling 718-622-0122. Presented by licensed acupuncturist and long-time Coop member **Ann E. Reibel-Coyne**.

mar 23
tue 7 pm

Handling Your Child’s Anger, Frustration or Fears

Many children don’t know what to do with the anger, frustration or fear that can build up in their daily routines, so they show it to their parents! Hear some ways to help your child with these important issues. Coop member **Sharon C. Peters**, M.A., is the founder and director of Parents Helping Parents, in Park Slope, and has worked with hundreds of individual families for more than 15 years.

mar 23
tue 7 pm

PSFC MARCH General Meeting



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

mar 26
fri 12 – 8 pm

Blood Drive



Blood drive is ONE DAY ONLY. Fact: Less than 3% of the population donates blood, and 90% will use blood some time in their life. Presented in cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital. For further information about blood donation, call 718-780-3644.

mar 27
sat 11 am

Dynamic Posture

Feldenkrais Method Awareness Through Movement® is a group class that combines verbal instruction and gentle, purposeful movement to clarify the relationship between parts of the body and the whole. Students learn efficient use of the skeleton and how to reduce unnecessary tension and muscular effort. In this workshop we will explore gentle sitting and standing exercises that will help you find more mobility and length in your spine. Coop member **Rebecca Davis** is a Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner.

mar 27
sat 2 – 5 pm

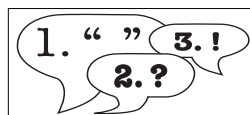
Adult Clothing Exchange



The season is changing, and this is your opportunity to trade gently used and beautiful clothes that you no longer wear with other Coop members. Bring items that you think others might enjoy—and a snack to share. Do not leave clothing in the Coop before the hours of the exchange; bring up to 15 items only; bring gently used, clean clothing that you are proud to be able to exchange with a new owner. Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.

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tue 7 pm

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fri 8 pm

Jezra Kaye and Jerome Harris



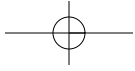
Join singer **Jezra Kaye** and her trio for a night of sultry standards and swinging blues. She weaves her sultry, swinging magic on a mix of jazz standards, blues and sophisticated pop. Also, guitarist **Jerome Harris** follows his pan-stylistic musical interests along their diverse paths. **Concert 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.**

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still to come

Due to impending construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop, a schedule of further future events is not yet available.



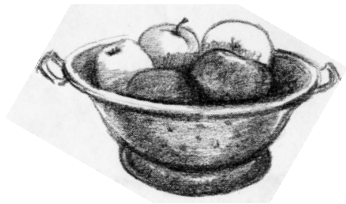
The Environmental Committee has a blog!

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



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

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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 27

Peoples' Voice Cafe: Mike Agranoff, 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.

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SUN, FEB 28

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Brooklyn Public Library Chamber Players: Free Concert in the Dweck Center at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza. The American Brass Quintet: Raymond Mase, trumpet; Kevin Cobb, trumpet; David Wakefield, horn; Michael Powell, trombone; John D. Rojak, bass trombone. 4 p.m. www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

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.

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Peoples' Voice Cafe: Jolie Rickman Celebration: Colleen Kat-tau. 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.

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WED, MAR 10

"The Trouble With Boys: A Surprising Report Card on Our Sons, Their Problems at School and What Parents & Educators Must Do": presented by Kolot Chayeinu. An evening with best-

selling author Peg Tyre. 7-9 p.m. Ethical Culture, Prospect Park W at 2nd Street. Info: bsec.org

SAT, MAR 13

Peoples' Voice Cafe: Mercedes Sosa Tribute: Rebecca Salazar & Barry Kornhauser*; Jean Rohe. 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.

Free Movie Screening with Director: Documentary film "Almost Home" (aired on PBS) addresses real stories of aging care and care giving. Frightening, tender, funny, surprising and honest. Hosted by Park Slope United Methodist Church (at 6th Ave & 8th St.). 7-10 p.m.

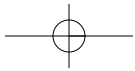
SAT, MAR 20

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SAT, MAR 27

AN EVENING LECTURE WITH SALLY FALLON MORELL, REAL MILK: WHAT'S THE REAL DEAL? President of Weston A. Price Foundation speaks about the movement for real milk. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Subud Chelsea Center, 230 W 29th St. btw 7th & 8th aves. \$15-20. Purchase tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/97887.

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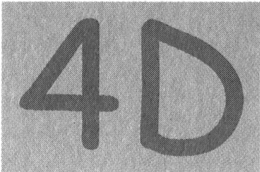
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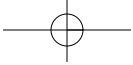
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

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Shopping Floor Set-up & Cleaning

Monday or Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Are you an early riser with a love of cleaning and organizing? Work under the supervision of a staff person to set up and clean the shopping floor check-out 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, 7:00 to 9:45 a.m.

The Coop needs detail-oriented mem-

bers 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.

Office Set-up

Tuesday 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.

Puzzle Answers								
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