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Beyond 'Don't Run with Scissors': A Snapshot of Coop Etiquette



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More than 15 items on the express line and shopping in line is a no-no.

By Gayle Forman

It is often said that the Park Slope Food Coop is a microcosm of New York City. So it holds that the ability to shop and work cheek by jowl alongside some 15,000 relative strangers requires some of the same survival skills as living in Gotham—namely extreme consideration of how your every move affects those around you.

Call it the Coop Butterfly Effect: When you ask a walker to go three blocks out of the zone, it's not only bad manners (putting the walker in an uncomfortable position), but it also may be inconveniencing someone else waiting for that walker. "It's really about thinking of the Coop as a whole," says Membership Coordinator Karen Mancuso. There is a trickle-down effect of your actions, even if it is not immediately visible. Recently, for instance, double-parked cars in front of the Coop prevented a fire truck from turning left and added a minute and a half to the response time to a cardiac arrest call. The guy lived, but still....

Etiquette matters on a small scale—there are a lot of us in a small store, let's keep it civil—as well as on a larger one: It gets to the core of our cooperativeness. Below is a brief etiquette FAQ to clarify some of the gray areas of this cooperativeness—a gentle reminder that we're all in this together.

Express Line New Math

Q: It's a crowded Saturday. The regular line is stretched past the mangoes. You have about 25 items and you're shopping with your spouse/friend (who of course is also a member). You decide to slip into the express line because

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What, Me Retire?

Over 65 and a Coop Member for at Least 20 Years? Retirement IS in Your Future

By Anita J. Aboulafia

Given the downturn of the economy, it has been widely reported that Americans who have reached retirement age are delaying their retirement.[†] The Park Slope Food Coop, on the other hand, is making it easier for longtime members to retire from their work shift. At the November 2008 General Meeting, a measure was passed allowing members who are at least 65 years old and have at least 20 full years of Coop work behind them to retire from their work-slots. Previously, Coop members could request a reprieve from their workslot duties upon reaching 75 years of age.

According to Membership Coordinator Ellen Weinstat, "Most members eligible to retire are ambivalent about this policy because they like working here. And some of those eligible have continued working because they're doing their partner's shift." She continued, "Interestingly, when I pull out the records of the people whom this policy affects, they are, very often, the ones who are the most consistently working members. Retirees are always welcome to come into the Coop and do a makeup shift."

"I miss the job."

One recent retiree is David Cohen, a member since 1978, who worked FTOP as a cashier. A high school math teacher, Cohen admitted, "I liked being in a friendly place with friendly people. As a cashier, I had great repartee with everyone who came by and I enjoyed helping out my fellow cashiers."

Louise Spain, a member since 1987, first joined as a family member and did office work. A former librarian, Spain, who has done editing and production work professionally, worked for 10 years as a production editor for the *Gazette*. She said, "I miss the job. The whole team got together on a Sunday—art director and Quarkers—and pages had to be

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Next General & Annual Meeting on June 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General & Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

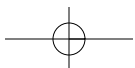
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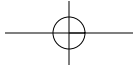
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| Sat, Jun 26 | • Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen |
| Sun, Jun 27 | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| Tue, Jun 29 | • Annual and General Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| Tue, Jul 13 | • Safe Food Committee Film Night 7:00 p.m.
<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> |
| Thu, Jul 15 | • Blood Drive 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| Fri, Jul 16 | 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Sat, Jul 17 | 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |

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

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Coop Etiquette

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between the two of you, you have fewer than 25 items. Copacetic?

A: Nope. “The rule for the express line is fifteen items or fewer per cart, though two cans of the exact same dog food, or ten Gala apples, would count as one item,” says Mancuso. “Divvying up thirty items between two people is definitely uncooperative—and sneaky.”

Regular Line Tag Teaming

Q: Same crowded Saturday, same shopping partner: You’ve been sent back to the regular line, where you belong. You’ve made it all the way to the oil display and

Yak Yak Yak

Q: It’s pretty quiet. No one cares if you chat on your cell phone in the down time during your shift.

A: Really? Do we even have to ask this one? Nobody likes encountering the rudeness of trying to engage with someone who is talking on their cell phone, or texting, or checking email. “If you walk upstairs to the service desk and see someone on the phone, they’re sending the message that they’re not available,” Mancuso says. Moreover, adds member Stephanie Golden, being on a cell detracts from your ability to do your job. “In my experience checkers often make mistakes with produce and punch in the wrong price. So I feel I have to be hyperalert when they’re dis-

Makeup Shift Shuffle

Q: You’re doing a makeup shift, so you arrive early to get a jump on your favored position. First come, first served, right?

A: Wrong. There’s no gray area on this one; it’s in the Coop Manual. If you arrive on time for a makeup shift (not 15 minutes after the shift starts but on time) the squad leader is required to take you on for the makeup. But the regulars on the squads get the choice of their regular positions, not you, no matter how early and eager you may be.

Make Mine a Double

Q: You’ve got a lot of absences to work off, so you figure you’ll come in and work a marathon of makeups. You check in with one squad leader, get yourself a job and just stay on through the next squad. This is cool, right?

A: Not cool. Working a double is fine, but you have to treat each shift as a new one and check in with the new squad leader. When you don’t, it can mess with the incoming squad leader’s system, as Shopping Squad Leader Peter Drogin knows too well. “Inevitably I’ll assign someone to relieve the entrenched makeup and learn very soon thereafter that he or she doesn’t need to be relieved. I always have my assigned worker uproot the squatter and send them to me for reassignment. Makeups are determined by the squad leader—not the Coop member,” he explains.

City Limits

Q: You live just over the zone where the walkers are supposed to go, just a couple of short, pretty blocks. They won’t mind if you ask them to take you all the way home.

A: Maybe they will, maybe they won’t, but you shouldn’t ask. There’s a reason the zone is in place; it’s so walkers aren’t put in this position. And some walkers complain of members fudging their destination until the end of the zone is reached and then asking walkers to go beyond—sometimes well beyond—the established borders. This is not just impolite to the walker (and other members who may be waiting for their own escort). It’s dishonest. If you have such a long distance to go, may we suggest investing in your own cart? ■

Coop Dos and Don’ts: A Handy Primer

- **Don’t** let your children help fill from the bulk bins using their hands.
- **Don’t** abandon half-filled bulk bin bags, especially the expensive coffee. Return unwanted items, and bags.
- **Do** choose a workslot you feel equipped to do. Only sign up for a receiving shift if you can lift boxes or be in a cold refrigerator. Think twice about being a checker if you’re a vegan for whom the sight of meat is revolting, or if your religious beliefs proscribe scanning a pork tenderloin.
- **Don’t** read the cookbooks as a way to pass the time in line—that’s what the *Gazette* is for! They often wind up damaged and unsellable.
- **Do** lock your locker with a quarter; you’ll get it back. If you need change, ask the cashiers.
- **Do** make sure that the locker you’re about to use is actually empty, in case someone else has violated the previous do and stowed their stuff in an unlocked locker.
- **Don’t** lock your bike to another bike.
- **Don’t** stand on shelves or inside the freezer with dirty shoes. This is unsanitary, not to mention potentially dangerous.
- **Do** return items you’ve decided against purchasing back to the shelf where you found them instead of just depositing them on the nearest flat surface or leaving them with the checker.
- **Do** refrain from paging until a previous page is complete.
- **Do** socialize at the Coop, but please, not side-by-side, cart-by-cart in a crowded aisle.
- **Do** think about where you are leaving your cart/stroller. Right in the middle of the produce aisle means that no other cart will be able to get by. Right in front of the lift may delay shelves being stocked. Right in front of the dairy case means you block the door to the walk-in. Try to find nooks and crannies to “park” in, or leave your cart in the less-crowded aisles.
- **Don’t** double-park, block the driveway (this blocks the fire trucks and impedes deliveries) or sit on the fire department statue. Let’s extend good manners to our neighbors, too.



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“I hope you won’t mind going to Windsor Terrace!” (Actors are Coop members Eli Brown and Dehlia Hannah.)

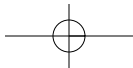
decide you really should go ahead and just load up your cart. Since you’re shopping with your spouse/friend, you begin taking turns ferrying food back to your cart and pat yourselves on the back for your efficiency.

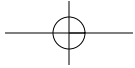
A: Efficient, yes. But not right. There’s a rule against shopping on line for a reason. “Not everyone has a partner they can come shop with,” says Mancuso. “We operate on fairness. We all suffer together here,” she jokes. Now, if you’ve forgotten something, by all means tell the person behind you and then dash off and get it (but come back quickly; don’t expect the person behind you to navigate your cart on the line for ten minutes). But this is quite different from camping out on line while you tag-team shop!

tracted by talking on the phone.” And it’s not just checkers or office workers who are guilty of cell-phone distractedness. Checkers complain of members who jabber away while checking out, never bothering to make eye contact or chitchat during the entire checkout process. This is not only impolite, it runs counter to the spirit of our cooperative environment. No doubt emergencies arise from time to time: The kids are sick, or your phone rings with the one call you’ve been waiting for all week from a colleague. But these should be the exceptions. As Mancuso points out, a shift is two hours and forty-five minutes every four weeks. Checkout when you’re shopping takes a handful of minutes. We can all be present for that.



Don’t read cookbooks or eat when in line; you’ll damage the books.





What Me Retire?

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read and, if necessary, reprinted. The original *Gazette* was four stapled pages. I trained members and created rules for other production people.” She continued, “We have two children and when I first joined, I didn’t think I had the time to devote to working at the Coop. Then I went to visit friends in Lafayette, Louisiana, and they took us to a farmer’s market and I was sold on the fresh, organic food.”

Louise’s husband, Mel, is a retired lawyer and also a Coop retiree. He served on the Disciplinary Committee for several years and was one of a group of three members who formed the Hearing Officers Committee, working outside of his work shift because he wanted to reform the disciplinary procedures, which his committee did. Not one to be idle, Mel Spain now does volunteer work—at the Brooklyn Museum he gives talks, and for Big Apple Tours he takes foreign visitors on neighborhood tours. “It’s satisfying for me to see,” Spain acknowledged, “that the Coop has maintained its

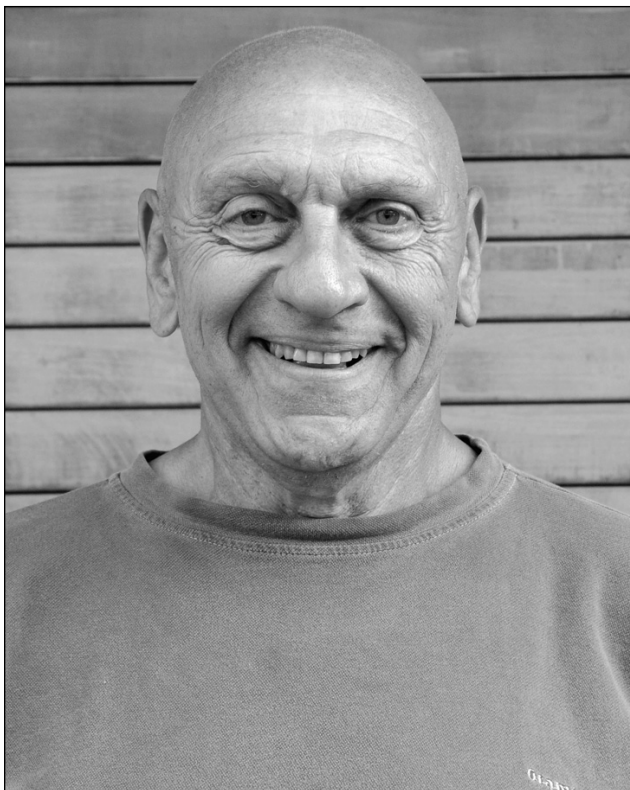


Ellen Weinstat, membership coordinator

spirit and has been inventive about creating new jobs, like walkers and bicycle watchers.”

Growing with the Coop

Doyle Warren joined in 1978. At the time, he was a single father and firefighter in the firehouse adjacent to the Coop. Later on, he went to social work school and became a family counselor. Warren remembered working as a Parmesan cutter as part of the Cheese Squad, when the entire Coop was located on the main floor. The cheese would be delivered in an 88-pound wheel. Members would record their orders on pieces of paper that would get passed along to the squad. Warren helped coordinate the Coop expansion, creating unrefrigerated space on the second floor in the middle building. “In the late 1990s,” he recalled, “the size of the Coop almost doubled—from 4,500 square feet to 8,500 square feet.” Following his stint on the Cheese Squad, Warren worked FTOP on the Shopping Squad. In the late 1990s, he served on the Coop Board. Before retiring from the Coop, Warren worked shifts for his partner. According to Warren, the Coop’s greatest challenge is coordinating the ever-changing workslots of members who change shifts or leave. “It’s fortunate,” he concluded, “that the size of the paid staff has increased.”



Doyle Warren

PHOTOS BY ANN ROSEN

“Truth be told, I miss the camaraderie I felt with members of my work shift. And, as a long-term member, I’m proud to see how the Coop has remained true to its mission and core values. I’d like to see the Coop do a better job of sharing its rich history and tradition.”

Another retiree, who wishes to remain anonymous, reminisced about working at the Coop. A member since 1985, she most enjoyed working on the Receiving Squad, where she found bagging spices to be aromatherapy. She loved her squad—the squad leader was also a longtime friend and she liked meeting new, interesting and younger people. She likes the fact that the Coop is reaching out to more communities in Brooklyn and beyond and the fact that members can do their workslots at the soup kitchen. She concluded, “Some coops in other cities give us a small discount because we are Coop members. It would be good if we could offer members of other coops something—even a token gift—as a way of spreading the word. I’m very appreciative of the honor of being able to be an ‘active member and a retiree.’ It makes life easier for me.”

A Support System

Recent retiree Liz Young, a member since 1974, remembered when the Coop rented space from the Mongoose Community Center. “There was no elevator; produce was carried up along a line of people resembling a fire brigade,” Young explained. The former Park Sloper now lives on Manhattan’s



Liz Young

Upper West Side. “I’m a diversity consultant and trainer and I was part of a group that conducted diversity training for the staff five years ago.” She continued, “I worked FTOP on the Receiving Squad and used to do box management. As people stood in line, boxes would be falling on top of them. Since I’m good at spatial relationships, I loved getting in early and nestling the boxes on the shelves. This task doesn’t get the attention it needs; the Shopping Squad should be responsible for ensuring that it gets done.”

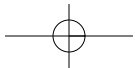
“Thirty-five years ago,” explained Young, “I had a legal issue and Coop members supported me by donating money to my cause, so I owe a lot to the Coop.” She concluded, “I so appreciate the friendliness of our members. Once, when I was in Whole Foods, I began talking with a lady in line and she was aghast that I had started a conversation with her! Truth be told, I miss the camaraderie I felt with members of my work shift. And, as a long-term member, I’m proud to see how the Coop has remained true to its mission and core values. I’d like to see the Coop do a better job of sharing its rich history and tradition.” ■

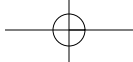
[†]A 2009 Pew Research survey found that nearly four in 10 workers over age 62 say they have delayed their retirement because of the recession.



Louise Spain

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





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

Go inside
your self
sweep out the dust
of thinking
pull up the blinds
and let the sun scour
this inner space
throw up the sashes
that the wind can trail in
the fragrance of spring

Find the most beautiful—
the evening sky,
the trees waving in the blue,
the harbor waves—
you needn't look far

Place beauty in this refreshed space
let this be your touchstone—
whenever you are misguided,
or lonely, or driven
to distraction—
rest here in this space

Hold the windows ever open
your breath will bring warmth in the cold
coolness in the heat

Come here freely and often
and all you need
will come to you

The Park Slope Food Coop
Holding the Space

by Myra Klockenbrink

Monday June 14
July 26
noon to 1:00 p.m.
and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.



Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's products blog.

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

You can connect to the blog
via the Coop's website
www.foodcoop.com

RETURN POLICY



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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

**NEVER
RETURNABLE**

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.

RESEARCHER NEEDED

We are seeking Coop members to help conduct research at the Coop aimed at improving line waiting and the front end of the store.

Members will earn FTOP credit for their participation.

The research will be conducted during the summer months.

We are seeking members with a variety of availability
(weekday daytime and evening as well as weekend).

No prior experience conducting research needed.

It is necessary for interested persons to:

- have good observation skills and attention to detail
- be friendly and outgoing
- work independently without supervision

Must be a Coop member for at least six months with a good attendance record. If interested, please go to "Contact Us" on foodcoop.com; under "Contact Us By Email," select "Research" from the drop down menu and fill in the required information.

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

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

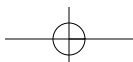
In addition to assembling the monthly agenda and maintaining records of items submitted, the AC works with members who submit items for consideration by the GM and may need assistance formulating proposals and discussion points.

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

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

Qualifications include a cooperative spirit, experience working in a committee environment, and an ongoing interest in the business of the Coop.

Interested members contact Glenn Brill at glennbrill@earthlink.net.



Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

Two three-year terms and one two-year term are open.

To vote you may use a proxy or be present at the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 29, 2010.
Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May.

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the Annual Meeting.
Candidate Statements (unedited and presented in alphabetical order):



IMANI Q'RYN

I've lived in Fort Greene for over 20 years. I'm a classically trained singer and work as an independent real estate broker. This past year I also started a business marketing cutting-edge telecom products. I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Food Coop almost 5 years ago. Now, I respectfully seek your vote to allow me to continue in this position.

I joined the Coop in 1998 when I started eating organic food. I couldn't afford not to join! I love the Coop, its energy, the diversity of the membership, the ideals of cooperation and democracy and above all the beautiful food at unbelievable prices. The Coop is a reflection of what's possible in the world. It's a privilege to be a part of it.

I also serve as a member of the Chair Committee, which chairs the General Meeting on the last Tuesday of each month. For me one of the best parts of the General Meeting is the committee

reports that inform us about issues not only affecting the Coop but the environment, our health, local farmers and even other countries to name but a few of the topics that have been covered. It has hit home a number of times that what we do, what we eat, has an impact on the world. Each of us makes a difference.

I started going to the General Meetings about eight years ago. Initially, I went for workslot credit and was surprised to discover that the meeting was small compared to the vast size of our membership and that the diversity I saw while shopping at the Coop was not powerfully reflected in the meeting. I thought to myself, "Here is the decision-making body of the Coop and only a few members are making these decisions and even fewer people of color."

I wondered, "What can I do to encourage greater diversity and participation in the meeting?" I live by the words of Gandhi who said, "Be the change you seek to see in the world." I decided to join the Chair Committee soon after my first meeting. I have been committed to making all people feel welcomed at the meeting, being fair and open to all sides of an issue and to being clear on the policies and how the meeting is run. I am encouraged that in the last year or so our General Meeting attendance has more

than doubled due to a change in the workslot credit policy.

Since being on the Chair Committee involves being at the General Meeting, which is also the Board Meeting, there is no conflict in my holding both of these positions. When I found out that there was a precedent of a board member also being on the Chair Committee I decided to stay with the Chair Committee. The Chair Committee is in need of new members and my leaving could put a strain on the other members. If you have interest in being on the Chair Committee, please let us know.

In closing, I have intimate experience with Coop policies and procedures and the workings of the Board of Directors. I think our cooperative process works and as a board member I respect the members' deliberations and will strive to ensure that the General Meeting remains the highest decision-making body in the Coop. I will also continue to encourage diversity in the General Meeting as well as all aspects of the Coop.

I welcome members to contact me by email at imani.sings@gmail.com. My candidacy has been endorsed by the General Coordinators of the Coop and I welcome that support. Please vote for me. Thank you for your consideration. ■

ELIZABETH TOBIER



Greetings...I am interested in being reelected to our Coop's Board of Directors, where I have served for almost 7 years.

After joining the Coop in 1990, I enjoyed many hours of fun working on Shopping, Receiving, Maintenance, Office and Inventory squads. It took me almost 10 years to check out the General Meeting, but I have only missed a couple

of GMs in the past 10 years. Since June 2002, as the elected Coop Secretary (my current workslot), I have been recording the meeting minutes.

The main reason I am interested in continuing on the Board is that I agree with the Coop's method of governance, which is to hold open meetings—and only open meetings. We do not allow executive sessions where non-Board members are not permitted to attend. I agree that our Coop runs best when the Board listens to and concurs with the decisions of the members as expressed by the General Meeting vote results.

Sometimes the General Meetings can be frustrating or contentious, but just as often I am amazed by members'

suggestions, ideas, questions and observations. In many ways, meetings have improved over the last 10 years, probably due to the excellent work of the Chair Committee, the Agenda Committee, the GM squad workers, the General Coordinators and an increase in attendance by Coop members.

I make my living as a bookkeeper and my current employers are Math for America, Perelandra Natural Foods Center and Marc Bodine Constructions.

The Coop's General Coordinators have endorsed my candidacy. Feel free to contact me at elizabethtobier@gmail.com with any questions about the Board or the General Meeting. ■



JOHN URDA

The key issue for a board candidate is his or her view of the board's role. I believe that the main function of the board is simple: allow the general membership to remain the Coop's primary decisionmaker. The Coop has always been run by the members, not the board of directors—and our board should not be a pulpit for the directors to impose their views on the general membership. As a

board member, I will respect the will of the membership by voting to approve their decisions, so long as they are legal and will not threaten the Coop's business—and for the past nine years as a board member, that is exactly what I have done.

That being said, the board should also serve as a resource for the membership. Board members attend the monthly general meetings and should therefore have a wide knowledge of Coop issues. Board members are in a position not only to defend the Coop's way of doing business and the principles expressed in the mission statement, but also to speak to the issues that arise with an informed, sensitive voice.

The Coop has seen some serious changes recently, with

membership now over 15,000. We are always looking for better ways of accommodating so many shoppers. Although our growth has begun to plateau and our mortgage is now paid off, the challenges of being a larger business are not going away—and one of the biggest challenges we face is making sure that through it all, the Coop remains the Coop.

Our Coop is the best store in the world, and it got that way because regular members run the show. It should stay that way. I am running for re-election with the General Coordinators' endorsement, and I'd appreciate yours as well. ■



RALPH YOZZO

I have been a member of the Park Slope Food Coop for more than five years and I remember joining only because my friend joined and almost never shopping, but I've

slowly realized that the Coop is the future of society. And now, I shop almost every day. Joe Holtz described the story of a new member joining but realizing only later how valuable cooperation is and I thought, he's right. We need more cooperatives as an alternative to the "competition and profit above all" model. The board of the Coop is mostly a ceremonial position but it

requires people that believe in town hall meetings and direct democracy and referendums. All of which, I love about the Coop. Although the board may be ceremonial, it does require dedication and reliability and I am ready to dedicate myself to the task. If you have any questions, send them to me at info@brooklyncoop.org. ■

The Role of the Board

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."

The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, conducts a vote at the end of every General Meeting on whether to accept the advice of the members as expressed in their vote(s) during the GM.

The Election Process

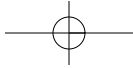
Each year the Coop must, by law, hold an Annual Meeting. This is the only meeting where proxies can be used. Those members who

cannot attend the Annual Meeting may be represented, if they wish, by a proxy.

If you submit a proxy but come to the Annual Meeting in person, your proxy will be returned to you when you register.

Members who have a current membership as of Saturday, June 19, 2010, are eligible to vote in the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting either in person or by proxy.

Proxy packets are mailed to members in mid-May. If you do not receive a packet, please call the Membership Office or pick one up at the entrance door of the Coop. ■



Book Review: *Food Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know*, by Robert Paarlberg

By Larissa Phillips

Picture this: You're at a dinner party, seated across the table from the boor who's already let you know what he thinks of Obama and the war in Iraq. But now it's really getting personal. Talk has turned to food.

It so happens that you've just read *Food Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know*, by Robert Paarlberg. At 218 pages, published in 2010 by Oxford University Press, and written in an accessible Q&A format, this compact paperback by a Wellesley College professor of political science and Harvard University research associate covers everything from Malthusian forecasts and the politics of famine to those surrounding the organic, local and slow food movements.

Paarlberg covers many food-related issues you may have neglected in recent years in favor of reports of happy cows at Joel Salatin's farm, and tales of hunting wild pigs with a Sicilian gourmand. Instead, Paarlberg dissects subjects like the Farm Bill, the causes of famine, the origins of farm subsidies, and what exactly the International Monetary Fund has to do with the price of bread.

So there you are. You've read *Food Politics*. It flowed; you loved it. You've even retained a few of the countless statistics and studies and facts Paarlberg compiled. You're ready to set the record straight for the fast-food-loving pontificator across from you.

But if you're preparing to argue in favor of locavore, organic, small-farm, traditional agriculture using *Food Politics* as a reference, you may be squaring up against yourself.

Intellectual Skepticism

Paarlberg writes as a dispassionate pragmatist, and Coop members may be surprised and uncomfortable with some of his points and the data he cites to make them. Below are sample quotes from the book—out of their larger context, to be sure, but perhaps enough to raise an eyebrow and whet your curiosity.

- On genetically modified foods: "All of the most important scientific academies

around the world have concluded that the GMO foods and crops approved by regulators so far presented no new scientifically documented risks either to human health or to the natural environment."

- On Monsanto's heavy presence in agriculture (owning 90% of genetic traits of 90% of the soybeans grown in the U.S., for example): "The cost-reducing benefits to farmers...outweigh the disadvantage of greater corporate concentration. Farmers buy these seeds voluntarily because the traits can help them cut production costs significantly."

- On the impact of "food miles" on the environment: "The claim that locally purchased food contributes less to climate change is not well founded. Reducing 'food miles' may be good for freshness, but it will do little to reduce carbon emissions if the local foods are moved about in small quantities rather than in bulk."

- On recent food trends in general: "These assertions that the best food will be organic, local... and slow require critical scrutiny by someone other than a journalist or a 'food writer.'"

Are you tough enough to handle this? Come on, Coop members. We've been mollycoddled by the press, and Paarlberg isn't taking it anymore. He directs an honest intellectual skepticism toward the very essence of the local and organic movements, which he compares to kashrut or halal—an act of self-identification through a set of eating rules. "[T]he exclusivity and difficulty of the rule become part of its attraction," he writes, adding that, "The scientific foundation for these modern food rules may be weak, but the social value can nonetheless be very strong."

Paarlberg provides an overview of the origins of the organic movement as beginning most fervently with the Austrian "vital mystic" Rudolf Steiner, and then spreading to Germany, where it was adopted by members of the Third Reich. When it arrived in England, he says, it was favored by the aristocracy—"most notably

Prince Charles." Wait a minute: mystics, anti-Semitic sociopaths and royalty? That's not how Michael Pollan made it sound when he described J.I. Rodale fighting for the microbial health of the topsoil. (Paarlberg elsewhere describes modern leaders of the movements as "celebrity activist Vandana Shiva" and "celebrity journalist Michael Pollan.")

Food Politics is in some places consistent with the current organic crowd's thinking (and Coop values), such as where Paarlberg delves into animal welfare. "The industry," he writes, "even tries to argue that it is humane to cut off part of a chicken's beak (without anesthetic) to prevent cannibalism and pecking...." At the end of this critique, however, Paarlberg suggests that in addition to direct regulation (such as the ballot initiative passed in 2008 in California) of standards, one course of action would be to let corporations impose their own standards on livestock industries.

Accepting Change

A Coop devotee may find this and other examples of Paarlberg's confidence in corporations and technology frustrating, and his treatment of the organic-local-slow movement somewhat irritating.

In an email interview, Paarlberg volunteered that while he made every attempt to be impartial in the book, his past has influenced his thinking. "My dad grew up on a farm in Indiana," he writes, "and taught me to value what technology changes did in 20th-century America to help farmers become more productive and less poor. Today, after years of doing field research in some developing country regions where farmers are not yet productive, I remain a believer in accepting change and giving farmers better tools. I don't romanticize traditional farming."

Paarlberg's support of agricultural technology and questioning of the organic movement may cause discomfort to some readers, and open the door for critical debates heretofore avoided by the

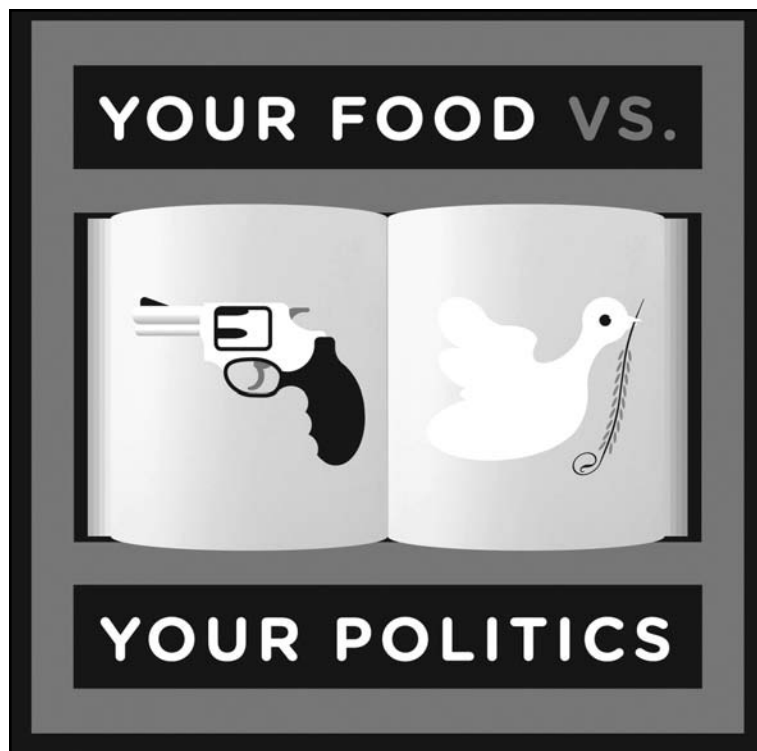


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likes of Coop members. Even so, this book is packed with information for readers across the food spectrum. "Which international organizations...play a governance role?" he asks in one subhead, and then goes on to succinctly describe the roles of the WTO, the IMF and World Bank in food and farming policies. In a chapter titled, "The Politics of Farm Subsidies and Trade," he critiques the growth of farm subsidies in the U.S. from their much-needed inception (in 1933, when farmers typically had half the income of non-farmers) to their inflated current state, with an income cap set in 2008 at \$750,000. "In one recent year," he writes,

"the largest 7 percent of farms got 45 percent of all agricultural subsidies."

As a primer on international food politics, *Food Politics* is both enlightening and interesting. As a prod to the organic movement to turn a critical eye on some of its core beliefs, it is arguably long overdue. As a highly informed perspective on world hunger issues, especially in relation to what might be called Whole Foods issues, it seems essential. But it might have been a more satisfying read if Paarlberg had shown a healthier skepticism for corporations and technology. Either way, you'll be glad you read it. ■

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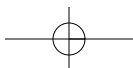
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We're looking for people to help our growing membership with the many tasks that go into establishing a new co-op. Whatever your skills, talent or experience, your support will truly help make a difference. And please visit our site to subscribe to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

PSFC members receive FTOP credit for their work!

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Save the B71 Bus! Union Street's Lifeline to the Food Coop

By Paul Gootenberg



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Imagine the dismay this month of hundreds of regular commuters along the B71 bus route up Union Street when they found this blunt MTA message plastered all over their bus stops: ATTENTION: THIS LOCATION IS NO LONGER A BUS STOP. DUE TO BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS, BUS SERVICE AT THIS STOP IS PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED. THIS BUS STOP SIGN WILL EVENTUALLY BE REMOVED. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE! EFFECTIVE JUNE 27 2010.

Apologize for any inconvenience?

Is this a cruel joke?

Unfortunately not. The much-beloved B71 bus—along with other essential Brooklyn routes such as the B75 and B77—is slated for extinction in late June. In all, the MTA has programed 33 major service reductions affecting Brooklyn buses. Most of them hit poor, working-class and minority neighborhoods, such as Red Hook, the hardest.

I think this is insanely shortsighted of the MTA. The B71 bus ferries hundreds of school kids to and from class-

es daily—to public schools like the Children's School, the New School and MS 51, to private and parochial schools like Berkeley Carroll, Poly Prep and the St. Francis Xavier Academy. It is the only direct route for scores of Brooklynites to their jobs—indeed, one of Brooklyn's few working east-west arteries. Entire neighborhoods—Cobble Hill, the developing Columbia Street waterfront—are now cut off from all public transport. The disabled and elderly, who cannot access New York's subways, rely heavily on bus services: The Brooklyn branch of the American Cancer Society is on the route.

And the B71 connects Brownstone Brooklyn to its key cultural institutions: the Brooklyn Museum, the Children's Museum, Botanic Garden, Prospect Park and our magnificent central Brooklyn Public Library on Grand Army Plaza. Did I mention another cultural icon: the Park Slope Food Coop? Are we supposed to trade in our yellow MTA cards for SUVs (or more in tune with Park Slope, a pricey silent new Prius?) to get to our monthly workslots and lug home our daily (organic) greens? No thanks!

The PSFC and sister institutions should be up in arms!

Repeat: This is a really DUMB move by the MTA—even during a sharp budget crisis. New York, by virtue of

its decent grid of public transportation, is actually one of the “greenest” (in terms of carbon footprint) and most democratic of North American cities. Few of us have, or want, that scourge of cities: private cars. Mayor Bloomberg, or at least his forward-looking transport “czar,” have recently instituted welcome policies—street closings, bike paths, new greenways, “traffic calmer” sidewalk extensions—all meant to contain the toxic urban automobile and make the city livable for people. But the cleanest and most useful transport alternative is

Member Contribution

the ordinary and friendly city bus. It is a vicious MTA that shuts down bus lines, which serve so many human needs, at this time of economic and environmental distress. Especially in a recession, we should be increasing bus lines and raising the quality and reliability of bus services. Whatever the politics, the city is sabotaging its own goals.

If this absurd cut goes through, it will leave thousands of Brooklyn residents hurting and stranded for years to come. And guess

what? A decade from now, some genius at the MTA will come up with a cool people-, earth- and neighborhood-friendly idea: a hybrid bus along Union Street!

Can we still save the B71? Our community's politicians—Joan Millman, Daniel Squadron, Brad Lander, and others—have been fighting the MTA for months over these closures (see Joan's website for details: “Hands off the B71”). In Albany, their Assembly Bill 10345 proposes to divert unused Obama stimulus funds to help the MTA do the right thing. A court injunction is rumored against specific MTA cuts and closures such as the B71. Check for more possibilities at the Straphangers' Campaign. A paper protest petition is circulating on buses from the Cobble Hill-based “Committee to Save Public Transportation” (yours truly). Or sign the accessible electronic petition (of the Columbia Waterfront Neighborhood Association) found at www.petitiononline.com/saveB71/petition-sign.html

Call 311 and the MTA (Jay H. Walter, Chair) at 718-330-3322 or 888-692-8287 to complain loudly and clearly today: SAVE THE B71 BUS!

Or leave a public comment at <http://httpq.mta.info/news/stories/?story=11>

Coop Members: Please help SAVE THE B71 BUS! ■

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



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SOCIAL-BUTTERFLY? WEB-DEVELOPER?

HELP US GET STARTED
AND MAKE YOUR
OWN WORK SHIFT!

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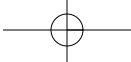
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Shopping Hours:
Monday–Friday
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Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.

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

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

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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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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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Puzzle Corner

Four-Letter Words

S N O W		L A C E
S I G N		C A R D
F A R M		M A R K
B L U E		R O B E
F O O T		M A T E
R A I N		F A L L
F I R E		C A S E
W I L D		W H A T
S L O W		S H O W

Each of the puzzles here begins and ends with a four-letter word, with a number of empty boxes between them. Each box is to be filled in with a new four-letter word, such that each pair of adjacent four-letter words can be combined to make a new eight-letter word.

For example, if the beginning word is SAIL and the ending word is YARD with a single empty box between them, then the middle word might be BOAT, making the eight-letter words SAILBOAT and BOATYARD.

All four-letter and eight-letter words are common dictionary words. Puzzles with more steps are more difficult. Alternative answers are possible in some cases.

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

Monthly on the...

Second Saturday
JUNE 12
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday
JUNE 17
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday
JUNE 27
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

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

PLASTICS

What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

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

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

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

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

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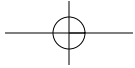
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Store Equipment Cleaning

Monday 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. This workslot entails cleaning the scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the check-out station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.

Receiving Maintenance

Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to do various light maintenance tasks throughout the Coop. You will work under the supervision of a staff

person. Must be willing to clean, sort returned bottles, work in the backyard organizing and lift up to 25 lbs.

Office Data Entry

Wednesdays 4:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer, and do you like working independently? If so then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. You will receive training, and Coop staff will always be available to answer questions. Please speak to Ginger Hargett or Camille Scuria in the Membership Office if you would like more information. Workslot requires a six-month commitment.



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

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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, JUN 29

GENERAL & ANNUAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JUL 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Jul 27 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Jun 17 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 7
Jul 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 21

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jun 17 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 9
Jul 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 23

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, June 29, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

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 p.m.) (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. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

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.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

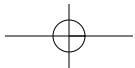
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

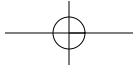
• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.





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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

jun 8
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Juliette of the Herbs



Juliette of the Herbs is a beautifully filmed, lyrical portrait of the life and work of Juliette de Bairacli Levy: world-renowned herbalist, author, breeder of Afghan hounds, friend of the Gypsies, traveler in search of herbal wisdom and the pioneer of holistic veterinary medicine. For more than 60 years, Juliette has lived with the Gypsies, nomads and peasants of the world, learning the healing arts from these peoples who live close to nature. Juliette's well-loved and now classic herbals for animals and for children have been a vital inspiration for the present-day herbal renaissance and holistic animal-care community. Eighty-five years of age when the documentary was made, Juliette's extraordinary life story is as colorful and as exciting as her tremendous wealth of herbal knowledge. We are pleased to have as our guest speaker, Susun Weed of the Wise Woman University. **Film location:** *Tea Lounge, 837 Union St., across from Coop.*

jun 26
sat 1 pm

Evolutionary Astrology: A New Perspective

We seek a deeper perspective, to bring fresh insight into our lives and help us move forward. We will discuss the basic archetypes of the signs, houses and planets, through the 12 signs of the zodiac. Coop member **Clara Nura Sala** has been practicing and teaching astrology for 10 years. She is a graduate of the Jeffrey Wolf Green School of Evolutionary Astrology and counsels clients across the U.S. and around the world. **Event subject to change, due to ongoing construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

jun 26-27
sat-sun 9 am–7 pm

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street, is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of non-perishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider contributing nonperishable foods and commercially packaged foods; canned fish; canned fruits and vegetables; pasta sauce; pasta; pre-packaged rice; pre-packaged beans; canned beans; canned soups; Parmalat milk; dry milk; peanut butter; cooking oil; or boxed raisins. Give donations to the collection table outside the Coop.

jun 29
tue 7 pm

PSFC JUNE Annual and General Meeting

The Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the GM. **Meeting location:** *Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl. at Eighth Ave.*

Annual Meeting Agenda:

Item #1: The audited financial report for the year ended January 31, 2010
Report & Vote: Following a presentation by our outside auditor, Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, members will have the opportunity to pose questions to the auditors. Members will then vote whether to accept the audited statement.

Item #2: Board of Directors election
Election: Four positions are open this year. Two positions are three-year terms and one position is a two-year term.

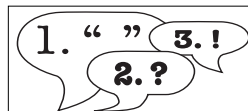
General Meeting Agenda:

Item #1: Renewing the Services of the Auditor
Proposal: "To retain the services of Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, to perform an audit of the Coop for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2011."
— submitted by the General Coordinators

Item #2: Election of Officers
Election: Following the election of members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, the General Meeting must elect officers the corporation of the corporation—president, vice president, secretary and treasurer—following Article IV of the PSFC Bylaws.

jul 6
tue 7 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



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jul 9
fri 7 pm

Acupuncture for Knee Pain

Acupuncture relieves knee pain and inflammation without drugs. More than 20 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee. Learn massage, exercise and diet therapy to prevent deterioration of your joints. Workshop is limited to 20. Please reserve by calling 718-622-0122. Presented by licensed acupuncturist and Coop member **Annie Reibel-Coyne**. **Event subject to change, due to ongoing construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

jul 10
sat 12 pm

Green Your Garden

We will discuss light conditions for annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs and trees, plant combinations that work well for both shady and full sun gardens and how to safely divide and propagate plants to maximize your garden. We will talk about organic pest control, native plants and medicinal gardening. Learn how to attract more birds and butterflies as well as compost all your table scraps to feed your garden. Bring images or leaf samples to discuss. Coop member **Christian Toscano** is a local gardener who is currently training to be an herbalist. **Event subject to change, due to ongoing construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

jul 13
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: The Grapes of Wrath



The Grapes of Wrath is the classic adaptation of John Steinbeck's 1940 Pulitzer Prize-winning, widely read 1939 novel. The plight of the Joad family is universalized as a microcosm of the thousands of other tenant farmers during the country's time of crisis, who suffered from oppression imposed by the banks and big mechanized farm interests. The dispossessed, migrant family's departure from their windy and dusty land, and their slow disintegration provides insight into the thousands of Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas panhandle, and western Kansas families who were evicted and uprooted from their "Dust Bowl" farm land and forced to search westward in the inhospitable Eden of California for jobs and survival with thousands of other migrant workers.

jul 15-17
thu 3–8 pm
fri 11 am–6 pm
sat 11 am–6 pm

Blood Drive

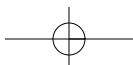
Fact: Less than 3% of the population donates blood, and 90% will use blood some time in their life. Presented in cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital. For further information about blood donation, call 718-780-3644.

jul 24
sat 10 am–2 pm

Adult Clothing Exchange



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.



jun 8–aug 31 2010

jul 25
 sun 12 pm

What Is A Doula?

If you're pregnant, chances are you've heard of doulas...but you may not be sure what the fuss is all about. Doulas are childbirth professionals trained to support women during the emotional ups and downs of this important period. This workshop will discuss the differences between labor and postpartum doulas, answer common questions about the doula's role and provide tips on finding a doula. Presented by Coop members **Lily Dalke**, CD (DONA), and **Julia Willis**, a DONA-trained doula.

jul 27
 tue 7 pm

PSFC JULY 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.**

jul 27
 tue 7:30 pm

Weigh Less, Live More

Explore the most effective way to lose weight and keep it off without any restrictive diets or calorie-counting. We will speak about the overall health benefits associated with a plant-based diet. Easy and delicious recipes will be distributed. Coop member **Jordan Melissa Sachs** is a holistic health coach and certified yoga teacher, who received her training through the Institute for Integrative Nutrition.

jul 31
 sat 10:30–12:30

Children's Clothing Swap

Bring your child's outgrown clothes to the Coop to trade with other members. Please bring only items that are in good condition. Collect clothes for your own children, only. At 12:15, any remaining clothes will then be available to anyone. Attention moms-to-be: Come to the swap to find newborn clothes! Do not bring clothing to the Coop before the hours of the exchange. Drop off clothes by 12:00.

jul 31
 sat 2–4 pm

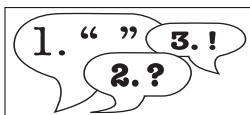
Book, CD, DVD and Video Swap for Adults and Children



Do you and your kids love to read, listen to music, watch movies? Bring your old books, CDs, DVDs and videos to the Coop to swap with others! All donations must be dropped off by 3:30 p.m. Please follow these guidelines when choosing what to bring: Books must be in good condition. We cannot accept magazines, journals, textbooks, computer books or outdated guide books. *If you have these unacceptable items, you must throw them away in your recycling bin.* CDs, DVDs and videos must be commercially produced. We cannot accept home recordings.

aug 3
 tue 7 pm

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aug 6
 fri 7 pm

Film Night



Film title to be announced.
To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezeestone@hotmail.com.

aug 10
 tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film title to be announced.

aug 21
 sat 2–5 pm

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aug 31
 tue 7 pm

PSFC AUG General Meeting



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

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Environmental Fanfare for the Common Human, Part I

By David Barouh

Editor's Note: This report may not represent the opinions of all members of the Environmental Committee, rather is offered in the spirit of providing diverse perspectives for consideration and contemplation by Coop members.

Personal Consumption

Arnon Copland's patriotic favorite with the dated title "Fanfare for the Common Man" can be said to have announced the ascendancy of common people to a place of prominence on the world stage. But apart from music the word "fanfare" can have a less noble implication, as in a loud, ostentatious display.

With this discrepancy in mind, what role can the common person have in solving the world's looming environmental crisis? Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* explored the dangers of imminent climate change and concluded with a stirring call for individuals to join the great work of preventing it—with measures like fuel-efficient vehicles, compact fluorescent bulbs, and recycling. But a recent article¹ by radical environmentalist Derrick Jensen lambasted the idea that individuals' consumption habits could make a meaningful difference in reversing environmental devastation.

According to Jensen, if everyone did everything *An Inconvenient Truth* suggested, U.S. carbon emissions would fall 22%, far short of the 75% needed according to scientific consensus. About water, Jensen says over 90% is used by agriculture and industry. The solid waste profile is even more startling. Total U.S. solid waste produced by individuals? 2%!² In fact, an unpublished United Nations study concludes that the world's 3,000 largest corporations produce \$2.2 trillion in environmental damage, equal to about ⅓ of their profits, were they forced to pay for it.³

"Consumer Demand"

Jensen calls this focus on personal consumption "a campaign of systematic misdirection" in which responsibility for pollution is shifted from corporations and the military (the Pentagon is the world's largest user of oil, using more than all but 35 nations⁴) to individuals. Citizens are redefined as "consumers" and taught to substitute personal consumption choices for organized political resistance against the growth and power of these entities.

But aren't corporations simply responding to people's demand for their conveniences, their cars, clothes driers, and Big Macs? Until people, the end-users of all this corporate production, curb their consumption, won't environmental degradation continue?

"People" have gotten a bum rap. People will accept consumption limits that would make a difference, as they did during World War II when food,

energy, clothing, and other necessities were rationed. People grew "victory" gardens because foodstuffs were diverted to the war effort. People recycled scrap metal and rubber. New cars were unavailable because the automakers were busy with war production. People used to dry laundry on clotheslines in backyards or strung from apartment windows until the advent of dryers, after which clotheslines were seen as eyesores and poverty markers, and bans on them appeared.

But lacking guidelines, most people focus on their busy and complicated lives. If the government subsidizes highways rather than public transport, people will be steered toward individual auto use. If the government supports giant and polluting agribusinesses over sustainable smaller organic farms, a policy President Obama is continuing by appointing pesticide industry lobbyists and GMO king Monsanto lawyers to key agricultural and trade posts, then more produce from the former will be available and people will have to expend time and money to find the latter. If corporations are allowed to pollute while the public pays most of the cost, then land will be mined and forests clear-cut freely and we'll face growing environmental devastation no matter what personal actions a subset of environmentally aware citizens take.

Corporate Ethics—
The Trolley Car Conspiracy

Far from responding to "demand," giant multinationals actively pursue their agendas by manipulating societies and governments. And agenda number one is that consumers consume. It's not only that corporations create desires with their absurdly repetitive and ubiquitous advertising. Much of our lifestyles are predetermined and circumscribed for all but the most enterprising people. What

we eat, where we live, how we travel and work, how we cure our ills—are the products of the agricultural, travel, energy, and regulatory choices of government and industry.

There may be no better example of this than the history of the auto industry, especially an infamous conspiracy to lobby against or buy up and eliminate the electricity-powered streetcar systems that proliferated in American cities circa 1890–1950. The corporations involved, General Motors, Standard Oil, Phillips Petroleum, Firestone Tire, and others, succeeded in supplanting the smooth-running electricity-powered trolleys with jolting, foul-smelling, and less reliable internal combustion engine buses. With trolley track networks eliminated, city streets opened to more auto traffic and people opted more for private cars.

In 1949, nine corporations were convicted of conspiracy charges in the case. The companies were fined \$5,000 each and the directors of the companies a whopping \$1 each. But the damage was done. Now most American cities and all of its suburbs are almost entirely auto-dependent. The entire sordid business is recounted in the 1996 documentary "Taken for a Ride" available on Google Videos.⁵

"Plutonomy"

Combining the words "plutocracy" and "economy," this term means an economy "powered by and largely consumed by the wealthy few." The term was coined in an extraordinary 2005 Citigroup analysis,⁶ and states that while the greater population is increasingly strapped by stagnant incomes and rising prices (except perhaps for fast foods and various consumer items imported from low-wage economies), the conspicuous consumption of the super-rich keeps the "economy"—the word having become a euphemism for corporate profits—"growing." This



explains why "imbalances" like uncontrolled rising oil prices haven't caused catastrophic economic collapses. The report cited technology-driven productivity, globalization, and "capitalist-friendly cooperative governments" as having disproportionately benefited the wealthy and creating the current plutonomy.

And since much environmental devastation is a consequence of these bottom-line ethos dictated "efficiencies," whether in agribusiness, fossil fuels, mining, or retail, we can expect it to continue, notwithstanding the corporate lip-service paid to concern for the environment in Sunday morning TV ads.

The report recommended investment strategies based on companies serving the super-rich.

"Personal Virtue"

So what role can private citizens actually play? The Dark Prince of American Politics, Dick Cheney, famously said: "conservation may be a sign of personal virtue, but it is not a sufficient basis for a sound, comprehensive energy policy."⁷ Environmentalist and eco-economist Lester Brown said much the same thing, but with a difference—encouraging citizen engagement rather than corporate control.

"These [citizen conservation efforts] are essential, but they are not nearly enough. We now need to restructure the global economy, and quickly. It means becoming politically active, working for the needed changes. Saving civilization is not a spectator sport."⁸ ■



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¹ "Forget Shorter Showers: Why Personal Change Does Not Equal Political Change," *Orion Magazine*, July/August 2009.

² Elizabeth Royte, *Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash* (New York: Little, Brown, 2005), 275.

³ "World's Top Firms Cause \$2.2tn of Environmental Damage, Report Estimates," *The Guardian*, 2/18/2010.

⁴ Energy Bulletin, 2/17/2007

⁵ <http://tinyurl.com/tfar-video>

⁶ <http://www.scribd.com/doc/6674234/Citigroup-Oct-16-2005-Plutonomy-Report-Part-1>

⁷ "Cheney's Energy Plan Focuses on Production," *USA Today*, 5/1/2001.

⁸ Lester Brown, *Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2009).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RESPONSE TO "A HOME OF THEIR OWN"

DEAR EDITOR,

As a founding parent in this school, as well as one of those quoted, I would like to respond.

I am not sure which Summerhill study you are citing, but to say the least, its findings seem extremely negative and slanted. It makes me think that whoever conducted this study had an agenda.

One of the key differences that BFS has from Summerhill is that it is not a boarding school, as none of our sister schools in other boroughs and cities are. Children go home to their families each day. To respond to your other point about respecting rules and such, my observations of the school show that our children learn to respect each other MORE than in other schools. The democratic meetings, which are mandatory, serve to build self-esteem, community, mutual respect for every one's point of view and a growing understanding on how to self-manage conflict.

Public schools have descended deeper and deeper into focusing only

on test preparation, and saddle children with pressures unnecessary to develop problem-solving skills in later life. This, on top of the already established fact that public schools are not learning institutions, but places to create obedience and build division among class and race.

My tepid research into what happens to alumni of free schools shows that many go on to careers involving humane issues (social work, teaching) or creative work of some kind. I guess that would support your assertion that "they do not fit into society." It was found at Summerhill that they produced just about every kind of career with the absolute exception that NONE went on to be lawyers or politicians. I find the Brooklyn Free School not only a healthy environment, but one that also develops humane individuals. I have seen miracles with children who would have been drugged or marginalized in a public system.

If you wish to follow my blog on the Brooklyn Free School and other stuff you can visit The Free School Apparent at <http://bzeines.wordpress.com/>

Regards,
Bruce Zeines



DEFINED VISIBLE DROVE

You want to borrow a DVD?
It isn't friendship I lack
But you may know as some folks do
Nobody gives them back.
So no, I cannot lend you one
Without giving in to groans—
Each DVD that you see here
I obtained by loans.

Leon Freilich

SPEAKING OF SHOPPING WHILE IN LINE

DEAR FELLOW MEMBER WHOSE NAME I DON'T KNOW,

I am writing to apologize for my bad behavior during our express line altercation on Saturday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

When I arrived near the end of the line, there was an unattended mini-shopping cart in front of the canned fish. I assumed its owner was *somewhere* in the Coop, but had no idea where. How could I have known? There were easily 100 shoppers in the store and NO ONE was within 5 feet of the cart. Plus...I think...it was facing in the wrong direction for being in line.

So when I brushed the cart aside and took what I thought was my rightful position, you, who were standing two places in front of me perusing the salami end cap, announced, "YOU KNEW THAT I KNEW THE CART WAS YOURS!" In effect, you were saying, how dare I knowingly and deliberately get in front of it?

You see...it must be that I was in the kind of foul mood that would attract such a situation, that my inner attitude caused you to come into my experience and speak to me so angrily.

Then, your shopping partner—boyfriend, husband, Saturday night date, or whoever he was—appeared from out of nowhere, dropped some items into the cart and shook his head "yes" to affirm that you were correct and I was cutting in front of you!

I felt so ashamed. I've been a member of the Coop for 30 years and its principles of cooperation are imbedded deep in my brain. I am truly disturbed that I was unable to make the connection between the lonely cart and TWO invisible shoppers!

At this point I was prepared to give you your spot back, but as I delivered one final appeal for mercy, you and

your cohort completely exited the scene, reiterating how I was the party who had behaved poorly. I wished you could have appreciated my remorse, like earlier you had expected me to read your mind.

Later that night I had an emergency session with my therapist. He calmed me down and said that if I don't stop believing the world is full of bullies, people like you will continue to show up for me. My shrink, who is a member of the Coop, told me that what had really happened was that I'd run into two members who were uncooperatively shopping while in line. He recommended I file a report with the Disciplinary Committee.

Andy Feldman

SICKENED BY OIL SPILL, COOP MEMBER DECIDES TO BECOME VEGETARIAN

DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

I am utterly sickened by our country's or our species' addiction to oil. I obviously can't change the oil industry, but I can change myself. Since this Chernobyl on the Gulf has been enough to put me off my food, I have decided to go vegetarian. There is an outsized amount of oil dedicated to the production of meat and seafood, and I don't want to be responsible for that anymore. And once enough oil has spoiled our entire eastern coastline, I don't want to be responsible for the massive amount of imported seafood that we as a nation will demand.

Yes, I use electricity, and have to use things that use oil or gasoline. I don't live on an island separated from humanity, but this is the most significant thing I can think of at the present moment.

This is absolute madness, and it is an ugly, oil-black stain on all of our consciences if we don't do something else besides dance at a benefit and then forget about it. I urge each of us to take a cold, hard look at how we as individuals are responsible for this disaster, and then make some tough choices. Writing a blog simply won't be enough. Money greases things, so hold yours back and starve those who will do everything they can to wiggle out of accountability.

Thank you for listening.
Jesse Rosenfeld

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

Anonymity

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

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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

2. Nor will we publish accusations

that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

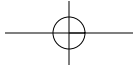
The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

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



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The Environmental Committee has a blog!

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



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

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

ADVERTISE ON THE WEB

If your ad would benefit from broader exposure, try the Coop's web page, www.foodcoop.com. The ads are FREE.

CLASSIFIEDS

BED & BREAKFAST

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

CLASSES/GROUPS

SAT CLASS taught by college professor and test prep expert who taught for a major test company and improved their strategies. Maximum 6 students in a class. Real SATs as practice

tests. Park Slope location. Enroll now. Space is limited. www.beritanderson.com. 917-797-9872. 363 6th Avenue. Fireflies are crepuscular.

COMMERCIAL SPACE

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES available for health-related practices including but not limited to medical doctors, chiropractors, psychotherapists, podiatrists, reflexologists, massage therapists, etc. Be part of a holistic facility in SOHO or in a great Brooklyn location. Non-medical offices available in Brooklyn. For information, please call 212-505-5055.

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MERCHANDISE-NONCOMMERCIAL

FOR SALE: Corrected phone number: 917-826-1862. Rolling Bar, deco style, wood, Hickory & White, 43 X 20; 3 Chairs, leather/chrome, lite gray, 21 X 21; Bureau,

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.

FRI, JUN 4

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Woody Mann—blues & jazz guitar. Brooklyn Ethical Culture Society. \$10/kids \$6. 8:00 p.m. 53 Prospect Park West. www.gchmusic.org.

OPENING RECEPTION for show of Kathy Levine's* recycled paper artwork. At Vox Pop, 8-9 p.m., 1022 Cortelyou Rd. Show runs from June 1-14. Art in show is inspired by and cast from nature found in NYC. Info: 347-365-9574 or www.kathylevine.net.

SAT, JUN 5

TWO-DAY RECYCLED PAPER-MAKING & CASTING WORKSHOP: Get in touch with nature and have fun learning how to create art from recycled paper and natural objects with artist Kathy Levine*. 12-4 p.m. at 1408 Ditmas Ave. \$20/person. Info/sign-up: 347-365-9574 or www.kathylevine.net.

FRI, JUN 11

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Brooklyn Women's Chorus. Brooklyn Ethical Culture Society. \$10/kids \$6. 8:00 p.m. 53 Prospect Park West. www.gchmusic.org.

SAT, JUN 12

TWO-DAY RECYCLED PAPER-MAKING & CASTING WORKSHOP WITH PHOTOS: Have fun

learning how to create art from recycled paper, natural objects & photo-transfers with artist Kathy Levine*. 12-4 p.m. at 1408 Ditmas Ave. \$20/person. Info/sign-up: 347-365-9574 or www.kathylevine.net.



SUN, JUN 13

"THE COLLATERAL PAIN OF MILITARY FAMILIES": The Brooklyn Humanist Community presents Vicki McFayden, Chairperson of Military Families Speak Out Metro. 1:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch in Grand Army Plaza. Second floor meeting room is accessed through the Children's Library entrance.

FRI, JUN 18

OPENING RECEPTION for recycled paper workshop show at VOX POP from 8-9 p.m., 1022 Cortelyou Road, Brooklyn. Show runs from June 15 - 30. The art in this show will be created in the two papermaking and casting workshops on

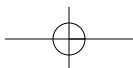
June 5-6 and June 12-13. For info call 347-365-9574 or go to website: www.kathylevine.net.

SAT, JUN 19

DIE FLEDERMAUS (Revenge of the Bat) by Johann Strauss. Mistaken identities, flirtations at an extravagant ball, playful revenge for an embarrassing prank & confusions of all kinds provide a hilarious vehicle for some of the most delightful music ever written. Membership Coordinator Kathleen Keske* sings Rosalinda. 1:30 p.m. at Littlefield Performance & Art Space, 622 Degraw, btw 3rd & 4th Ave. Admission \$20 online/\$25 at the door, seniors/students \$10 online/\$13 at the door. www.bropera.org or www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SUN, JUN 20

DIE FLEDERMAUS (Revenge of the Bat) by Johann Strauss. Mistaken identities, flirtations at an extravagant ball, playful revenge for an embarrassing prank & confusions of all kinds provide a hilarious vehicle for some of the most delightful music ever written. 1:30 p.m. at Littlefield Performance & Art Space, 622 Degraw, btw 3rd & 4th Ave. Admission \$20 online/\$25 at the door, seniors/students \$10 online/\$13 at the door. www.bropera.org or www.littlefieldnyc.com.



CLASSIFIEDS (CONTINUED)

graceful white washed look, formica, 49 X 19; Desk/Vanity w/chair, blk hi gloss, 47 X 16; File Cabinet, gray strong melamine; Frederick's Q Star AC. old, workhorse: swivel TV shelf.

PEOPLE MEETING

CAMPING COOPERATIVE welcomes singles, couples, families, beginners, experienced campers to camp, hike, bike, kayak or just relax around a campfire in nearby NY, NJ & PA state parks. For more info go to www.campersgroup.org.



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DO YOU or a senior you love need to downsize & move? Or just get organized? We are a senior move manager here to help: create a floor plan of your new home, sell & donate possessions, pack & unpack and manage the move. Insured. 917-374-1525. Email: Katie@papermoonmoves.com or visit papermoonmoves.com.

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BUNGALOWS FOR RENT in charming cooperative summer community. Beautiful wooded grounds. Olympic pool, tennis, basketball, swim & boat in lake. Near Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center. Great family vacation. Reasonable prices. Contact Marlene Star, mstar18@optonline.net, 914-777-3088.

HUDSON VALLEY VACATION COTTAGES. One- to three-bedroom cottages for sale in family-friendly, historic three-season community in Westchester County, NY. Pool, tennis, hiking, social activities. \$42k-112k, cash sales. Annual maintenance approx. \$4k. Sorry, no dogs. www.reynoldshills.org/bungalowshop or 973-951-8378.

SOUTHERN VERMONT - Lovely 3-bedroom 2-bath house. Deck w/grill, DW/WD, WB stove, DVD, etc. In Woods 1 1/2 miles from great town. Free Tennis, indoor/outdoor pools w/hot tub, saunas and game room. Near beautiful hikes & lakes. \$700/week plus \$63 VT tax. Susan and Rubin. 718-851-4766.



To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, display ads at \$30. (Classified ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

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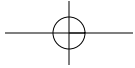
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Classified advertising in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* is available only to Coop members. Publication does not imply endorsement by the Coop.

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



WELCOME!

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

Constanine Anastasakis	Lauren Davis	Daniel Jamieson	Suzanne Leinwand	Barry Pamer	Leslie Siegel	Mike Wood
Maurice Appelbaum	Nicholas Dawidoff	Cat Janky	Cheng Liu	Kevin Polowy	Judith Sloan	Amelia Workman
Rebecca Appelbaum	Elena Dinn	Gracie Janove	Abigail Lloyd	James Ray	Kelly Stanley	
Richard Bocchieri	Charles Dos Santos	Saloi Jeddi	Kimberly McClure	Abigail Rodriguez	Liliana Tapai	
Allison Burtch	Patrick Francois	Thomas Kelley	Justin Mound	Vanessa Roe	Nancy Valenti	
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Edwardo Comacho	Lloyd Handwerker	Genevieve Lapidus	Matthew Nichols	Kylah Shenkin	Bradley Williams	

Interested in Engaging Coop Work?
Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

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

The DC is seeking new members with experience in investigation, writing, and conflict-resolution. Mental health professionals encouraged to apply. Use of a computer and email is *ESSENTIAL*. Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

- Some of our work includes:
- Investigating allegations of misbehavior by members. (i.e. failing to report for or to complete shifts, bringing in non-members to shop, shopping while suspended, stealing, using racist, sexist, homophobic or nasty language against other Coop members and staff)
 - Engaging in problem-solving and policy issues related to the DC's work
 - Participation in disciplinary hearings
 - Daily email contact with DC members to discuss issues

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

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

Interested? Please call Jeff: 718-636-3880

Hearing Officer Committee
Seeks New Members

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

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

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

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

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

VALET BIKE PARKING
IS HERE
ON SUNDAYS!

Every Sunday through November 21, from 3:30 – 8:00 p.m., Coop members can leave their bikes with our valet parking service, which is like a coat check for bikes. Working members will check in and watch your bike for you.

Just drop off your bike,
do your shopping or your shift,
and hop back on.
No locks, no worries, no theft.
Service operates rain or shine.
Look for us in front of the yellow wall.
(Note: Last bike check-in at 7:30 p.m.)

Valet bicycle parking
at the Coop is brought to
you by the PSFC Shop &
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