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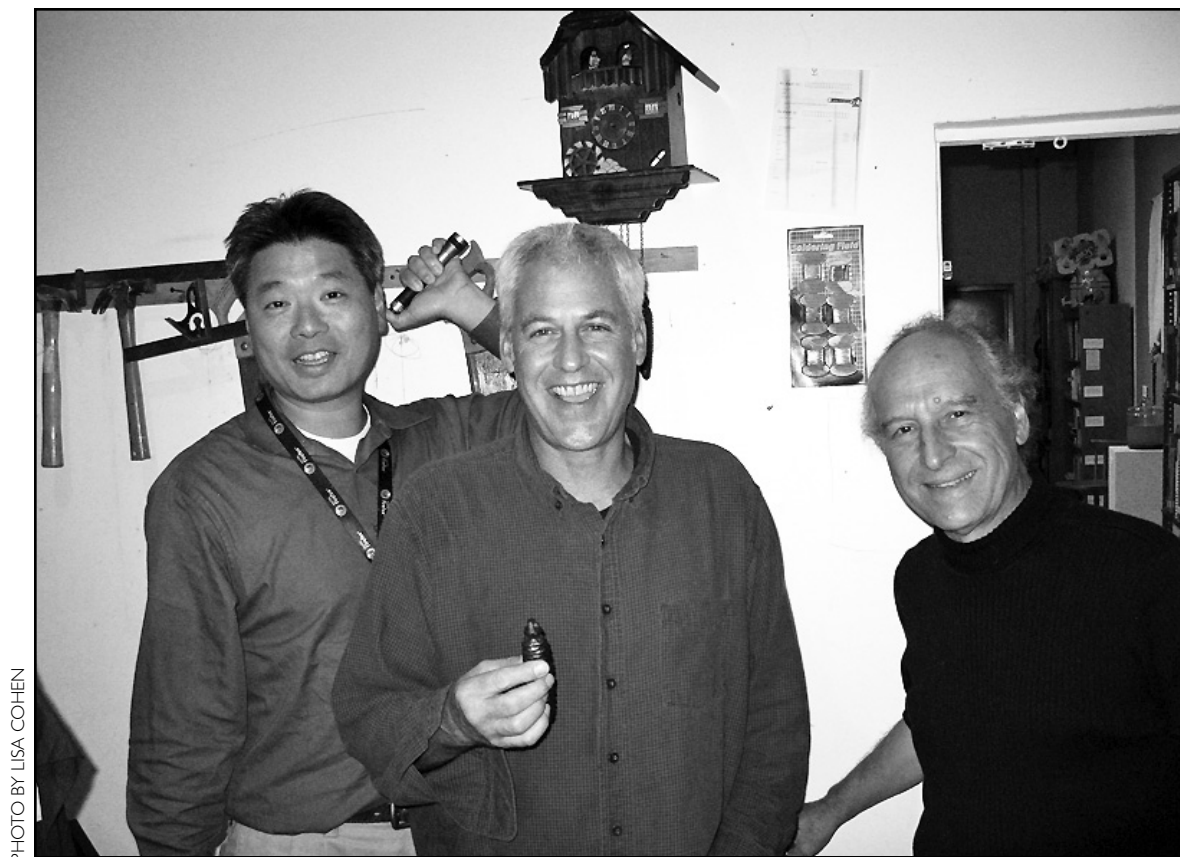


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Vincent Lai (left), Coop member Tony Stanzione (center) and Joe Holdner (right) working on fixing a cuckoo clock.

Fixers' Collective Reduces Recycling

By Hayley Gorenberg

All surveyed the workbench, apaved with malfunctioning cameras, a pharmacy scale, iPod parts (dead hard drive) and a cuckoo clock. Heads turned to our offering: a broken metronome.

It was a typical night at the Fixers Collective, an assortment of folks from as far away as New Jersey who meet weekly in a back room at the Proteus Gowanus gallery, 543 Union Street. Their mission? To fix rather than discard or recycle and to get comfortable doing so.

Ticked that I'd brought my daughters, ages 11 and 9, the

evening's participants chose to confront our metronome as their first project.

Solemnly, all gathered around the small, corded box. "First, let's replicate the condition," suggested one Fixer. We switched the metronome on, and although it was clear that power was flowing, neither tick-tock nor pulsing light came to life.

We passed the metronome from hand to hand, and each person examined it, held it to the ear, commenting: "Yeah, yeah. It's a motor, straining away!" "The motor is free-running." "Made in Germany."

"Let's open it up!" "Nice and gentle...." "If you push too hard, it'll just crack!"

The walls were hung with saws and hammers; shelves were lined with boxes of tools and pens or pencils labeled "Doooooodlers." Pliers were selected. "Don't ever put your finger near 'em!" my daughters were warned. "Yeah, the companion of the blood blister!"

The evening's ringleader was David Mahfouda, a conceptual artist who joined the Coop three-plus years ago but is currently suspended.

Mahfouda collaborated

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Coop Member Sanctioned for Bad Behavior

By Allison Pennell

Anybody who's shopped at the Coop long enough has probably seen the occasional crazytown moment. The dude who chased his dentist around the aisles complaining about bad dental work comes to mind for me.

But, just what is the responsibility of the Park Slope Food Coop—ultimately "a grocery store" as one longtime staffer puts it—to deal with continuously abusive behavior from a particular member?

At a three-hour long tribunal in early October, the Coop's Disciplinary Committee took up the matter of a Coop member who had chronically and over a period of three years, driven the staff to distraction with numerous incidents of angry, confrontational altercations, profanity and abuse of the Coop's returns policy. The last was to the point that the Coop actually changed its official returns policy to address the problems raised

by this one member. Testimony revealed that the member had once tried to return a cooked chicken that she said was rubbery.

As coordinators told the quiet and packed hearing room, the ongoing difficulties were upsetting and demoralizing and had created an unhealthy climate in the Coop. As an investigator put it, "the escalatory, harassing behavior has been deleterious to the emotional health of the Coop." While most incidents require no more than a few hours to resolve, the Disciplinary Committee had clocked 60-plus hours on this investigation alone.

As one staffer wrote in an email read aloud at the hearing, "in my ten years here, there has been no other Coop member who I witnessed lose their temper, swear, be aggressive with staff and members and require and/or demand staff time as frequently as you have."

Another longtime staff

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Next General Meeting on November 30

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

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

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| Fri, Nov 5 | • Film Night: A Ring of Their Own 7:30 p.m. |
| Tue, Nov 9 | • Safe Food Committee Film Night: Native Harvest 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat, Nov 13 | • Autumn Recipe Swap & Brunch 1–3:00 p.m. |
| Fri, Nov 19 | • Good Coffeehouse: Swing Street Orchestra 7:30 p.m. |

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

Fixers' Collective

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with Proteus' Tammy Pittman to found the Fixers Collective after they met at the Proteus show "Mend" two years ago. Mahfouda was soon joined by other fixing enthusiasts, some of whom had connected with the cooperative at the Makers Fair, which they described as "science meets circus," featuring "rocket-powered ponies!"

Tony Stanzione, a Fixer, sculptor and residential contractor, works an FTOP shift fixing Coop carts and u-boats, building shelves, mounting hooks, repairing the cheese cutter, etc.

"The idea for the Fixers was to get people to learn to use their hands," said Stanzione. "We can help, but we want people to do it themselves."

Our discussion was cut short when someone entered from the adjoining Proteus space and announced, "We need an emergency intervention from the Fixers! It's the refrigerator next door." Said Stanzione: "It probably needs a good, swift kick," and excused himself for a brief and ultimately successful refrigerator-fixing stint.

Another Fixer sat down at a nearby sewing machine and busied herself replacing the tattered cuffs on someone's sweatshirt. Attention returned to the metronome. The back plate had been entirely removed. The motor mecha-

nism was running vigorously and a couple of washers seemed to have been jarred loose from somewhere. We could coax the occasional couple of flashing lights from the bulb, but no ticking yet. Fixers clustered over the internal parts, examining this way and that.

"What if you turn it?"

"Maybe that clips on something?"

"I don't see how it stops the wheel..."

"Maybe it's not important."

"Wow, what does that actually do when you pull it up?"

"There's that funny wire..."

"Try to turn it on again! I think I engaged it!"

New understanding emerged:

"It's the plate that makes the sound. That's beautiful!"

"That's nuts!"

My eleven-year-old, Zoe, was absolutely captivated, remarking later, "I'm hooked on Fixers! Awesome!"

Fixing Philosophy

"We're open to fixing anything that will fit through the door and even some things that won't," explained Mahfouda. The Fixers have worked on blenders, umbrellas, clothing, shoes, a Swedish electrical massager and pieces of kinetic sculpture, he said.

"Lots of time people bring in stuff that they're comfortable breaking further, which is really nice," he said. "It can allow you a lot of room to learn further how something works. You can

Proteus Gowanus
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543 Union Street, Brooklyn
6-9 THURSDAYS

FIXERS' COLLECTIVE

The Fixers Collective is a social experiment in improvisational fixing and mending. Our goal is to increase material literacy in our community by fostering an ethic of care toward the objects in our lives. The Collective grew out of this year's exhibition at Proteus Gowanus entitled MEND.

The Fixers Collective seeks to displace cultural patterns that alienate us from our things by collectively learning the skills and patience necessary to care for them. Intentionally aligning itself with forces generated in reaction to the current economic crisis, the Fixers Collective promotes a counter-ethos that values functionality, simplicity, and ingenuity and that respects age, persistence and adequacy.

Do You Want To Be a Fixer? Bring Your Broken Stuff to Our weekly workshops where all manner of broken objects will be offered up for collective consideration. "Master Fixers", individuals who have already achieved an attitude of fearlessness with regard to objects, will provide support and guidance as needed. You don't have to know anything, just be willing to take chances and learn!

*Commercial exchange of skills will not play a part in the Collective, though bartering and donations are welcome.

The Fixers' Collective Manifesto.

get good experience from not fixing. You can do repurposing. Often it can become something else entirely!"

"We provide space and time and a little bit of expertise for people to come together and figure out how to fix stuff," he continued. "There have been multiple instances where people have left here feeling just flabbergasted by their ability to fix, to make the objects in their lives better. A woman came in with a broken vacuum, and she was able to unclog it and get to work, and she kind of treats it like a small miracle. I think because she sees it that way, I do, too. It's a very concrete way people can feel like they're making the world better."

The Fixers Collective is currently fundraising to pay for rent, tools and publicity. As of this writing, Fixers Collective's Kickstarter campaign had 19 backers and had achieved ten

percent of its \$4,000 goal. Said Mahfouda: "There are a number of rewards available for all of our backers depending on the level of donation they make, including T-shirts, umbrella-totes, even private location-based consultations."

Dedicated Fixer Vincent Lai joined the collective in January, after a couple of years with a similarly themed group in New Jersey. The New Jersey group, he explained, focuses more on taking things apart than putting them together, he

said. He first heard about the Gowanus Fixers' efforts to repair umbrellas. "I wasn't so much interested in the umbrellas as much as the fixing part," he said.

He spoke glowingly of "improvisational fixing," to "take the fear out of the idea of taking something apart."

A bit provocatively, Lai critiqued those who are too quick to recycle. In his view. "Reusing could be best," he said, with particular attention to electronics. "Tons of electronic products are recycled—lots of them in working condition." He contended that much of that recycling stream can be reused and repurposed back into the consumer stream, with more efficiency and lower environmental impact. "Composting philosophy doesn't apply to electronics," he said. "Recycling 'should be the very last step, very last resort.'"

Mahfouda was joined over the course of the evening by about a half-dozen others clustered behind a door reading "\$5 donation helps us pay our rent." When I invited Mahfouda to give a few parting words to PSFC members he was quick to answer: "They should come! They should consider themselves fixers. If they can't come, they should write to us about stuff they want to fix. I want more people to fix stuff!" ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To participate in the Fixers Collective, stop by Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Proteus Gowanus, 543 Union Street (at Nevins Street).

To contact the Fixers Collective email info@fixerscollective.org

To support the Kickstarter campaign, visit www.kickstarter.com/projects/1701996267/fixers-collective?ref=search



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NOVEMBER 19 – 21, 2010
Brooklyn College, Student Center

1 Campus Road between East 27th Street & Amersfort Place, Brooklyn, NY

Join growers, activists, students and leaders from across the nation to help build networks, cultivate ideas and convene in our communities.

WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Farmer-to-Farmer:** Strengthening networks.
- **Food Policy & Action Planning:** Developing multidimensional approaches.
- **Building Self-Reliant Communities:** Exploring food system models.
- **Seed to Table:** Bridging the rural-urban divide.



WILL ALLEN, Growing Power Founder & CEO and MacArthur Fellow, is the keynote speaker at the November 20th plenary session. Learn about registration fees, workshop and more online.

www.blackfarmersconf.org

Directions: 2 train to Flatbush/Brooklyn College or B41, B44, B6 or B11 to Nostrand and Flatbush. Walk west on Hillel Place, turn right on Campus Road.

FREE childcare and affordable food available onsite!

Black Farmers and Urban Gardeners Conference is seeking Brooklyn hosts for out-of-towners coming to the conference—most of them farmers! If you have a separate room for guests, please e-mail nancyromer@gmail.com with your e-mail, phone, home address and description of the space available.
Hosts needed from Friday, Nov. 19–Sunday, Nov. 21.

Sanctioned

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member testified in person that he has only lost his cool and thrown one person out of his office in decades and it was this member when she had called a colleague a liar in front of him.

The "defendant," a surprisingly soft-spoken middle-aged woman, was composed but visibly upset as she apologized for past bad behavior, but said that the presentation was one-sided, took incidents out of

context and was inaccurate in portions. She said she would really like to remain in the Coop which she considers a very important place. Three character witnesses came in support of her and said that most of the incidents had occurred in 2007, a year of great personal trauma for the member. The Disciplinary Committee countered that there were many incidents reported in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

A jury of nine randomly selected members chosen by lot from a 15-person group

weighed the evidence presented for 15 minutes before returning a verdict. Their conclusion: The member had indeed broken Coop rules against extremely uncooperative behavior.

The three-person Hearing Officer Committee then convened in private to decide on an appropriate punishment. While the Disciplinary Committee was asking for permanent expulsion, the Hearing Officer Committee opted instead for a one-year suspension. The member's return is predicated on issuing a letter of apology to PSFC coordinators.

At the end of the day, the decision struck a balance between what the disciplinary committee wanted and some level of conditional clemency. The underlying white elephant in the room is how to handle mental illness among the Coop membership. The Coop has no official policy or protocol set up.

One of the defendant's advocates commented on the apparent disconnect between the Coop's espoused beliefs and deeds in this case. "Tolerance is the most important characteristic of the Coop. And this goes beyond race or religion but people's behavioral quirks as well."

But as the coordinators testified, "the Coop is simply not set up to deal with this kind of ongoing situation."

Food for thought. ■



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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.

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RETURN POLICY

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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)
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Calendars Refrigerated Supplements
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Sushi

*A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

**NEVER
RETURNABLE**

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Frozen Goods
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Bread

**RETURNABLE
ONLY IF SPOILED
BEFORE
EXPIRATION DATE**
Packaging/label
must be present
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.

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

What you are
is a spike of energy driven into the earth
Everything you think, say and do sparks
energy
affecting all that lives around you

waiting, hand out-stretched
Reach out
Take it

The Park Slope Food Coop
Lending a Hand

by Myra Klockenbrink

With right thinking, right saying
and right doing
you facilitate the same in others
This goodness collects and never
dissipates
It is available to anyone at any time

Wrong thinking, saying and doing
works similarly
but I say: Focus on the Good
In every situation the good is present
waiting for you to acknowledge it
so it can come to you

Once goodness is activated
evil is rendered powerless

Be alert
to goodness
It is there for you

Mondays

**November 15 and
December 6
noon to 1:00 p.m.
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

and

You can join in any time during a tour.

Fizzy Lizzy Adds Some Sparkle to the Coop

By Nicole Feliciano

Tired of plain old seltzer? Bored with super sweet juices? The Park Slope Food Coop's beverage aisle may have just the solution—Fizzy Lizzy. This zippy drink combines natural fruit juices with a dose of carbonated water for a refreshing drink.

The Coop added this award-winning brand to the shelves back in 2007. For many fans, once they've tasted this beverage, they quickly become enamored. (Count this writer as one of the believers.) The bittersweet, bubbly drink can be enjoyed at breakfast, lunch or dinner, and is a great option for pregnant women looking for a non-alcoholic cocktail with big flavor. Perfect for kids and adults alike, we got the inside scoop about this brand.

Biking to Glory

One day back in 1995, Liz Morrill, founder and president of Fizzy Lizzy, was on a long bike ride with her go-to beverage: a blend of seltzer and grapefruit juice. Being a purist, Liz liked to mix her juice on site for maximum flavor. So she lugged a bottle of seltzer and a carton of juice on her rides. On one fateful bike ride Liz finally thought, "There has to be a better way." An admitted foodie, Liz started tinkering

in her kitchen and doing research.

For a while, Liz managed to keep her job in fundraising while she worked out a juice recipe that was less sweet and more interesting than anything she'd ever tasted. She came up with a magic formulation containing about 60 percent juice, making Fizzy Lizzy a lot less sweet than competing brands. After scraping together funding and finding a partner (who also happened to be a gifted food chemist) she set out to make the first batch.

In the spring of 2000 Liz had her first samples to market. The plucky inventor packed some of the bottles on ice and strolled around Manhattan giving samples to stores and delis, nabbing her first accounts.

Now, a decade later, Fizzy Lizzy is available in seven flavors and is widely distributed on the East Coast. From the Coop to Dean & DeLuca, fans of the drink are helping Liz rely



PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN

Tangerine Fizzy Lizzy is one of the seven available flavors.

on viral marketing to help her vision grow.

It's All About the Blend

What makes Fizzy Lizzy special and slightly addictive is the process of diluting juices with sparkling water. This cuts back on the sugars and calories. Says Liz, "Each flavor has a specific formula and the percentage of juice varies from flavor to flavor." She hopes that this healthy option will one day supplant traditional colas and sweet sodas.

In my unscientific taste

tests, I found the drinks to be hugely refreshing and to deliver a big whole fruit taste compared to competing brands. As a grapefruit lover, I savored the big blast of tanginess when I gulped Fizzy Lizzy. Other flavored waters always seemed too sweet to me. And I also appreciate that with Fizzy Lizzy I'm getting vitamin C without heaps of calories (only 100 per bottle).

What's Inside?

In addition to fizzy water and juice, the brand relies on

some natural flavors to create the unique taste. Liz says they give her drinks an "essential taste and aroma component."

Fans of organic foods might wonder why the drinks don't opt for certified organic fruits. Right now Liz says she is doing the best she can to obtain fruits that taste incredible and are responsibly grown. She relies on Massachusetts's growers for most of her cranberries and makes a point of sourcing juices based on taste, although Liz assures me that she "prefers to get as many ingredients as I can locally." On the website it states, "When we can produce Fizzy Lizzy with organic ingredients at affordable prices, rest assured we will."

Fizzy Lizzy does use white grape juice—"sparingly"—but mostly relies on unique juice combinations to deliver big taste. The filler juice, other juices you see on the ingredients list of other fruit sodas, like white grape, apple, and pear juice, is loaded with sugar and calories.

Behind the Scenes

This small independent brand is based in New York City and bottles in Pennsylvania. Keeping production local is just another way to keep things green and to keep an eye on quality.

Liz didn't want to add any preservatives to her drink so she opted to pasteurize the beverages. This is costly and time consuming but keeps the juices fresher longer. That's one of the reasons the bottles are only available in glass versions—the pasteurization process for carbonat-



Every Sunday through November 21, from 3:30 p.m. – 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: no bike check-in after 7:30 p.m.)

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



**PSFC
Shop & Cycle
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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

ed beverages won't work in plastic. Once the drinks are produced, Fizzy Lizzy beverages will last about eighteen months from the date of production.

Expect the Unexpected

This drink doesn't look or taste like other sodas. First of all it comes in a clear glass bottle and it's very likely you'll see a sediment-like substance at the bottom of the bottle that is made of pulp and other fruit products. Unlike other brands, Fizzy Lizzy doesn't use gums to suspend the pulp. The drink looks a little funky, but tastes great. Liz advises consumers to give the bottle a gentle shake before drinking to distribute the juice.

Name Games

I admit to confusing Fizzy Lizzy with Izze, another brand of sparkling juice sold at the Coop that is a subsidiary of PepsiCo. The names are remarkably similar. Liz says her brand was first to the sparkling juice category. Despite her claim to being the original, Liz still finds herself competing with the big guys. Since she is a relatively small operation she didn't have the means or time to fight Izze in a trademark battle. But we did a little research and found out that Izze uses more juice fillers (apple and white grape) as well as gum arabic and has 20 percent more calories than Fizzy Lizzy.

Devoted Fans

Lovers of the brand can contribute photos, poems (yes, this drink inspires that level of devotion) or ideas for the next flavor at www.fizzylizzy.com. One of her fans even surprised Liz by letting her know Fizzy Lizzy tastes great with vodka (known as a Dizzy Lizzy). Of the seven flavors available (not all are carried at the Coop) raspberry lemon is the top seller followed closely by grapefruit (the flavor that started it all). At about \$1.14 per bottle at the Coop, this drink is a terrific alternative to straight juice. Whether you are counting calories or trying to control sugar consumption, you might want to consider adding this beverage to your cart. ■



Liz Morrill, founder of Fizzy Lizzy, shows off her product.

PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN

COORDINATORS' CORNER

A Cautionary Tale: Shop Early for Thanksgiving!

By Janet Schumacher, General Coordinator

No, the Park Slope Food Coop is not a rapacious retailer, forcing Santa down your throat by Columbus Day weekend. We just want our members to be able to get all the basics they need for a holiday meal. And that means that you need to start stocking up on supplies now. Our basement cannot hold the amount of food required if everyone were to wait to shop until the last week or two before Thanksgiving.

Prime example: frozen pie crusts. Our supplier always runs out Thanksgiving week. So we try to stock up ahead. Have you ever been inside our basement freezer? By the end of the week all the shelves are full and there are four to five full U-boats clogging the space, making it hard to send up all those pizzas and frozen berries. There is no room for six more carts full of pie crusts waiting for you to buy them at the last minute. So please buy your pie crust now. You're not sure if you are the one bringing the pie? Buy the pie shell anyway. It keeps in the freezer and doesn't take up much space. Buy the frozen peas and broccoli and vanilla ice cream now, too.

Dry goods to purchase in advance: chicken stock, canned pumpkin, dried mushrooms, olive oil, pasta, packaged bread crumbs or dressing, evaporated or condensed milk, maple syrup, corn syrup, brown and white sugars (please consider purchasing the wonderful Whole-

some Foods Fair Trade sugars we sell in Aisle 2A), chocolate chips, flour, parchment paper (Aisle 2A), cheesecloth, vanilla, spices including cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, rosemary, thyme, etc.

Dried cranberries, apricots and other dried fruits keep well in a glass container in the cupboard. Pecans, walnuts and other nuts can be refrigerated or frozen. Dried fruits and spices take time to bag, and there may not be enough workers to meet the demand during the holiday week.

Cheeses, olives and smoked fish keep for weeks refrigerated. I refrigerate my corn meal and flour. Butter freezes very well; eggs have a shelf life of weeks. Heavy cream is also hard to get from our distributors during holiday weeks; hedge your bets and buy ultra pasteurized Organic Valley heavy cream—it has a shelf life of weeks. Grab your sour cream and crème fraîche early too. A lot of produce stores well—buy your potatoes, squash, shallots, garlic, pearl onions and

fresh cranberries.

Get a leg up—buy your chestnuts early, roast and peel them and store in the refrigerator. Or sit back and buy the peeled chestnuts in the jar on the front-end display across from the eggs. Don't forget the beer, Martinelli's sparkling cider, San Pellegrino limonata and chocolate truffles. Your cousins are going to remember the terrific hard cider you brought to the dinner last year—don't disappoint them. Only problem is, remember, if you are buying now, this is the Thanksgiving stash!

Get rid of all the leftovers in your refrigerator. You need to make room so that you can buy your turkey as early as possible. Turkeys will start being delivered the Friday before Thanksgiving. Turkeys delivered the week of Thanksgiving are not going to be fresher; they are all butchered at least a week in advance. We max out our coolers for the turkeys. This means every time we need to send up butter, someone has to drag out


3 or more heavy carts of turkeys to get at the butter in the basement.

For the vegans, Tofurky "turkeys" will be in the freezer. The Flatten Road Kill Fresh Tofu "turkeys" will be sold next to the tofu in the egg case. Buy them as soon as you see them.

It is not fun shopping at the Coop during the holiday season. Even if we have everything you want, we probably won't have the workers to stock the shelves. And who can get near the shelves to stock when the lines wrap around the store. Consider going in late to work one morning during the week and do your big shop then. Late

weekday evenings are generally not too busy either. The Coop opens at 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

You can do quick grab and go shops if you don't have anything to weigh, three items or less. Pick up your turkey, pumpkin pie and fresh cream and head to the cashier, bypassing all the checkout lanes. If you plan ahead, you won't have to go to one of those "really expensive stores" to get the special ingredients that make your holiday. Besides, they would also have long lines and no heavy cream. If all else fails, you can lie low and shop Thanksgiving Day, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ■

 **The Ecolvetch is now on Facebook, representing the Park Slope Food Coop's Environmental Committee.**

Puzzle Corner

Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 12.

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

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

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

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

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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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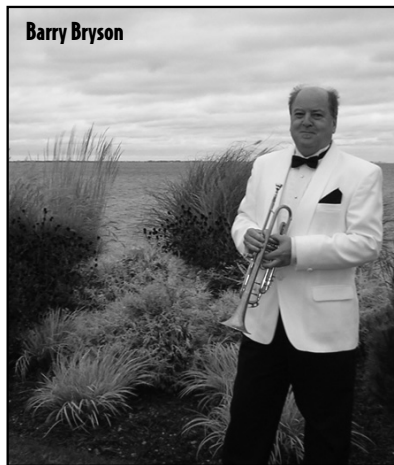
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A monthly musical
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Food Coop and
the Brooklyn Society
for Ethical Culture



Barry Bryson



A Great
Big Band Sound from
a Great Small Band

Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the Swing Street Orchestra, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music.



Marje Wagner

Barry Bryson—Trumpet/Leader

Lee Hudson—Bass

David Phelps—Guitar

Lisa Parrott—Alto Saxophone/Clarinet

Jenny Hill—Tenor Saxophone/Clarinet

Marje Wagner—Vocals

Cynthia Hilts—Piano

Rob Garcia—Drums

Stephan Bauer—Vibraphone

Surprise Guest—Trombone

Liz Peterson will be there to give a brief swing lesson in the beginning and continue coaching people throughout

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

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

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

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NOVEMBER 13
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Third Thursday
NOVEMBER 18
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

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

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

PLASTICS

What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

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

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

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

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



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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Vitamin Assistant

Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.;
12:00 – 2:45 p.m.; 2:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Are you a detail-oriented worker who can work independently and in a busy environment? The Coop's vitamin buyers need you to help them check in orders, organize the vitamin supply area in the basement and on the shopping floor, label vitamins and supplements, and other related tasks. If you are interested in this workslot, please contact the Membership Office for more information.

Store Equipment Cleaning

Mondays 6:00 – 8:00 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the

scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the checkout station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person. Contact the Membership Office for more information.

Office Set-up

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays 6:00 – 8:30 a.m.

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



COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, NOV 30
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, DEC 7
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Dec 28 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Nov 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 8
Dec 2 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 22

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
Nov 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 10
Dec 2 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 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,
November 30, 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) (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

nov 5
fri 7:30 pm**Film Night: A Ring of Their Own**

A Ring of Their Own captures the drama of Ann-Marie Saccurato and Angel Bovee, female competitors in one of the most aggressive and male-identified sports on the planet — boxing. Two remarkable women push themselves to their absolute physical limits, then make a radically different choice than many professional gay athletes by living out and proud, becoming true pioneers in the ring. Director **Michael Penland** has produced documentaries independently, for public television and for network news divisions and cable outlets.

To book a Film Night, contact **Faye Lederman**, squeezestone@hotmail.com.

nov 6
sat 1–4 pm**The Day Before the NYC Marathon**

Bring your own carbs and share with other runners, while enjoying highlights from various running events, such as the recent Berlin Marathon, and other marathons and running events. This is open to ALL (whether you are running a marathon or not). Runners and nonrunners (or as we say: “soon to be runners”) are welcome. (Food Coop rules do not permit alcohol.)

nov 6
sat 5 pm**Forgiveness**

Learn to forgive yourself and others, focus and use the power of unconditional love, align your head and your heart, use the power and energy of love to relieve stress, and participate in a group unconditional love meditation. Coop member **Moraima Suarez** has studied and practiced the healing arts for more than 20 years.

nov 7
sun 12 pm**Simple Solutions for Organizing Your Life**

Learn how to prioritize, develop a task list, clear out clutter, manage time more efficiently and expand your living space. For the past ten years, Coop member **Susan Kranberg**, a professional organizer and experienced business consultant, has helped homeowners, apartment dwellers and professionals find relief from chronic clutter and disorganization. She frequently runs workshops on how to get organized and facilitates de-clutter support groups in NYC.

nov 9
tue 7 pm**Safe Food Committee Film Night: Native Harvest**

A celebration of indigenous food, farming and culture. Film and host to be announced. Please see the bulletin board next to the elevator for updates.

nov 12
fri 7:30 pm**Defending and Enhancing Social Security**

One of the nation's best anti-poverty programs is under attack by those who would make us work 'til we drop. We need to understand the fallacies in the opponents' arguments and work to build a movement to make Americans' retirements truly secure. **Brent Kramer** has been a Coop member for more than 30 years. He teaches Economics at Borough of Manhattan Community College.

nov 13
sat 1–3 pm**Autumn Recipe Swap & Brunch**

What sort of foods do you enjoy eating when Summer bows out and the brisk Fall weather returns? Do roasted squash and hearty soups replace your Summer diet of salads and BBQ? Swappers are invited to prepare a favorite Autumn dish and share it, with the recipe, with fellow cooks and eaters. Please prepare enough food to serve 10-12. Swappers are invited to prepare a favorite dish using Autumnal ingredients and bring the dish with the recipe to share with others. The event's presenter will photocopy all the recipes for everyone to take.

nov 13
sat 4 pm**Nutrition Response Testing**

Stop guessing which supplements are best. Stop prescribing for yourself based on the latest magazine article or news report. Know exactly which whole foods are best for your body. Nutrition response testing can identify the underlying reason your body is creating symptoms. Then we can create a designed, clinical nutrition program just for you! Coop member **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope.

nov 19
fri 7 pm**Harmonize Your Body, Mind And Spirit with Jin Shin Jyutsu**

Jin Shin Jyutsu® is an ancient Japanese practice that balances the body's energy by simply using hands/fingers to eliminate stress, create emotional equilibrium, relieve pain and alleviate acute or chronic conditions. In this workshop, you will learn to boost your immune system, help with fatigue, relieve aching backs, alleviate stomach issues and address attitudes like worry, anxiety, anger, sadness — and more. Coop member **Phil Vergés** is a certified Jin Shin Jyutsu® practitioner, self-help teacher and licensed massage therapist.

nov 19
fri 8 pm**Swing Street Orchestra**

Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the Swing Street Orchestra, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music. Performers include **Cynthia Hilts**—piano, **Lee Hudson**—bass, **Rob Garcia**—drums, **David Phelps**—guitar, **Stephan Bauer**—vibraphone, **Lisa Parrott**—alto saxophone/clarinet, **Jenny Hill**—tenor saxophone/clarinet, **Marje Wagner**—vocals, and a surprise guest on trombone. **Liz Peterson** will give a brief swing lesson in the beginning and continue coaching people throughout. **Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.) • \$10 • doors open at 7:45. The Very Good Coffeehouse is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. To book a Coffeehouse event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.**

nov 28
sun 12 pm**Acupuncture for Anxiety and Depression**

Learn how acupuncture can help keep holiday blues away, reduce anxiety and help you sleep. A guided Qi Gong meditation will follow. Presented by licensed acupuncturist and Coop member **Annie Reibel-Coyne**.

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

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops. Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

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nov 30
tue 7 pm

PSFC NOV General Meeting



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

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

Item #1: Disciplinary Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: The Disciplinary Committee will present two candidates for election to the committee to fill existing openings. —submitted by the Disciplinary Committee

Item #2: Annual Coop Boycott Renewal (20 minutes)

Proposal: “The Coop will continue boycotting Coca-Cola products.” —mandated by the General Meeting

Explanation: The boycott of Coca-Cola products is the only boycott the Coop is observing at this time. On an annual basis, the General Meeting must vote to continue any Coop boycotts.

Item #3: Boycotting Flaum Appetizing Products (25 minutes)

Proposal: “For the Coop to avoid selling Flaum Appetizing products and the products they distribute until a settlement is reached with their workers.”

—submitted by Joseph Sanchez

Explanation: Flaum Appetizing has violated minimum wage and overtime laws. The NLRB has ruled that 17 workers who were illegally fired need to be reinstated but the owner, Moshe Grunhut, continues to defy the court order. The workers are asking stores to remove Flaum, Sonny & Joe's, Tnuva and Bodek products until a settlement is reached.

Item #4: Annual Sick Days (25 minutes)

Discussion: “Every Coop member should receive one ‘sick day’ per year when s/he can miss a work shift and not have to make it up.” —submitted by Laurie Woods

Explanation: The Food Coop has many more members now than it has meaningful work to assign to them. It is burdensome to have to make-up every absence. We all have life issues—family obligations, illnesses, etc. Therefore each Coop member should get one excused absence per 12 months.

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.

dec 2
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Fermented Foods



Hideji Asanuma will discuss the secrets of Japanese longevity and how fermented foods such as miso, soy sauce, vinegar, amasake and mirin can be beneficial to a healthy diet. Hideji has more than 20 years of professional experience working as a chef in top-star restaurants in Japan, France and New York. His culinary interest has evolved to focus on healthy, heart-warming and authentic comfort food. He is a graduate of the Institute of Integrative Nutrition and is a certified health counselor. He currently works as a private chef specializing in Japanese cuisine. *Menu includes marinated gobo with tahini; spring roll with amazake dipping sauce; and soba salad with soy and mirin. Materials fee: \$4.*

dec 3
fri 7:30 pm

Film Night: Reporter



Reporter, a 2009 Sundance Film Festival selection executive-produced by Ben Affleck, is a feature documentary about Nicholas Kristof, the two-time Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for *The New York Times*, who almost single-handedly put the crisis in Darfur on the world map. Now he wants to do the same for Congo, a humanitarian disaster zone where 5.4 million have died in the last decade as a result of the unceasing warfare over territory, resources and tribal hatred. He journeys through ravaged villages and displacement camps, and makes a harrowing visit to Congo's reigning rebel warlord, General Nkunda, at his jungle hideout. Filmmaker and Coop member **Eric Daniel Metzgar** is an award-winning documentarian.

dec 4
sat 12 pm

Candida Albicans Again?

Yeast is a complex condition that needs to be attacked from different angles. It is the cause of many ailments. Find out how you can combat it once and for all. Why does it come back? What is the hidden cause that was never imagined before? Do only a few people know about the cause? Stop this beast that takes years away from your life. Instead, live a happy, joyful life in vibrant health. Presented by Coop member **Marija Santo**, CNHP and Geotran Practitioner.

dec 4
sat 3 pm

Banish the Holiday Blues

The winter holidays can be a stressful time. Learn a grassroots, peer-based process based on listening that empowers you to release difficult feelings, whether they are rooted in childhood experiences or in internalized oppressions. This workshop will teach the basics; you can then practice them in your own life. Coop member **Jennifer Joy Pawlitschek** has co-counseled for 20 years and is currently the NYC Co-Counseling International teacher and leader.

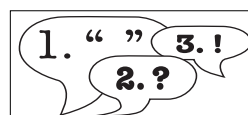
dec 4
sat 6 pm

Small Business Marketing Success

If you are a small-business owner and would like to grow your customer base, increase the average amount a customer spends per visit and increase the number of times a customer visits and buys again, then this workshop is for you. Coop member **Rene Brinkley** is a small-business marketing consultant with expertise in marketing and media strategies.

dec 7
tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read “How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting” and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

still to come

dec 10 Dream Workshop

dec 14 Safe Food Committee Film Night: King Corn

dec 17 The Very Good Coffeehouse Coop Concert Series:
David Roche and Louis Rosen

dec 18 Bowenwork

dec 18 The Body Electric

dec 28 PSFC DECEMBER General Meeting

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jan 6 Food Class

jan 7 Film Night

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Park Slope Food Coop, Brooklyn, NY

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

COME TO THE GENERAL MEETINGS!

DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

Every aspect of your participation in our Coop is extremely important to its functioning. Everything you offer to the Coop from fulfillment of the work requirement, to serving the Coop and other members as a volunteer just because you care that much, to attending to issues that you learn about from reading the *Gazette* or attending a General Meeting, nourishes and grows the Coop.

Probably some reading this letter are up to the task of looking at and working on the bigger picture by regularly hearing about and discussing Coop business at the GM. I would like to encourage all of you who appreciate the cooperative approach and urge you to get more involved. We need you! We need you to participate at the Coop General Meeting beyond the purpose of earning workslot credit. We have a vital and urgent need for interested, devoted, attentive, observant and patient members to have a hand in the GM discussions and processes and to keep an eye on what is going on. At this time, I am very concerned that many members do not recognize the need for very regular attendance at the GM. In order to uphold a cooperative and completely democratic approach we need very

active volunteer participants. We need Cooperative Activists.

There is currently a committee at the Coop, on which I have a seat, whose task it is to work on and revise the General Meeting's rules of order. The results of that committee's work will be presented to the members for discussion, revision and approval. It would be very helpful if, at this time in particular, more Cooperative Activists can devote themselves to participating in the GM regularly, so as to have the footing, strength and insight to address what the GM Rules Committee will bring to you for approval. Do not assume everything the committee will put forth is in the members' or Coop's interests!

If you care about our Coop and have the fortitude to withstand the meeting process, we really do need you. I really mean this and am speaking directly to you (and you know who you are).

Thank you,
Elizabeth Tobier

STOP THE SLAUGHTER

TO THE EDITOR:

It's easy if one chooses to believe the P.R. and false claims made by the so-called "free range," "organic" poultry and egg merchandisers.

But animals are not inanimate

commodities with no feelings, intelligence and ability to suffer.

Is this what you want to support? Brutal killing, torture, overcrowding and slaughter?

We think of ourselves as "progressive," but the very idea that we can "humanely" take the life of a living creature against its will when we *don't* need to eat its flesh to survive, belies our notion of who we are.

If we are truly a progressive community that espouses non-violence, then it's time to stop participating in the mass slaughter of animals. It's time to stop being ignorant and in denial of the cruelty and barbarism for our culinary satisfaction. It's time to stop denying that animal agriculture is far more environmentally damaging in its production of methane global warming, over-consumption of water, over-utilization of grain that could feed two times the number of people and the need for ammonia and chlorine to wash off rotting meat.

This Coop is in engaging in massive denial and hypocrisy, as much as anyone who would defend torture, slavery and warfare as beneficial to humans.

Carol Lipton

SECOND CHANCE

Computers do lots of things
Like bringing the news of the world
And stories of entertainers
That leave your hair all curled.
Computers facilitate banking
Along with orders and bills
Plus loads of self-medication
To care for your own ills.
But dangers lurk as well
On the right and on the left
With the very starkest being
The risk of identity theft.
But consider: You lose your I.D.,
The one you once begat—
Now wasted, wan and worn.
What could be better than that?

Leon Freilich



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, comprehen-

sive, 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SAT, NOV 6

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

THU, NOV 11

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Boycotts and Holding our Coop Together

By Joe Holtz,
General Coordinator/General Manager

I have learned that it is likely that a proposal to boycott products from Israel will soon be submitted to our Agenda Committee for discussion at a future General Meeting. I think that before any decisions are made it is important to establish a policy on all boycotts that will ensure that we continue our commitment to welcoming a diverse membership.

Since late 2008 many passionate letters to the editor have been published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* on one side or the other on the issue of boycotting products from Israel. There is also a Coordinators Corner from me, "On Coop Boycotts" in the *Gazette* dated March 12, 2009. (Back issues of the *Gazette* are available online on the Coop's website, foodcoop.com.)

I believe we should require that all boycotts be passed by a two-thirds majority from now on. Please read below and my 2009 writing to see why.

The Statement of Cooperative Identity from the International Co-operative Alliance is printed in the Coop's Membership Manual (available at foodcoop.com). The seven famous principles that it contains originated with the group that gave birth to the modern cooperative movement in 1844 in

Rochdale, England.

The first principle called Voluntary and Open Membership states: "Co-operatives are voluntary organisations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination."

The Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement reflects this principle: "We are committed to diversity and equality. We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store."

The Coop has decided in favor of some boycotts in the past. Currently the Coop boycotts Coca Cola products (Odwalla juices, Minute Maid etc.). Each boycott must be recertified annually by the General Meeting. Some of the past boycotts the Coop has supported are grapes, iceberg lettuce, products of South Africa, products of Chile, Campbell's products, products of Colorado, Nestle's products and Tropicana.

None of the above boycotts were particularly contro-

versial. Almost none had any vocal opposition. All were supported by and/or not cared much about by an overwhelming number of members — perhaps as high as 95 percent of members. It is doubtful than any of these past boycotts, once approved, actually made anyone feel less welcome (mission statement) or discriminated against due to their politics (first principle, Statement of Cooperative Identity). I doubt that any made us less diverse by sending a non-welcoming message since almost nobody disagreed with the boycott decision.

Our Coop was able to vote in favor of boycotts without challenging our commitment to the Cooperative Principles and/or our Mission Statement. The suggested boycott of Israeli products, judging from the letters in the *Gazette*, will be a far bigger challenge for the Coop than any past proposed boycott. Because of our success in balancing our obligation to be a democracy with our obligation to being diverse and welcoming, I think we should consider codifying what has actually happened with other votes on boycotts. If I proposed a threshold of 80 percent or 90 percent for a boycott approval, many members



would ridicule that notion as extreme, among other criticisms. So I won't propose that. But the Coop does need some protection against divisiveness that could do harm to the fabric of welcome and diversity with which our success in the field of cooperation has been woven.

As we consider how to revise our boycott policy we could take a cue from the "Rules for the Conduct of General Meetings." When a meeting attendee wants to

take away something it requires a two-thirds majority. For example, to "limit debate" and to "end discussion" it takes a two-thirds majority. I think the Coop should pass a rule that to limit our product selection via a boycott, the boycott must have a two-thirds majority to gain approval. I am considering proposing this to the General Meeting. However, if you agree, please feel free to do so before I do. ■

Puzzle Answers

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WELCOME!

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

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