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GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Changes Coming to Checkout On September 12, 2011

By Diane Aronson

Held at the Beth Elohim Temple on April 26th, the fourth GM of 2011 was chaired by first-timer India Alexis, who ably kept a potentially meandering meeting on track. The evening's three agenda items included statements from the two declared candidates vying for one open Coop Board seat; a for-discussion-only item about a possible new committee focused on climate change; and a presentation by the General Coordinators outlining new procedures involving members whose grace periods have lapsed.

The Open Forum, an early portion of the GM when members may make brief statements or ask questions about non-agenda items, yielded a helpful shopping question from a member, who wondered why the Coop didn't accept product coupons from the Internet. Answering

for the General Coordinators, Tricia Leith explained that with so much online fraud, the Coop wasn't getting reimbursed from companies for downloaded coupons, so the Coop was losing money by taking them.

After the Open Forum came General Coordinator Mike Eakin's presentation of the financial statement. He stressed that all information is preliminary until the past fiscal-year final financial report is given at the June Annual Meeting.

The PSFC's gross margin, roughly the pennies the Coop gets to keep out of a dollar's worth of sales, came in at 16.78%. Eakin observed that an ideal gross margin to hit would be 16.99%.

Net sales for the first eight weeks of this fiscal year were \$6,955,294; the same period in

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PHOTO BY TRAVIS HARTMAN

Ann Herpel speaks about the Membership-Point-of-Sale integration at the General Meeting on April 26th. She presented the timeline of events, which culminates in the Coop's shopping policies being enforced on September 12, 2011.

Coop Event Highlights

- Fri, May 20 • The Very Good Coffeehouse** 8:00 p.m.
- Sat, May 21 • What's All This About Fracking** 10:00 a.m.
- Sat, May 28 • What's All This About Fracking** 10:00 a.m.
- Thu, Jun 2 • Food Class: Aging Gracefully** 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Jun 3 • Film Night: An Evening of Personal Documentaries** 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, Jun 10 • Blood Drive** 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Sat, Jun 11 • Blood Drive** 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

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

Man of True Words

By Jill Dearman

Leon Freilich is the man you wish you sat next to at a party.

He's the international man of mystery. The man of few words. Of few words, and on sentimental occasions on boo hoo words. Since I became a member two and a half years ago I've looked forward to reading Leon's delightful ditties in the Linewaiters' Gazette. It seems as if the man has his hand on the pulse of Park Slope culture, while keeping an old-world sense of wisdom, which he wittily shares with us every other week. Check this out while checking out ...



*Something cheap as water
With no effects on the side,
With no recorded mark
Of anyone having died.*

*The Latin name is pleasing,
Even apt to impart a thrill,
For millions have been cured
By the mighty placebo pill.*

Obsessed with Leon? You are Not Alone

For a long time I have wondered, what makes this man tick? How does he turn such phrases? Is he real or myth? In corresponding with him he fired off a couple of little Leon-isms that were so much

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"Saving Space, Saving Lives"

*So many supplements
And ointments fill the shelves;
Do we really need such piles
For our dear ones and ourselves?*

*We'd save a mile of space
By switching to one sub,
Something equally
Effective that won't flub,*

Next General Meeting on May 31

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

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

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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GM Meeting

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2010 yielded \$6,590,745. Currently, we are on track for turning over our inventory 74 times a year; in late March 2010, we were on track for 67 turns—astonishing figures, particularly since Eakin characterized the current PSFC turnover rate as “three to four times as fast” as the typical inventory turns at a large grocery store or big coop.

With our more stringent orientation rules in place, we are showing a drop in new-member numbers: 370 for the first eight weeks of the current fiscal year; in the first eight weeks of the last fiscal year, the new-member gain was 472. From a peak of over 16,000 members in 2010, our member count as of March 27, 2011 is 15,978. In response to a member's question about limiting membership, Eakin highlighted that the PSFC's member turnover is about 20%, on par, he observed, with the rate that Americans move annually; Eakin observed to the GM that “we do need to take in new members to replace members.”

Total personnel costs are down: \$818,592, 11.77% of sales, as of the end of March 2011 versus \$819,941, 12.44% of sales, at the finish of March 2010. One cost that has gone up since 2010, however, is the bank charges for processing debit transactions: \$39,913 so far for the current fiscal year, compared to \$32,246 for the same time last year. Eakin stressed that the Coop's bank fees would be even higher if we accepted credit cards.

As he wound down his report, Eakin shared a renovation milestone. An extensive construction project to install beefed-up sewage pumps is complete, awaiting only the final plumbing inspection. The new pumps are to separate the basement plumbing from the rest of the building, with the goal of no more basement flooding.

Since there were no committee reports, the April GM moved on to the night's first agenda item: PSFC Board candidate statements. Albert Solomon critiqued the long-standing town meeting structure embodied by the Coop's monthly general meetings, commenting, “We have traded elected representatives for unelected representatives.” However, he did not offer specific ideas about an alternative governing structure.

Bill Penner, the other can-



PHOTOS BY TRAVIS HARTMAN

PSFC Meeting Chair India Alexis listens to Board Candidate Bill Penner, as he speaks during the General Meeting on April 26.

didate and a Board member for five years, spoke next, and he gave the meeting a primer on how the GM and the Board work together. According to Penner, “When the PSFC incorporated, the law stated that the Coop, as a corporation, needed a Board of Directors. The Coop was hesitant to give up its style of decision making, and so there was a form of governance created where this meeting became technically the Board of Directors meeting. Decisions are made by the members, and at the end of the meeting the Board hears that advice and votes on those decisions that the members have made. Technically, the meeting is providing advice to the Board of Directors and the Board bases its decision primarily on the decisions that are made by the general membership.”

The current PSFC turnover rate...[is] “three to four times as fast” as the typical inventory turns at a large grocery store or big coop.

Penner described his difference from Solomon about governance issues as one about the Board's function: “I see the Board's role as really one of oversight as opposed to one of advocacy. I'm not here running for any particular constituency.”

Committee on Climate Change Discussed

After Bill Penner finished his remarks, the GM moved on to agenda item two, a for-discussion-only proposal to form a committee on climate change. The item was presented by Marjorie Sweeney. In her opening remarks, she described the committee as one that “would be dedicated

to raising awareness and taking action to fight climate change and other threats that face our environment.” Sweeney stressed a particular concern regarding climate change and its meteorological threats “to a safe food supply that protects our health and our farmers.”

The core of the proposed committee's work would be to advocate for sustainability in how humans interact with the ecosystem. She stressed internal advocacy at the Coop: “brainstorming ways to further reduce the Coop's carbon footprint” and “supporting our low-carbon suppliers and calling attention to their efforts,” as well as the external goals: “keeping track of environmental issues that are currently being debated on the local, state and national level” and educating Coop members about them. A critical committee task would be to communicate with interested members and mobilize them, said Sweeney, “to advocate for legislative solutions to climate change.”

When this reporter queried Marjorie Sweeney about how the take-action mission of a proposed climate change committee would mesh with the decision-making structure of the General Meeting, she replied, “The idea would be very much that they would be working with the Coop infrastructure.”

Others at the April GM commented about possible overlap between a climate change committee and the Environmental Committee. Angela Martinez was curious about “the distinction between the committee you're proposing and the Environmental Committee.” In response to her query, Sweeney said, “As far as the Environmental Committee goes, I think they're great to work with and they're doing a lot of great things. I would expect to work closely with them, to coordinate with them.”

General Coordinator Jessica Robinson thought there was “a significant amount of overlap” with the Environmental Committee and she asked Marjorie Sweeney if she had spoken with members from that committee and “discussed the specific issues you're going to be working on.” Sweeney replied, “I and all of the other people interested in climate change would be very happy to work with them on this issue—whether it was a subcommittee or an issue taken up by the Environmental Committee, I

think that would be great.” She felt that taking action against climate change was the most important step, whether through a committee or through other means.

Tim Platt also expressed overlap and outreach concerns, but he offered a piece of advice as well: If Sweeney worked through the existing committee, there would be a structure already in place and she “wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel on how to do everything.” He went on to observe, “You'll have a wider range of voices and issues impacting on climate change, and I think you'll find that a lot easier to get through.”

David Turner was concerned that any goals to combat climate change, whether the result of a new committee

GCs Present Changes To Checkout System

After a little additional discussion, the GM moved on to the last agenda item. Presented by the General Coordinators, with Ann Herpel taking the lead, this third order of business was an overview for a September 12, 2011, roll-out of a new process to prevent suspended members who have exceeded their ten-day grace period from purchasing items at the Coop.

The suspension of shopping privileges is not a new Coop rule. What is new is activating a feature in the Coop's current point-of-sale software that will flag at a checkout or cashier station a suspended member with an expired grace period. The



General Coordinator Jessica Robinson speaks about the Membership-Point-of-Sale integration. General Coordinator Ann Herpel listens.

or as a subcommittee, “would be based on solid science—peer-reviewed journals, not what somebody reads in the news that day.”

In response to Tim Platt's concerns, Marjorie Sweeney offered, “There has been some effort to reach out to the Environmental Committee, but they have seemed more focused on certain internal Coop issues, which are important, too. I certainly am happy to give it another go, if the Environmental Committee is open to it, by all means. If they want to stay focused on more internal Coop issues, then I think that's their prerogative, too. I think a meeting is well worth having.” Regarding David Turner's solid-science concerns, Sweeney assured the GM that she completely agreed, commenting, “I think this is a highly emotional issue for a lot of people. It involves a lot of important stuff—the future and big questions.”

checkout worker and the shopper would then be alerted through a message on the station screen, and the software would not allow the sale to go forward. Currently, the only system in place to prevent suspended members from shopping past their grace period is the honor system; while an entrance worker may give out a slip of paper that says the member may not shop, the Coop relies on members policing themselves. Herpel described the problem as, “In some cases, people are taking advantage of it and they continue to shop, though they're suspended,” which, as Herpel pointed out, isn't fair to members who do their regular work and make-ups.

The presentation at the GM was the first time the General Coordinators were outlining the new checkout procedure to members at large. Herpel was interested in feedback and advice from

meeting, and she said the presentation was part of “a best effort to reach out to all Coop members.”

The majority of the members who spoke during the discussion period were in favor of the plan. One member, a Sunday entrance worker, said “Thank you. I’m really excited about this because it’s going to remove a level of negotiation that sometimes seems to be thought of as an option.”

Steve Schwerner, a member of the Disciplinary Committee, felt that the implementation of the new suspended member shopping procedure would make a big dent in the number of cases that come before the committee, a problem he described as one that “has gotten worse in the last few years.”

But Paul Tainsh, a Coop office worker and former squad leader, was skeptical, commenting, “I’m not sure that technology supports the continuation of strong feelings of cooperation and support in the mission of the Coop.” When he was a squad leader, Tainsh believed his job was “not just to enforce the rules, but to be the human face of the Coop, which sometimes requires some interpretation about the grace period.” He also felt that the possible anger or embarrassment level could be very high for a member met with a denied shopping transaction and that a lot of pressure would fall on checkout workers, who will have to be the messengers. He was joined by a couple of others at the GM who were concerned about member privacy and were worried about how the change would affect checkout workers.

General Coordinator Jessica Robinson stressed that what would be key would be “communicating with and interacting with the entire membership and squad leaders in advance of the implementation,” including flyers and paging announcements in the Coop, as well as member mailings. The PSFC’s member-

ship manual, available as a downloadable PDF document through the Coop’s home Web page, gives many helpful details about maintaining and repairing work status.

Robinson said that the group of members who would be most likely affected by the new process would receive particular attention between now and the program’s September 12 roll-out. She guesstimated that “less than twenty percent—I am sure it’s even smaller than that” of members would fall in the suspended-and-expired-grace-period category. She said in the weeks following the April GM, the software would start to run in the background to identify these members, without flagging individuals during checkout, and that a more exact member count would be available, as well as a list of members requiring outreach from staff regarding their Coop status.

Robinson promised there would be extra staff available in the weeks after the program goes live this fall, and that efforts would be made to work with a suspended member so he or she wouldn’t be in the position of having to put away a basket of groceries because of a denied sale. She and Ann Herpel also noted that, come September, a member who is suspended and who has exceeded the grace period will still receive a slip at the Coop entrance explaining that the member can work but cannot shop, so the member should not be surprised if his or her shopping transaction is denied.

As the agenda portion of the meeting came to a close, Elizabeth Tobier, Coop Secretary and a Board of Directors member, presented the March GM minutes. One small correction was noted by Tobier regarding the formation of the Animal Welfare Committee, and then the Board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the GM. Shortly after, the April 2011 General Meeting drew to a close. ■

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

BANANAS!*

By Adam Rabiner

On May 10, as part of the ongoing “Plow to Plate” documentary series, the Safe Food Committee presented BANANAS!* BANANAS!* wears its tagline proudly on its sleeve: “The film Dole Food Co. doesn’t want you to see.” It’s more than a simple marketing ploy; it’s the truth. Dole spent considerable time, money, and energy trying to silence this Swedish documentary about a landmark lawsuit against the company. Ultimately these efforts, viewed by many as an attack on free speech, proved a public relations disaster, and Dole ceased trying to muzzle the film. Like many journalists who have watched the film and were puzzled by Dole’s antagonism, I too feel they overreacted. This film, while provocative, does a commendable job of representing the facts and events in a way that provides ample voice to both sides. Above all, BANANAS!* will appeal to those who love a good courtroom drama.

The crux of story is Standard Fruit Company’s (later renamed Dole) use of the pesticide dipromochloropropane (DBCP) known by its brand names, Nemagon and Fumazone. In 1977 Dow Chemical discovered that some of their California employees who had handled DBCP were sterile. Within months, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had suspended most uses of the chemical. Dow wrote to Standard Fruit Company that they were ceasing DBCP production, and that Dole should return unused inventory. Dole wrote back that if Dow did not continue delivering the pesticide, it was in breach of contract. Dow agreed to continue delivering DBPC only after Dole’s lawyers promised to indemnify Dow for any future liabilities stemming from its use. Dole complied with this request and stopped using DBCP only after it had depleted its last canister.

Flash forward to the new century. Juan Jose Dominguez, a Los Angeles-based personal injury lawyer, sees a news report on CNN about the widespread use of the pesticide in the 60s and 70s and its link to illness and sterility. In

2004 he makes an exploratory trip to the banana-growing Chinendega province of Nicaragua, and finds many aging, family-less men saying they were sickened by exposure. He registers 10,000 workers who claim to be afflicted and launches a lengthy lawsuit against Dole, representing 12 allegedly sterile plaintiffs.

This is no open and shut case, though. Dole spares no expense to hire a top-notch defense attorney, who raises considerable doubts as to whether the plaintiffs were ever fertile, or even if they truly became sterile. His tactics include bringing up issues of proximity and exposure, impotence, gender identity, alcoholism, paternity, and contradictory testimony. He succeeds in muddying the issue and raising an element of doubt. This important case, known as Tellez, was unique in that it was the first DBCP case brought before jurors in the United States, and had the potential to expose corporations to substantial liabilities.

ties. However, last month a Los Angeles judge dismissed the lawsuit, saying the Nicaraguan plaintiffs engaged in fraud. Confusingly, also in March, the State Bar of California cleared Juan Dominguez of all “allegations of professional misconduct.”

Regardless of the perplexing post-production developments, BANANAS!* shines a spotlight on this fascinating and controversial courtroom case, revealing the inner decisions of a major international corporation and the tireless efforts of two small law firms taking on the big guns—a true David and Goliath story. The movie spends ample time on both prosecutorial and defense arguments, giving a hint of the difficult thicket of testimony a jury must consider in its deliberations. I will leave it to the viewers to determine if the film distorts the truth with bias and falsehoods, as Dole claims. Given the contradictory findings of the California Court and Bar Association, it is difficult to know. What I can aver is that Dole’s attempt to prevent this film from seeing the light of day was an ugly attack on freedom of expression. ■

The Diversity and Equality Committee Seeks New Members

Are you interested in Issues of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion?

The Diversity and Equality Committee is dedicated to improving human relations and communication in all policies and procedures in the Coop. Our goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop. If you are interested in issues of diversity, equality and inclusion, you can help us to achieve ours goals by becoming a member of the DEC.

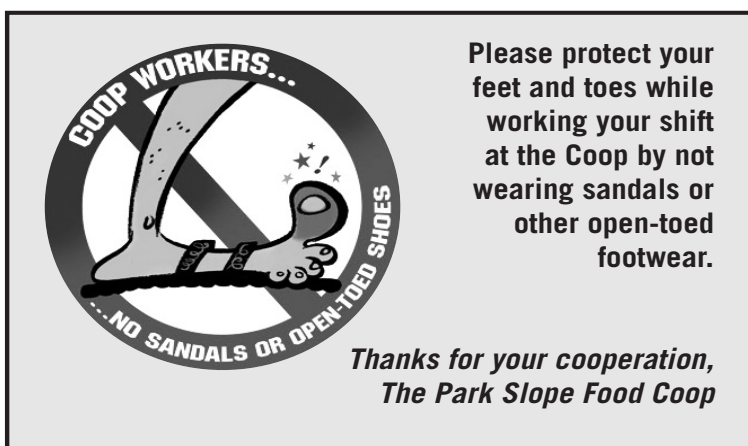
We are currently seeking new members, with experience in conflict resolution and mediation, interviewing, and leading and organizing workshops, ideally around diversity. General computer skills and editing and writing skills are also helpful.

Requirements:

- Must be a member for at least one year
- Have good attendance record
- Attend monthly committee meetings on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Participate in subcommittee work as needed

We seek members who are reflective of the diversity of the Coop membership.

If interested, please send an email with your name, PSFC member number, and details of your relevant experience to reply@psfc.coop. Please put “Diversity and Equality” in the subject line.



True Words

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more enticing than anyone's Twitter tweets or tired texts.

Who else but Leon could put it this way:

"I'm almost ready to go into a Coop-ready trance to answer your Q's"

"Your syntax is singularly fabulous!" I, the reporter, told the dear man.

"I live clean, so pay no sin tax," he replied setting me straight.

Now I suppose there are readers who find him too punny, who prefer a more PC take on life, one that's just a bit more sunny. But I find his

observations to be true and golden, and personally I dig his old timey style, one that harkens back to bygone days of old. Read on, McCo-oper:

"Squad Too Odd?"

*A work slot that gives you a lift
In a squad that is free of all rift
And of concentration drift
Will profit you more than mere thrift
And will make for a slot that is swift,
An every-four-weekly gift—
Far better than being stifled
In a genetically modified shift.*

And though I tried to penetrate his veneer of concision, as you will see, he couldn't help but answer my queries with enviable precision.

Leon in Real Life

LG: Tell us about what you do when you are not writing poems for the Gazette.

LF: I deliver hot meals to frail seniors; tinker with my rust bucket of a car; hike on

the Palisades; translate the Latin poems of the one romantic poet Rome produced, Catullus; and send my soul out to loaf like Walt Whitman.

LG: Where did you grow up and what can you tell us about Young Leon?

LF: I'm Brooklyn-bred and born, having grown up in Crown Heights and lived in Brooklyn Heights, then Park Slope for the last 26 years. For two years I was away, living at Fort Bliss, with Uncle Sam picking up the entire tab. And for 18 months my wife and I honeymooned in Europe, traveling about before settling in Ibiza, a Balearic island off the Spanish coast renowned for its blue water and pure pot.

LG: How long have you been a Coop member, and what made you join?

LF: I joined about 15 years ago, yearning for the old Army regimentation, an effective early form of bio-feedback. Also, my wife was

entranced by the array of exotic yet low-priced produce.

Mango Love

LG: What's your favorite poem-inspiring Coop item these days?

LF: Mangoes. I've absolutely fallen in love with this monarch of fruits, and my wife, Rose, has come up with a dozen recipes that center on the mango.

"Gimmee Some Fuzz"

*The little gooseberry
Despised being peewee
But became very merry
When renamed the kiwi.*

Stroller Fatigue and General World View

LG: What sort of changes have you observed at the Coop, or the neighborhood in recent years?

LF: An explosion of multiple births. Slope couples seem to shop at fertility clinics as often as they do at the Coop.

LG: If you had one phrase to describe the state of the world today, what would it be?

LF: Scared witless.

"Co-Op Quellphones"

*Working or shopping,
You're not alone,
So think of others
And mute that phone.*

Fellow Wordsmiths

LG: What's your background as a writer, and what poets do you like to read?

LF: I taught English at Prospect Heights High School for four years, then graduated to public-relations writing—for Japan Air Lines—before embarking on freelance writing for the mass-market tabloids *National Enquirer*, *Globe* and *Star*. I was a traveling spy on the stars, an enjoyable sail on the margins of glamour. Since I've shaken gossip in favor of light verse—and there's more great poetry than good light verse—the versists I read are few: Byron, the greatest metered satirist in the language, Ogden Nash, Richard Armour and today's best, Stephen Sondheim.

LG: Your humor and your writing is unmistakable — when I read your poems I imagine a character from an IB Singer story. How is your poet "persona" different from Leon in real life?

LF: I'm more Hemingway than Singer, especially in manufacturing a hardboiled, cynical persona. In soggy fact, I'm sentimental and cry easily—a lefty John Boehner.

LG: What do your family and friends think of your poetry?

LF: They love it. They better!

VALET BIKE PARKING IS ON HERE SUNDAYS!



Every Sunday through November 20, 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
Committee**

Attention Coop Squad Leaders!

Do you want your shift to operate more smoothly?

Are there folks on your squad who seem to irritate one another, and it's difficult to see what the problem is?

When a conflict occurs between shoppers during your shift, what can you do to ease the situation on the spot?

Do you know what resources are available for people who want to follow up?

The Park Slope Food Coop's Diversity and Equality Committee is holding a series of workshops for Squad Leaders (and other squad reps who are not Squad Leaders). The goal of the two-hour workshop is to increase awareness and understanding of diversity in the Coop. Through interactive discussions we will talk about the values of diversity, how differences can create both collaboration and conflict and strategies for dealing with issues of diversity. We will discuss conflicts that have arisen in the Coop, the findings of the diversity survey and what you can do to make the Coop a more welcoming place for all.

**Thursday, May 26
7 – 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 4
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 23
7 – 9 p.m.**

Please call 888-922-COOP (2667) box 89 or send an e-mail to reply@psfc.coop (with "SL Training" in the subject line) to confirm your attendance and/or for more information. In either case, please tell us your name, Coop member number, contact information and the date you are interested in attending. We will reply with a confirmation within a week.

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Plus-Ones

Below is a list of 25 common words. Each word can be expanded by inserting a single additional letter somewhere within the word (not at the beginning or end), to form a new word. The original letters should not be rearranged in any way.

Each of the letters A through Z, excluding Q, is used exactly once to expand these words. Some words can be expanded in multiple ways, but only one combination of expansions will use up all the letters.

As an example, the first word in the list, "inure," can be expanded by inserting a "J" to make the new word "injure." Having used the "J" for this word, it will not be used for any further expansions.

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| inure | _____ |
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| sandal | _____ |
| decease | _____ |
| fright | _____ |
| defector | _____ |

Puzzle author: Stuart Marquis. For answers, see page 11.

LG: What's your favorite poem you've written for the Gazette?

"The House on Garfield Place"

The brownstone just around the corner

Now sports a brilliant fuchsia flair,
Alarming dogs and stopping traffic
On foot, on wheels and in the air.
Park Slopers talk about the building,
Exchanging snarky real-estate jokes

Concerning the home that's become an attraction—
Except for the hapless next-door folks.

"Bananas"

My breakfast wouldn't be complete
Without a fresh banana to eat.
It's just the right material
To go with milk and cereal.
Bright as the sun and shaped like the moon,
The slices float onto my spoon.

But lately too many banana bits
Are making the cereal have fits.
Look at this bowl, so full of stuff.
Some fruits don't know when enough's enough!
The problem is, bananas have grown
To the size of a yellow telephone pole.
Much too, much too, much too large—
Why, one's enough to fill a barge.
And once you peel it, everyone knows,
It has to be eaten, or there it goes.
Something needs doing about the peel,
Which coils up like a sleeping eel.
Banana, mine, I love your taste
But hate being tempted to dump, a waste.
So Mr. Grower and Mr. Shipper,
How 'bout bananas with a zipper? ■



ILLUSTRATION BY DIANE MILLER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A PEACEFUL, CONFLICT-FREE COOP: OUR OPPOSITION TO THE BDS PROPOSAL

TO THE EDITOR:

We joined the Coop for the food. We didn't join to have our politics decided for us. We didn't join to have ourselves identified with movements we find objectionable. We joined for the food...and lots of it.

Sometimes we disagree with each other, even strongly. Remember the controversies? Expansion, cheese counter, shopping carts, meat, beer, plastic bags, Barney's. Nonetheless, together we work for the good of the store. We have created a special place where many diverse people work together and form friendships. We all share our interest in healthy food and we all want to see our Coop thrive and prosper.

Yet, some people feel entitled to use our good reputation to promote their cause. Some are so focused on their cause, they cannot see who will be hurt in the process. We refer to the people who have submitted an item to the agenda committee to hold a referendum on joining the BDS (boycott, divest and sanctions of Israel) movement.

The promotion of this proposal, regardless of outcome, will alienate a substantial number of Coop members. Many will choose to leave because they will no longer feel welcomed. Have the promoters of BDS considered the potential financial impact on the Coop? We have a legitimate right to a peaceful, conflict-free, profitable Coop.

We oppose the forwarding of this item to the General Meeting and we call upon the submitters to voluntarily withdraw it, because we believe the Coop is about food first, even food politics, but not geo-politics. Our aisles are already filled with shoppers and carts; we don't need soap boxes, too. Give peas a chance.

To add your name send an email to morehummus@gmail.com. To learn more about Coops and BDS read stopbdsparkslope.blogspot.com.

More Hummus, Please,
Rhudi Andreolli, Shena Gitel Astrin,
Steven Berke, Matthew Brown, Darrin Cabot, Nathalie Cabot, Zusha Dean,
Audrey Elias, Mickey Elias, Deborah Hershkop, Esther Hertz, Sheldon Jacobson,
Chaya Lang, Tzvi Lang, Abie Mazor,
Avishay Mazor, Barbara Mazor,
Rachel Ravitz, Jill Robinson,
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NOTHING REALLY SEEMS TO CHANGE

TO THE EDITOR:

Reply to a correspondent:
Hi Albert,

How refreshing to read your candidate's statement in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. Though I don't really know the detailed stories of the Food Coop's history, I have felt intuitively (as a relatively new member), many of the things that you address in your statement—i.e., that it appears to be a democracy and that everyone has a "say." However, it seems when I have attended general meetings in the past, there have been several points and suggestions discussed, but nothing really seems to change. One big one is reducing the work slot time to 2 hours, as there are many more members, now. But it was "explained" to me that it was impossible to do. Yes, it would require a reordering of the system but it's not impossible!

Yes it's refreshing to me too, and I thank the Co-Op for stimulating this 18-year exploration in The Sociological Imagination!

They can move mountains when they want to, believe me! They decided that every squad should now be three (Shopping, Receiving, and Food Processing), which was an enormous duplication of effort in filling out forms, etc., but they accomplished it and there's little grumbling now.

They decided long ago that they will never allow anything to be done to limit the membership—indefinite expansion! Therefore they have hugely, immensely increased the number of new jobs, and at the same time they claim there aren't enough members to fill the old ones. The

Upstairs Hall Monitors, the Walkers (an immense increase in squad size!—175 workslots per week X 4 weeks is 700 workslots), the Packers, and the Line Managers are the most noticeable enhancements.

Another major policy I have discerned over the years is that the Co-Op is a Food Store, never a Social Experiment. Boycotts and committees are closely monitored, have Staff Advisors, and are prevented from becoming too visible or using significant Co-Op resources. The Atrium, the Cheese Case, the egregious withdrawal of Item Pricing, the fatally awkward Recycling Committee, and most recently the putsch to require a 3/4 vote for a boycott are all telling examples, to my mind.

Our "support" of other Co-Ops seems to be mostly tête-à-têtes with Joe Holtz, despite the much-touted workslots of today. When the Bronx Co-Op begged us to share our volume discounts in 1997? We let them die. Can U imagine the 700 workslots we gave to the Chichi Walker Battalion going to co-op outreach—how many satellite co-ops we could have organized by now?

The grisly tale of their yearlong sabotage of the Government Reform Committee of 1994? Is almost too rancid to describe.

To be continued... The Correspondent discerns suppression of innovation, apathy, grouchiness during workslots, top-down discussions at general meetings, and boredom with the *Gazette*. Such agreement spurs me to even more lyrical laments over the loss of our collective soul!

In cooperation, I remain,
Albert Solomon
718-768-9079
hobces@yahoo.com

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.

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.

CORRECTION

In the letter "Watch and Learn About GMOs," published in the April 21, 2011, edition of *The Linewaiters' Gazette*, an incorrect website was given. The correct website to learn more about genetically modified food is <http://gmodanger.wordpress.com>.

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

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

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

Shopping Hours:

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

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

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

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

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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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.

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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.

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

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**Friday
Jun 17**
8:00 p.m.

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The Good Coffeehouse
COOP CONCERT SERIES

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for Ethical Culture

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

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

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...

Third Thursday
JUNE 16
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday
MAY 29
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Second Saturday
JUNE 11
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

Office Set-up

Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:30 a.m.

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

Laundry and Toy Cleaning.

**Saturdays and Sundays,
8:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

This workslot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and

redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the child-care room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact the Membership Office if you're interested.

Schedule Copying

Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.

You will work by yourself copying committee schedules from originals using the Risograph machine. (Risograph is a high-speed digital printing system; it combines scanning and high-speed printing). You should be able to troubleshoot problems with the printer. A six-month commitment is required for this shift. Please contact the Membership Office if you're interested.



COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 31

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JUN 7

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Jun 28 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Jun 2 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 23
Jun 16 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 6

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jun 2 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 25
Jun 16 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 8

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 31, 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

may 20
fri 7 pmHarmonize Your
Body, Mind and Spirit

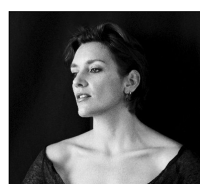
Jin Shin Jyutsu® is an ancient Japanese practice that balances the body's energy by simply using hands/fingers to eliminate stress, create emotional equilibrium, relieve pain and alleviate acute or chronic conditions. Learn to boost your immune system, help with fatigue, relieve aching backs, alleviate 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.

may 20
fri 8 pmJen Chapin and
Stephan Crump & Rosetta Trio

Jen Chapin's music is urban folk—story songs that search for community and shared meaning, powered by the funk, soul and improvisation of the city. Her performances are powerful, spotlighting the world-class musicianship and rare chemistry of Rosetta Trio: husband/acoustic bassist **Stephan Crump** and guitarists **Jamie Fox** and **Liberty Ellman**. Special guest **Dan Rieser** on drums. Memphis-bred Brooklynite, bassist/composer **Stephan Crump** will perform with his unique all-string **Rosetta Trio** in support of their latest Sunnyside Records release, *Reclamation*. Rosetta Trio renders with power and great sensitivity Crump's often profound, sometimes playful and always honest music.

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may 21
sat 10 am–1 pmWhat's All This
About Fracking?

Heard about fracking and want to learn more? Worried about fracking and wondering what to do? Join Coop member **David Publow** as he examines the environmental, social, economic, health and political impacts this technology will have on New York State. Whether you have a lot of time or a little, learn how you can contribute to the effort environmental groups across New York State are taking to preserve our pristine water, beautiful forests, fertile soil, native wildlife and fresh air.

Presented by the Safe Food Committee.

may 22
sun 12 pm

Fibroids, Cysts and PMS

Participants will learn five effective, natural ways to eliminate fibroids, cysts and PMS. Learn the underlying causes of hormonal imbalance, how to resolve them and how to boost energy and clarity through beneficial diet, appropriate exercise and the use of natural supplements. Advanced registration suggested: call 646-483-4571. Coop member **Rebecca Curtis** is a licensed and registered health and fertility coach, through the New York State Department of Education and the American Association of Drugless Practitioners, specializing in women's issues and hormonal balance.

may 28
sat 10 am–1 pmWhat's All This
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may 29
sun 12 pmIs Some [Good] Food
Making You Sick?

Seventy-six percent of today's population suffers from food intolerances or sensitivities that cause the body to go into a chronic state of inflammation. It manifests itself in: migraines; acne, eczema (or other skin conditions); asthma; arthritis; autoimmune diseases like fibromyalgia, thyroid conditions; IBS; and always feeling tired and having energetic dips. Common foods causing inflammation are wheat, dairy, eggs, soy, citrus, fructose; even of the best quality. Learn how to heal yourself and regain your health, weight and energy levels. **Magdalena** healed herself from years of acne and migraines, and later an autoimmune disease (Hashimoto's) which she was told was incurable. Today she works as a holistic health coach.

may 31
tue 7 pm

PSFC MAY General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available 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: Rules Revision Committee is ready to present its work to the GM as a proposal item. (60 minutes)

Proposal: "Proposed changes to GM Rules Document."

—submitted by GM Rules Revision Committee

Explanation: "As mandated by the September 2006 GM, and reported at the July 2009 GM and January 2011 GM, and presented for discussion at the February 2011 GM, the GM Rules Revision Committee has been drafting changes to the existing GM rules documents, including "General Meeting Rules of Conduct," "Standardized Election Procedures" and "Structure of the General Meeting" for content and clarity. The Committee now presents as replacements for these documents a comprehensive rules document and a one-page nonbinding explanatory document, respectively titled "Park Slope Food Coop Guide to the General and Annual Meetings" and "GM-101."

Item #2: Enforcement of the "Eat only paid-for-food" rule. (30 minutes)

Discussion: "Reaffirmation and clarification of the 'Do's and Don'ts of Shopping' at the Coop: Do #7, Eat only paid-for-food."

—submitted by the Membership Coordinators and General Coordinators

Explanation: "The 'Do's and Don'ts of Shopping at the Coop' are a list of specific behaviors each member is responsible to abide by. As there is no clear and easy way to differentiate between members eating food that they have paid for or not yet paid for, and, as there are many instances of eating on the shopping floor throughout any given day, how best can we as a membership, not just as a paid staff, enforce this policy to ensure that members do not nibble away at the Coop's financial health?"

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.

jun 2
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Aging Gracefully



Healthy recipes that are rich in antioxidants can give you a large step-up in attaining optimal health. Antioxidant consumption can protect one from heart and circulatory disease, cancer, organ problems and can also help us all age gracefully. Chef **Hideji Asanuma** will discuss the importance of antioxidants and will prepare simple recipes using foods that contain them. He has more than 20 years of professional experience in the culinary field, having worked at top star-rated restaurants in Japan, France and New York. He currently teaches healthy Japanese cooking. *Menu includes tofu aioli sauce; kabocha brownie; etuve (multi-vegetable salad. All recipes are vegan. Materials fee: \$4.*

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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jun 3
fri 7 pm

Film Night: An Evening of Personal Documentaries



Found: Lost Photos of New York Blizzard. Director **Todd Bieber** was skiing in Brooklyn's Prospect Park, found a roll of film and had it developed in an effort to find the owner. This seemingly small act led to a world-wide journey that *Time* magazine called "YouTube's Greatest Adventure." *This Is For Betsy Hall* and *Storage Is Unsolved Problems.* Director **Hope Hall** is her mother's guardian, and recently went through six boxes of things she saved while clearing out her storage. This is what she made out of the experience. **Gabriel Rhodes'** *Glass Elevator* is a personal exploration into the effects of panic attacks. Through experimental techniques, the filmmaker attempts to convey the sense of fear and loss that panic attacks brought about in his life. *The Flood.* When director **Faye Lederman's** studio is flooded, the insurance company and mitigation team want to spray an anti-mold product throughout the apartment. Dubious about the product's safety in relation to Faye's pregnancy, she and husband Jeremy scramble to figure out how to evaluate its toxicity and potential dangers to the fetus. They find themselves challenged and overwhelmed in the effort to make careful decisions about their unborn child's safety in an age of chemical exposure.

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

jun 4
sat 2 pm

Why You're Not Losing Weight

What many people don't seem to realize is that you can lose weight and still be unhealthy—which means lost weight is often gained back. This workshop is designed to give you the tools you need to kick-start your metabolism and get your body in a state of calorie-burning health and balance. Find out how to become the shape you are meant to be! Coop member **Coleen DeVol** is a health counselor and whole foods nutrition educator.

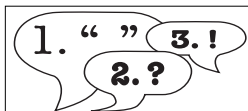
jun 5
sun 12 pm

Nutrition Response Testing

Digestive Problems? Bad Skin? Overweight? Low Energy? These are just a few of the challenges that will respond to a custom-designed nutrition program. Nutrition response testing is a precise, analytical tool that enables us to identify the underlying reason your body is creating symptoms. Then we can test you for the most precise supplementation, the perfect diet and create a personalized 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.

jun 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, June 28, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

jun 10-11
fri-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.

jun 11
sat 7 pm

Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead

Viewing of documentary followed by a discussion. One hundred pounds overweight, loaded up on steroids and suffering from a debilitating autoimmune disease, Joe Cross is at the end of his rope and the end of his hope. With doctors and conventional medicines unable to help long-term, Joe turns to the only option left, the body's ability to heal itself. He trades in the junk food and hits the road with juicer and generator in tow, vowing only to drink fresh fruit and vegetable juice for the next 60 days. What emerges is an inspiring tale of healing and human connection. Presenter is Coop member **Dr. Natural**, a holistic health and wellness consultant. RSVP 718-783-3465 / 718-612-3652.

Transforming Anxiety With Core Energetics

Are you feeling anxious, stressed and tight? In this interactive and experiential workshop, you will learn tools to help you relieve your anxiety. Learn to identify unconscious blocks to feeling more relaxed and happier with Core Energetics, a body-centered therapy, that goes beyond traditional talk therapy by bringing in breath, the voice and movement to help you feel calmer, more energy and vitality. Coop member **Susan Pollack**, L.C.S.W, Core Energetics Practitioner, is a psychotherapist with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope.

jun 14
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Dirt! The Movie



DIRT! The Movie takes you inside the wonders of the soil. It tells the story of Earth's most valuable and unappreciated source of fertility — from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. This is an insightful and timely film, inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*. It takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to. Special guests to be announced.

jun 17
fri 8 pm

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still to come

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How to Chase Fear Away

jun 18

Joy! What Is It? Where Is It?

jun 25

Knit & Sip

jun 25-26

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

jun 28

PSFC JUNE General Meeting

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Film Night

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Anti-Hydrofracking Bike Raffle Garners Tremendous Support

By Ann Herpel

The Coop's bike raffle to support anti-hydraulic fracturing efforts in upstate New York was a huge success! The Coop sold 990 tickets, raising a total of \$4,950. The lucky winner of the Schwinn Coffee Cruiser bike was Aladdin Abdul Rahim. Mitty Owens won the \$100 VISA debit card, and Marcus Beck, the \$25 VISA debit card. Four Coop members—Carter Goodwin, Alan Ettlinger, Anne Renda and Antonio Mondesire—won a Coop T-shirt of their choice.

The funds collected will be donated to the Chenango Delaware Otsego Gas Drilling Opposition Group. This anti-hydrofracking group was recommended to the Coop Coordinators by Ken Jaffee, the owner of Slope Farms—the Coop's top

supplier of beef—and members of the Coop's Environmental Committee. More information about hydrofracking, the dangers it poses to New York's water- and foodsheds, and what you can do to get involved can be found at ecokvetch.blogspot.com and un-naturalgas.org. In May 2010, the Coop's General Meeting voted to support a statewide ban against hydraulic fracturing. Therefore, the Coop Coordinators decided to donate the raffle's proceeds to Chenango Delaware Otsego Gas Drilling Opposition Group, as yet another show of support for this critical campaign.

The Coordinators would like to thank all the Coop members who purchased raffle tickets and the members who worked shifts selling tickets in front of the Coop. The Schwinn bike was donated by Clif Bar, and the gift cards were donated by Small Planet Foods—makers of Cascadian Farm, Larabar, and Muir Glen products. ■



Bike winner Aladdin Abdul Rahim.

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Coop members Meg Frost and Josh Paris sell raffle tickets.

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Coop staff Ann Herpel and Karen Mancuso pick the winner.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

THU, MAY 19

Community Bookstore presents a reading and discussion of "Acts of War: Iraq & Afghanistan in Seven Plays." Playwright Karen Malpede* and actor George Bartenieff will read and discuss plays with the audience. Free. Community Bookstore (143 7th Ave.). 7 p.m. www.community-bookstore.net.

SAT, MAY 21

Il Tabarro (The Cloak) by Puccini: Il Tabarro's tightly focused plot centers on Michele, the owner of a barge moored on the Seine; his wife, Giorgetta, who no longer enjoys their nomadic river life and has taken up with Luigi, her secret lover. This is a story of a love triangle, yet there is humor in the secondary characters. Christine Reimer* sings Frugola. In English & with orchestra by Brooklyn Reperto-

ry Opera. Littlefield Performance & Art Space, 622 Degraw (3rd & 4th Ave). 2 p.m. Admission \$25, seniors/students \$13. www.bropera.org or www.littlefieldnyc.com.

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TUE, MAY 24

8th Annual Sheba Film Festival: "Delicious Peace Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean." Director: Curt Fissel (Uganda/USA 2010), 40 min, English. Living in the lingering wake of the Idi Amin regime of terror & intolerance, Christian, Jewish & Muslim Ugandan coffee farmers challenged historical & economic hurdles by forming a cooperative. 7:30 p.m. JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave, at 76th St. \$10.

WED, MAY 25

The Brooklyn Collection at Brooklyn Public Library's Central building hosts author Tamara Mose Brown for a talk on her new book, "Raising Brooklyn," which offers an in-depth look at the women of Caribbean descent who provide childcare for white middle-class families. Wine and cheese reception at 6:30, lecture at 7 p.m.

THU, MAY 26

The David Bindman* Ensemble performs at Sunset Park Library Thursday, May 26, 2011, 6:00 pm. Featuring Reut Regev, trombone, Frank London, trumpet, Art Hirahara, piano, Wes Brown, contrabass, royal hartigan, drums, David Bindman, saxophones. Original compositions incorporate elements from jazz and world music traditions. For people of all ages. FREE.

THU, JUN 2

Free Seminar: How to Hire a Contractor. Homeowners, don't be taken for a ride. Learn how to evaluate, choose & hire an effective contractor. Know the best practices in the field. 6pm. Location: NHS of East Flatbush, 2806 Church Ave. (btw Nostrand & Rogers). To RSVP, call 718-469-4679. Sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush, a not for profit housing organization. www.nhsofeastflatbush.org

THU, JUN 9

Book launch party, with food, drinks and demonstration, for "The Butcher's Guide to Well-Raised Meat" by Joshua and Jessica Applestone, of Fleischer's Grass-fed & Organic Meats, and Alexandra Zissu. The power-House Arena, 37 Main Street, Brooklyn. 7-9 p.m. Please RSVP at rsvp@powerHouseArena.com. Refreshments will be served.

THU, JUN 16

Heart of Brooklyn Cultural Institutions, Inc. with Circuit Productions, Inc./Susan Goldbetter*, producer, and Central Library, Brooklyn, present Harlem Blues and Jazz Band in Jazz: Brooklyn's Beat. Free jazz/blues performance & SWING DANCING on the Central Library's Plaza located at 10 Grand Army Plaza 6:30-8:30 p.m. All ages! Info: 718-230-2100 or www.circuitpro.org.

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