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The September GM: Four Votes, Little Dissent

By Thomas Matthews

Unlike the turbulent July General Meeting—which featured a contentious debate over a proposed boycott and the unexpected resignation of the PSFC secretary—the GM on September 27, with 195 Coop members in attendance, completed its agenda with efficiency and harmony. However, the summer's shock waves still shaped this meeting's agenda.

Unfinished Business

Three of the agenda items related directly to the resignation of Elizabeth Tobier, Coop secretary and board member, announced at the July GM and effective after the August GM.

First, the Coop bylaws needed amending, since they were not worded to account for the resignation of someone who was simultaneously a Coop officer and board member.

As General Coordinator Joe Holtz explained, "Elizabeth Tobier served

for many, many years as our secretary, and later became a member of the board. When she resigned, we discovered that the bylaws were not written in such a way as to address this situation. This requires us to correct and verify the relevant bylaws."

A proposal to amend the first paragraph of Article VII of the bylaws was put to a voice vote, without discussion, and passed "by unanimous consent," according to Chairperson Samantha Natov.

Second, a vote was held to elect someone to fill the unexpired term as secretary, which lasts until the Annual Meeting in June 2012.

Elinoar Astrinsky, one of the General Coordinators, explained the duties of the

secretary and the work-slot credits the position earns.

"Are there any candidates?" asked Sam. "We are hoping for interest from the floor," replied Elinoar, at which point Coop member Jesse Rosenfeld raised his hand and presented himself as a candidate. He read the following statement:

"My name is Jesse Rosenfeld, and I'm running for Secretary.

"I have a great deal of background in administrative assistance, juggling far more tasks at once than this work slot could ever hope to give. My attendance record is up to date, and I am a frequent attendee to GMs without needing them as a makeup. I attend because I love the Coop and want it to run as efficiently as possible.

"My note-taking will be copious, accurate and handed in on a timely basis, and I am confident I will be able to handle any and all other duties related to

this position. I will issue unapproved minutes from the prior meeting to regular attendees on the Board, Chair Committee, Agenda Committee, the GCs and any other members who request it in advance of the presentation of the minutes at a future GM. I appreciate your vote and confidence in me."

Jesse's energetic, enthusiastic presentation drew cheers and applause. There were no other candidates. A vote was taken by paper ballot and the results announced (unofficially) as 176 Yes, 1 No and 7 Blank. As a result, Jesse has been elected our new Coop secretary.

Finally, it was necessary to approve the

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THE SEPTEMBER GM

ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL JAY COHEN

How Do You Like Them Apples?

By Gayle Forman

Autumn has arrived, and with it, shorter days, crisper air, and a change in the produce aisle. Gone are the last of the peaches, the plums, the pluots, and in their wake, the apples, so many varieties of apples, many still with stems and leaves attached—evidence of their short ride from orchard to Coop. The apple's reputation is sometimes so simple, so iconic, that it belies its complexity, both in variety and in flavor. General Coordinator and produce buyer Allen Zimmerman steps in to give the lowdown on our bountiful apple crop and on some interesting tidbits about the not-so-forbidden fruit.



ILLUSTRATION BY PAUL BUCKLEY

1. Once Upon A Time, There Were Three Kinds of Apples:

We've become so used to the incredible variety of apples, so many kinds, that sometimes you even forget what's in your cart. "Pink Ladies, no Gala, no Cameos," you tell the checkout person when asked what apple type you have. But it wasn't always so. "It used to be, there were two kinds of apples," Zimmerman says. "Red and yellow. Then they invented green." Invented, you say? How do you invent an apple? Actually, most apples are invented because....

2. Red Delicious + Red Delicious ≠ Red Delicious

"The thing that people don't know unless they've read Michael Pollan is that you can't reproduce an apple from its own seeds," says Zimmerman. "Each apple produces seeds like humans. You reproduce some variation. That's what apples do." In basic G-rated botany, this means that in order for apples to make baby apples, they need a honeybee (or some other insect pollinator) to carry pollen from one variety of apple tree to another and create a new variation of apples.

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Next General Meeting on October 25

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, October 25, 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 flier 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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Coop Event Highlights

Fri, Oct 21 • Wordsprouts: An Evening of Memoirs 7:00 p.m.

Sat, Oct 22 • Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Thu, Nov 3 • Food Class: Gluten-Free Vegan Masterpieces 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Nov 4 • Film Night: Battle for Brooklyn 7:00 p.m.

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

International Year of Cooperatives

By Danielle Uchitelle

The United Nations wants the world to know how important cooperatives are to the well-being of society, and it has decided to spend the next twelve months spreading the news. Once you look at their plans, pronouncements and calls for action, you may never again take for granted your role in this worldwide movement.

In early 2010, the UN General Assembly took a break from peacekeeping and diplomacy to release Resolution 64/136, declaring an International Year of Cooperatives, known simply as IYC 2012. Scheduled to begin on October 31 and running for the next year, the Resolution reveals just how broad the global cooperative movement is, and is eye-opening reading for those of us whose most difficult cooperative burden is waiting for the organic arugula to be sent up from the basement.

A Global Network of Cooperation

The UN states three primary goals of International Year of Cooperatives: to increase public awareness about cooperatives and their contributions to economic development; to promote the growth of cooperatives for socio-economic empowerment; and to encourage governments to establish laws to foster the formation and growth of coops. The year's official slogan is "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World," which any PSFC member should be able to attest to. Some of the key messages of the campaign may seem comfortably

self-evident to us. For example, one of IYC's primary tenets is "Cooperatives promote democratic principles," which may appear obvious until you realize that, for a farmers' cooperative struggling to establish itself within a repressive political regime, simply ascribing to democracy can be a radical act of self-determination. Still other key messages of the UN campaign fit an altogether different sort of cooperative ("Cooperatives and gender: a pathway out of poverty," "Sustainable business model for youth").

In fact, though all cooperatives have core principles in common, IYC 2012 does highlight both the similarities as well as the distance that can stretch between a women's weavers cooperative run from a hut on the plains of India and a bustling food store on Union Street. Even so, PSFC takes its membership in the global coop movement seriously and always tries to embrace Cooperative Principle Six, "Cooperation Among Cooperatives," whenever possible.

Recently, General Coordinator Joe Holtz attended a meeting of local cooperatives held to discuss how the NYC cooperative

community could support IYC 2012. Joe reported that, in addition to PSFC and two other food coops, there were representatives from local credit unions, greenworker cooperatives, daycare cooperatives, and others. Joe admitted that it was unusual for NYC coops to come together in this way. "I've never seen this in my whole life," admitted Joe afterwards. "It's unusual for New York City." Yet he stressed that the principle of coops helping coops wasn't unfamiliar at all; PSFC continues to help local food coops such as the Bay Ridge Coop (which also had a representative at this meeting), and makes an effort to purchase from cooperatives. Joe noted that Fair Trade products, many of which are carried by PSFC, are predominantly produced by farmers and workers cooperatives, including Frontier brand herbs and spices and Equal Exchange coffee.

Cooperative Story Telling

Recognizing the diversity among cooperatives, the International Year of Cooperatives organizers have started a social media campaign they call "Cooperatives Are..." that will be a part of the Cooperative Year activities. Featuring a YouTube channel, blog, Facebook and Twitter feeds, "Cooperatives Are..." is soliciting stories, videos, and photos

designed to raise global awareness of cooperatives in all their resplendent forms. Organizers hope that by the end of the official year these social media channels will be filled with examples of how cooperatives help members throughout the

world. PSFC members should feel free to post their own stories on the website social.un.org/coopsyear. Building on the idea of grassroots storytelling to highlight the full range of cooperative activities, EURICSE (European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises), one of the partner organizations supporting IYC 2012, has its own website where, says organizer Kate Askew, staff members plan to highlight one story per day for the entire year; go to <http://stories.coop/> for more information.

As IYC 2012 unfolds, PSFC members should take the opportunity to think about how we can lend our voice to this global proclamation of cooperative values. Whether that means altering your shopping habits to give greater attention to Fair Trade products, contributing your personal coop story to a social media channel, or simply being aware of how we fit into the worldwide phenomenon that is the cooperative movement, International Year of Cooperatives gives us the opportunity to hear from our fellow cooperators and make our voices heard beyond the walls of our own store. ■

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Find out what you can do to protect our water and our food from fracking. See Josh Fox's movie



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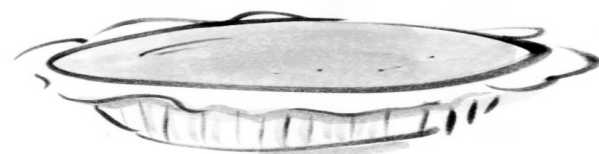
Panel Discussion

With fracking experts from:
Park Slope Food Coop
NY H2O

United for Action
Brooklyn Food Coalition
Assemblyman Jim Brennan

Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Discussion starts at 8:30 p.m.

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Sixth Avenue and 8th Street
Free food and a movie + intelligent conversation
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RETURN POLICY

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FOOD COOP**

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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

**NEVER
RETURNABLE**

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

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



Apples

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3. You're Eating Science

Mother Nature set up this system in which apples must produce varieties in order to reproduce. Scientists and farmers have picked up from there, tinkering away to get all kinds of delicious new apples. The University of Minnesota is one of the country's apple hotspots, and the source of many delicious varieties, including the Honeycrisp. Our own Hepworth Farm developed the Candy-crisp. This is not to say you're eating genetically engineered apples. Simply, the scientists and farmers are creating new varieties by mixing together seedlings from different varieties to create new ones.

4. If You Want to Make A Honeycrisp from a Honeycrisp, You Graft

Almost none of the apples you eat—or the citrus for that matter—grows from a seed. For the reasons mentioned above, new apple trees grow from grafts of existing apple trees. "You can have a chance occurrence by planting apple seeds and seeing what comes from it," says Zimmerman. But you won't get a known variety. You'll get something new. If you like what you get and want to keep it, the only way to reproduce it is by grafting.

5. Apples Grow Everywhere

We tend to think of apples as coming from New York or the Pacific Northwest or the Upper Midwest, but in fact, apples grow all over the place. Organic apples, which tend to peak earlier in the season, come from no-rain-fall areas, like the deserts of California and Arizona. And from there, the apple crop moves up and out.

6. Global Climate Change Is Upsetting the Apple Cart

It used to be that peak apple time was right about now, mid to late October. But as with all produce, the increasingly extreme weather is changing that pattern, says Zimmerman. "Nothing is predictable the way it used to be and even when it used to be predictable it wasn't predictable." This past year, the access to organic apples ended before a new crop grew. On the flipside, the weather seemed to favor some of the minimally treated apples, of which Zimmer-

man says we can expect a bounty this fall.

7. Amy Hepworth Has An Apple Monopoly

Speaking of those minimally treated apples, if you've noticed that the majority of our apples seem to come from Hepworth Farms, you're not imagining it. Though Zimmerman generally goes to great lengths to give differ-



ent farmers access to selling at the Coop, when it comes to apples, Hepworth is the name of the game because the apples are just that good. Zimmerman tells a story of an apple grower visiting the Coop to try and sell some of his apples, but when he tasted a Hepworth Fuji, he told Zimmerman, "I shouldn't have come here. You have the best apples." The Hepworths have been growing apples for 200 years, going back eight generations. There's just no competition.

Apples: A Primer

The following is a brief description of some of the varieties the Coop sells:

Candycrisp: Developed at Hepworth Farms, this apple has one hundred percent sugar and no acid, which, like its name suggests, means it is very sweet. The weakness, says Zimmerman, is that some people prefer a bit of tart with their sweet, and that these apples bruise easily.

Cortland: Cortlands are known for their incredible white flesh, which makes them a favorite for making candy apples. Zimmerman himself was once a professional candy apple maker in Coney Island and he says only Cortlands were used.

Fuji: This popular Japanese apple is sweet and juicy and makes good sauce, too. Fujis often have a small, dark, juicy, moist spot near the core, which Zimmerman initially thought was some kind of defect. Turns out, this so-called sweet spot is especially prized in Japan.

Gala: The kid-friendly apple, Galas are crisp and sweet but also small enough to fit in the

average three-year-old's palm, and to be completely devoured by said three-year-old before the flesh turns to mush. Galas and Pink Ladies are very similar.

Granny Smith: The all-purpose baking apple, Granny Smith is firm and won't go to mush in the oven, but also has some complexity of flavor so you won't have a pie that just tastes like sugar.

Ida Red: Available for a brief time in December, these are the best apples for pink applesauce. You leave the skin on when you make the sauce and the pigment dissolves into the sauce, giving it a pink hue. Excellent for picky children who like color-coded food.

Jonagold: A produce of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, the Jonagold is a cross between a Golden Delicious and a Jonathan (hence its name). It's another popular one with kids for its reddish-yellowish hue, and its sweet juicy flesh. It can also be used for baking and sauces.

Mutsu (also known as Crispin): An excellent all-purpose apple, the Mutsu works well for pies, sauces, baking, cooking, but is also sweet and crispy enough to have around the house as a munch-on apple.

Red Delicious: The classic red apple, Red Delicious keeps for a long time and has a juicy, sweet flesh. But it turns to mush when baked so this is not one you'll want to use for pies.

Snowsweet: The name refers both to its abilities to withstand below-average temperatures—making it popular among farmers in colder climates, who also appreciate its disease resistance—and its snowy white flesh. The flesh also doesn't oxidize too quickly, making it a good choice for school lunches or salads. ■



Apple Recipes

Apple Onion Sauté

From New York State Apple Country
4 medium apples, sliced and cored
3 Tbsp. butter
½ tsp. marjoram
½ tsp. lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste.

Sauté apples and onions over medium heat until onions are tender. Add seasoning, finish with lemon juice.

Applesauce

From Mark Bittman's *How To Cook Everything*
5 lbs. apples, peeled and cored

Cut the apples in half (or quarters if they are large). Put about ½ inch of water and a pinch of salt into the bottom of a large pot and add the apples. Cover and turn the heat to medium. When the water boils, uncover the pot. Stir occasionally and lower the heat if the apples threaten to burn. Cook until the apples become mushy (at least a half hour) and then allow to cool. Mash as you would mashed potatoes. You can freeze excess.

Apple Crumble

Courtesy of writer's kitchen
6 large apples (any cooking variety or a mixture of) peeled, cored and medium diced.
½ cup honey
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
½ tsp. cardamom
Topping:
½ cup unbleached flour
½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
5 Tbsp. cold, unsalted butter, cut into bits, or grated.

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, combine the apples, honey, cornstarch and cardamom. Put the fruit into a baking pan.

Combine the flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt into a medium bowl. Add the butter bits and coat with the flour mixture until it becomes coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over the top of the filling.

Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, until the topping is brown and the filling bubbly.

Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 6.



General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky solicits nominations for Coop secretary election.

September GM

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minutes of the May, June, July and August GMs, business left unfinished as a result of the secretary's resignation.

There was some confusion and debate involved, as

Two More Votes

Two other agenda items required votes.

The first, though listed as Item #4 on the printed agenda, was actually taken up first during the meeting. It concerned the annual election of a member to the Hearing Officers Committee.



Joe Holtz, General Coordinator, leads Board of Directors meeting at end of GM.

the apparent trigger for Elizabeth's resignation was an attempt at the July GM by Chair Committee member David Golland to amend her proposed minutes for the May GM, a change that she opposed. Since then, no minutes had been approved.

Though David was not in attendance in September, David Moss, another member of the Chair Committee, proposed the same amendment to the May meeting minutes. There was some discussion about whether this was permissible. Nevertheless, a series of voice votes was called. The Chair deemed that the amendment of the May minutes, and their acceptance as amended, had both passed.

After that, the approval of subsequent meeting minutes was quick work.

As Marian Hertz, a four-year member of the committee, explained its duties, the Hearing Officers Committee adjudicates or mediates disputes between members accused of infractions and the Disciplinary Committee, which is charged with enforcing the rules.

Marian announced that Monique Bowen, who has already served three years on the Hearing Committee, was standing for re-election, and endorsed her candidacy. "Monique is a psychologist," Marian said, "and that gives a different, and valuable perspective, on a committee that has a number of lawyers on it, including me."

Monique said, "This is difficult work, but fortunately hearings don't happen that often. I believe my background in psychology helps me to be an



Samantha Natov and Ann Monroe chair September General Meeting.

PHOTOS BY ANN ROSEN

effective mediator."

There were no other candidates. A vote was taken by paper ballot. The results were announced (unofficially) as 170 Yes, 3 No and 4 Blank, and Monique Bowen was re-elected to the Hearing Officers Committee.

The final agenda item was a vote to approve a Restatement and Amendment of the Coop's pension plan. Joe Holtz explained that the changes were required by law but "changed nothing material," and that they were supported by an actuary and a pension attorney (both Coop members).

The motion was read and seconded, a vote was taken by show of hands and the Chair deemed passage "by unanimous consent."

Coordinators' Reports

General Coordinator Mike Eakin presented the Coop's financial report. Mike noted that membership is up 3 percent over the same period a year ago, and that sales per member are also up, more than 4 percent, to an average of \$53.38 per week.

"The most important number is inventory turnover," Mike explained. "We turn our inventory over three or four times as fast as the typical large food coop. That means we have much fresher food."

General Coordinator Jess Robinson gave the GM a progress report on changes implemented at the checkouts on September 12. The primary changes are: membership cards or entrance desk slips must be presented at checkout and members who are suspended with an expired grace period are not eligible to shop or make member payments.

"So far, it's going extremely well," Jess said. Though the Coop processes some 13,000 transactions each week, "we have needed to supply assistance to only about 15 members."

Joe Holtz noted that employees of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) had visited the Coop and requested that literature be distributed alerting victims of Hurricane Irene that they may be eligible for assistance and aid.

Coordinator Allen Zimmerman, who usually delivers the produce report, was absent, so Joe stepped up to the mike once again. "I normally don't speak this much at these meetings," he noted.

Joe passed on from Allen the news that the University of Minnesota, which previously had developed a strain of apple called Honeycrisp, which has had great success at the Coop, has now

released a new variety, called Snowsweet.

"Allen says these Snowsweet apples will be the next best thing," Joe said. "I think what he means is that they will be the next thing that will be the best thing. But you can try them for yourself," he continued, indicating the snack tables located at the side of the room. And at that, a wave of hungry Coop members surged to the tables for apples.

A Quick Finish

At each GM, the Coop's Board of Directors vote whether to accept the advice of the members on the agenda items voted on at the General Meeting, and whether to approve the minutes from previous GMs. The Board meeting was called to order at 8:56, with all five board members in attendance. The vote to accept the meeting minutes passed, 5-0. The votes to accept the decisions on the agenda items all passed, 5-0.

The GM wrap-up period, normally scheduled to run from 9:30-9:45, was opened at 8:59, and as there were no questions or discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting, which, several members agreed, had been particularly efficient, productive and pleasant. ■

Board Election

**Election of a new member of the Board of Directors at the October 25th General Meeting.
Term expires at the June 2012 Annual Meeting.**

If you are interested in this position, please attend the meeting and announce your candidacy.

If you have questions about the Board or the election, please speak to a General Coordinator at 718-622-0560.



PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN

Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's
products blog.

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

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

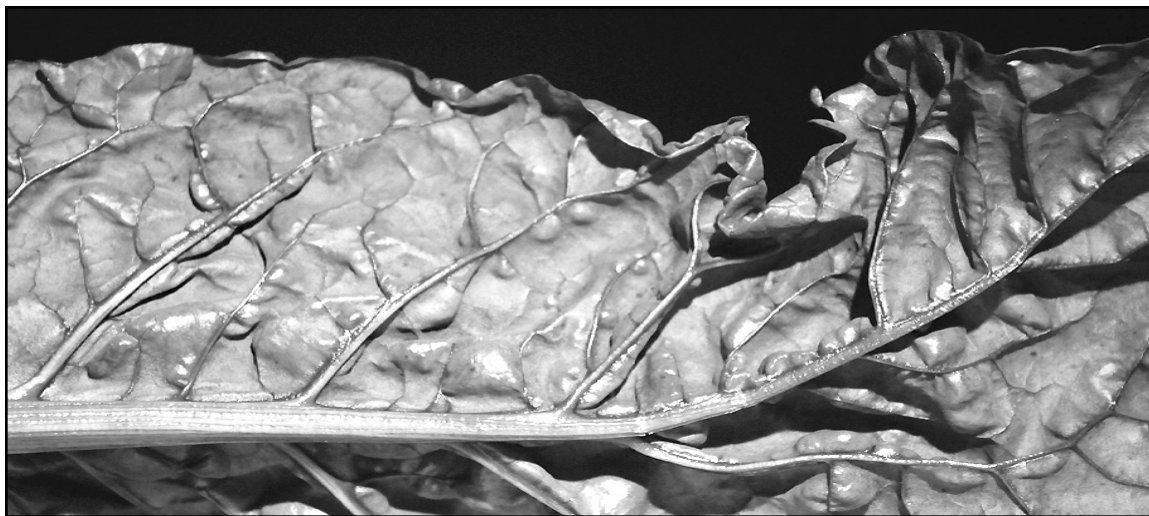


PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN



Coop collecting donations for CHIPS Soup Kitchen

On September 23, CHIPS suffered
devastating smoke and water damage
from a fire in an adjacent building.

CHIPS is currently closed to
rebuild and renovate. They need our
financial support to reopen the
Soup Kitchen and Frances Residence.

There are collection boxes located here in the
Food Coop, near the exit, at the cashier
stations and in the Membership Office.

You can also send a check to:
CHIPS
200 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217

CHIPS has politely requested *ONLY financial
donations*, at this time. They are unable to
handle donations of food, clothing or furniture.



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Saturday, October 22
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Coop **FREE**
Non members Welcome

SLOWING DOWN THE DEC ON THE FAST TRACK TO FRACK NEW YORK STATE

Governor Cuomo and the Department of
Environmental Conservation are putting
the energy industry on a fast track
to frack New York State. Why the hurry?

The NYS DEC recently issued a Supplemental
Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS)
which, if accepted, will allow hydro-fracking to begin.
We have until December 12 to send comments to the DEC.

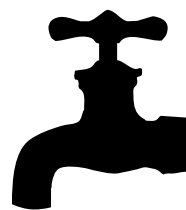
The Food Coop's Environmental Committee is organizing a series of
workshops to provide guidance for writing an effective letter to
the DEC, commenting on their regulations.

Stop by at any point during one of the workshop sessions.

Future sessions will be held:
Sunday, November 6, 12 – 2 p.m.
Saturday, November 19, 2 – 4 p.m.

Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome!

Sponsored by the Park Slope Food Coop Environmental Committee.
Visit us at www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com.



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.

Trader Joe's Exploits Tomato Pickers, Refuses to Sign Agreement for One Penny Per Pound Increase

By Jean Weisman,
Brooklyn Food Coalition

On Saturday, September 24, I represented the Brooklyn Food Coalition at the Fair Food Festival, organized by the Community/Farmworker Alliance, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), Brandworkers and other labor and community organizations. A large delegation of workers from Immokalee, Florida, participated in the festival. We marched three times to the Trader Joe's on Court Street to protest their refusal to sign an agreement to provide decent working

conditions to the workers who pick their tomatoes and pay one penny more per pound to each worker.

Also at the festival, representatives of the Restaurant Opportunities Center talked about their work to improve the conditions and salaries of restaurant workers around the country, their successes in winning back pay and their publications.

Workers from the Flaum Company, which makes cheeses, pickles, hummus and herring, spoke about the organizing they have done to improve their wages and work-

ing conditions. Seventeen of the workers were fired and the company has refused to accept a National Labor Relations Board decision that it should pay its workers \$270,000 in back pay. The company is arguing that they don't have to pay the workers because they are undocumented. The PSFC voted to support a boycott of Flaum products.

The CIW, made up primarily of Latino, Mayan Indian and Haitian immigrants, has been organizing to improve working conditions for tomato workers in Florida since 1993. They have participated in a month-long hunger strike and a 234-mile march. They organized a national boycott of Taco Bell. They won agreements with Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Long John Silver, Burger King and Whole Foods.

Barry Estabrook, in his book *Tomatoland: How Modern Industrial Agriculture De-stroyed Our Most Alluring Fruit* states that one-third of the fresh tomatoes in the U.S. are grown in Florida. They are grown in sand and the growers add chemicals to more than 100 different pesticides and herbicides. They are picked when they are green and gassed with ethylene for shipment to the north so they will become red. Workers are exposed to the chemicals and many become ill with eye and breathing problems, cancer and birth defects. The Department of Agriculture has found 35 pesticides on tomatoes that were being sent to super-



markets. Tomatoes grown today are much less nutritious than the tomatoes that were grown in the 1960s. According to the Department of Agriculture, tomatoes grown currently have 30% less vitamin C, 30% less thiamin, 19% less niacin, 62% less calcium, and 14 times more sodium than those grown in the 1960s. The Environmental Working Group found that 54% of the tomatoes tested had detectable levels of pesticides. Methyl Bromide, a toxic chemical that is banned from most crops, is still used on tomatoes.

A study by the Farmworkers Association of Florida found that 92% of the workers at one company had been exposed to pesticides. Estabrook documents three cases of birth defects. Three women workers delivered babies about the same time. Carlitos was born

without arms or legs. Jesus was born with a deformity in his lower jaw, which meant there was a danger his tongue would fall back and he would choke to death. The third baby was born with one ear, no nose, a cleft palate, one kidney, no anus and no visible sexual organs. The baby died three days later. All the women had been ordered to pick the fruit in violation of federal regulations. They worked because they were afraid of losing their homes and being deported.

More than 1,000 of the workers have been subjected to slavery. They are locked into shacks, handcuffed, beaten and sometimes murdered.

According to Allen Zimmerman, General Coordinator at the Park Slope Food Coop, "We don't buy field-grown non-organic [slicing] tomatoes. The overwhelming majority of the tomatoes sold at the Coop are organic, and the non-organic ones are grown indoors." The exception is non-organic cherry tomatoes from Florida that we carry in the winter, which are field grown.

Ask the manager of Trader Joe's to support the CIW Agreement.

If you would like to work with the Brooklyn Food Coalition concerning labor issues, please send an e-mail to Jean Weisman at jean@ccny.cuny.edu. We are currently supporting the Living Wage Bill, which would pay workers who are employed in large development projects subsidized by the city a minimum wage of \$10 or \$11.50 if they don't have health insurance. On May 12, 2012, the BFC will have a conference at Brooklyn Tech High School. ■

What Is That? How Do I Use It? Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, October 24, Noon to 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25, 12:15 to 3 p.m.

Friday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

You can join in any time during a
question-and-answer session
on the shopping floor.

Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.



ecokvetch
the environmental
committee blog

Coop Members use
383 PLASTIC BAGS
an hour. **WOW!**

Check out our
proposal to
**Phase Out the
Plastic Bag Rolls.**

ecokvetch.blogspot.com

Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

9	1	5	4	7	6	3	8	2
6	2	3	9	8	5	1	4	7
8	4	7	2	1	3	9	6	5
3	8	6	5	4	1	2	7	9
5	7	1	8	2	9	6	3	4
2	9	4	6	3	7	5	1	8
1	5	9	7	6	8	4	2	3
4	6	8	3	5	2	7	9	1
7	3	2	1	9	4	8	5	6

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAY 2012 BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE

Brooklyn Food Coalition is planning a
conference for May 12, 2012.

Please join BFC as a member and help make this conference happen.



Copywriting
Graphic Design
Social Networking
Web Development
Outreach
Research
Fundraising



To learn more and to volunteer please contact:
conference@brooklynfoodcoalition.org.
You will receive FTOP credit for your work.



Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator Evenings & Weekends

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends.

The evening and weekend Receiving/Stocking Coordinators have a lot of responsibility overseeing the smooth functioning of the store and supporting the squads. They work with the Receiving squads, keeping the store well stocked and orderly while maintaining the produce quality. At the end of the evening, they set up the receiving areas to prepare for the following day's early morning deliveries.

The ideal candidate will be a reliable, responsible self-starter who enjoys working with our diverse member-workers. You must be an excellent team player, as you will be sharing the work with several other Receiving Coordinators. You must have excellent communication and organizational skills, patience, the ability to prioritize the work and remain calm under pressure.

We are looking for a candidate who wants a permanent evening/weekend schedule. This is a high energy job for a fit candidate. You must be able to lift and work for hours on your feet including in the walk-in coolers and freezer. Grocery store experience is a plus.

Hours: 37-40 hours per week, schedule to be determined

Wages: \$23.88/hour

Benefits: —Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years
—health insurance
—Health and Personal time
—pension plan

Application & Hiring Process:

Please provide a cover letter and your résumé as soon as you can. Mail your letter and résumé or drop it in the mail slot in the entryway of the Coop. All applicants will receive a response. Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application. If you applied previously to another Coop job offering and remain interested, please reapply.

Probation Period:

There will be a six-month probation period.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least the past 6 months.
Applicants must have worked a minimum of three shifts in Receiving within the past year.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

TOM CHAPIN FAMILY CONCERT AND FOOD FAIR TO BENEFIT THE BROOKLYN FOOD COALITION

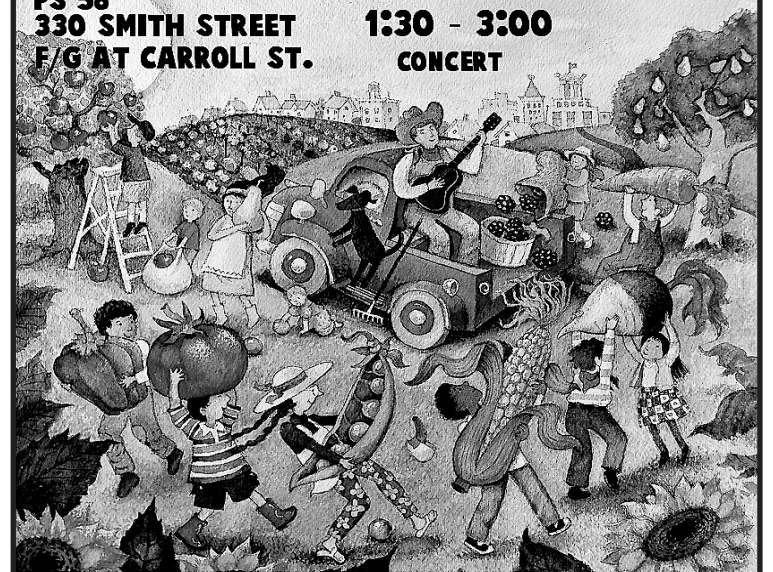
**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER
23**

12:00 - 1:30

**FOOD FAIR--DISPLAYS OF SCHOOL
FOOD PROJECTS IN OUR SCHOOLS
PLUS HEALTHY LUNCH FOR SALE**

**PS 58
330 SMITH STREET
F/G AT CARROLL ST.**

**1:30 - 3:00
CONCERT**



**PURCHASE TICKETS AT
BROOKLYNFOODCOALITION.ORG
\$10 EACH/\$25 PER FAMILY (UP TO 5)
AT THE DOOR: \$12 EACH/\$30 PER FAMILY (UP TO 5)**

**HONORING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD LANDER AND AUTHOR
JAN POPPENDIECK FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON SCHOOL FOOD CHANGE.**

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www.tomchapin.com

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**



COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

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

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

Shopping Hours:

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

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

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

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

Childcare Hours:

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

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

Opinions expressed here may be solely the views of the writer. The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish articles that are racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory.

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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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.

Digital Submissions: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

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

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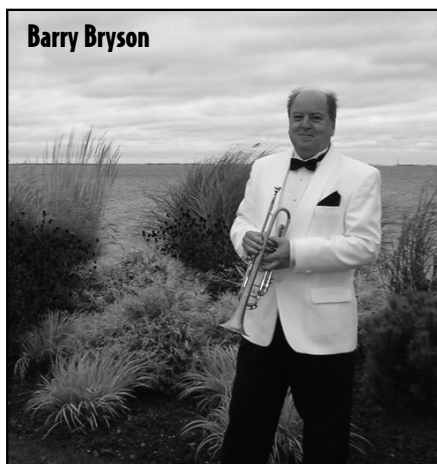
Friday
Nov 18

8:00 p.m.

very
The Good Coffeehouse
COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical
fundraising partnership of
the Park Slope
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

Todd Isler—Percussion

Stephan Bauer—Vibraphone

Lisa Parrott—Alto Saxophone/Clarinet

Jenny Hill—Tenor Saxophone/Clarinet

Marje Wagner—Vocals

Cynthia Hilts—Piano

Rob Garcia—Drums

David Phelps—Guitar

Surprise Guest—Trombone

Carolynn Murphy 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

Monthly on the...

Last Sunday
OCTOBER 30
10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Second Saturday
NOVEMBER 12
10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday
NOVEMBER 17
7:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

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

RECYCLING
PLASTICS

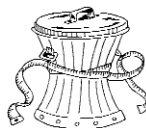
What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

- #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

Bread Voucher

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

The Coop is looking for members to process vouchers for the Bread Department, review prices, complete voucher forms and input information into Mac-Excel spreadsheet. Member must be organized, detail-oriented with legible handwriting. Please contact Renee St. Furcy at renee_stfurcy@psfc.coop or in person Mon-Thu, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Meeting Setup Workers

Last Tuesday of Month, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

Looking for enthusiastic and energetic members interested in joining the General Meeting setup

team to participate in hauling supplies and equipment to and from the monthly General Meeting. Must be flexible in covering hours between 5:30 and 10:30 p.m., attending to all aspects, including gathering, delivering, setup, cleanup, breakdown and return to Coop. You must be flexible, dependable, self-motivated and able to take direction. Contact Adriana Becerra between 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, in the Membership Office.

Plastics Recycling

Saturday and Sunday, mornings

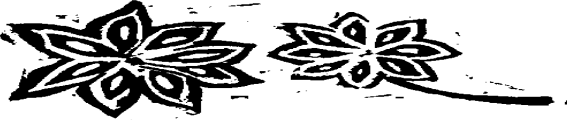
Join in the Coop's effort to be a better environmental citizen. Work outside, in front of the Coop, with other members of the Recycling Squad accepting returned plastic containers,

making sure they are clean and meet the Recycling Squad criteria. Stack and pack plastic for recycling. Must be reliable and willing to work outdoors in all kinds of weather

Store Equipment Cleaning

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

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



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 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, OCT 25

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, NOV 1

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Nov 29 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Nov 3 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Oct 24
Nov 17 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 7

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Nov 3 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Oct 26
Nov 17 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 9

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings, to which all members are invited, 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 on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 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 on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, 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 on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, 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) • Board of Directors' vote • Meeting evaluation • 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

oct 21
fri 7 pm

Wordsprouts: An Evening of Memoirs



The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

Donna Minkowitz won a Lambda Literary Award for her memoir *Ferocious Romance: What My Encounters with the Right Taught Me about Sex, God and Fury*. A former columnist for the *Village Voice*, she has also written for the *New York Times Book Review*, *Salon* and others. Minkowitz recently completed a second memoir, *The Marvelous Toy*, which combines approximately 87% true memoir with the fantasy that her mother created her as a golem. Writer, drummer and Coop food-processor **Jacob Slichter** is the drummer for the platinum-selling band Semisonic. Slichter's memoir, *So You Wanna Be a Rock & Roll Star* (published by Broadway Books in 2004), is a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of the music business as well as the mind of a performer who chases after superstardom with failure ever at his heels. He has also written for *The New York Times* and is an occasional contributor to NPR's Morning Edition. Minkowitz and Slichter will read from their memoirs and then there will be an open mic, so you can read from your work (5-minute time limit, sign up at 6:45 p.m.). Refreshments will be served.

To book a Wordsprouts, contact P.J. Corso, paola_corso@hotmail.com.

oct 21
fri 8 pm

Angela Lockhart and The Saltire Ensemble



Angela Lockhart is a poet, singer, playwright and artistic founding director of Living Lessons Inc., a not-for-profit educational theatre company in the northeast during the 1990s. She will be performing poems from *Xenogeneic*, her second poetry chapbook. Angela's poetry was selected for the 2004 *From The Web* anthology of previously unpublished political female poets. Angela is presently a writing-workshop leader for the New York Writers Coalition. **The Saltire Ensemble** (Kelly Howard, violin; Helene Bergman, violin; Mary Robb, cello; and Aidan O'Donnell; double bass) is an engaging Brooklyn-based group that takes its name from the Scottish St. Andrew's Flag, from where two of its members originate. The cross-roads of the flag symbolizes the group's intention to share exciting music with unusual instrumentation. Come and hear the Bach Double Violin concerto, a Rossini quartet and a double bass and cello duet in a rare setting.

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.



oct 22
sat 10 am-2 pm

Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State

Governor Cuomo and the Department of Environmental Conservation are putting the energy industry on a fast track to frack New York State. Why the hurry? The NYS DEC recently issued a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) which, if accepted, will allow hydro-fracking to begin. We have until December 12 to send comments to the DEC. The Food Coop's Environmental Committee is organizing a series of workshops to provide guidance for writing an effective letter to the DEC, commenting on their regulations. Stop by at any point during one of the workshop sessions. Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome! **Future sessions will be held: Sunday, November 6, 12 – 2 p.m.; Saturday, November 19, 2 – 4 p.m.**

oct 23
sun 12 pm

Simple Solutions for Organizing Your Life

Is the clutter in your home or office causing you stress? Are you having trouble finding the space for everything that you own? Certain papers and documents too emotionally charged to face? Moving date looming and you don't know what to keep or toss? Get tips on how to: prioritize; develop a task list; clear out clutter; manage time. For the past 10 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.

oct 25
tue 7 pm

PSFC OCT 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: Annual Agenda Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: "Three two-year terms are open. Two current Agenda Committee members whose terms have expired are seeking reelection. Nominations are being accepted now and will be accepted on the floor of the GM." —submitted by the Agenda Committee

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

Proposal: "The Coop will continue boycotting Coca-Cola products and Flaum Appetizing products." —mandated by the General Meeting

Item #3: Co-Sponsorship of the Next Brooklyn Food Conference (30 minutes)

Proposal: "The Park Slope Food Coop will be a co-sponsor of the 2012 Brooklyn Food Conference with a donation of \$10,000."

—submitted by Nancy Romer on behalf of the Brooklyn Food Coalition

Explanation: The Second Brooklyn Food Conference, on May 12, 2012, will strengthen the food movement and healthy, sustainable access in Brooklyn and beyond, and advance the community work of the Park Slope Food Coop.

Item #4: Interim Board of Directors Election (20 minutes)

Election: "One interim position on the Board of Directors is open. The term of office will be until the next Annual Meeting in June 2012. Nominations for this interim position will be accepted from the floor."

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.

oct 25
tue 7:30 pm

What Are Nutrient-Dense Foods

You trust that everything you and your family eat is nourishing, but in truth, most of it only adds unnecessary energy and not enough of the nutrients that make health soar. Come and learn about the nutrient-dense foods that we, just like our ancestors, need for flourishing health. You won't look at your grocery shopping cart the same way again. Coop member **Andrea Ramirez** is a health coach for women with chronic digestive, auto-immune and hormonal issues. You can find her recipes, writings on healthy lifestyle, videos and a good dose of silliness at truenourishment.com.

oct 29
sat 1 pm

Intro to Fertility Awareness

Learn how to chart your menstrual cycle events in order to achieve or avoid pregnancy. This workshop will describe the basic tools used to interpret the body's signals, indicating fertile and infertile days. By paying attention to these signs, a woman is able to prevent or achieve pregnancy depending on her wishes. Women with menstrual issues, irregular cycles or compromised fertility may also find charting helpful. Open to all genders. Coop member **Kim Chinh** is currently in training to become certified as a Holistic Reproductive Healthcare Practitioner through a Canadian program: Justisse Healthworks for Women.

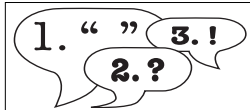
For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

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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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 or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

nov 3
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Gluten-Free Vegan Masterpieces



Chef **Korrie Chicester** will demonstrate and discuss gluten-free and vegan desserts using health-supportive ingredients. She is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts, is a vegan chef and the executive pastry chef at Vegan Divas. She is the former head chef of Organic Heights, an organic vegan restaurant in Park Slope, and has worked at Babycakes in NYC as a vegan/gluten-free baker. She intends to open a vegan, organic bakery/café in the future. *Menu includes almond cherry biscotti; cookies and crème cupcakes; spice rum bundt cake.* **Materials fee: \$4.** **Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

nov 4
fri 7 pm

Film Night: Battle for Brooklyn



Battle for Brooklyn is an intimate look at the very public and passionate fight waged by residents and business owners of Brooklyn's historic Prospect Heights neighborhood facing condemnation of their property to make way for the polarizing Atlantic Yards project, a massive plan to build 16 skyscrapers and a basketball arena for the New Jersey Nets. The film focuses on graphic designer **Daniel Goldstein** whose apartment sits at what would be center court of the new arena. A reluctant activist, Daniel is dragged into the fight because he can't accept that the government should use the power of Eminent Domain to take his new apartment and hand it off to a private developer, Forest City Ratner. The effort to stop the project pits him and his neighbors against Ratner and an entourage of lawyers and public relations emissaries, the government and other residents who want the construction jobs, the basketball team and the additional housing that the project might produce. Shot over the course of eight years and compiled from almost 500 hours of footage, *Battle for Brooklyn* is an epic and universal tale of one man under pressure, and how far he will go to fight for his home and what he believes in. Daniel Goldstein will be in attendance after the screening, for a Q&A. **To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezestone@hotmail.com.**

nov 6
sun 12–2 pm

Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State

Governor Cuomo and the Department of Environmental Conservation are putting the energy industry on a fast track to frack New York State. Why the hurry? The NYS DEC recently issued a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) which, if accepted, will allow hydro-fracking to begin. We have until December 12 to send comments to the DEC. The Food Coop's Environmental Committee is organizing a series of workshops to provide guidance for writing an effective letter to the DEC, commenting on their regulations. Stop by at any point during one of the workshop sessions. Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome! **Another session will be held Saturday, November 19, 2–4 p.m.**

nov 8
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Eating Alaska



What happens when a vegetarian moves to Alaska and marries a commercial fisherman and deer hunter? Join her on a wry search for a sustainable, healthy and ethical meal. Women try to teach her to hunt, teens gather traditional foods, vegans give cooking lessons, she fishes for wild salmon, scrutinizes food labels with kids and finds toxic chemicals getting into wild foods. With humor and compassion, the documentary *Eating Alaska* shows natives and non-natives trying to balance buying industrial processed foods with growing their own and living off the land in the 21st century. Made by a former urban vegetarian now living on an island in Alaska, it is a journey into regional food traditions, our connection to where we live and what we put into our mouths. Guest speaker to be announced.

nov 11-12
fri-sat 11 am–6 pm

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nov 12
sat 7–10 pm

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nov 13
sun 12 pm

Wordsprouts: Editors' Panel Discussion and Q&A



Tom Angotti is Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning and Director of the Hunter College Center for Community Planning and Development. He is co-editor of *Progressive Planning* magazine, participating editor for *Latin American Perspectives* and *Local Environment*, and co-edited *Service-Learning in Design and Planning: Education at the Boundaries*, to be released in January 2012 by New Village Press. Believing in the role of books and the written word in creating social change, **Alexander Dwinell** has worked for the past decade as an editor/publisher with South End Press and as a collective member of the Lucy Parsons Center, a radical bookstore and community space. He has also worked as a freelance editor and designer, toured in a punk band and, with thousands of people, prevented the passage of the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas) agreement. **Judy Goldberg** is a senior editor at *Parents* magazine. She assigns and edits features—everything from food stories, special reports and essays, to straight-up service pieces. Previously she was at Scholastic, where she was the editor of a contemporary literature magazine for high-school students. She has two kids, a hilarious husband and a golden retriever. **To book a Wordsprouts, contact P.J. Corso, paola_corso@hotmail.com.**

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Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

An asterisk (*) denotes a Coop member.

FRI, OCT 21

7:45-9:30 p.m. Practice for the Planet: a special all-levels candlelight yoga class taught by THREE of your favorite teachers from Jaya Yoga Center in the South Slope. This By-Donation practice is being offered to benefit Tar Sands Action, an organization working feverishly to stop the construction of a dirty-oil pipeline from Canada through America's heartland. More information: jayayogacenter.com.

SAT, OCT 22

8-10:30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Dave Lippman; Harmonic Insurgence. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members.

SAT, OCT 29

You are invited to an interfaith Tree of Life Conference on Israel and Palestine. These are voices of conscience—Jewish, Christian and Muslim—committed to finding justice and peace. Session 1: 9:00 a.m. Moderator:

Maya Wind. Session 2: 1:00 p.m. Moderator: David Wildman. Where: 2504 Broadway at 93rd, NYC, (Advent Lutheran Church) Additional Info: nyc.tolef.org.

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TUE, NOV 1

7:30 p.m. The Brooklyn Women's Chorus is having open rehearsals to invite new members. No auditions. Try it out for free, no commitment. Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture Prospect Park West at 2nd St. For information http://www.brooklynwomenschorus.com/ or call Bev Grant at 718-788-3741. We strive to represent the diversity of the women of Brooklyn; all women are welcome and encouraged to join.



WED, NOV 2

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WED, NOV 9

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SAT, NOV 12

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Brooklyn Arts, Crafts & Gift Fair at Camp Friendship, 339 8 St near 6 Ave. Free Admission. Sponsored by the Park Slope United Methodist Church. Vendor & other info: hollyberrynov12@gmail.com.

Attention Coop Squad Leaders!

Interested in learning more about how diversity issues affect Coop members' shopping and work shift experiences?

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TRAINING DATE:
Thursday, October 27, 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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ISRAEL AND APARTHEID

DEAR EDITOR:

Israel dominates the West Bank. Imports, exports, water, access within territory, roads, employment, and border crossings are all controlled by Israel. The Arab West Bank consists of small, fragmented islands of land connected by roads controlled by Israel. The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) roams the West Bank and arrests Palestinians at will. Israeli settlers are protected by the IDF when they choose to grab Palestinian land.

Although the West Bank is not politically within the state of Israel, life and commerce are so dominated that Israel really is in control. Israel maintains two separate sets of regulations for people living under its domination—one for Israeli citizens and the other for residents of the West Bank. One with open roads, the other with lines to get past roadblocks.

South African apartheid was basically the same setup. Instead of the West Bank, South Africa created 10 homelands or Bantustans for black South Africans. Black South Africans were forced to resettle to the Bantustans and stripped of their South African passports. South Africa maintained the fiction that they were not racist—only protecting their borders from illegal immigrants.

The bad fortune of the black South Africans worked well for the white South Africans as it now works for the Israelis. Both the Bantustans and the West Bank represent pools of cheap labor that can grow or shrink according to the needs of business. Israel can use the workers without any economic or social investment. Troublemakers can be removed easily. Israelis make a lot of money off of the West Bank.

There is a profound difference between Israel and South Africa. Apartheid was an essential part of the fabric of South Africa—it was one of the founding doctrines. True or not, Israel thinks of itself as a multi-ethnic democratic society and it was founded by egalitarian socialists. Leaving the West Bank wouldn't be a revolutionary change for Israel.

If it does right by the Palestinians, Israel can still redeem itself in the eyes of the world but they should get a push in that direction from us.

Deborah Kapell

THE COMPANY BDS
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WATCH (HRW)

DEAR EDITOR:

BDS supports many of its charges against Israel by findings from Human Rights Watch (HRW). But detailed research from journalists Benjamin Birnbaum (*The New Republic*), Jonathan Foreman (*Sunday Times*, UK) and HRW founder Robert Bernstein, has exposed HRW's disproportionate, obsessive anti-Israel bias, its research inconsistencies and lack of credibility, and misuse of the rhetoric of international law selectively demonizing Israel while reinforcing the myth of only Palestinian victimization, as with their reliance on the non-binding and widely discredited July 2004 International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion, and their incredible claim that Hezbollah did not use civilians as human shields or embed combatants and weaponry within civilian areas during the Lebanon war, contradicted by hundreds of reports, live videos and reporter-in-the-field witness accounts, and by United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) who concluded Hezbollah did exactly that in violation of international law [UNIFIL, Naqoura, Release of July 28, 2006]. No "arms-distance" protocol here to assure integrity: HRW was intimately involved in the shameless NGO Forum of Durban Conference 2001, and, in violation of principles of reporting fairness, is itself a supporter of the BDS movement (acknowledged by HRW MENA researcher Bill Van Esveld).

HRW rogue's gallery: HRW MENA Director Whitson has been associated with MADRE which deems America the world's foremost human rights violator and carries out blatant anti-Israel politicized agendas in partnership with Palestinian NGO Ibdad, also born of Durban, promoting the slander of a "holocaust" in Gaza on their extremist Gaza Holocaust website (created with the support of IHH, the Turkish NGO and designated terror group), even eulogizing Hamas military-wing commander Said Siyam. She actively marketed the Gaddafi regime, promoting his son Seif al-Islam even while the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant against him for crimes against humanity. She served on the NY American-Arab Antidiscrimination Committee promoting Arab anti-Israel agendas without any semblance of neutrality or fairness, meeting with Hamas Minister of Justice and other Hamas officials with no corollary meeting with Israeli authorities, and fundraising in Saudi Arabia from its governing Wahabi fundamentalist Shura Council, all this from a so-called "objective" human-rights organization.

Other HRW rogues: Lucy Mair, previously affiliated with the radical anti-Israel Electronic Intifada website;

Darryl Li promoted a project on "Israeli war criminals" at Harvard, Joe Stork lauded the murder of Israeli athletes at Munich and participated in the conference on "Zionism and Racism" sponsored by Saddam Hussein, while the just-appointed HRW researcher Nadia Barhoum publicly supports BDS and operated as a senior activist in the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) terror group, barred from Israel, Canada and even Jordan for security reasons [all facts acknowledged by HRW and not in dispute, and cross-confirmed in research cited].

On Israel and the Middle East, and much as I previously documented regarding the ultra-biased UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), blind prejudice everywhere from the "watcher" of human rights, all credibility eroded and trust dissipated from an otherwise often positive force.

More bad company.

Constantine Kaniklidis

THE GIVE AND TAKE OF
DEBATE

FELLOW COOP MEMBERS,

An original sponsor of the BDS proposal writes ("BDS Again!" October 6) that she sympathizes with those "who are sick of BDS BDS BDS." This is astonishing as it was she and her associates who first opened this can of worms more than two years ago and continue to publicize it in the *Gazette* and distribute literature outside the Coop. So presumably what they are sick of is letters from those *opposing* BDS, who believe it would be socially and politically destructive for the Coop to endorse this movement.

Are the BDS advocates so naive or insular as to think they would simply drop this bombshell on the Coop, singling out Israel with attributions of apartheid, racism, human rights and international law violations, that they would call for Israel to be dismantled in favor of a one-state Greater Palestine with no assurance of safety and security for the Jewish population, and that the Coop would endorse this radical movement without objections or debate?

We believe we are providing a necessary counterbalance to the proposal by exploring and demanding transparency and accountability from this movement and looking at its motives, agendas, history, and associations as well as the validity of its claims. The anti-BDS letters will continue so long as the proposal is on the table, and those who are "sick of BDS BDS BDS" should encourage the proponents to drop the matter entirely.

Postscript: In "The Return of the Prodigal Tactic" (October 6th), the writer decries the absence of citations for my challenges to a pro-BDS letter. I did not notice that BDS proponents have provided citations for any of

their allegations, however I will now identify other letters by their titles.

With respect to the unfounded claims in the pro-BDS letter I criticized ("The Illusionists", September 9), a more careful reading of my letter ("Response to Pro-BDS Letters," September 22) reveals clearly that I quoted and questioned claims about alleged checkpoints and conditions in Arab villages *within* Israel, not in the territories as my critic attributes to me. This was simply a misreading of my letter.

He also gets wrong my challenge to the claim that there has been a 60-year occupation, attributing the inaccuracy to me rather than to the writer of "The Illusionists".

In response to my charge that history suggests that the binational state advocated by BDS is decidedly not in the best interests of Jewish Israelis, my critic states that "Palestinians have no reason to destroy Israel". But this is precisely what the Hamas charter advocates, and worse. Given their relentless rocket campaign against Israeli civilians, which began unprovoked when Israel unilaterally *withdrew from* Gaza, my critic's faith in this solution is against the evidence.

Sylvia Lowenthal

EVEN MORE ARITHMETIC


TO THE EDITOR,

In her letter appearing in the September 22 *Gazette*, Mary Rose Dallal cites *Dialogue, My Twelve-Step Program*, (with which admittedly I am unfamiliar) suggesting that we should have a "consensus" before we take up a decision on the issue of boycott of Israeli products. But shouldn't we follow our Bylaws rather than the philosophy of another organization in deciding whether to hold a referendum? Those Bylaws provide that all decisions are to be made by a majority vote, not a consensus.

Moreover, what is a "consensus"? The dictionary says it is "general agreement." It is not unanimity. Dallal herself attempts a definition when she says: "In a group of 100 when 8 or 10 people do not agree, the weight of the supermajority is clear." That would mean that where there is 8 or 10% opposition to a proposal by a Coop member, there is a consensus in favor of that proposal. As of now, as reflected by letters to the editor, fewer than 200 PSFC members have expressed their opposition to a referendum on a boycott—that is about 1.25% of a group of 16,000. By Dallal's own standard we seem to have a consensus in favor of holding a referendum. The truth is that we really don't know how many members support a referendum or a boycott and the only way to know is by voting on the pending proposal to hold a referendum or not.

It appears to me that arithmetic also may be useful with respect to threats to quit the Coop by some of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



the opponents to the boycott referendum. Assuming all 200 writers of letters to the editor would quit the Coop if a referendum were held (and not all have made that threat), it would be unfortunate. I certainly don't wish to encourage their leaving and hope they will continue to enjoy the benefits of membership if there is a referendum. But if they did leave because a referendum was held, considering the 150 new members listed in the September 22 *Gazette*, wouldn't the loss soon be made up with little or no damage to the Coop? Additionally, might not the loss of members who seem to be reluctant to abide by the democratic principles of the Coop be beneficial to the Coop?

Mel Spain
Threaten to leave, let them
150 replacements

A CORRECTION

HI,

I'm writing to make a correction in the article printed in the September 22 issue of the *Gazette* titled, "For a Local Park, It's Back to the Future." I am mentioned in the first paragraph of the third column, on page 3, where it says, "Former Coop member Bruni Torres taught the July Garden Explorer's program..."

First of all, my name is spelled Bruni Torras (not Torres), and second of all, I am currently a Coop member.

I would appreciate it if this correction was made in the next issue.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Bruni Torras

A MORE INVITING GUEST POLICY, PLEASE

DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

I'm writing to propose a simple change in policy that will make things simpler for members and make our community more appealing to outsiders.

I recently brought a guest to the Coop, thinking that I could stop in for a quick purchase and show off this amazing four-decade-old social and financial experiment of ours. Before we could go shop, though, we had to go upstairs, wait in line, I had to present my Coop credentials, she had to present photo identification, we both signed something, and she got a sticker. Five minutes later, we were on the shopping floor—and she was muttering about having to show a driver's license so I could buy a carrot.

Maybe this policy once made sense. Maybe. The official explanation, as shown on the "Why Do I Have To Sign In My Guest?" flier, is that "Suspended members, former members, and non-members routinely shopped after signing in as guests. 'Mickey Mouse' and 'Donald Duck' visited us frequently."

Since September 12th, though, a suspended member, former member, non-member, or Disney character would not be able to shop here, because they wouldn't have a member card showing their current status.

Given the recent checkout changes, I propose that we move to drop the Homeland Security approach to Coop visitors, and go back to maintaining a simple sign-in desk at the entrance desk. Members will feel better about bringing in visitors, visitors will be less likely to rant about our bureaucracy—and if Mickey Mouse should return, he might be so impressed with our cheese selection that he might attend an upcoming new member orientation.

Cooperatively,
John Abrahams

LIGHTENING UP, AND PLEASE PASS THE HUMMUS

TO THE EDITOR:

The *Gazette* "Letters" section has become a combat zone. Contentiousness has been increasing steadily. Enough already! It's time to lighten up, people! The Coop is not an arena for global politics. It's a grocery store. Let's get back to basics and write about what united us in the first place: food.

Toward that end and as a lightening-up gesture of good will, I offer here something that surely every Coop member can support: a recipe.

More Hummus

1 cup dried chickpeas (or 2 cups canned)
1 cup tahini (you can choose brands from Turkey, Lebanon, the U.S. or Jordan)
½ cup lemon juice
2 cloves garlic
1 tsp. salt
freshly ground pepper
½ tsp. ground cumin
3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 Tbsp. pine nuts
parsley or cilantro

1. If you are using dry chickpeas: a) soak them overnight in cold water; b) drain and rinse them, reserving about 1 to 1½ cups of the liquid; c) place them in a heavy pot with enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil, then simmer, partially covered, for at least an hour until they are soft and the skin begins to separate. Add more water as needed; d) drain the chickpeas, reserving about 1 to 1½ cups of the cooking liquid.

2. Set aside ¼ cup of the cooked (or canned) chickpeas for garnish.

3. Process the cooked (or canned) chickpeas with the tahini, lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper, cumin, and at least ½ cup of the reserved cooking liquid (or water). If the mixture is too thick, add more cooking liquid or water until it has a paste-like consistency.

3. Add more of any flavoring you like.
4. Brown the pine nuts, either in 1 Tbsp. of olive oil in a frying pan or on a cookie sheet in the oven.

5. Serve in a large, flat plate. With the back of a spoon make a slight depression in the center. Drizzle the remaining olive oil on top and sprinkle reserved chickpeas, pine nuts, paprika, and parsley or cilantro over the surface.

Enjoy!

Speaking of food, many of us have lain away at nights wondering, "What does the Coop sell from Israel anyway?" As far as I can ascertain, besides the notorious Sodastream seltzer-maker and some heavenly bath salts, the Coop sells as many as three, maybe even four food products. But what and how many is not what all the noise is about. It's about whether a member-owned and -operated food store, "committed to diversity and equality" and "opposed to discrimination in any form" is going to violate its own Mission Statement.

Yours for buying or not buying
what we choose,
Ruth Bolletino



LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

Anonymity

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

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not

CAN WE LIMIT THE BDS LETTERS?

DEAR EDITOR,

Is it possible for *The Linewaiters' Gazette* to consider developing a more narrowly defined editorial policy that would effectively reject and/or limit the number of "Letters to the Editor" that seek to engage the membership in overtly political issues of marginal concern and relevance to the basic PSFC Mission Statement? I specifically would like to see limits placed on the seemingly endless stream of letters debating the BDS call for a boycott of Israeli products.

Sincerely,
Dolores Brandon

FORGET-ME-NOT

Which is the greatest invention?
Electricity?
Or the automobile?
Maybe TV?
Printing? Perhaps airplanes?
The TV muter?
Might it be aspirin
Or the computer?
May well depend on your age
Which gets the most votes.
If you're on the ancient side—
Post-it notes.

Leon Freilich
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based on the author's first-hand observation.

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

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

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

Respect

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



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MEMORY AND RITUAL

Remember memory
Like right now
 Inflected recollection of
Recognition and recall
Where relics and rituals root us
 Keepsakes prompt our memory
And prod subtle
Remembrances with subtitles
That remind us of the days'
Stillness still remaining
 Refrains of connected trains
Trends of thoughtful guesses
Ritual like rain refreshes
 Life's memorabilia
Memory/memoir mesmerizes me
In the key of jubilee
 Souvenirs of so far
Commemorate postscripts and pre-dates
We promote perpetuate and
Bear in mind beforehand
 Through a retrospective of
Notable notation and repetition
Renewed reminiscences present
Omniscience viewed from repeated
Previews and reviews
 Rehearsed rituals
Revive the dwellings
Upon our renewed meaning
 First came the word
C'est moi
Note to self
Stenographic summoning
Of ancient sensation
 Revelation retaining invention
Sensational retention for
 Ritual induction
Ritual instruction
Ritual intention
Ritual deduction
 Reinvention bears fruit
Warmth sustains substance

Lennie Heisler



WE DECIDE THINGS BY VOTING

DEAR EDITOR:

I support (plead for) a referendum on the issue of whether or not the Coop should boycott products made in Israel. I am a Jewish person, and do not think I am anti-Semitic or self-loathing. Anyway, call me CRAZY, but I think voting is a pretty good way for large, heterogeneous groups of people to make decisions, even controversial ones. I do not understand why any American or Coop member could come out against a VOTE. This is not a vote to ban Jews from the Coop, to express dislike for Judaism, etc. We cannot, in all fairness, deny our membership the opportunity to decide by vote on this issue since we have decided similar proposals by vote in the past. We cannot be held hostage by a small group of people who are clearly very emotional about this issue and think that anyone who even wants to have a vote on this issue must be racist or evil or anti-Zionist, etc. Maybe a lot of pro-Israel Coop members would like to vote on this to express themselves? I for one, am pretty interested to see how such vote would turn out, but also, I really want this discussion to be over. Not only is it getting boring, but it is doing damage to our community, I think. The leadership of the Coop should organize this action *immediately*, because the endless, page-long letters littered with insults and rantings need to stop. This is NOT how we should be coming to decisions.

The *Gazette* should not become the permanent forum where people vent about Israel, whether pro or con, as this will sow all sorts of bad feelings. People have ample opportunity to do this online. We have been talking about this for *too long*—let's just vote on it—maybe with paper ballots sent to every member and a few open forums beforehand. People who support a boycott will feel that they had a

chance to express that (my guess is that the proposal to boycott would fail by steep margins) and the “defenders” of Israel, who for some reason seem to be against voting (?????) can go back to spending their time writing angry letters to *The Guardian* or *The Economist* or one of a dozen places, or better yet, go back to not being angry people. Time to call the question and see how our membership really feels about this. And then move on.

Meredith Davis

BECAUSE I CAN

TO THE EDITOR:

*This is the farmer sowing his corn
Who kept the cock that crowed in the morn
That woke the priest all shaven and shorn
That married the man all tattered and torn
That kissed the maiden all forlorn
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn...*

A fitting musical beginning to a chaotic but greatly rewarding week that included:

*A Queer-Polyamory snuggle party
A Horrible toothache...*

Well I won't go on. I wanted a quote Wanda's letter and so I will:

“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!

“It does seem like a ‘few’ people do run the coop and even if innovative and practical ideas are brought forth, the majority get swept under the metaphorical carpet. It seems to me that this is a large cause of apathy in the ranks of membership! And general grouching during work shifts of many who feel they don't really have a vested emotional interest. I know that I am bored with what seems to be a top-down pseudo-democratic discussion at the general meetings. Also, your point about the *Gazette* is so true—what a yawn! I just happened to look at it randomly and found your statement to be one of the first engaging things I've read in it. It seems like the “state” of the coop has a censorship board akin to that of an elementary school newspaper—and where's the sense of humor?

“I will certainly vote for you and appreciate that you are willing to step forward and lead in a different direction. All democracies need leadership who do care about the good of the institution and not just the good of a few beneficiaries!”

Best, Wanda

*In solidarity, I remain—
Yours,
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