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# **Brooklyn Food Conference: Following Through and Looking Forward**

### By Alison Rose Levy

Nearly 6,000 people attended the second Brooklyn Food Conference, which took place on May 12, 2012. Organized by the Brooklyn Food Coalition (BFC), with the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC) as one of its sponsors, the conference attracted a broadly diverse attendance, according to its general coordinator, Nancy Romer.

The BFC was able to raise \$105,000 to meet its expenses of the same amount. The donations included a \$10K donation from the Coop as approved by the General Meeting, which Romer said was much appreciated. In addition, 200 Coop members worked on the conference day and during the prior day's setup. About half of the conference planners were Coop members, with 300 people in total receiving FTOP credit for their roles in planning and working at the conference.

Among conference participants were "old people, young people, babies, kids, and teens, black people, white people, Hispanics, Asian Americans," a result, Romer says, of the Coalition's grassroots work in communities of color. Two-thousand participants filled out a conference information intake form-half of them self-described as white and half self-described as people of color.

The conference had 275 sponsors, 250 exhibitors and 500 presenters offering 160 workshops on major themes such as labor rights, school food and the upcoming Farm Bill. According to Romer, a new theme that emerged was the connection between fracking and food, and why upstate and downstate food and environmental alliances are essential. Panels on community-sponsored agriculture (CSA) and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) were also well attended.

The conference programming centered around three themes: healthy affordable food for all, sustainable food systems and justice for food workers. Romer sees these themes as intertwined. "We won't get healthy food and healthy people unless we have sustainable agriculture. It's important that those who grow



our food and work in food production and restaurants get to eat the food they grow, prepare and serve," says Romer. She acknowledges that this is a "broad politic. A successful food movement must be powerful and consciousnot just 'I got mine', but 'we need ours.'

The term "sustainable," which entails making the most of assets on earth, has come into use via the environmental movement, but Romer points out that "sustainable" also has "an eco-CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



# What's on Coop TV, And Where to Find It

### By Ed Levy

o you want to learn how to make a good aglio e olio with parsley to drip over your pasta, find out what to do with leftover buttermilk or see how to singe peppers for tacos? Did you know the Coop has its own cooking show, which is a regular segment on the Coop's own TV show? Did you even know the Coop had a TV show? You can watch Inside the Park Slope Food Coop on Brooklyn Cable Access Television every week on Fridays at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Which station you tune into depends on the cable service you have. If you have

Time Warner, go to channel 56; if you subscribe to Cablevision, the show is on channel 69; if you use RCN it's channel 84, and in all five boroughs it's Verizon 44. If you're outside New York, happen to use another service or just can't ever seem to get away from your laptop, go to www.bricartsmedia.org, click on Community Media, then open the program schedule and you'll find the show there in the Friday slot. But you'll have to watch it in real time, just as you would on TV, since the shows are not yet archived at webhost.

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# Next General Meeting on August 28

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, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this Gazette, on the Coop website at www.foodcoop.com 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.

\* Exceptions will be posted. The September GM will be held on Tuesday, October 2.

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Fri, Sep 7 • Film Night: The City Dark 7:00 p.m. Tue, Sep 11 • Safe Food Committee Film Night: Three Shorts from Alas de Rio 7:00 p.m. Sep 14-15

Fri-Sat, • Blood Drive 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Sep 6 • Food Class: Japanese Restaurant Food The Healthy Way 7:30 p.m.

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

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nomic and human meaning." The Coalition seeks to expand the term to its full extension.

"All people should be able to afford to buy healthy food," maintains Romer, and when people have the economic means to do that, their purchases sustain the farmers who grow healthy food, so the benefits circulate. "We want to assure that there is enough distribution of resources so people can live decently."

One shift Romer noted from the first Brooklyn Food Conference (which was held in 2009) was an increased interest in changing public policy. As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Bill was a conference focus because it will come up for a vote this fall, and, once passed, will structure the food system for the next five years. For the last 25 years, "we've poured public money in subsidies for the crops we need the least-the ones that are making us the fattest and the sickest—by giving our tax dollars to agribusiness crops like corn, rice, soy and wheat. Some of these grains end up as animal feed," says Romer, pointing out that "this makes meat cheap, but because the animals are sick, they're given antibiotics, growth hormones to fatten them up fast, and this translates to the human population, causing a range of problems."

In its work to assure that an improved version of the Farm Bill is put on the table, the Coalition is focusing on three areas of the bill: Subsidies to agribusiness; conservation measures; and food stamps or SNAP benefits. Food stamp benefits help lower-income communities

points out. Many helpful programs are being cut, says Romer, "because of the idea that we shouldn't have a debt. No one wants debt, but when you are in the midst of an economic crisis, you don't work on the debt. You work on getting people back to work." In New York City, the Coalition belongs to a working group of organizations partnering to attain better provisions in the upcoming Farm Bill. Other participating groups are Just Food, NY Action Against Hunger, Food Bank for NYC, City Harvest, Slow Food, Why Hunger? Slow Food, Just Food, Food Systems Network NYC, West

Harlem Action on the Envi-

buy healthier food, Romer

munities. The Coalition has worked with parents, community organizations and government officials in neighborhoods that include Brownsville, Bedford Stuyvesant and East New York to support parents in on-theground school food initiatives.

Now New Yorkers have two upcoming opportunities to both improve school nutrition at the local level and to assert national leadership on this issue. New legislation introduced in the New York City Council and coming up for a vote this fall is the "Brooklyn Food Coalition Roadmap for Healthy Sustainable School Food," a bill which is co-sponsored by Council Members Brad Lander and Gale Brewer.

"There are 860,000 meals prepared by New York City every day in schools, hospitals, prisons and governmental offices," Romer points out. "If we shifted those meals toward purchasing a higher percentage of New York State local food production and agriculture, we'd be using our tax dollars to support New York–based agriculture and business, to improve food quality and to deliver healthier food while building the New York City and State economies. This would have health, economic and environmental benefits." —Nancy Romer, Brooklyn Food Coalition

ronment, Farm School and the NYC Coalition Against Hunger. For more than nine months, the group has worked to determine the Farm Bill's effect on the New York community, and to put forward a response to it.

"Food is a hot topic, but concretizing the issue for people can be daunting," says Romer. But an issue that has broad appeal is the need to improve the quality of school food. Since the 2009 conference, Romer reports that increased participation and interest have emerged from low- and mixed-income com-

Labor Day Hours

The development of the roadmap was the prime initiative to emerge from the 2009 Brooklyn Food Conference. Those interested in supporting this effort are invited to call and write their council members to urge that they sign it. More information is available at this link: www.brooklynfoodcoalition. org/programs/school-foodnetwork/roadmap-for-healthysustainable-school-foodcity-council-resolution/.

Even if the legislation passes, ultimately "schools are controlled by the Mayor and the Mayor has to make it

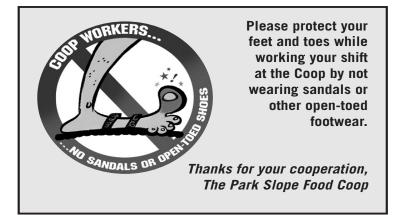


happen—the Council can just suggest it," says Romer. Therefore, with the upcoming campaigns for a new Mayor of New York City, the Coalition aims to build in support for healthy school nutrition, along with food and health issues by inviting the candidates to articulate their stands and plans on food, health, agriculture, fracking and all related issues. To meet the need to educate all candidates on the importance of these issues to their constituencies, this fall, the Coalition plans to conduct a training to provide a group of young advocates aka "Food Fellows" with the necessary leadership development skills for organizing and developing a campaign for grassroots engagement and activism to make food central

to New York City public policies and leadership.

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Interested Coop members are warmly invited to join and get involved in the Coalition at: www.brooklynfoodcoalition.org/getinvolved/.





# Park Slope Food Coop, Brooklyn, NY

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Still, as squad co-leaders David Simpson and Carl Picco pointed out, while the video squad is getting up to speed technologically, its shows are available not just to New York residents but to foodies all over the world who have internet access.

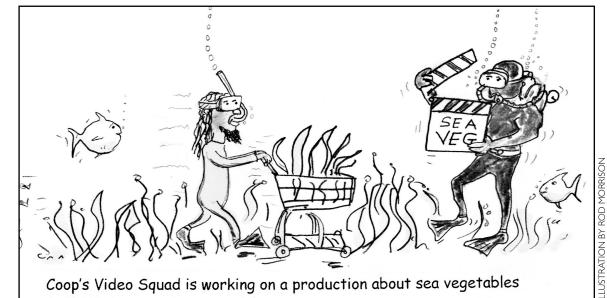
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#### **Origins of Coop Video**

The idea for a Coop video crew began in the days when the Coop was actually recruiting new members to replace the regular attrition of old ones. Now the situation has changed dramatically, and the Coop is trying not be overwhelmed by new members. The original plan was to show short videos at tables set up at farmers markets, where the Coop let people know what it is and how it works. As a result of the Coop's success, the video squad was forced to expand its mission. Now that mission includes producing shows, free of any corporate or commercial agenda, that explore the foods sold at the Coop and their ingredients; where they come from and how they are grown; food as it relates to health; the nature of the Coop, its purpose, function and benefits; how others can start their own coops; eco farming; and the politics of food—how policy influences food and how members can affect policy.

The squad would like to expand its repertoire to include making instructional videos that could be used to train members in their shifts. Other ideas include shows on the Coop's relationship with community food gardens—(we supply them with raw materials for compost)-and on advanced recycling in Brooklyn. One segment that runs regularly on Inside the Park Slope Food Coop is "The Coop Cooks," which aims to acquaint viewers not just with exotic culinary masterpieces, but with dishes they might actually want to make.

Viewers are forewarned this is not the Food Channel, with very high and expensive production values. The food is good, and the guests are talented, sometimes even pros, but video being expensive, production values vary depending on the resources available and amount of time and money the crew can



invest in each show. Shows are filmed in private kitchens of members, not in the halfacre extravaganzas you find on commercial cable.

Although the show's format is centered around food, it has at times expanded to include topics like storytelling, crafts and politics. Past shows featured Nisa Lee, a caterer who showed how to pull together an eclectic, internationally spiced, three-course meal, as well as a Brazilian chef who showed how a few basic ingredients can be used to create varied Italian, Indian or Brazilian dishes. A show currently in production features sea vegetables.

Video squad members, who work from home on their own, often expensive, equipment are hoping to find a permanent web host for the show, where shows can be archived and viewed on the viewers' own time. That option was once available through the generosity of a Coop member, but disappeared when he moved to Vermont. For a while there was also a lending program that allowed people to borrow DVDs of the squad's productions. But people didn't bring the DVDs back, and the lending program died.

#### Web Hosting the Shows

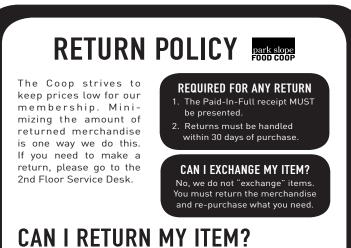
Why not just archive all of the shows on the Coop's website, just like back issues of the Linewaiters' Gazette? That seems simple enough, but unlike print, explained David, video requires a lot of bandwidth, far too much to be stored at the website in its current form.

While the squad works out permanent web hosting, members can view a few videos that have been uploaded to YouTube that are linked to the Coop website's homepage. In one, you'll learn about "the dirty dozen," the 12 non-organic produce items that are highest in pesticides, and what you can do about it. Another video teach-

### es you to how to make buche de noel, the holiday cake; a third, in Spanish, shows how to make empanadas. And another explores the aforementioned aglio e olio and buttermilk cake, along with a recipe for yellow dahl.

#### About BCAT

The BCAT Network is the community media network of BRIC (Brooklyn Independent Cablevision). BRIC began in 1979 and now reaches about a million Brooklyn residents, including many schoolchildren. It produces primarily arts and community media programs and offers subsidized platforms to artists and community members to develop and present their work, free access to media production equipment and facilities, low-cost media education, free television air time for community-produced Brooklyn Free Speech TV and Brooklyn Bulletin Board—a 24/7 looping community announcement service used by Brooklyn non-profits. BRIC, according to its website, has been a key player in the revitalization of Prospect Park. BRIC is supported by both public and private funding; sponsors include the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts, Con Edison, Carnegie Corporation, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Time Warner, the Hearst Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and such individuals as Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. Individuals can sign up for the network's newsletter and view the schedule of broadcasts (remember, they are in real time) at the Bricartsmedia homepage (www.bricartsmedia.org). The titles of individual shows are not announced ahead of time. ■



Produce\* Bulk\* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk) Cheese\* Seasonal Holiday Items Books Special Orders The Park Slope Food Coop Agenda Committee ("AG") is seeking qualified nominees to stand for election and serve on the committee.

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

In addition to assembling the monthly agenda and maintaining records of items submitted, the AG works with members who submit items for consideration by the GM and may need assistance formulating proposals and discussion points. The AG meets the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm at the Coop. Committee members are also required to attend five (5) GMs per year. In addition, committee members caucus by telephone and via e-mail as needed to facilitate committee business. Qualifications include a cooperative spirit, experience working in a committee environment, and an ongoing interest in the business of the Coop. Interested members contact Ann Herpel in the Membership Office. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.



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# Plans for 40th Anniversary Celebration, Disciplinary Committee Amendments Highlight July General Meeting

### By Frank Haberle

**O**n the evening of Tuesday, July 31, the Park Slope Food Coop's General Meeting came to order with two key items on the agenda. The first, submitted by the Disciplinary Committee and the Hearing Officer Committee, asking for a vote to make amendments to update the Coop's disciplinary procedures for members, was approved by the attending members. The second, a discussion item from the General Coordinators to begin planning an upcoming 40th Anniversary Celebration, led to a lively discussion with suggestions from the members on how the celebration should take place. A report by the Environmental Committee and updates from General Coordinators on the Coop's current finances, a produce report and plans for upcoming General Meetings rounded out the evening's presentations.

### **Disciplinary Committee** Amendments

The Disciplinary Committee (DC) presentation began with an explanation by member Karen Kramer on the purpose and functions of the committee. As Karen explained it, the Disciplinary Committee's primary purpose is to safeguard

the Coop's interests. When a complaint has formally been filed that a Coop member has violated the Coop's standards of conduct, it is the duty of the DC's members to investigate the claim. The most common prohibited conduct includes theft (i.e. shoplifting, consuming food without paying for it); theft of property (i.e. stealing or damaging Coop equipment or supplies); theft of services (i.e. misrepresenting work performed; shopping for a business or for non-members); and extremely uncooperative conduct (i.e. disrupting Coop activities; physical or verbal conduct which threatens or endangers the safety of others). Depending on a final determination of guilt and the severity of the incident, the DC may

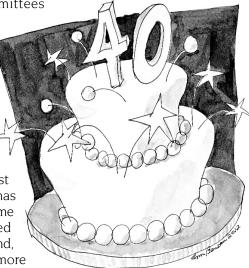
Hearing Officer Committees must conduct in order to investigate and resolve a complaint on a member. When an investigation is launched, a DC member is assigned to review videos, examine receipts, interview witnesses and the person against whom the complaint has been lodged. While some cases may be resolved with a letter of reprimand, repeat offenders and more serious violations may move through multiple stages including mediation, restitution and work slot adjustments (essentially, moving a member from a specific work slot). The most serious

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respond with a range of actions from a written reprimand, to suspension or expulsion from the Coop.

Karen presented the levels of actions that the DC, Hearing Administration Committee and infractions must move to formal hearings, requiring many hours from members of the three committees, FTOP workers and Coop staff.

Karen pointed out that the DC procedures needed to be updated and amended to reflect new developments at the Coop and increasing demand on the committees, FTOP workers and staff who are all involved in hearings. Included in the proposed amendments was a new Arbitration component for the non-hearing options available to the



committee, presenting a faster resolution for cases where the DC is seeking sanctions of 18 months temporary dismissal or less. When the DC is seeking more than 18 months, the member can choose between arbitration and a full hearing. Arbitration, if chosen, will be conducted by three members of the Hearing Officer Committee, without the process of a full hearing. Other amendments proposed included that vehicles parked in any FDNY parking spaces would be considered uncooperative conduct; that members who failed to respond to notice of a disciplinary investigation within 15 days would not be able to enter the Coop and would receive a "temporary hold on membership"; that DC penalties may override Coop attendance policies available to the general membership; and that a member who commits a second violation after receiving a sanction as a result of a hearing or arbitration may be permanently expelled from the Coop. After discussion

and comments, and with some minor revisions, the members voted in approval of the amendments to the DC's procedural documents.

### 40th Anniversary

The Coop has a long, storied tradition of celebrating its anniversaries. With the 40th  $\frac{7}{2}$ approaching, General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky rose to 🗧 solicit Coop members' ideas 🚡 about how the Coop can cele- 6 brate. The conversation began with Elinoar seeking a yes or no 5 from the gathered body as to  $\exists$ whether they would like to see music (YES!) and dancing (YES!); and would they prefer it were family-friendly (YES!) or adults-only (YES!). Elinoar then opened the microphone up to members, who presented a range of suggestions, including the following:

"It might be interesting to have a farm tour, to visit the farms we buy produce from."

"Can we invite some of the farmers we work with to come celebrate with us?"

"We have so many talented people, can we have poetry and music and dance? A talent show?"

"Can we have a roast? Not the kind with a pig on a stick. The kind with a person."

"A bunch of people just broke the Guinness world record by creating the world's largest soul train line. Is there a record we could break?"

"At the food conference, there was an incredible food rapper. Can we get a food rapper to perform?"

"Can we have a big potluck and have everybody bring CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



from 3:30-8 p.m.,

Coop members can leave their bikes with our valet parking service, which is like a coat check for bikes. Working members will

To receive workslot credit for attending the monthly General Meeting, members must sign up in advance in one of the following three ways:

# park slope food coop

On the Coop's website

check in and watch your bike for you.

Just drop off your bike, stroller, scooter or personal cart, 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.)





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amazing foods from all over the world?"

"Can we not have a potluck? Because I'm not into potlucks. The very thought makes me queasy."

Applause is not welcome in General Meetings, but one suggestion caused a quick explosion of clapping. "Why don't we celebrate," one member offered, "by giving amnesty to everybody who owes a shift?" Wrapping

# Don't Worry About Our Cantaloupes

There have been reports of recalls of contaminated non-organic cantaloupes from North Carolina and Indiana. We are not affected by this recall because we have only been buying organic cantaloupes from New York and Pennsylvania. Please read the tips for safe handling of cantaloupes at the Coop's website, foodcoop.com, and click on "Product Blog."

up the discussion, Elinoar asked that anyone with any suggestions about the 40th Anniversary Celebration, or anyone who would like to volunteer to make the event a success, should write an email to reply@psfc.coop and put "Anniversary" in the subject line.

## Earlier in the Meeting, In Reports and Updates:

Sensho Wagg of the Environmental Committee updated members on the recent Environmental Committee activities, which include blogging on a range of issues (the Environmental Committee's blog spot, "Ecokvetch," can be reached through a direct link on the PSFC website), researching options for recycling bottle caps and batteries and educating members about limiting use of plastic bags in the produce aisle.

General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman gave his produce report, providing one positive insight about recent drought conditions—fruit tends to taste better during dry seasons. Watermelon has been moving recently, with members purchasing 18 to 20 bins a week. Allen spoke to the shortage of apples, as we are still affected by last fall's poor season. Currently we don't have many apples because we ate them all, but now the New Zealand imports are coming in. We can learn about when the next apple season starts, and find answers to any other questions we might have about produce, in the produce blog available on the PSFC website.

General Coordinator Tricia Leith presented the Coop's 24-week financial statement. The Coop remains on solid ground. Gross sales have increased to almost \$22 million, up from \$20.7 million at this time last year. Member David Barouh also rose to ask that a resolution be presented that the editorial staff of the Gazette would not be allowed to make any edits or changes to member contributions without the consent of the author. As this was not on the meeting agenda, there was no discussion or action.



# Attention Writers: Wordsprouts Wants You!

Are you a novelist, poet, playwright, songwriter, essayist, journalist, or blogger?

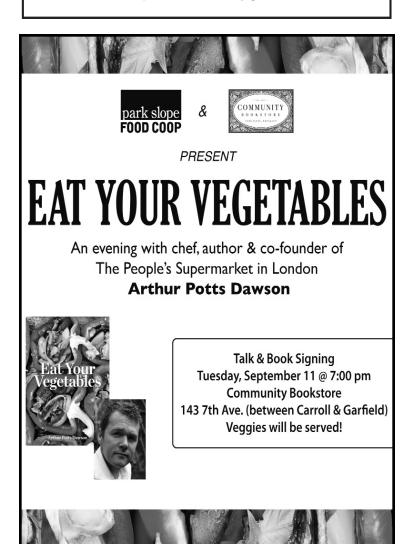
Are you looking for a forum where you can promote your work or get feedback?

Do you want to moderate a panel or teach a writers' workshop?

# Po you want to meet fellow Coop writers?

Wordsprouts, the Park Slope Food Coop's reading series, is looking for writers who are members of the Coop. Even if you're not ready to commit to an upcoming event, drop us a line and let us know you're out there!

E-mail paulabernstein@gmail.com.



# The very thought makes me queasy." —members discussing the Coop 40th Anniversary celebration What Is That? How Po I Use It?

"Can we have a big potluck and have everybody bring

amazing foods from all over the world?"

"Can we not have a potluck? Because I'm not into potlucks.

# Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, August 27, 12 to 2:45 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.

# Interested in Engaging Coop Work?

**Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members** 

**Currently we have** 

members from the

Social work, education,

law, dispute resolution,

holistic medicine, design,

following fields:

and journalism

### **Skills needed:**

Communication Problem solving Conflict resolution Dealing with difficult situations and people Investigation Writing Research

#### Our work includes

- Applying Coop's rules and regulations
- Discussing policy issues related to the DC's work
  Investigating allegations of uncooperative behavior by members and
- engaging in problem solving
- Daily email contact with DC members to discuss cases
   Participating in mediation, disciplinary hearings, and other conflict

resolution methods

#### **Requirements:**

In order to be considered for this position, any candidate must:

- be a member for at least a year
- have good attendance record
- possess the abilty to work on a team
- communicate clearly
- have good writing skills
- have computer proficiency (Excel, Word, emails) is essential
- attend an evening meeting every six weeks

We work on average 6 hours per month, more than the required work shift hours. You will be credited and your hours banked for future use.

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

Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

Interested? Please call Jeff: 718-636-3880

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◆ An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995–99 and 2001 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (subjects for the year 2000 are being added).

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### Park Slope Food Coop, Brooklyn, NY



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Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m. Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m. Sunday

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

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

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#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

#### Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: Except for letters to the editor, which are published without editing but are subject to the Gazette letters policy regarding length, anonymity, respect, and fairness, all submissions to the Linewaiters' Gazette will be reviewed and if necessary edited by the editor. In their review, editors are guided by the Gazette's Fairness and Anonymity policies as well as standard editorial practices of grammatical review, separation of fact from opinion, attribution of factual statements, and rudimentary fact checking. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any proposed editorial changes. Writers must make a reasonable effort to respond to and be available to editors to confer about their articles. If there is no response after a reasonable effort to contact the writer, an editor, at her or his discretion, may make editorial changes to a submission without conferring with the writer



Matt Kilmer's unshakeable groove leading the way. Cappadocia's five-string cello playing is also heavily groove-based with explosiveness akin to the electric guitar, while Terzic's own playing is exploratory and probing but just the same completely rhythmic in its conception. Not to be missed.

Jodi Shaw is a Canadian-born poet/performer with a unique voice and vision. Her music has been described as "hauntingly erotic," "mystical" and "hard to pin down." One reviewer, upon hearing her latest release *In Waterland* for the first time, remarked that he was "partially shocked." Another calls the album "a revelation, nothing less than stunning." Her work has drawn comparisons to Feist, Fiona Apple, Imogen Heap, Tori Amos, and the Beach Boys.



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

**Performers** are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit. **Booking:** Bev Grant, 718-788-3741



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# Entrance Desk Weekday A.M. Monday through Friday, 5:45 to 8 a.m.

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the entrance desk in hours of the weekday before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, and able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow

periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. is not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

# **Check Store Supplies** Monday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

This work slot is responsible for restocking supplies on the shopping floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task- and detailoriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is pro-active. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex\_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

# Store Equipment Cleaning Monday, Wednesdsay, 6 to 8:30 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 vaccuming around the base of the checkout station, as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.



# CÖÖP CALENDAR

## **New Member Orientations**

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three 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 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Channels: 56 (Time-Warner), 69 (CableVision), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: www.bricartsmedia.org/ community-media/bcat-tv-network.

# **General Meeting Info**

**TUE. AUGUST 28** GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

# **TUE, SEPTEMBER 4**

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m. Submissions will be considered for the Oct 2\* General Meeting (\*rescheduled date of Sept. GM).

# **Gazette Deadlines**

# **LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

Sep 6 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 27 Sep 20 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Sep 10 **CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:** Sep 6 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 29 7:00 p.m., Wed, Sep 12 Sep 20 issue:

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-forworkslot-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 signups 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-forworkslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

#### Certain Squads not eligible:

# 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 nontoxic, 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 earthfriendly 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.

#### Авоит ALL ТНЕ GENERAL МЕЕТ Π NG **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 decisionmaking 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, August 28, 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

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

• 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.

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# **Healthy Thyroid**

Learn how to heal your own thyroid and free yourself of weight gains, depression, indigestion, hair loss and possibly medication. Some topics of the talk: food that sabotages and food that heals the thyroid; how water impacts the thyroid; vitamins and minerals that matter; emotions, stress and the thyroid; how to pick a good endocrinologist and what to ask him/her; how to interpret thyroid blood test results. Magdalena cured herself from years of Hashimoto's Disease, which is an auto-immune disease causing hypothyroid. She was told it was incurable. Today she teaches how to self-heal with food, supplements, water and stress management.

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# **PSFC AUG General Meeting**

Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses 0 12 are suggestions. More information on each item may be avail-🗊 able 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.

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

**III. Coordinator and Committee Reports** 

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item #1: Inter-Coop Sustainability Committee (45 minutes)

Discussion: "The Inter-Coop Sustainability Committee would support, by joining PSFC membership with that of other organizations, best agricultural practices and legislatively encourage such practices." -submitted by Rodger Parsons Item #2: Political Actions (40 minutes)

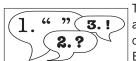
Discussion: "Proposals for political action must avoid partisan politics and bias, and must demonstrate consistency in their application." —submitted by Michael Rieman V. Board of Directors Meeting

VI. Wrap-Up. Includes member sign-in for workslot credit.

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.

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# Food Class: Japanese Restaurant Food the Healthy Way

uses a lot of sea and land vegetables, rice, beans, tofu and fermented food everyday. Let's learn to cook Japanese restaurant Susan Baldassano, Coordinator food the healthy way from chef Hideyo Yamada, who is a trained sushi chef from Japan and has worked at several high-end Japanese restaurants in New York. Hideyo is a cooking instructor, a private chef and a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute's Chef Training Program and the Institute of Integrative Nutrition. She specializes in pastry, sushi and Japanese food. Her delicious gluten-free and vegan dishes restore balance and add more energy to the lives of her clients. She is a certified Holistic Health Counselor. Menu includes: macrobiotic sushi roll; seasonal tempura; chawan mushi (eggless egg custard); azuki bean ice cream. Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.

Traditional Japanese food is one of the healthiest cuisines. It

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The City Dark is a feature documentary about light pollution and the disappearing night sky. After moving to light-polluted New York City from rural Maine, filmmaker lan Cheney asks: "Do we need the dark?" Exploring the threat of killer asteroids in Hawai'i, tracking hatching turtles along the Florida coast, and rescuing injured birds on Chicago streets,

Cheney unravels the myriad implications of a globe glittering with lights. Winner of the Jury Prize for Best Score/Music at the 2011 SXSW Film Festival. There will be a Q&A with director Ian Cheney after the screening. Ian Cheney is a Brooklyn-based documentary filmmaker. He grew up in New England and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Yale. After graduate school he co-created and starred in the Peabody Award-winning theatrical hit and PBS documentary King Corn (2007), directed the feature documentary The Greening of Southie (Sundance Channel, 2008), and co-produced the Planet Green film Big River (2009). Ian maintains a 1/1,000th-acre farm in the back of his '86 Dodge pickup, which is at the center of his film Truck Farm (2011).

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

Film Night:

**The City Dark** 

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# **Creating Health**

A look into the energetics of food utilizing the foods of the Coop. This discussion will incorporate a basic understanding of food from an "energy" approach. Many of us need certain tools and guides necessary to creating the health we want. We will look at many foods offered at the Coop, how to understand their function and power and how to choose them based on climate, season and our purpose. We will also discuss ways to prepare them and create tasty dishes. Our food must be healthy and delicious! Please come with your questions. Dan Becker is a dietary health consultant and holistic chef who works in Food Processing on the Kosher Committee at the Park Slope Food Coop.



# Safe Food Committee Film Night: Three Shorts from Alas de Rio



Alas de Rio or "Wings of Rio" soars on the aspirations of empowered youth around the world working on all levels, to PLATE from the ground up, to demand action and inclusion in sustainable development, just-green economies, and accountable governance for their future. Traveling through social

networks, Internet communication, and multi-stakeholder collaboration, Alas de Rio journies to the core of why youth involvement is innovative, effective, and paramount in sustainable-development practice and policy. Hosted by director/producer Nathan Foster. Light refreshments served.



# Eat Your Vegetables at **Community Bookstore**

The Park Slope Food Coop joins with Community Bookstore to present an evening with the chef, author, and co-founder of the People's Supermarket in Holborn, London. The market offers an alternative food-buying network, by connecting an urban community with the local farming community. Arthur Potts Dawson is the author of Eat Your Vegetables, a book that offers everything you need to take your veggies from accompaniment to center stage. This isn't about being vegetarian and this isn't a vegetarian cookbook. Eat Your Vegetables presents a mix of classics, basics, fast food and show-off dishes that make the most of what's in season. A talk and book signing will take place, and veggies will be served. Event takes place at Community Bookstore, 143 Seventh Ave., Park Slope.

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

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# **Blood Drive**

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



# Gold Griot Trio and Jodi Shaw



The Gold Griot Trio-Brandon Terzic, oud and ngoni, Rufus Cappadocia, cello, and Matt Kilmer, percussion-

explores the whole spectrum of the melodic, improvisational, and rhythmic qualities of the Middle East and Africa and places it firmly in the American jazz/blues traditions, seeking the most expansive outlets and energy to create the most openness and dynamic freedom in the music. But most importantly, the music just flat-out burns and swings its tail off, with percussionist Matt Kilmer's unshakeable



groove leading the way. Cappadocia's five-string cello playing is also heavily groove-based with explosiveness akin to the electric guitar, while Terzic's own playing is exploratory and probing but just the same completely rhythmic in its concep-

tion. Jodi Shaw is a Canadian-born poet/performer with a unique voice and vision. Her music has been described as "hauntingly erotic," "mystical" and "hard to pin down." One reviewer, upon hearing her latest release In Waterland for the first time, remarked that he was "partially shocked." Another calls the album "a revelation, nothing less than stunning." Her work has drawn comparisons to Feist, Fiona Apple, Imogen Heap, Tori Amos, and the Beach Boys.

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.



# What the Tooth Fairy

This workshop on nutritional, homeopathic, preventive dentistry is geared for those who want to take responsibility for improving or maintaining their dental health; and, to learn about the connection between dental problems and systemic diseases. You will be taught how to analyze oftentimes undiagnosed etiologies of dental diseases, TM joint problems, headaches and loosening teeth. Dental controversies like mercury fillings, root canals and placing nickel on your children's teeth will be included in this symposium. Dr. Stephen R. Goldberg DDS, is a Nationally Certified Clinical Nutritionist (CCN), Acupuncturist and Oral Myofunctional (Swallowing) Therapist.



Fingertip tapping techniques on certain eight (or less) ancient acupuncture points guickly results in lasting changes to any unwanted behavior today. Eight emotions are suggested: stress, grief, pain, phobia, anger, trauma, weight, and worry. What's yours? We work on it in this workshop. Carolyn Meiselbach, a certified EFT practitioner, hypnotist, health and transitional coach, has been a long-time member of the Park Slope Food Coop and lay leader of the Brooklyn Society of Ethical Culture. She has a coaching practice in Carroll Gardens.



# Parents Whose Children Only 'Act Out' at Home

Children often share their biggest frustrations and upsets with their parents. Share stories and hear perspectives to help sort things out for the entire family. Sharon C. Peters, M.A., is the founder and director of Parents Helping Parents on President Street in Park Slope. She has worked with hundreds of individual families for more than 15 years and has led many parent workshops for schools and organizations. She is a happy longtime Coop member.



# **Qi Gung to Prevent The Common Cold**

Do you get a cough or sinus problems every fall? Join in for an evening of Qi Gong exercises and breathing techniques to strengthen your lungs' resistance to illness. Learn how to treat yourself if you get sick. Presented by licensed acupuncturist and Coop member Ann Reibel-Coyne.



# **PSFC SEP General Meeting\***

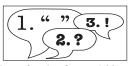


Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the Signal Linewaiters' Gazette. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office.

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# Food Class: Elegant Autumn Hors D'oeuvres to Impress



Fall has arrived and with the holiday season upon us, now is the time to get inspired for the abundance of gatherings on your calendar. Chef Olivia Roszkowski will show how easy it is to turn

o, Coordinator seasonal fare into sophisticated small bites for your next evening soiree. She will demonstrate not only how to create chic hors d'oeuvres using bountiful produce available this time of year, but will also discuss how, with great time management, you too can be a guest at your own dinner party. After completing the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts, Olivia worked as a line cook at Jean Georges' Mercer Kitchen, David Chang's Momofuku Ssam Bar, as well as

Danny Meyer's Union Square Events. Menu includes: Belgian endive filled with brussel sprouts, apple and chevre\*; walnut salad in a spiced walnut vinaigrette; creamy fall squash bisque with crispy kale chips; sweet potato latkes with pear-fennel marmalade and crème fraiche\*; miniature pumpkin pecan pie w/whipped cream\*.

Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.



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# Park Slope Food Coop, Brooklyn, NY

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# dents of a Brooklyn neighborhood? On Prospect Park West.

For further information about how to support the Windsor Terrace community, including their fact sheet, "Fresh Facts about Walgreens," contact www.greenbeansnotwalgreens.org. Steven Beck

# CO-OP—FOLLOW-UP TO **AUGUST 9 LETTER**

### **VALUED SUPPORTERS:**

Of course you're going to ask me "What would be different if the Disciplinary Committee were more transparent?" It's hard to tell, but some people might be indignant if:

On the average, 100 people a year were cited for shopping while on line, resulting in 38 resignations.

300 People were cited for Family Rule violations, resulting in 84 resignations.

250 People were cited for wearing open shoes to work, with 112 resignations.

832 People for reporting to work more than fifteen minutes late; 282 resignations.

Briefly, since I dropped the ball once again, I'll compare the 1995 and 2012 Procedures:

Well, this "complicated matter" will be given short shrift since I'm writing at 2:57 a.m. on Monday.

Very simply, the crux of the treachery in the 1995 Rules is the appearance that people are entitled to a hearingwhen in fact only a tiny fraction-miniscule! less than once a year!—are so entitled. The rest, the vast majority of all the discipline, if it's like mine, is done orally on the phone, without any confrontation even with the DC investigators. The complainants need not even fill out a Complaint Form!

Never has it been clearer to me that there is an absolute necessity of publicly confronting your accuser or accusers in any penal proceeding, however small or large. And I rarely use the word absolute. In fairness I have to say that in my case because of an unfortunate decision I never made any reply to the charges. Therefore the worst aspects of this completely one-sided

COMPOST COMMITTEE NEEDS HAULERS WITH VEHICLES JOIN THE SQUAD THAT HELPS TO COMPOST MORE

# WELCOMING POTENTIAL **NEW MEMBERS**

## **DEAR COOP PEOPLE:**

A conversation I had with a man last night moves me this morning to write my first letter ever to the Linewaiters' Gazette. I asked him if he belonged to the Park Slope Food Coop, and his response was, "Do you mean, am I one of the Coop fascists?"

Then he described how, when he moved to Brooklyn from Belgium six years ago, he was interested in the Coop and unwittingly walked in to look around. He was told at the door, in no uncertain terms, rudely, and with no explanations, that he was not allowed in because he was not a member and was not with a member.

I said, "Didn't they offer to find someone to give you a tour? If it was impossibly frenzied at that moment, didn't they kindly suggest to you that you come back at a time that wasn't so busy? Didn't they tell you how the Coop works, and about Orientations?' No. No. No. None of the above.

This is not the first time I have been told a story like this. It's not just one isolated instance of bad manners. It's at least the twentieth time, in the years that I've lived in the Slope, that I've met someone new and been told a similar story, of how, attempting to find out about the Coop, they were met with rudeness, impatience and lack of warmth.

I'm embarrassed when I hear these stories, and I'm ashamed of the community that I love so much, my people, my Food Coop tribe. Shouldn't we make an effort to have friendly, welcoming people working at the entrance door, or at least people who have the social skills to be friendly and welcoming for three hours every four weeks? Couldn't it actually be a requirement of this not-very-strenuous, somewhat-sought-after position, just as the position of being a Receiver requires the ability to do heavy lifting? Not everybody is equally evolved in terms of interpersonal communication, and there are certainly other Coop jobs better suited to those who are developmentally challenged in this area.

It's not because we need more new members at this point. Probably most of us do not actually want more people shopping in the Coop, creating longer lines and more congestion in the aisles. It's just that, if we pretend to be part of a Food Coop for any reason other than the self-interested one of getting delicious fresh healthy food for our own families and loved ones, at extremely reasonable prices, then, as a community, we might also think about being role models for the kind of social behavior we would like to see practiced between all people; between neighbors, between neighborhoods, and even between countries.

After all, all of us were "non-members" at one time, and we weren't lesser human beings because of it. We still deserved to be treated with respect and kindness.

Juanita Brunk

# WINDSOR TERRACE **NEIGHBORS RALLY** AGAINST WALGREENS

### **TO THE EDITOR:**

August 1, 2012—What happens when a giant drug chain with revenues of over \$72 billion takes on the resi-

# 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.

#### tual coverage:

1. The Gazette will not publish hearsay-that is, allegations not based on the author's firsthand 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.

covered the event.

office has assisted the Windsor Terrace Alliance in mobilizing the community, called the situation, "a tale of corporate greed and business insensitivity," but said that if the community stood together to boycott the company, "I believe we will demonstrate that they will lose money." Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz said the giant drug chain, "can have it all if they respond to your reasonable requests." But he observed that other mom-andpop stores in Brooklyn were finding it impossible to compete with big banks and giant chain stores.

ing pledges to boycott Walgreens and its subsidiaries, which include Duane Reade. They are also distributing flyers calling on shoppers to "Do the Walgreens Walkout" if they find themselves in one by force of habit, redirecting them to local, family-owned pharmacies like Ballard or Oak Park on

legal possession of the site of a closed Key Foods branch, over 150 Windsor Terrace neighbors rallied over the lack of a full-service grocery in their community. The residents of this quiet middle-class community, nestled between Prospect Park Southwest and the

Green-Wood Cemetery, "are not the first to the barricades" said City Councilmember Brad Lander," but when the food that people need is threatened, they will stand together to the end."

Tuesday, the day that Walgreens took

Ryan Lynch, an organizer of the rally and press conference, warned Walgreens that, "We'll be here on the first day you open but we WON'T be inside." Their coalition, after several unproductive meetings with corporate management, had collected over 3,000 signed pledges from residents committed to a boycott of the drug chain. According to the last U.S. Census, these represent roughly one-third of the households in Windsor Terrace "which is amazing" Lynch said. Rally participants reflected the diverse community, including teens and seniors, mothers with children (and their dogs.) News teams from NY1, Fox 5 News and other local media

Assemblyman Jim Brennan, whose

Residents plan to continue collect-

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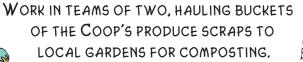
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arrangement went unmitigated. But still the fact remains: **It's all up to them***mmmm.* Basically this one person is the only one who contacted anyone and s/he checked her version of the story with her buddies on the Committee and they said OK. Completely insular from start to finish.

I have reason to believe that none of my three accusers would have maintained their complaint if they had to testify in any way in public—even to one or two Committee members in person. I have reason to believe that only one of my three accusers had to fill out a Complaint Form. The others got a free ride—all they had to do was say a few words on the phone to a completely anonymous caller and it was done—I was banned from Child Care for life!

And one of my accusers was a friend who later called the Investigator and retracted her complaint, but the Committee ignored that!

The rust (meant to say rush!) of events has been such that I thought this was my off week—I didn't start to write this letter till now. So we'll have to postpone the comparison of the two documents—for now.

> In solidarity— Mwa! Albert Solomon Occupy the Disciplinary Committee! 718-768-9079 hobces@yahoo.com

# COMIN' AT YA, MATE

The first 10 times I hurled An Australian boomerang I found myself upset By downunder sturm und drang. The dang thing swung around Just as I'd hoped it would But instead of returning to me It soared to an off-neighborhood. Now this instrument of the bush

(And I think I figured right) Went off its desired mark Because the weight was too light.

So I sent away to Sydney For one of greater density— Back to the starting point Would surely be its propensity.

Well, a boomerang arrived Weighing 10 pounds, sans doubt, And thrown, it promptly returned, Bing-bang! and knocked me out. Leon Freilich

# **BOYCOTT WALGREEENS**

### **DEAR PSFC MEMBERS:**

Your neighbors, the residents of Windsor Terrace, are currently fighting a battle to replace the Key Food on 11th Avenue and Prospect Avenue with another full-service grocery store. Without notice to the community, the owner of Key Food closed the store and leased the store to Walgreens, a national drug store chain, and parent company of Duane Reade drugstores. Despite the intervention of local politicians, it seems as if this is a done deal. Many of the elderly residents have depended on Key Food for all of their grocery needs; there isn't another store within walking distance. In addition, if Walgreens does open, it would devastate two local pharmacies that currently serve the neighborhood.

So the residents of Windsor Terrace have joined together and are planning to boycott Walgreens, in order to show them that a drug store doesn't replace a store that offers produce, meat, fish, baked goods and other items that were offered by Key Food. They have a catchy name for this movement, "Green Beans not Walgreens" and website www.greenbeansnotwalgreens.org/ind ex.html where you can sign the petition and join the boycott. It is only by showing Walgreens that no one will shop there that they will agree to negotiate with the community.

> Thank you, Leslie Blum

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# **BDS AND THE BBC**

### TO THE EDITOR:

I rarely get a laugh or smile (in fact, never) from a pro-BDS letter but Gene Glickman's letter in the 7/12 issue made me smile. He says, "BBC (British Broadcasting Co.) [is] not known as an antagonist of Zionism..." I don't know if the BBC is an antagonist of Zionism, but it definitely doesn't like Israel. That they find fault with Israel is like the GOP objecting to "Obamacare."

> Sincerely, Robert L. Blumenthal

# SCANDINAVIAN SHIP WILL ATTEMPT TO BREAK GAZA BLOCKADE

#### COOP MEMBERS:

**Estelle**, a beautiful sailing ship, set sail (early August), from Sweden on a journey to break the Gaza blockade. This latest attempt to break Israeli's naval blockade of Gaza, imposed since 2006, is organized by the Swedish based Ship to Gaza initiative aided by a coalition called Freedom Flotilla III. With broad support from organizations in France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Canada, the United States and Australia, the main coalition is with organizations en route to Gaza.

### Freedom Flotilla III

**Estelle** will play a key role stopping at ports in the Baltic Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. At each stop there will be speakers, concerts and public festivals providing information about the situation in Gaza, raising awareness of the Gaza blockade. Organizers hope that other ships will join them before they reach Gaza in October. The goals match previous flotillas: to end the blockade and bring relief to the people of Gaza. **Estelle** carries a small group of activists committed to non-violence; also a cargo of necessities requested by non-partisan, independent organizations in Gaza.

### "Until the Siege is Lifted"

Dror Feiler, a Swedish-Israeli musician and one of the spokespersons of the initiative said: "After the two flotillas, we have decided of course that we have to continue because the siege is still on and we have said and we will say it again and again that as long as the siege exists, we will come again and again until the siege is lifted totally and permanently." The hope is to create a groundswell of support at ports so that governments won't hinder the boats from departing. People of Europe are very positive about the attempt to break the blockade. Most people think the siege is destructive.

### **Earlier Flotillas**

In 2010, the Mavi Marmara, part of a coalition called the Gaza Freedom Flotilla, was raided by Israeli forces: nine Turkish activists killed (one Turkish-American student). Widespread condemnation of killings followed.

In 2011, Freedom Flotilla II, included several ships and activists from all over the world (including the U.S. boat to Gaza: 'The Audacity of Hope'), were prevented from leaving Greece after intense pressure from U.S. and Israeli governments. Ship to Gaza joined these flotilla attempts.

### Situation in Gaza

• 2012 World Bank report: Gaza, after years of Israel's crippling blockade, had virtually zero noteworthy internal economic growth;

• Israel called the siege "economic warfare" against the 1.5 million people;

• The goal: to put Gaza "on a diet, but not make them die of hunger;"

• WHO report, May 2012: 50% of infants and children under two have iron deficiency anemia;

• Malnutrition and stunting in children under five "is not improving," possibly deteriorating;

• Chronic shortages: electricity, fuel, medicines; 95% polluted drinking water; failed sewage system;

• No cement imports permitted to rebuild 250 schools and 100,000 homes destroyed by Israel's devastating military assault on Gaza (winter of 2008-09).

Mary Buchwald Brooklyn For Peace PSFC members for BDS www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

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

WELCOME!

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