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## Member and Household Expelled For Theft of Services

### Disciplinary Committee Rules After Lengthy Hearing

By Ed Levy

A couple lost their Coop membership after an hours-long Disciplinary Committee hearing in October found the husband guilty of theft of services, extremely uncooperative behavior, the failure to perform work duties and misrepresentation of work performed. By his own admission, the member signed in for

his shift without working on numerous occasions.

The hearing, following carefully devised but rarely used procedures, involved more than 20 people, including nine randomly chosen Coop members who were there to rule on the veracity of the four charges against the member.

The Disciplinary Committee is charged with advocating

for the Coop in disputes of all kinds, from verbal and physical abuse to theft of goods.

The decision to expel the member and his wife was the final act in a drama played out over 15 months, beginning on July 6, 2011, when the member signed in for his 6 a.m. shift but did not respond when paged in the store by the act-

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## GM Considers Coop Expansion—Ongoing Sandy Relief

By Alison Rose Levy

Serving as chairman, David Moss, of the Coop's Chair Committee, called the November 27, 2012, meeting to order, alerting members that because of the full agenda, he would help speakers adhere to time limits to assure that the meeting addressed all items. The meeting was held in a new location—the school auditorium of MS 51 on Fifth Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets. The school does not permit the Coop to bring food, but does offer an ample number of comfortable seats; it also has a convenient space for childcare.

In the open forum, Barbara Mazor, a member, shared that she

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### Next General Meeting on December 18

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.\* The December General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

The agenda is in this Gazette (page 10), on the Coop website at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) and available as a flier in the meeting room of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

\*December's meeting is December 18 (not December 25). This is an exception.

## Coop Event Highlights

**Thu, Sat • See What the PAFCU Offers**  
Dec 13 & 15 4 - 6 p.m., Thu; 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sat

**Thu, Jan 3 • Food Class:**  
**Healthy Winter Indian Curries** 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Jan 4 • Film Night: George Harrison:**  
**Living in the Material World** 7:00 p.m.

**Tue, Jan 8 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:**  
**The Future of Food** 7:00 p.m.

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

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**New location for General Meeting:**  
**MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth & Fifth Sts.**





## Expelled

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ing Squad Leader.

The member responded later to an e-mail from the acting Squad Leader, claiming he'd received an emergency call from his wife and had to rush home to do child-care, and promised to make up the shift. A series of attempts to speak to him about his failure to work his scheduled shift after signing in ensued over the next several months. After two temporary holds on the couple's membership, and a registered letter from the Coop to which there was no response, an investigation using evidence from security cameras with time stamps found that on the July 6 occasion—and on an earlier occasion the previous month—the husband left the Coop within minutes of signing in, without making or receiving any phone calls. The member acknowledged at the hearing that he had used this subterfuge on more than these two occasions.

### Member's Resignation Requested

The Disciplinary Committee asked the member to resign in advance of the hearing, as it has done before in similar cases, but in an attempt to save their membership the couple decided to contest the charges.

At the hearing itself, with his wife acting as his advocate, the member admitted he felt ashamed and embarrassed by his actions but challenged the charge of uncooperative conduct, which was based on his not responding to nine attempts by the Coop to reach him via phone, e-mail and mail requesting that he contact the Coop with times it would be convenient to speak. According to the Disciplinary Committee, it took eight months to hold the first conversation with him about the charges.

On another occasion he did respond with a message saying he would be out of the country for a month and would reply on his return. The member claimed he had actually left return messages on eight occasions.

Several friends submitted letters in support of the member. One described him and his wife as "good neighbors, parents and friends....generous of their time and energy." Another said "they spoke so highly of the food quality, the ethical principles the cooperative stands for and the sense of community that comes with membership" that she and her husband were inspired to join. A third letter of support described the husband as "an intensely focused and dedicated person," adding "if he comes off as brusque, it is

only due to his convictions and cultural background, which values directness and straightforward communication."

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### A Complex Process

The hearing and the period leading up to it involved a number of phases. In the first phase, the Disciplinary Committee gathered information, made its attempts to contact the member, issued a temporary hold on the household's membership, lifted the hold when they received the first response, reinstituted the hold when their later calls and e-mails to the member went unanswered, and lifted it again when the member attempted another contact. Finally, after speaking with the member, the Disciplinary Committee reviewed the facts of the case and requested his resignation.

During the proceedings, the advocate for the Disciplinary Committee explained the charges, emphasizing that theft of services is regarded as extremely serious and in the past has routinely been followed by expulsion. Member labor, she explained, con-

stitutes 80 percent of the work done at the Coop, and is the one obligation members have to each other. Committee members and a General Coordinator who work with the Disciplinary Committee added they felt it was important to look beyond the case of one member to the precedent involved, and said they did not wish to put forth a message that a member could steal workshifts, receive a rebuke or punishment and still remain a member.

In the course of a dialogue that included the Committee, the member, his wife and the Coop members chosen to participate in the hearing, the member said he did not think it was fair to treat him as a precedent, criticized the disciplinary process for being lengthy and convoluted, used his phone records to challenge the Committee's claims regarding the difficulty they had in reaching him and suggested that some members of the Disciplinary Committee, since they are elected, may have an agenda with regard to his case, although he did not state what that agenda might be. The Committee cited what they called the member's extremely uncooperative behavior, indicating that he responded to their messages and calls only after the suspension. And they cast doubt on the member's claim that he did not receive the letters by describ-

ing a careful process by which the Coop uses returned mail (including mail from the annual ballots sent to members' homes) to keep its mailing list up to date.

The Committee also pointed out that members who are having personal issues, are ill, or caring for someone who is ill, can take a leave or apply to have the work requirement temporarily lifted. As an example, upon the birth of a child, a member household may take up to one year parental leave, divided in whatever manner the members choose. The member and his wife did in fact make use of parental leaves.

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### The Verdict

Following each side's presentation, the nine-member hearing group met privately for about 30 minutes and found the member guilty of all charges. Three members of the Hearing Officer Committee presided over the hearing and before reaching a decision as to the penalty, heard again from the Coop advocate and the member, who both spoke briefly. The member asserted that he was very surprised the hearing group had upheld the charge of uncooperative conduct, said it was "an unfortunate set of circumstances," that "there have been a lot of moral statements made about our integrity" and that he and his wife had already been "put through a rough a year of weird punishment with this." He asked the Committee "to pull your claws back a little" and allow them to remain as members after a suitable punishment. In lieu of expulsion, he offered to do makeup sessions, be temporarily suspended and even be publicly named. "The whole utter permanent lifetime ban," he said, "feels intense."

The Hearing Officer Committee members then met privately for 15 minutes and returned its verdict of permanently removing the member and his household from the Coop.

In the past year, nine members have resigned without requesting a hearing when confronted with the issue of theft of services. Thirty cases are pending. ■

## Textonyms

The numbers on modern telephone keypads are associated with groups of three or four letters:

2 = ABC, 3 = DEF, 4 = GHI, 5 = JKL,  
6 = MNO, 7 = PQRS, 8 = TUV, 9 = WXYZ

Many texting devices support "predictive text." That is, when number keys are pressed, the matching letter possibilities are looked up in a dictionary to find a matching word. For example, 2-2-8 might be turned into the word C-A-T.

However, the same keys (2-2-8) also correspond to other words—BAT or ACT. These alternative possible words are known as "textonyms."

Each of the words listed below has at least one common English word textonym. It may help to first turn the word back into a corresponding letter sequence. The first word is done for you.

ACHE	2243 = ACID, CAGE
MOVE	
POET	
ROOM	
ADAPT	
AGILE	
ELOPE	
AFFORD	
BELFRY	
BUTTON	
SERVILE	
MANDRAKE	

Puzzle author: Stuart Marquis. For answers, see page 15.



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the environmental  
committee blog

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

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

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had seen workers loading the bulk containers without proper head coverings to keep hair out of the food. She requested that Shopping Squad Leaders better supervise the non-hygienic activities of workers.

Next, in the Coordinators' reports, General Coordinator Mike Eakin summarized the 40-week financial statement, reporting that the Coop tried for but did not quite achieve a 17% margin. He pointed out that this contrasts with commercial health food stores, such as Whole Foods, that maintain a 36%-38% margin. The savings incurred by the lower margin are passed along to shoppers as reduced prices as compared to other outlets.

A member asked about shrinkage. Mike replied that shrinkage of about one percent (a figure low compared with some stores) was due to theft and other matters, such as spoilage and breakage. While it is hard to know what the shrinkage is attributed to, when it comes to theft, "We know because we catch them," he said.

On the Sunday prior to Hurricane Sandy's arrival in the region, the Coop closed after shopping hours and remained closed until midday on the Tuesday following the storm, reported General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky. Members came by to help set up the store on Tuesday morning. Normal deliveries resumed on Thursday. The Coop's phones went down on the Monday of the storm, and the service was not restored until November 9.

In order to help stock Occupy Sandy-recommended relief items that members wanted to buy and donate, the Coop stocked numerous items we don't normally carry, like less expensive diapers and cleaning supplies. Some Coop suppliers were affected, though most are now back on line. Steve's Key Lime Pie in Red Hook was hard hit and is rebuilding. There was damage to the warehouse of a company that supplies the Coop with nuts, which may lead to long-term price increases for their particular products. Although Coop sales were lower for the week of the storm, they went up dramatically the following week, so that "it all came out evenly," said Astrinsky.

Next, General Coordinator Ann Herpel offered highlights of a recent study of plastic bag use as a way to educate members, given the ongoing proposal by the Environmental Committee to limit or eliminate use. From the Coop membership of 16,000 people, approximately 1,500 were observed, and around 400 interviewed by the research team. With the data collection done by a team led by an organizational psychologist, the study found that 78% of shoppers used a plastic roll bag. Forty-six percent reported that they reused the bag(s). Thirty-six per-

cent said that they would not purchase an item (requiring containment to carry it), if some carrier were not readily available at the Coop.

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—General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky

Next, Jeff Duper of the Animal Welfare Committee reported on the Committee's development of a spreadsheet of products tested on animals. Those with such information can contact the Committee at [psfanimals@blogspot.com](mailto:psfanimals@blogspot.com).

A member of the GMO Labeling Committee told of the Coop's participation in the California Right to Know GMO Labeling Initiative (on the ballot for the recent election.) Thanks to a Coop donation and phone-bank participation, the Coop helped "four million people get to know more about GMOs," he reported, even though the initiative did not pass.

John Urda of the Revolving Loan Committee, which will oversee funds for loans to other coops, reported on their recruitment efforts for an experienced foundation to administer the loans. Members can contact the Committee with recommendations.

Members voted to re-elect three members, David Pagan, Erach Screwvala and Robin Campbell to the Agenda Committee. The Committee goes through and schedules suggested agenda items. "It's neither boring nor overly exciting, but neutrality is required," said Robin Campbell.

The members next voted to elect the two nominees to fill vacancies on the Disciplinary Committee; Paul Van Horn and Leona Levy were elected.

Since the previous rules set by the GM require reviewing all Coop boycotts annually, Lew Friedman spoke to about the Coca-Cola boycott, which was renewed.

Member Joe Mangrum, a Receiving worker, introduced a discussion to explore expanding the Coop. With a range of options and considerations about how to expand, Mangrum said that he would like to see the Coop lease a newly unoccupied store space across the street, and build that out as a GMO-free store annex. This plan, he said, would make it easier to purchase non-GMO foods, while standing in solidarity with the national non-GMO movement. Mangrum could also foresee the annex including a juice, tea, and coffee bar, along with an expanded book section.

Members offered a range of input, questions, and comments.

Tim Platt of the Chair Committee proposed relocating the office across the street to keep all shopping under one roof.



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Nancy Romer of the Brooklyn Food Conference Committee suggested that, in order to hear all voices, a hearing (or an entire GM) be devoted to envisioning the Coop over the next 40 years. Following that input, a dedicated committee could follow through.

In response to a question about a vertical expansion of the Coop space, General Coordinator Joe Holtz told the meeting that, the block where the Coop is located is zoned residential. The Coop presence here is "grandfathered," and it's not possible to build vertically due to restrictions on changing the floor area ratio.

Susan Sternberg and Harriet Taber then opened a new discussion, asking to create a work group to explore how the Coop might participate in ongoing Hurricane Sandy relief efforts for workslot credit—since many members are already volunteering with a range of organizations. The group would investigate options, and report back in one month with a proposal of how to potentially proceed.

"We'd like to help," Taber told the members. "We know that phase two of disaster relief is the most difficult because that's when the money and interest run out. We'd like to be there if feasible." The members voted by an overwhelming majority to pass the plan to investigate if there is a need for a committee, and if so how to possibly form one and submit it to the GM for approval.

Following the accepting of the minutes from the previous meeting, Bill Penner of the Board of Directors offered motions to accept both the minutes and the advice of members on all agenda items voted upon at the meeting, which were then passed by the Board. ■

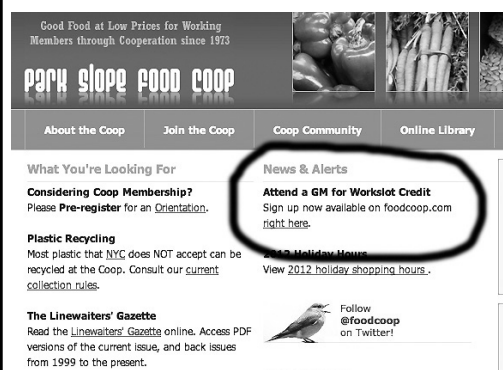
## Follow the Food Coop on

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



◆ On the Coop's website ([www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com))

◆ Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the ground-floor elevator lobby



◆ Call the Membership Office



# Red Hook Initiative Becomes a Hub for Sandy Volunteers, Supplies and Hope

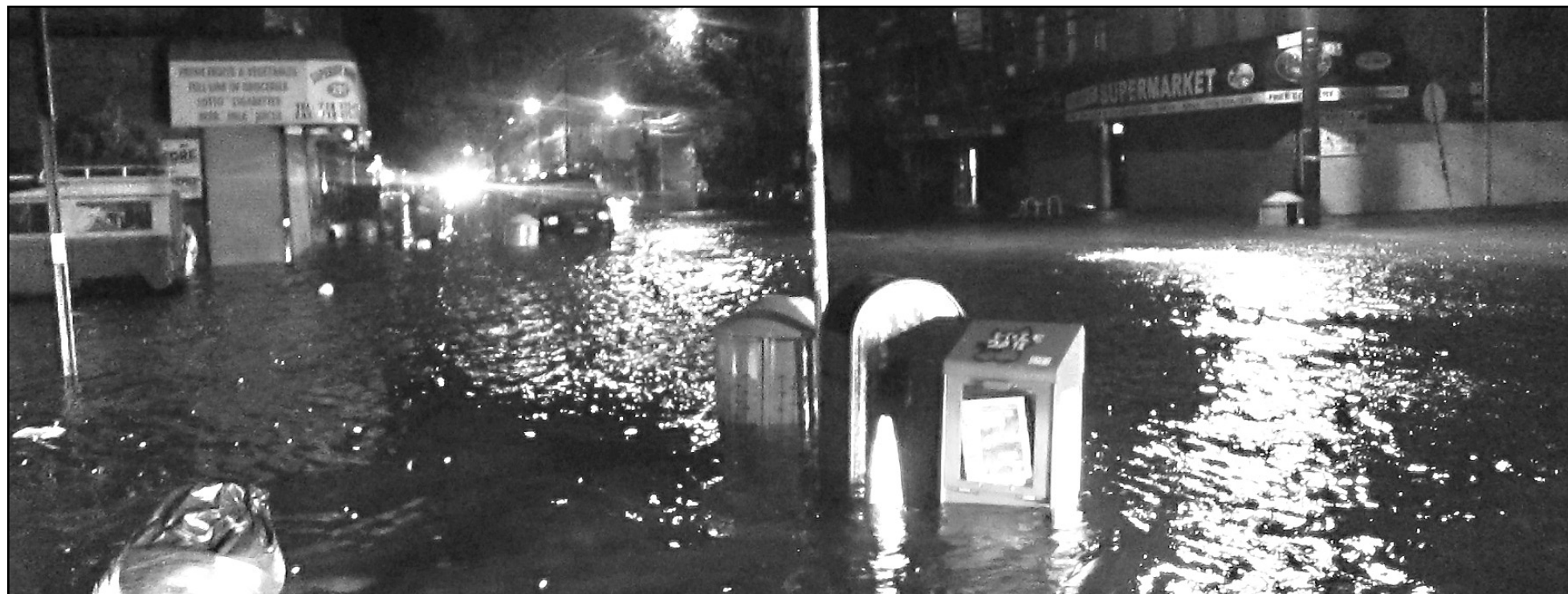


PHOTO BY ERIN STAMOS

Two feet of water covered the intersection of Red Hook's Van Brunt and Pioneer Streets.

By Frank Haberle

One quiet evening in mid October, Park Slope Food Coop member Lisa Cowan, the Board Chair of the Red Hook Initiative, met with other Board members of the small nonprofit organization to discuss plans for expanding their volunteer program. RHI is a youth development agency with a youth center in a converted warehouse facing the Red Hook Houses is one of the City's largest public housing sites. As Lisa remembers it, at the time, the challenges of managing the five volunteers seemed formidable for such a small social justice organization, with such a lean budget.

The Board and the staff of RHI could not possibly have imagined that, two weeks later, they would be coordinating a massive emergency relief effort involving more than 3,000 volunteers and tons of supplies, all focused on assisting residents of Red Hook who lost their light, heat, services, and the ability to access the most basic necessities in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Like other community based organizations, churches, and schools, as

soon as the waters receded, RHI suddenly found itself on the front lines. RHI's Community Center instantly became one of the key stations where food, clothing, and other essentials assembled at the Park Slope Food Coop and other local collection sites hit the ground and, in the hands of thousands of volunteers, were put into the hands of people in need in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

## A Place Where It Was All Happening

"The day before the storm hit, we were mostly concerned with flooding, wondering whether we should move the computers up off of the ground," Lisa recalls. On Tuesday morning, a few of the staff that live across the street went in to check on the facility. Miraculously, when they opened the doors, they discovered not only that it had not flooded, but that it still had electrical power, even though most of the surrounding community did not. The staff members were able to recharge their phones. They opened the doors and invited others in to do the same. Instantly the building became a central place

'where it was all happening' in the immediate neighborhood.

People started calling about volunteering almost immediately. "The Occupy Sandy people were the first to come in large numbers," Lisa remembers. "From their Zuccotti Park experience, many had experience feeding large numbers of people with relatively low equipment." In RHI's community center, there is a small kitchen with one four-burner stove. The center features warehouse doors that face the Red Hook Houses, which were opened to invite the community in.

The first days following the storm, the biggest challenge was managing supply and demand. "There's a proverb that goes, 'you never step in the same river twice,'" Lisa says. "And it really applied to our situation. Each day the landscape changed. At one moment we would have a huge supply of baked ziti and batteries and candles. At another moment, another community center, or a church might have the food. One day, for lunch, we'd have people coming to us and we'd try to direct them to where the food was. By dinnertime, we'd have all the food, and we needed to get the word out."

Coop Member Liz Schnee, who worked as a grant writer with RHI in the past and who volunteered immediately, reports that, from the first day forward, "The movement of food was amazing. In buildings where the elevators were out, people suddenly didn't have access to food." Two of the Red Hook Buildings are 14 stories high. "There were people who could get out, but for others we needed to bring food and supplies up to them—hot food, batteries, canned goods. The turnout on both sides was really inspiring. A wide range of people—families, young people, elderly people—came to Red Hook bringing healthy foods, prepared meals, salads."

"I've been in disaster scenes overseas where things got chaotic and tense between relief providers and people in crisis," Liz adds. "Here, even though the relief effort was chaotic, the people were really patient and thankful. They were really living in a horrible situation, but people were very grateful for RHI. And the people who came to help were so nice! Restaurants were bringing in donated food. People worked together in RHI's little kitchen before Calvary Church got its power back on (Calvary has a much bigger industrial kitchen). The volunteers were moving 250 meals at a time."

## Part of a Strong and Growing Coalition

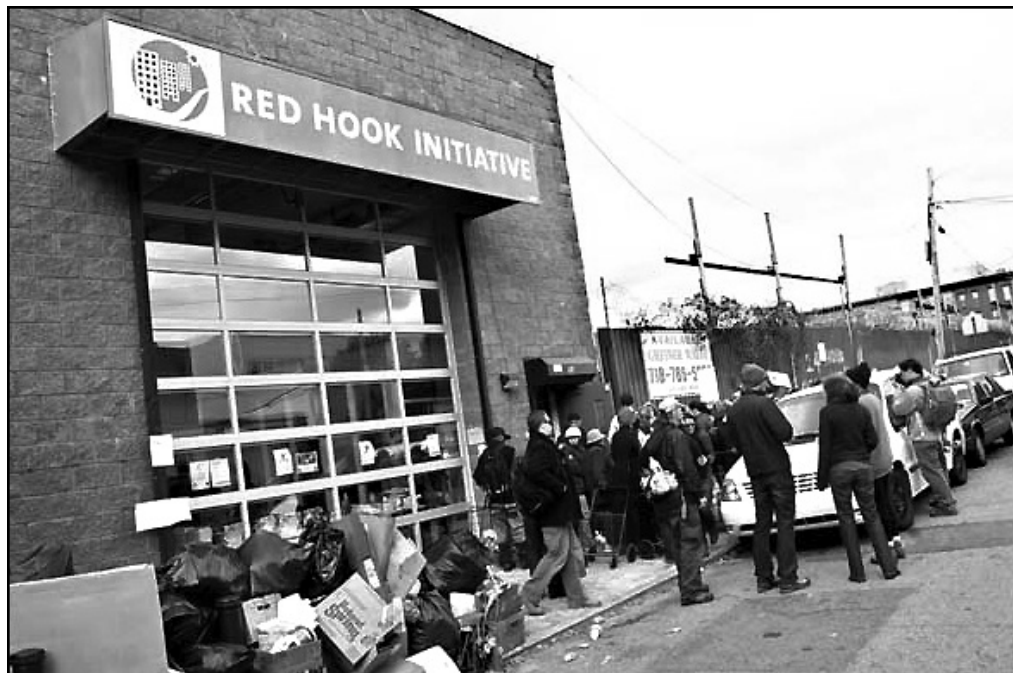
Lisa points out that the staff of Red Hook Initiative were a key asset in building bridges between volunteers, service providers, and the people of Red Hook Houses, particularly those who were homebound. "The majority of our staff are residents of Red Hook Houses, and even though many of them were themselves exhausted and scared from the circumstances they were living in, they were a huge asset to the relief efforts." Lisa points out the example of a FEMA worker arriving from Arkansas, who



PHOTO BY ROD MORRISON

RHI Center's warehouse doors face the Red Hook Houses. The doors were opened to welcome the community.

PHOTO BY ROD MORRISON



Neighbors and volunteers gather outside the Red Hook Initiative Center.

had never been in a public housing setting in the city before. "It was really helpful to have our staff with them to help do assessments."

As time wore on and temperatures dropped, Liz remembers, there were residents of the community who were in really bad shape. "People started coming down with walking pneumonia. Upstairs, volunteer medical professionals started working their way into the buildings, going door to door, helping people with asthma and other conditions. RHI's staff hosted the medical teams that mobilized and got to people in need right away. They were an integral part of making outreach and communication much easier.

After two days helping to coordinate the food effort, Liz moved to a key role—manning the phone lines for ten days. "The calls from people offering to help were constant. 'What can I donate?' 'Where can I bring it?' People called to

donate money they'd collected. An architecture firm took up a collection. An artist sold her painting. A woman donated proceeds from her Zumba class. A band did a concert at a bar and passed a hat. On the other side, we had calls coming in from community members seeking help with FEMA applications, or help with other services." With the election coming up, many residents were concerned about where they could vote, because the local school was flooded.

In addition to Occupy Sandy volunteers, Lisa and Liz credit the community, the police department and local businesses and churches, too many to name, for contributing to the collection and movement of food and materials that kept the residents of Red Hook well, and hopeful, throughout their ordeal. "I remember coming to the Coop soon after the storm to shop," Liz remembers. "And on the intercom, they were announcing



PHOTO BY LIZ BARCLAY

"The people who came to help were so nice and those in need were very grateful."

that they were doing a food drive. Everyone was donating food; there was a lot of activity around the col-

lection area. There was a great feeling of everyone pitching in, a real sense of cooperation." ■

## COORDINATOR'S CORNER

### Thinking About Expansion

By Joe Holtz,  
General Coordinator

**Introduction:** Thank you to Coop member Joe Mangrum for his agenda item on Coop expansion for the General Meeting of November 27, 2012. I have been thinking about this subject for many years and over the last year, the General Coordinators have had the discussion of growth on our meeting agenda. The Coop has a very long history of debating the pros and cons of expansion. Below is the start of an outline on some possible discussion areas and questions that our Coop might want to look at for future discussions. This draft outline was distributed at the 11-27-12 General Meeting.

#### Initial Discussion Areas & Questions:

##### A) Why grow?

1. Do we have an obligation to make our Coop available to those who want to join but currently do not fit because our facility is at or above its maximum practical capacity?
2. Is our success a problem for us or just for those who are having trouble joining...what are our current challenges?
3. Can a careful reading of the International Principles Of Cooperation help guide us in answering this?

##### B) Work requirement relevance

1. Since our model of required work has been a major factor in our success, do we have an obligation to help spread our model either by expanding, helping others to open new coops, or both?
2. Why are there so very few coops that require work from their members?
3. Is our Coop more sustainable than those "mainstream" coops?

##### C) PSFC vision

1. What is our vision for the Coop for the next 40 years?
2. How will we make sure that the Coop has a great chance to thrive and survive?
3. What are the future challenges?
4. How does expanding or not expanding address our vision?

#### Secondary Discussion Areas & Questions:

##### D) In considering a second location:

1. Would a smaller location make sense or would a larger location make sense as a second location?
2. Should we think about parking?
3. If we were to decide in favor of a second location, how far away or how close should it be?
4. Could it be successful on a non-residential and non-retail street such as a street that has mainly warehouses?

#### E) Review our efforts to help others start food coops

1. Create a detailed narrative of what we have done thus far and discuss how well it has worked.
2. Review the recent creation of our Revolving Loan Committee and how that might help new coops start and survive.
3. What if we were to substantially increase our advice, support and help to others as an alternative to our own expansion? Would this be wiser?
4. Would it be less risky than opening our own additional second location? ■

## CORRECTION

A story titled "Toughest Job You'll Ever Love?", published in the November 29, 2012, *Linewaiters' Gazette*, misspelled the name of Food Coop Receiving Coordinator Eric Vazquez. We regret this error.





## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

# Heroes and Zeroes in California Fight for GMO Labeling

By Greg Todd

Yes, it's true, Proposition 37 was defeated, narrowly, in California on November 6. Nonetheless, more than 5,000,000 Californians voted in favor of mandatory GMO labeling and that's still a lot of people where we come from. The unholy consortium of food, pharmaceutical and big AG corporations that spent \$46 million to defeat Prop 37 should be very afraid. The fight has just begun.

Most important of all, our Coop supported the Prop 37 effort with a \$1,000 donation and members of the GMO Food Labeling Committee spent over 20 hours on the phone talking to California voters in support of the proposition.

## The Heroes Who Spent \$100,000 or More to Support Prop 37:

Organic Consumers Association	\$1,230,000
Mercola.com	\$1,119,000
Nature's Path	\$656,000
Dr. Bronners	\$620,000
Lundberg	\$255,000
Amy's	\$200,000
Earth Balance	\$177,000
Food Democracy Action!	\$115,000
Organic Valley	\$100,000

Thousands of other individuals, organizations, farms and corporations made contributions to support the California Right-To-Know Act. For a complete list of supporters, go to: [www.carightto-know.org/endorsements#food](http://www.carightto-know.org/endorsements#food).

We should all feel proud to be members of this Coop and should support all of the food producers who put their name and money behind this effort.

## Who the Zeroes Were

Surprisingly, not all food producers claiming to sell healthy foods supported Prop 37. In fact, a large number of them, typically those owned by producers of "mainstream" food products, made contributions to defeat GMO labeling in California. Among those opposing the right-to-know were the following, along with the amount spent to defeat GMO labeling and the products they produce. For products with health claims, we've placed a claim made on the product's website in parentheses:

<b>Pepsi</b>	\$2,145,400
Naked Juice (purest, freshest fruits and vegetables) and Izze (all natural and true to the fruit), Frito Lay, Quaker Oats, Near East, Tropicana	
<b>Nestle</b>	\$1,461,600
Tribe Mediterranean Foods (all natural), Häagen Dazs	
<b>Coca-Cola</b>	\$1,455,500
Odwalla (all natural juices), Honest Tea (nature got it right), Simply Orange (not-from-concentrate juices and pure ingredients), Minute Maid	
<b>General Mills</b>	\$1,230,300
Cascadian Farms (USDA certified organic), Muir Glen (USDA certified organic), Lara Bar (simple, pure, delicious), Cheerios	
<b>Con Agra</b>	\$1,176,700
Lightlife (veggie goodness for you and the planet) and Alexia (ingredients you're proud to serve your family), Wesson and Guldens	
<b>Kellogg's</b>	\$790,700
Kashi (several USDA-certified organic products) and Gardenburger (delicious meals start with natural options from the good earth), Morningstar Farms	
<b>Smithfield</b>	\$683,900
Oscar Meyer	

**Dean Foods** (partial tally) \$352,950  
Horizon (USDA-certified organic milk), Silk (some USDA certified organic soy milk)

**J.M. Smuckers** (partial tally) \$388,000  
Santa Cruz Juices (USDA-certified organic), R W Knudsen

Sources: Food Democracy Now, Rodale Press, Cornucopia Institute, company websites.

## Where Do We Go From Here

What happened in California is just one more reminder that corporations have a lot of money and aren't afraid to spend it to get their way. Led by the big chemical companies including Monsanto, Dupont, Bayer and Dow, corporations outspent supporters over five to one.<sup>1</sup> With this kind of money on their side, what can we as consumers hope to accomplish? First, we can vote with our dollars. By avoiding the foods on the list above that voted against our interests, we can send a powerful mes-

sage to the corporations right where it hurts: in their profits.

Second, we can buy locally produced products. As you can see, all of the brands that spent the most to oppose GMO labeling are owned by large corporations. By spending our food budget on small, locally owned brands we can have more say about what goes into our food. Relocalizing our food supply will cut out our reliance on the big corporations and take away their ability to corrupt our food supply.

We can also demand that our elected officials represent us, not their corporate donors. Currently GMO-labeling legislation is pending in 30 states.<sup>2</sup> Ask your Assemblyman, Representative or State Senator to support mandatory GMO labeling in your state legislature.

Finally, the best way to ensure that your family is supporting the right companies with its food dollars and also is protected from GMO ingredients is to look for the non-GMO certified logo underneath the product on the shelf, the green non-GMO dot on the shelf label and the non-GMO logo on the product. Unfortunately, not all of the Non-GMO Project certified products have placed the Non-GMO Project logo on their products, so looking for the green dot on the shelf label is the best way of verifying that a product is Non-GMO Project certified. If you would like to verify that a product is Non-GMO Project certified, you may check the Non-GMO Project website.

The Non-GMO Project represents a higher standard and offers a better assurance that products you buy are free from GMOs. The Non-GMO Project actually tests ingredients for GMO content at various points in the production chain to verify that products are free of GMOs.<sup>3</sup> By contrast, the USDA-organic standard only requires that producers not use GMO ingredients but does not require testing to verify they are GMO-free. Due to the widespread planting of GMO crops, corruption of organic foods with GMO crops is known to occur. ■

<sup>1</sup>Mercury News, Nov. 7, "With Proposition 37 Defeated, Food Movement Vows to Fight On," Dana Hull.

<sup>2</sup>Before It's News, Nov. 13, "30 States Pick Up Reigns on GMO Labeling Initiative After Prop 37 Defeat," Alex Pietrowski.

<sup>3</sup>Non-GMO Project website: [www.nongmoproject.org/product-verification/faqs/](http://www.nongmoproject.org/product-verification/faqs/)



ILLUSTRATION BY ETHAN PETTIT

## PSFC Construction Committee Needs Another Welder

The PSFC Construction Committee has an opening for an additional welder. The job includes picking up a variety of items in need of repair (u-boats, hollywood carts, street carts, conveyor stands, loading-zone signs, etc.) in your own vehicle, taking them to your own shop, repairing them and returning them to the Coop, and, of course, reporting your hours to General Coordinator Mike Eakin, or his backup. The Coop reimburses for supplies and excess electric-demand charges.

E-mail: [mike\\_eakin@psfc.coop](mailto:mike_eakin@psfc.coop)





THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in the last four weeks.

Jenny Aisenberg	Corina Ehrenberg	Miriam Jacobson	Marisa Ragozino	Michael Silverberg	Julie Tudor
Jesse Alter	Andy Galore	James	Kathleen Reeves	Lee Sperling	Adriana V.
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THE GAZETTE INDEXES

If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the *Gazette*...

Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, *Gazette* indexer, at [lenneufeld@verizon.net](mailto:lenneufeld@verizon.net), to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

- ◆ An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the *Gazette* from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- ◆ 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).

Many of the *Gazette* issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website.

Coop Job Opening:  
Membership Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Membership Coordinator to fill an afternoon/evening and weekend schedule. Membership Coordinators divide their time between shifts of approximately 6 hours in the Membership Office, Technical Support shifts of approximately 6.5 hours working on the shopping floor, and oversight/coordination of the Coop's administrative functions. Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience, comfort with computers and computer technology, and the ability to do detailed record keeping. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, oversee the work of others, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, pay attention to several things at once and maintain high standards of accuracy.

As a retail business, the Coop's busiest times are during traditional holiday seasons. Applicants must be prepared to work during many of the holiday periods, particularly in the winter.

**Hours:** Approx. 39 hours in 5 days/week: Thursday–Monday. Weekday schedule will be afternoon/evening hours (some shifts until 11:00 p.m.). Saturday and Sunday hours will vary, though shifts are between 5 and 8 hours in length.

**Wages:** \$25.29/hour.

**Benefits:** —Health insurance  
—Pension plan/401(k) plans  
—Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years  
—Health and Personal time  
—Four paid holidays: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

How to Apply:

Please provide your résumé along with a cover letter explaining your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials will only be accepted electronically. E-mail resume and cover letter to [hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop). Please put "Membership Coordinator" in the subject field. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Office to check on the status of your application. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis until the position has been filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

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 six months immediately prior to application.

No Membership Office experience necessary to submit application materials. However, in order to be considered for an interview applicants must have worked at least four shifts in the Membership Office. After submitting your materials, if you wish to schedule shifts in the Office please contact the Coop at [hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop). Please put "Schedule Shifts" in the subject field.

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

RETURN POLICY



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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER  
RETURNABLE

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

RETURNABLE  
ONLY IF SPOILED  
BEFORE  
EXPIRATION DATE  
Packaging/label  
must be present-  
ed for refund.

Items not listed above that are unopened  
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.





## 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.

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

**Submissions on Paper:** Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

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

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

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Friday, Dec 21, 8:00 p.m.

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[www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com](http://www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com)

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8pm [doors open at 7:45]  
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.  
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

### Monthly on the...

Third Thursday  
DECEMBER 20  
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday  
DECEMBER 30  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

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

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

# PLASTICS

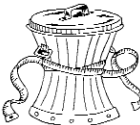
What plastics do we accept?  
Until further notice:

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

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

**PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY**

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



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WELCOME!

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.

Hooraa Abdolreza	Laura Cohen	Ishay Gazit	Paul Jacobsen	Tristan Murphy	Heidi Sanders	Erin Wade
Bonnie Andretta	Sarah Conroy	Mark Gindi	Ariel Jankelowitz	Clare O'Sullivan	Jeremy Sanders	May Wang
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Louis Besson	Joye Foust	Darren Horn	Brian McGuire	Miguelina Rodriquez	Julien Topal	
Sherilyn Browne	David Fradkin	Carl Hum	Arthur Meacham	Linda Sadiker	Dominga Torres	
Drew Butler	Rezi Fradkin	Brigitte Intuputi	Nic Melo	David Salz	Devorah Tradburts	
Jonah Ramu Cohen	Gily Gazit	Corey Jacobs	Danielle Monroe	Kim Salz	Hannah Van Winkle	



COOP 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network).

General Meeting Info

TUE, DECEMBER 18

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

WED, JANUARY 2

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Jan 29 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Dec 27 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 17

Jan 10 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 31

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec 27 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 19

Jan 10 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jan 2

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](http://foodcoop.com), at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday,  
December 18\*, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month. \*Exception for December.

Location

MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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](http://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](http://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

dec 13  
thu 4–6 pm

## See What the PAFCU Offers

Representatives from People's Alliance Federal Credit Union will be at the Park Slope Food Coop in the Meeting Room to sign up members for credit union membership. Learn about: \$5 minimum savings balance; loans starting at 2.99%; holiday club account; debit/Visa cards; mobile/text message banking; no-fee checking; Internet banking; kids' accounts; vacation club accounts. Any new member to open an account, any existing member to add a PAFCU product, or any member to refer a new member to the credit union will be entered to win a Drive Away Vacation Package. Stop by for a chance to win a surprise gift.

dec 15  
sat 10 am–12:30 pm

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dec 15  
sat 2 pm

## Conflict-Free Holidays

Replace holiday stress with cheer by learning how communication styles (DISC assessment) can resolve conflict and build understanding. Practice key conversation skills to improve listening and connection, to ensure the only buttons pushed are those on your new sweater. These skills will help you in all your personal and professional relationships and work processes. Facilitator **Linda Katz** is a communication and conflict management coach, and, a happy holiday survivor and Coop member.

dec 15  
sat 5 pm

## Traditional Japanese Medicine And Its Health Benefits

Traditional Japanese Medicine is useful for general health support as well as the treatment of specific ailments. It is particularly well-suited to addressing the subtle interface between the physical and psychological in terms of its well-established regulatory effect on the nervous, endocrine and circulatory systems. Such effects are especially powerful in addressing functional imbalances of the digestive and reproductive systems. **Nigel Dawes**, MA (Cantab.) LAc, is a NYS-licensed acupuncturist, Kampo herbalist and Shiatsu practitioner trained in Japan and China and practicing since 1987. Nigel teaches and lectures regularly throughout the U.S., Europe, Israel and Australia.

dec 18  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC DEC 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: MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

**Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.**

**I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up**

**II. Open Forum**

**III. Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**IV. Meeting Agenda**

**Item #1:** Pension Plan Amendment (25 minutes)

**Proposal:** To adopt an 11-page amendment to the Park Slope Food Coop Defined Benefit Pension Plan that does not change employee benefits. Copies of the 11-page amendment will be available at the meeting.

**Item #2:** Proposal to create "Union Street Green Squad" (40 minutes)

**Discussion:** Discuss proposal to create the "Union Street Green Squad" to care for the south side of our block's street trees and plant/maintain tree-bed gardens.

—submitted by Toby Willner

**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.

dec 21  
fri 8 pm

## Jen Chapin & Deborah Shelton



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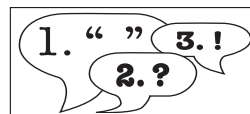
dec 22  
sat 11:30 am

## Say Goodbye to Back Pain

Coop member **Harriet Miller** is a licensed massage therapist/bodyworker who has been in practice 26 years. She will illustrate the key muscles that are the culprits in your pain. She understands your frustration if you've had all the diagnostic medical tests (MRI, PET scans), have been to all the experts, don't have a diagnosis and are living on painkillers. Her goal for you is to get helpful information, hope, encouragement and the confidence to know you can heal. E-mail me your questions and Harriet will try to include them in her talk: skharriet1@earthlink.net.

jan 2  
wed 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, January 29, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

**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.



# dec 13 2012—jan 20 2013

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## Food Class: Healthy Winter Indian Curries



Explore the cuisine of India with a focus on winter curries. We'll discuss the health benefits of certain Indian spices such as fennel, cumin, ginger and saffron and how to use them in cooking delicious, satisfying dishes. Chef Mukti

**Banerjee** grew up in Bengali, India, and learned her craft from her mother, aunts and grandmothers. She has the desire to share her knowledge and passion for this cuisine, which is based on Ayurveda principles. Chef Mukti is interested in empowering others to cook for themselves and eat a healthier diet. She is a cooking instructor available for hire. *Menu includes: chickpea masala; kai dal (black lentils); aloo paratha (potato-stuffed bread).*

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

jan 4  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: George Harrison: Living in the Material World



*George Harrison: Living in the Material World* (Part I) focuses the imaginative and inspired eye of one of cinema's most pre-eminent filmmakers on one of the world's most influential men. The film takes viewers on the musical and spiritual voyage that was George Harrison's life, much of it told in his own words. The result is deeply moving and touches each viewer in unique and individual ways. The film will be screened in two parts. We will screen the first part today and the second part will screen Friday, February 1, at 7 p.m.

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

jan 5  
sat 7 pm

## It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own demise now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, wicker caskets, biodegradable urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love.

jan 6  
sun 7 pm

## Why Your Blood Type Matters

Join Coop member **Dr. David Levi** as he gives a talk addressing the how's and why's of the Blood Type Diet. He'll explain what a blood type is and why eating according to your blood type is so important. Are you a Secretor or Non-Secretor? Find out what this means and why it's integral to your health. Learn what a lectin is and how avoiding the right ones will change your life. This is a can't-miss lecture for veterans of the Blood Type Diet and those seeking to explore the world of Dr. Peter D'Adamo. Dr. David Levi is a naturopathic doctor currently practicing in Williamsburg. During his in-residence at the University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine, Dr. Levi was under the clinical mentorship of Dr. Peter J. D'Adamo (well known for his *New York Times* best-seller *Eat Right 4 Your Type*) and continues to work closely with him.

jan 8  
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## Safe Food Committee Film Night: The Future of Food



*The Future of Food* has been a key tool in the American and international anti-GMO grassroots activist movements and played widely in the environmental and activist circuits. Applauded by technology writers, food policy experts and environmental activists, the film has been shown around the world. It showed to

a sold-out audience of 1,500 at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco, where it was introduced by Alice Waters, as well as sold out at premieres in Paris, Amsterdam, and London. *The Future of Food* has been featured at numerous film festivals and even earned an Oscar Best Documentary nomination. As many of the large agro corporations use the genetic-engineering technology to position themselves as the answer to the world food crisis and further consolidate the seed supply, *The Future of Food* proves to be an essential educational tool.

jan 11  
fri 7 pm

## Wordsprouts: Poetry and Prose: A Group Reading



**Susan O'Neill** is the author of *Don't Mean Nothing* (Ballantine Books, UMass Press and, more recently, Serving House Books), a fiction collection based on her hitch as an Army operating-room nurse during the Vietnam war. She's been the co-editor of *Vestal Review*, an ezine/print literary journal for "flash fiction," since it began about 12 years ago. **Richard Roundy's** recent publications include a review in *Rain Taxi*, fiction in the current issue of *Big Bridge*, and poetry forthcoming in the *English Journal*. His work has been published in *Shiny*, *Verse*, *The Hat*, and *The Poker*, among others. He lives in Windsor Terrace with his wife and children and has been a Coop member for about 10 years. **Pat Smith** received his MFA from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. His play, *Driving Around the House* (1985), has been produced around the U.S. and is published by New Rivers Press. Recent poems have been published in *Psychic Meatloaf*, *Haggard and Halloo*, *Apeiron*, *The Bakery*, *Eclectica* and *The Brooklynier*. He curates poetry events for the Brooklyn Reading Works at Park Slope's Old Stone House. **To book a Wordsprouts, contact Paula Bernstein, paulabernstein@gmail.com.**

jan 12  
sat 11 am

## Reclaiming Legal Standing To Ban Fracking

Concerned about fracking and the future viability of New York State's food shed and eco-systems? Heard reports that fracking contaminates water and pollutes air? Worried about effects another Hurricane Sandy could have on the Rockaway Pipeline? Concerned that Spectra, whose pipeline was prematurely installed in the densely populated West Village, has a dismal safety record? Want to learn how to protect your borough and the rest of NYC? The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund has guided numerous communities through the process of banning corporate practices by stripping corporate personhood from corporations and returning legal standing to the people where it belongs. The aim of this workshop is to place a Citizens' Initiative based on the work of CELDF on the ballot for the November 2013 election. Coop member **Alice Joyce** has been working to ban fracking since 2013.

jan 12  
sat 2 – 5 pm

## Auditions for Our Coop Kids' Variety Show



Auditions for Coop members ages 4-18, in the Coop second floor meeting room. To reserve an audition spot contact: Martha Siegel, 718-965-3916, msiegel105@earthlink.net. You must audition to be in the show. Polished act not required for audition; we can help you polish it. Singers and other musicians, poets, jugglers, stand-up comics, rappers, dancers, magicians, gymnasts, etc. (no lip-syncing please).

**Performance date is Saturday, March 9, 7:00 p.m., at the Old First Church.**

## still to come

jan 18 Meet Your Mind

jan 18 Prospect Concerts

jan 19 Detoxification

jan 19 Anti-Aging & Rejuvenation Seminar

jan 20 Auditions for Our Coop Kids' Variety Show

jan 20 Creating Health with the Foods of the Season

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 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](mailto: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, fac-

tual coverage:

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

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

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

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

## Respect

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

## WINDSOR TERRACE FOOD COOP

## TO THE EDITOR:

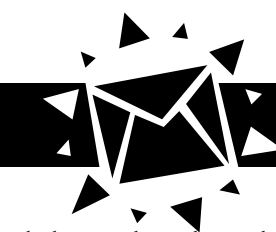
FYI in relation to the article about the possibility of a Windsor Terrace Food Coop: *Yes!* magazine Issue 64 Winter 2013 pg. 16, the page that counts listed this: Jobs created for every \$1 million in sales at a grocery coop is 9.3; Jobs created for every \$1 million in sales at a conventional grocery store is 5.8.

Best,  
Lucy Nurske

## RESPONSE TO WATER FILTERS LETTER

## GREETINGS:

I've been using a GE Smartwater filter for some years now in my apartment. I did research it before installing and recall it was one of the top recommended at the time. I had a handyman friend install and don't think it's too complicated to put in. I'm satisfied, but you might want to Google and see if anything newer is more highly rated. I change filters about every eight months or so. They're eas-



ily located on the web or in local retail like Home Depot, and reasonably priced. Hope that helps.

Stephanie Wright

## MARRIAGE À LA MUD

*Their 10th anniversary bash?  
If you're invited, sorry;  
The party proved too rash,  
As the union's no longer starry.  
Just why the cancellation?  
The couple's here-and-now's  
Added up to alienation  
When they reviewed their vows.*

Leon Freilich



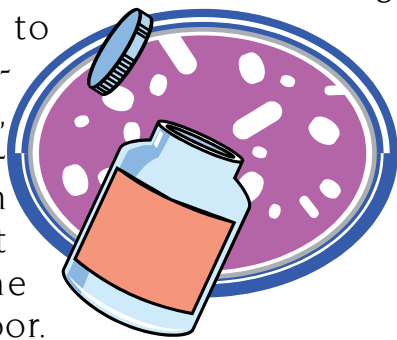
## ☆☆☆☆ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ☆☆☆☆

## Vitamin Worker

Wednesday, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

On this special shift, you will be working with the Receiving Coordinator to check-in vitamin orders, organize vitamin area in the basement and on the shopping floor.

You will label products and shelves, and related tasks. If interested, contact the Membership Office.



## Plastics Recycling Baler

Saturday and Sunday,  
12:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Baler will work as a member of the Environmental Issues Plastic Recycling Committee. Work includes operating the baler machine in the Receiving area—NO OPEN-TOED FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE WORN WHILE WORKING IN THIS AREA. Worker must be able work with Receiving Staff to coordinate the use

of the baler and shared workspace, and must be able to follow detailed safety instructions. Some strength and lifting required. Training will take place on first scheduled shift. You will need to contact Cynthia Pennycooke, Membership Coordinator, via phone Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Membership Office, or e-mail [cynthia\\_pennycooke@psfc.coop](mailto:cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop) prior to being assigned to this shift.



## Bathroom Cleaning

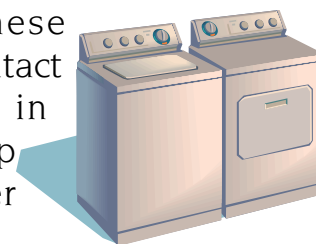
Tuesday, 12 to 2 p.m.

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

## Laundry and Toy Cleaning

Saturday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

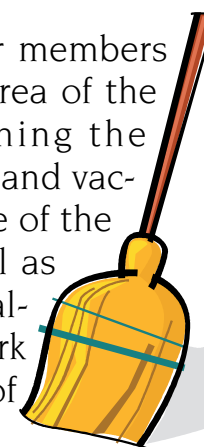
This workslot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the child-care room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.



## Store Equipment Cleaning

Monday, 6 to 8 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.





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

## BDS TOPICS:

FACTS ABOUT BDS,  
PALESTINE, ISRAEL,  
AND THE COOP

## TO THE EDITOR,

I am responding to two letters published in the November 29, 2012, *Gazette*.

In the first letter, titled, "The *Gazette* and BDS," the author implies that those who criticize the actions of the Israeli government and military are "anti-Semitic." This is a common denunciation offered by those who defend Israeli policies. In the sixth paragraph of that letter, the author states "The BDS proposal obtained the support of less than 4 percent of the membership," referring, I presume, to the March 2012 General Meeting, when about 1,600 of our 16,000 members were present. We voted on whether to hold a Coop-wide referendum about boycotting Israeli goods, joining the international movement to respond to the persecution of Palestinian people by the Israeli government. About 40% of those present voted for having a referendum. About 60% voted not to have a referendum. I think this vote showed us how the General Meeting system of decision-making is flawed as a democratic process. About 6% of members were able to prevent the whole Coop from voting on this issue.

The second letter is titled "10,000 In Line for Israeli Citizenship." The author points to the fact the many Palestinians who have Permanent Resident status in Israel would have better rights as Israeli citizens than they would have as residents of Occupied Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza. Although Palestinian Israeli citizens face discrimination in housing, education and employment in Israel, they are far better off than Palestinians living under the United States-backed 65-year-old Israeli military occupation.

The two letters noted above con-

tain distortions of facts about the Coop as well as about the real situation in Palestine/Israel. PSFC Members For BDS will continue to give you as much information as we can and to encourage you to boycott Israeli goods such as the Sodastream carbonation system, which is manufactured in the Occupied West Bank.

For more information go to [www.psfcbds.wordpress.com](http://www.psfcbds.wordpress.com), as well as to the websites for Mondo Weiss, Jewish Voice for Peace, Adalah-NY, Electronic Intifada, Haaretz English Edition, among others.

Naomi Brussel

PALESTINIAN LAND AND  
FARMERS UNDER SEIGE

## COOP MEMBERS:

*Ma'an News Agency*: November 30, 2012. The Land Research Center reported that Israeli forces escorted a civil administration crew with bulldozers to Wadi al-Qatami in Beit Ula (near Hebron) where they dug up around 1,000 olive saplings and loaded them on a truck. They destroyed three wells used for irrigation and demolished three sheds that farmers used as storehouses. The Mayor of Beit Ula told Ma'an that Israeli forces stole the olive trees. He said the land belonged to five Palestinians.

*Palestine News Network*: November 28, 2012. Israeli settlers pumped wastewater into large areas of Palestinian agricultural lands in Husan, Wadi Fukin and Nahalin villages in Bethlehem. The head of Wadi Fukin village council said that the settlers pumped wastewater into agricultural land of the Bab al-Fawar area, south of the village. He confirmed that wastewater flooded large areas of the village land planted with olives, grapes and almond trees, causing severe damage to the crops. "This is not the first attack by settlers against the village, aiming to seize Palestinian lands and prevent farmers' access to their lands."

NBC News: October 12, 2012 (*by Lawahez Jabari*). *Palestinians: Settlers*

*Threaten West Bank's Centuries-Old Olive Harvest Tradition*. "Every fall, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians take to the fields to participate in the annual olive harvest, a celebrated national event. Children take time off school and adults skip work to rise at sunrise and walk through the groves echoing with the sound of sticks striking olive branches. Not only is the olive tree an important symbol of Palestinian identity and culture, the olive oil sector is important to the Palestinian economy and supports around 80,000 families. But the centuries-old tradition is under threat."

A farmer in the village of Saleh (6,000 population), told NBC: "There have been cases of arson and tree uprooting by the settlers. Usually settlers stop us from accessing the trees. Just this morning they scared off farmers who crossed beyond the bypass road to their fields."

A village chief told NBC: the settlement, Elon Moreh, was built on 500 dunums of land (1 acre equals 4 dunums) confiscated from our village. Now we are encircled by a bypass road. The gate is locked all-year except during the olive harvest. Last year it opened for four days, this year nine. 1,000 dunums of our best land are now isolated. "We have been beaten by settlers and soldiers in the past attempting to cross the bypass road."

*Help Plant Olive Trees in Palestine*. "Trees for Life," an international effort to reverse olive tree destruction, was started in 2005 by the Palestine Fair Trade Association and Canaan Fair Trade. Between Tree Day, January 15, and Land Day, March 30, thousands of olive trees are planted. To help: [www.canaanusa.com/shop/community/support](http://www.canaanusa.com/shop/community/support). Trees are three for \$20. Gift certificates are available. By check, mail to: Canaan Fair Trade LLC, 19215 SE 34th St. #106-122, Camas, WA 98607.

Mary Buchwald  
Brooklyn For Peace  
PSFC members for BDS  
[www.psfcbds.wordpress.com](http://www.psfcbds.wordpress.com)

## LETTER CONCERN

## DEAR GAZETTE EDITORS,

I am deeply disturbed by Jesse Rosenfeld's recent letter in the *Gazette*, which overtly violates our "Letters Policy," which states that we will not knowingly publish articles that are "racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory."

How else to characterize this statement: "refusing our membership requirements to remain a true Palestinian—totally identifying as a victim and living off international aid vouchers..."

Again, I'm deeply offended by this overtly racist letter and ask the *Gazette* to publish an apology.

Thank you,  
Lily Dalke

## REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to Palestinians on the recent vote at the UN. I'm still confused as to what the call the new baby since several different sources call it a state, a de facto state, a non-member observer state, and a mere symbolic gesture. Regardless, if those who live there want their own place to call home and live there in safety with their families, I support that. I hope that both Palestine and Israel can both work towards amicable relations, something both sides can at least live with, learn to do business together and educate each others' young, without the endless cycle of violence and tit-for-tat that discourages the cause for peace everywhere. Finally, I always like to see these things at least briefly in the context of the PSFC, and I sincerely hope that we will see more Palestinian and Israeli products on our shelves.

Jesse Rosenfeld



What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions  
About Coop Foods

Monday, December 17, 12 to 2:45 p.m.  
Monday, December 24, 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.

## Need to top off your FTOP?

Use your talents to help create a just and sustainable food system in Brooklyn!

"Like" the Brooklyn Food Coalition on Facebook and stay tuned for updates on how to earn FTOP hours.

[www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodCoalition](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodCoalition)

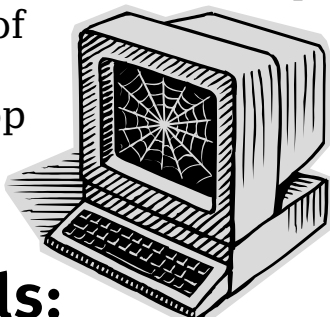
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FOKLYN  
BROOKLYN  
COALITION

# PHP/Web Developers

PSFC IT is looking for several Coop members to help build a Membership application for one of the coops that the Park Slope Food Coop has been advising. Workers will receive FTOP credit.



## Skills:

- ◆ PHP programming
- ◆ SQL commands
- ◆ Experience with FormBoss (RackForms) is a big plus.

## Work Expectation:

- ◆ At least 30 hours over a six-month period of time.
- ◆ Note: Our work requirements are about 36 hours per year per household adult.

If you are interested in this initiative, please send your resume or details of your relevant work experience to the following e-mail address:  
**gerald\_barker@psfc.coop**

## COMMERCIAL SPACE

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES available for Health Practitioners; e.g. Nutritionist, Medical Doctor, Psychotherapist, Massage Therapist, Podiatrist, Dentist, Reiki, Shiatsu, etc. Be part of an Holistic center in SOHO. Doctor will introduce all patients. Non-medical spaces also available. For information, please call 212-505-5055.

## HOUSING AVAILABLE

STUDIO APT. for SALE, Prime Park Slope. Lincoln Pl. bet. 7&8. Bright top-floor walkup studio w/ hardwood floors, built-in bookshelves, modern bath & kitchen. Friendly, beautifully maintained 10-unit brownstone coop. Laundry & storage in basement. Seller is a Food Coop member. Asking \$259,000. call 718-857-0090.

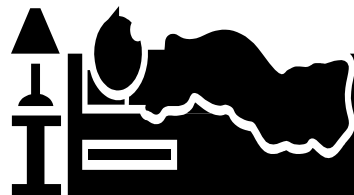


## CLASSIFIEDS

### MERCHANDISE

ROLLER BLADES Crossfire Size 9. Brand new \$175 now asking \$100. Call Donnie 718-768-1797.

MAYAN PALACE time share 2 weeks studio. 6 other Mexican locations to choose from. Maintenance \$453 per year. 2 queen beds. Look at Mayan-palace.com. For sale \$2,500. Call Donnie 718-768-1797.



### MERCHANDISE WANTED

SELL IRIS RECORDS your CDs/LPs/DVDs! Appointments day/night at your home. We pay cash and do the heavy lifting. We also appraise collections for estates/divorces. Email Stephen at recordriots@gmail.com or call 609-468-0885 for more information.

### SERVICES AVAILABLE

MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the food Co-op, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154, I charge \$60.00.



EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, experienced mover. Everything quilt padded. No extra charge for wardrobes and packing tape. Specialist in walkups. Thousands of satisfied customers. Great Coop references. 718-670-7071.

### SERVICES HEALTH

HOLISTIC DOCTOR in Naturopathy stimulates body's natural ability to heal chronic conditions, allergy, skin, muscle, cancer support with homeopathy, physical & chelation therapies, bioenergetic acupuncture, lab tests, hair analysis & more. Research Director. 20 years exp. As Featured in Allure Magazine. Dr. Gilman 212-505-1010.

### WHAT'S FOR FREE

FREE Subaru outback wagon hatch cover 1998. Call Donnie 718-768-1797.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop).

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue. An asterisk (\*) denotes a Coop member.

### SUN, DEC 16

11 a.m.: "The Gift of Words - Sharing Our Voices" with the Brooklyn Society Writers. This will be a holiday showcase of stories and words where we will honor and celebrate our many traditions and non-traditions through writing. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. 53 PPW. [www.bsec.org](http://www.bsec.org).



### SAT, JAN 5

8 p.m. John Fromer; Reggie Harris at Peoples' Voice Cafe; Tickets are \$18, \$10 for members. Nobody will be turned away. Peoples' Voice Cafe at the Community Church of NYU, 40 east 35th st. NY NY [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org).

### SAT, JAN 12

12:30-2:30 p.m. FREE 5-Week Pre-Teen Self-Defense Class for pre-teen girls and transyouth ages 10-12. Next class will take place at CAE 327 7th street Bklyn NY 11215 starting Jan 12th. RSVP to [info@caeny.org](mailto:info@caeny.org).

3-5 p.m. Free Classes for adult survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, on a sliding scale for everyone else. Email us to register for our 5-week self-defense course at CAE 327 7th



street Bklyn NY starting Jan. 12th. [info@caeny.org](mailto:info@caeny.org).

### SUN, JAN 27

4 p.m. BPL Chamber players present Alan R. Kay, clarinet Eliot Bailen, cello Margaret Kampmeier, piano; Admission is free; Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture at the Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza Bklyn NY.



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

Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)



**To Submit Classified or Display Ads:**

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

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

**Mental Harmony for the Holidays.**

Stress is a state of mind. Neurotechnology helps restore brainwaves to a harmonized state.

Holiday Offer: \$99 Assessment

Brainwave Optimization in the news:

People OWN PARADE // FOX NEWS // JOY // NEWS // THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC // NEWS // The New York Times



Cerebrum Centers  
www.cerebrumcenters.com  
212-991-8994

Meg Stuppy  
Brainwave Technologist



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# 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**

# Earn FTOP Hours in Queens!



**Help the Queens Harvest Food Co-op  
bring sustainable and affordable  
food options to Queens and earn  
FTOP hours at the same time.**

**The Queens Harvest Buying Club is looking for  
volunteers to help during our monthly distributions.  
If you love farmers, fresh foods, conversation, and arithmetic,  
then spend a couple hours with the crew and get to know us  
(and Queens!) a little better.**

**We are a monthly buying club and need volunteers.**

**We could use extra hands during the following shifts:**

- **Morning Shifts**—Setup, Data Entry, Receiving, Inventory
- **Afternoon Shifts**—Receiving, Data Entry, Kitchen Prep, Packing
- **Evening Shifts**—Packing, Data Entry, Cleaning, Breakdown

**Our distribution site is St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, in Woodside, which is just three blocks from the Roosevelt Ave. stop (E/F/R/M/7 trains) in the heart of Jackson Heights.**

Interested in volunteering? E-mail us: [qhbuyingclub@gmail.com](mailto:qhbuyingclub@gmail.com)

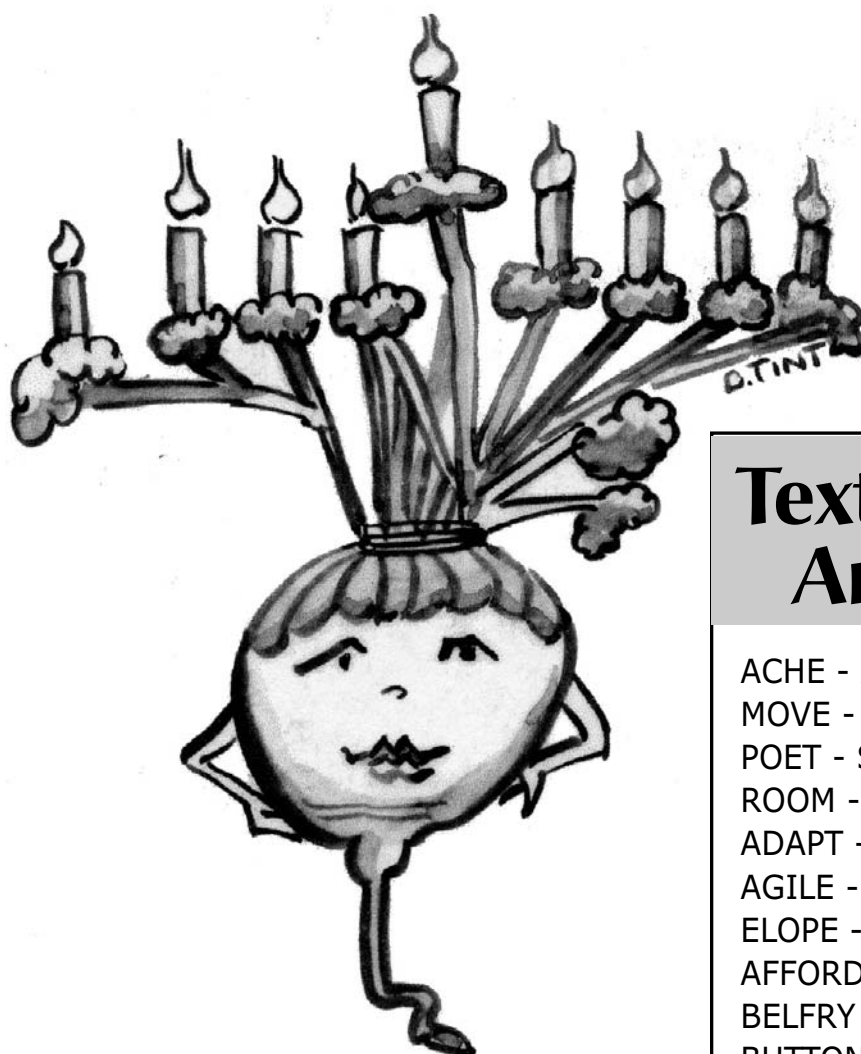


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## Textonyms Answer

ACHE - ACID, CAGE  
MOVE - NOTE  
POET - SOFT  
ROOM - SOON  
ADAPT - BEAST  
AGILE - CHILD  
ELOPE - FJORD  
AFFORD - BEFORE  
BELFRY - CELERY  
BUTTON - AUTUMN  
SERVILE - REPTILE  
MANDRAKE - NAMESAKE



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Cash Registers of Yesteryear

Probably many of us remember the addition of debit cards in 2007. Whether we loved it or hated it, this addition transformed the checkout process. However, this wasn't the only evolution at the register. The Coop has had a number of different devices for ringing up member purchases. Here are some machines from the past. Unfortunately the photo of the abacus has been lost.

Please send your comments, questions, and memories to [archivecommittee@psfc.coop](mailto:archivecommittee@psfc.coop).  
—Archives Committee



## WORDSPROUTS

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

## 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?

Do 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](mailto:paulabernstein@gmail.com).

# Winter Holiday Hours

**Christmas Eve, Monday, 12/24 • • • 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, 12/25 • • • 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Eve, Monday, 12/31 • • • 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1/1 • • • 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**The Membership Office will be CLOSED on  
Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1.**



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