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## City Expanding Plastic Recycling Program: Sun Sets on Plastics Recycling Squad



By Frank Haberle

**O**n April 24, Mayor Bloomberg announced that the City of New York is expanding its plastics recycling program to include all rigid plastics. With this expansion, households can now put all kinds of plastic items—including toys, shampoo bottles and food containers—out for curbside collection. “Starting today,” the Mayor stated at his April press conference, “if it’s a rigid plastic—any rigid plastic—recycle it. There is no more worrying about confusing numbers on the bottom of the container. This means that 50,000 tons of plastics that we were sending to landfills every year will now be recycled and it will save tax-

payers almost \$600,000 in export costs each year.”

“New York City residents and the environment will benefit with our expanded plastics recycling program,” added Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty. “With many more plastics now going into the recycling bin as opposed to the trash can, residents won’t have to think twice about what can and cannot be recycled. Add all your rigid plastics to your metal, plastic and glass recycling bin, and we will pick it up.”

As a result of this switch in curbside residential recycling, the Park Slope Food Coop is ending its plastic recycling collection as of June 8. It is the

end of an era for the plastics recycling squad, a hardy group of Coop members who have weathered winter cold and summer heat to collect and sort thousands of pounds of plastic containers from Coop members and the wider public over the years. The recycling team is winding down its operations through May, with the squad members switching to other squads.

For Mira Sheff, Sara Bloomberg and Deane Norton, the three Coop members who served most recently as the co-coordinators of the Plastics Recycling Committee, the City’s policy change is a positive development. “In my opinion,

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## Building Coop Culture And the Coop Movement: An Interview with Joe Holtz And Ann Herpel, April 24, 2013



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**General Coordinators, Joe Holtz and Ann Herpel, lead the support program for other coops.**

By Ed Levy

**G**azette: How has the Coop supported the founding of other food coops?

**Joe:** Sometime around 20 years ago, I developed a packet, because calls were coming in from people who wanted to start a food coop. Ann has made the packet bigger, and we now have an audio file in it from a little known but really excellent show that was done on the Coop. Essentially we say, this is the model, this is how the Park Slope Food Coop works.

We always acknowledge that there are different ways to do a coop, and that we think ours is the best, but you have to look at your own community. And if you decide to do ours, we’ll help you.

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### Next General & Annual Meeting on June 25

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The June General & Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25, 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, on the Coop website at [www.foodcoop.com](http://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.

## Coop Event Highlights

**Thu, Jun 6 • Food Class:**  
**Spices and Indian Cuisine** 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Jun 7 • Film Night:**  
**The Pass It On Project** 7:00 p.m.

**Sat-Sun, Jun 8-9 • Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen**  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Tue, Jun 11 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:**  
**Ingredients** 7:00 p.m.

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

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Plastic Recycling

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the city should have reformed their recycling program years ago,” says Mira, who joined the plastic recycling squad in 2009 and became one of the coordinators in 2010. “I’m just happy it’s finally happened. I’m sad that the squad is ending, but overall, this is a very positive change for the city.”

The co-coordinators expressed how much they would miss working with the Coop members and Coop staff who worked so hard to make the plastics recycling effort a suc-

cess. “I just want to thank all the Coop members who worked on our squads through the years.” Sara, who joined the Coop 15 years ago and the Recycling Squad nine years ago, says. “We could not have had such an impact were it not for the passionate and willing squad members. I liked to joke that we were like the U.S. Postal service, literally out there in the rain, the snow, the wind and the sunshine.”

Program Growth And Impact

Deane, who joined the Coop five years ago and

became a Recycling Squad coordinator very recently, reflected that in her relatively short time with the squad, she saw great impact. “I’m not sure of the program’s overall impact on the City, because so much plastic still got thrown away, but it definitely grew while I was there. And it built visibility for the issue of recycling. People were glad that we were able to offer this option. They were glad we were there.”

Sara noted the program’s growth and impact during her tenure. “Over the years this program truly blossomed. It went from us collecting about 20 bags to collecting about 60 bags or more. We really did make a dent in the recycling of plastic.” Equally important, the program helped to build people’s awareness of their use of plastic and the need for recycling. “I know how much I learned in this process and I know that we have built a much greater awareness with regards to what the City was taking and what we could take, and also where people could drop off other recyclable objects.” Sara recalls how much it meant to people, not only in the Coop community but people across the city. “We had a few faithful people who lugged their plastics on subways from upper Manhattan because they were so devoted to recycling.”

“I think the Plastic Recycling Squad has had a very

positive impact both at the Coop and on the City as a whole,” Mira says. “We not only collected and kept countless bags of plastics out of landfills, but we also served as educators. When we were out collecting, a lot of people, including many non-Coop members, would stop and ask us what we were doing. When they learned that we were taking the plastics the City did not accept, many started collecting their plastics and bringing them to us—even the non-members. There were even a number of people who went on to organize collections at their workplaces and from their apartment buildings. They would then bring them, usually by car, to one of our collection days.”

The three co-coordinators credit Coop staff Coordinators Cynthia Pennycooke and Jess Robinson for supporting the effort. “We were not the easiest squad to work with,” Deane remembers. “We were a squad that didn’t fit into the normal schedule, and we had to track our attendance records separately from the Coop systems. They rolled with it, and when there were problems, they went out of their way to help us solve them.” Sara credits Cynthia and Jess as “amazing leaders and who helped us weather the storms, both literally and metaphorically.”

Looking Ahead

For Sara, Deane and Mira

and about 30 other Coop members, it is time to start finding a new work shift. “I’ve signed up to work on the Food Processing shift,” says Mira. “I really enjoyed being outside, so working indoors will be a big change—we’ll see how it goes.” Deane says that the Recycling Squad became “a big part of my identity at the Coop. It’s really going to be hard to switch.” She has signed up for an FTOP shift planting tree beds. When asked about her next squad, Sara says, “You know, I’m thinking I might just rejoin the cardboard baling squad, I relearned how to bale using plastics. I just love the satisfaction of baling. There’s nothing like a huge machine that squashes things!”

With the change in the City’s policy and the ending of the Recycling Squad at the Coop, there is a mutual sense of accomplishment. “I know our work was appreciated by the general public and by the Coop in general,” Sara says. “I know this because countless people have been e-mailing and stopping by to thank us for all our years of service. Some have expressed that they feel a loss for the community and that we have built up a community of plastics people who were there, even in the bitter cold and in the snow collecting plastics, offering smiles and building a wonderful camaraderie amongst people who wanted to recycle. ■

Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1. Garten of the Food Network  
4. Bigwig  
9. “\_\_\_\_\_ of God” (1985 film)  
14. Boxer’s wear  
16. Took the wheel  
17. Drunkard  
18. Target of October ads  
19. What the employee said she was to her boss after hitting the lottery jackpot?  
21. Hike: Abbr.  
22. Roof application  
23. Play (with)  
24. A child’s worst nightmare?  
32. Mr. T’s TV gang  
33. Lena of “Chocolat”  
34. Mediterranean relative of a star of “The Sopranos”?  
40. “This Is How \_\_\_\_\_ It” (1995 #1 hit)  
41. Was sick  
42. Walt Disney biopic that focuses heavily on the creation of Mickey and Minnie?  
46. RR stop  
49. Military branches: Abbr.  
50. “\_\_\_\_\_ calling?”  
51. “Cutting to the chase ...” (or a hint at solving 19-, 24-, 34- or 42-Across)  
58. Make a pass at  
59. Kentucky’s northern border  
60. O3  
61. Pink Floyd’s “The Wall,” e.g.  
62. “Lost” actor Jeff  
63. Chases away  
64. \_\_\_\_\_ milk

Down

1. “Gotcha, bro”  
2. “Stop! That’s totally wrong!”  
3. Bureau  
4. Where kroner are spent: Abbr.  
5. Others, to Octavian  
6. Beginning trumpeter’s sound

7. Promise

8. QB Favre and others  
9. Daily or weekly  
10. Mushroom  
11. “Me? Impossible!”  
12. Deadlocked  
13. Rev.’s address  
15. “Good buddy”  
20. Japanese “yes”  
24. Call \_\_\_\_\_ day  
25. “Tutte \_\_\_\_\_ cor vi sento” (Mozart aria)  
26. Industrial container  
27. “Um ... er ...”  
28. Washerful  
29. Building annex  
30. 2002 Nas hit “One \_\_\_\_\_”  
31. Dicembre ends it  
32. Mine, in Marseille  
34. Toddler’s age  
35. Publisher often seen in PJs  
36. Teacher’s deg.  
37. Caesar who quipped “The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three, he was a genius”  
38. Dutch \_\_\_\_\_ disease  
39. ATM charge  
43. “Yankee Doodle Dandy” Oscar winner  
44. 40% of fifty?  
45. Rich couple on the Titanic  
46. Starts of some brawls  
47. Bullfighter  
48. Bad way to be lead  
50. Beat to a froth  
51. “\_\_\_\_\_ With a ‘Z’ ” (1972 TV concert)  
52. Texter’s “From a different viewpoint ...”  
53. What the fourth little piggy had  
54. “Call on me! I know the answer!”  
55. Puerto \_\_\_\_\_  
56. “The Ballad of John and \_\_\_\_\_”  
57. B’way signs of success  
58. Cooperstown attraction: Abbr.

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 15.

Building Coop Culture

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We’ll give you advice, we’ll spend time with you, we’ll show you things. But if you’re not going to do what we do, then you probably should learn from the people who know that model best.

**Ann:** It’s part of being a cooperative to teach other people how to do this. It’s one of the principles of the International Cooperative Alliance. Joe and I also try to figure out where the person is coming from, because people don’t necessarily know what they want to do.

**Joe:** And we take it a little beyond that. When someone says we’re not a coop yet, but we want to be one, we will consider that a coop, even though it’s just a twinkle in someone’s eye. We also feel we should be transparent. We’re going to share everything, and not hold any secrets back. We’re going to say, “This is why we’re strong, this is how we got here, this is why we think this model works, but to be committed to this model you better know what else is out there.”

**Gazette:** Where wouldn’t our model work?

**Ann:** There is one place we always say it wouldn’t work. If you are in a town where there is only one grocery store, and a group comes along and says, “We want a working-member coop not open to the public.” If we found out that you would be the only option, we would say, “Well, why would you do that?” Because you might have someone who lives right next door who for

whatever reason can’t do the work requirement, and so can’t be a member, so now they live next to the only food option in town and can’t shop there.

**Gazette:** Why did this Coop thrive?

**Joe:** People like to say the Coop is successful is because of urban density or the culture of Park Slope or the culture that existed here in the early 1970s when the Coop was founded. I don’t subscribe to that. I understand there are cultural differences among people and neighborhoods and nations, but I personally feel there is a lot more commonality than differences. I think people like competitive success, but I don’t think it’s the only kind of success there is. I think people enjoy cooperation, enjoy working together. Not everyone enjoys it, but there are enough people who enjoy it, and see the value of it, that you should be able to make it work anywhere. And you could say, if there’s any place it shouldn’t work, it’s New York, where the people are so busy. People are already coming together to do their grocery shopping in supermarkets, so why can’t they come together for a couple of hours every fourth week, and stay a little longer, and do their workslot? If a coop that wants to start came here and interviewed 100 people, or six people, or 30 people, they would get quite an interesting story. And they would understand what the Coop means to its members, and why they’re willing to get out of bed every fourth week on a Sunday morning at 5:45 a.m., or whatever it is, and come here.





Logos from various food coops in Paris, Bushwick, Tallahassee, Bay Ridge, Greene Hill, and Missoula.

So I don't think it's special to us, but I think there are people out there who do. Because the coop movement failed to do what we did. The whole coop movement of the late '60s or early '70s believed in cooperation and working together. But others gave up on it. One coop at a time, they gave up, sometimes only a little part and then that grew into a bigger part until they finally gave it up completely, and now there are people promulgating that you shouldn't do a coop with member labor at all.

**Gazette:** It seems that it's the member labor that creates all the energy.

**Ann:** And loyalty.

**Joe:** And the feeling of belonging. The feeling that you're connected. Why are you connected? Because you put in \$100? Does that make you feel connected? I'll sell you a share of General Electric for \$100 dollars. You'll get a ballot in the mail for board of directors from them, too.

**Ann:** So the coop movement in general doesn't feel the member-labor approach is a viable option, and they don't tell people about it.

**Gazette:** Do you know what percentage of food coops use our model, with member labor?

**Joe:** Almost none. There's Greene Hill, in Brooklyn, and there's Missoula, in Montana.

**Gazette:** Wow. So few.

**Joe:** Copenhagen is following our model of member work, not our model of distribution. They're bringing the food into one space, and then breaking it down into distribution points. But it's robust, it's impressive. I started working with a guy from there five or six years ago. Some fantastic people from that coop came and spent some time here last year. People from Tallahassee, Florida, started a coop, the Bread and Roses Coop, that has a lot of member labor but doesn't do exactly what we do. They do what I would call the second best way of doing it. They said, "We're only going to have one class of member—and if you don't want to work, you're the public and you have no control over this coop." And we will have radically different prices for the members. Most coops I've seen over the last 20 or 30 years are underpricing member labor. They give you a discount for work, but the discount isn't good enough, and the members decide, "I'm not going to work for such a paltry discount." A lot of coops have a bigger discount if you work every week instead of every month. So the superworker who works every week gets the lowest price, and the member who works every month gets the next best price, then the member who does no work gets the next best price, and the public gets the fourth price. There are a bunch of coops in this country that have four prices. Tallahassee has just two, and it really rewards member labor.

**Gazette:** Any others?

**Ann:** There are also Jerusalem and Warsaw, and now Paris will be the next one.

**Joe:** People from the People's Supermarket in London came here, and looked, and went back and did something else. We have busy jobs. I don't call the London coop and say "What's up?" We want people to ask us. A coop was starting in East New York. People came here from the Local Development Corporation of East New York and the United Community Centers and the East New York Farms. Three organizations came here. I told them what I thought they should do. I told them how they should do it. I had a good meeting with them. I was impressed. Two or three years go by and I get phone call saying, Joe, this is so and so from the Local Development Corporation, would you come to a meeting at the end for the month? It was nighttime, in the winter, and I drove out to the meeting. There were six people there. One was an actual person from the community, and the other five were people who were paid to be there in one capacity or another. East New York Farms was not there. United Community Center—not there. So something must have happened between those groups. They had a social worker from here, and another social worker from there, and they said, we have this grant from the National Institutes of Health to start a coop, because this is an area where there is an epidemic of obesity and diabetes, and part of our mission will be to teach people about food by having classes and expose people to good food, and we have to start spending this money by June.

I said, "Oh. You want to start a coop in June? Then you have a tremendous amount of community organizing to do now. You could do it. It's only January, but you need to get to every single civic organization in this neighborhood, every single religious, block, apartment building, and political organization of all stripes, and you need to say we're going to start this wonderful coop here, you could be part of it. We need your members to be part of it. We need to join hands, and we're going to have this great thing and attack the problem of poor nutrition, poor dietary choices in our neighborhood. And we're going to try to make the food more affordable by having this great participatory coop."

The next thing I heard was that they hadn't done the community organizing, but had decided that they would open by Thanksgiving. They had no idea if people would come, and they bought the wrong food in the wrong quantities without our advice, and their refrigeration broke and they didn't have a refrigeration contract—that was without our advice as well. Because we have opposite advice to that, about how to do refrigeration, and how to make sure it gets fixed immediately if it breaks. So that's an example of a coop that was doomed. Did we help it? Yes. We gave members workslot credit for going there for a year or two. They ran until their grant money got burned up and they never succeeded in reaching the community or building a culture.



Members of the Paris La Louve Cooperative tour the Park Slope Food Coop with Ann Herpel.

**Ann:** On the other hand, we do have a regular phone conference with the coop in Jersey City. A couple of our members are involved in it, and we met on the phone with them for an hour at a time for several months. It was close to a year. And they will probably restart.

**Joe:** And I did that every other week with Missoula.

**Gazette:** And is Missoula up and running?

**Joe:** Yes, and struggling to get over the hump, and maybe getting there. And we're also doing a software project with them.

**Ann:** We're helping them develop a membership system that's not simply an Excel spreadsheet.

**Joe:** And we—what our IT person is learning from doing that—that could also be used for some applications here. So we're not just being do-gooders and helping. We're also going to get something out of it.

**Ann:** It may help us to rewrite the software that runs our membership system.

**Gazette:** How do you decide that a Park Slope Food Coop member will get workslot credit for helping another coop?

**Ann:** Years ago we got permission to do it from the General Meeting. We don't do it if the coop is not following our model, or at least initially. The only coop where our members are earning workslot

credit right now that is a full retail coop is Greene Hill, and that is totally our model. Bay Ridge and Queens Harvest are only buying clubs at this point. But we think that it's a good bet to give them our member labor, because our members bring the participatory culture with them, but if they decide to go a different way, then we will stop.

With Greene Hill it's been a very strong relationship that's lasted for at least three years, and probably 60 to 65 Park Slope Food Coop members earn their workslot credit by working there. It was Park Slope Food Coop members who [as part of a group] started that coop.

**Gazette:** Do other member-labor coops have a general meeting like ours?

**Ann:** In some cases, it's a much more hierarchical structure, where the GM gets direction and supervision from the board and then turns around and shapes the staff according to that. The board is the way that members at these other coops participate. They're not paid. Members of the coop run for the board, and it's an extremely powerful position. They would say they do have direct democracy, with member control, because the members are voting for board members, but the member's ability to influence things and present issues between meetings is very limited, whereas we go for a model in which everyone participates in the governance process.

**Joe:** I can explain that in another way. The most precious thing you have in life is your time on earth, and we're going to ask for a chunk of that. The least the Coop can do is provide a clear path to how you can get your say, whether it's through the open letters policy in the *Gazette*, or through submitting an item to the Agenda Committee that actually reaches the floor of the meeting, so that you get your day before the members. And if you decide to put your lot in with the Coop, and let part of your precious life be spent here, then you should have easy access to decision making. If you are choosing not to write a letter, and not to attend a General Meeting, I hope you remember that you could. And I think that helps the sense of ownership. The better the sense of ownership and connectedness, the better the Coop will be. The more sustainable it will be. That's why I think our model is the most sustainable, once you get the culture going. So what we try to do is explain to people the elements of that culture. And invite them to come see it.

**Ann:** It's not easy. It's easier to hire a bunch of consultants who will tell you you need 10,000 square feet of floor space, you need this much investment, wham bam here it is. It's much harder to say, we need a culture. You bring it from the bottom up. ■

*This is part one of two parts.*

## Meet the *Linewaiters'* Gazette Reporters and Editors—Part Two

By Alison Rose Levy

In this, the second part of a multi-part series, meet more of those working behind the scenes as reporters and editors on the Coop's in-house newspaper, the *Linewaiters' Gazette*.

**Petra Lewis**, co-editor of *Gazette* Team 3, was born in Trinidad and emigrated to the U.S. when she was almost four years old. After attending public schools in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, Petra won a scholarship through an organization called ABC (A Better Chance) to attend a boarding school for her high school education. This wonderful opportunity changed the trajectory of her life, Petra says. She received not one but two degrees from Columbia University, including a Masters of Fine Arts in fiction writing (which she has begun to fully actualize only recently). Up until last December, for almost two decades, Petra worked on Wall Street for such firms as Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley, Prudential Securities and others. She began as a corporate writer and was promoted to a communications executive and vice president.

Petra was laid off from her last Wall Street job in

December 2012. However, observing many changes afoot within her firm, Petra was able to see the writing on the wall. As a result, she began to prepare for her eventual departure, by making plans for an entirely new venture, Bookstar Business Ghostwriting + Development. Petra's new firm partners with Julie Ink—an award-winning, woman-owned boutique publisher—to offer corporate and nonprofit executives, and small entrepreneurs a full suite of ghostwriting and self-publishing solutions. Petra credits the Coop's *Linewaiters' Gazette* with her ability to make a seamless transition and launch her own company. "I was already a strong editor, but my long-time role as a Team 3 editor made me even stronger," she says. Working as an editor on the *Gazette* also gave her a "particular adroitness in working with anybody, whether reporters or corporate executives, who are having trouble crystalizing their vision and expressing themselves. This skill is central to what I do at Bookstar."

Between the ages of seven, eight and nine, Petra read Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. This book inspired her life-long dream of becoming a published fic-

tion writer, which she now has the time to actualize. Her work, *The Sons and Daughters of Ham* trilogy, available on her website, is her literary debut.

Petra recalls that she became a Coop member in 1995. She loves the wonderful organic produce, the affordable prices, and the many great gourmet discoveries—"items you can find at Dean and DeLuca or farmers' markets, but more affordable." Petra also likes "the overall Coop 'vibe'—it's a great place to be, and shop."

Petra's staple from the Coop is kombucha. She likes both GT's raw and organic "synergy drinks," and the Brooklyn-grown KBBK brand. She special orders two cases at a time because "I drink a bottle per day, and buying that much kombucha retail would be cost prohibitive."

**Suzanne Sataline**, Team 3 reporter, is a Brooklyn-based writer. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Popular Science* and *The Boston Globe Magazine*. She was a staff writer at *The Wall Street Journal* where she was the national religion reporter, and also covered hospitals and health care. Before that she worked for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *New York Daily News* and *The Hartford Courant*. Suzanne is currently working on a book about an American spy in the 1920s.

Suzanne was a 1999 Nieman fellow at Harvard University, where she studied the Russian language and Russian literature. She also has received fellowships from the International Reporting Project at Johns Hopkins University and the International Center for Journalists. She has taught reporting and writing at the City University of New York and at schools and newsrooms in Baku, Azerbaijan.

She joined the Coop in 2011 and loves writing for the *Gazette* because "it allows me to meet some of the people who grow and make my food."

Living in the South Slope, a land she characterizes as "largely barren of fresh produce," Suzanne says that "the Coop's greens sustain me." She also scarfs Narra-



ILLUSTRATION BY DEBORAH TINT

gansett Creamery's yogurt daily, so she was happy to discover that the company has roots in her hometown of New Haven, Connecticut.

**Dan Jacobson**, Team 2 editor, is the news director at NY1 News and its Spanish-language channel, NY1 Noticias. Jacobson was promoted to the position in the spring of 2012 after serving as the 24-hour news channel's assistant news director since 2003, responsible for the daily editorial coverage of both NY1 and NY1 Noticias. Jacobson started at NY1 in 1992 before the channel's launch.

During his long tenure at NY1, Jacobson was the cable channel's first planning editor. From there, he moved on to political producer, launching the nightly *Road to City Hall* program in 1993 to provide unique coverage of that year's mayoral race. After the election, the program was re-named *Inside City Hall* and has become a staple of New York City politics. Jacobson received a promotion to executive producer of politics and later became NY1's managing editor.

Prior to joining NY1, Jacobson was a longtime reporter for United Press International, where he was the City Hall bureau chief covering the administrations of Mayors Ed Koch and David Dinkins. Before UPI, Jacobson helped launch *The City Sun*, where he was an editor and reporter, and he was a reporter for its predecessor, the Brooklyn-based *Trans-Urban News Service*.

A Coop member for 16 years, Dan, though a hard news stalwart, likes "being able to do stories that poke fun at mainstream media coverage of the Coop." His Coop staple is also kombucha.

**Ed Levy**, Team 4 reporter, is a senior editor at Solution Tree Press, an educational publisher specializing in books for educators who work with children at risk. In the 1980s and 1990s, partly from India, he edited a monthly magazine about yoga and meditation. He's also edited a lot of academic and scholarly publications and written for various newspapers and periodicals.

A favorite recent assignment was covering a Disciplinary Committee Hearing, learning firsthand about all the practices and safeguards that have evolved over the years to protect the dignity and rights of everyone involved in the disciplinary process.

He and his wife, Alison (full disclosure, he's married to the reporter of this article), joined the Coop 15 years ago. His current favorite food is the sopresata. He also likes macoun apples when they're in, broccoli and dandelion greens, beet tops, the almond and hazelnut drinks in the refrigerator, and the crunchy food product, PeaSnaps, though he tries to limit consumption out of concern that some of the ingredients may be genetically modified. The wheat-free products are also a big hit, especially Barry's locally made white bean tempeh. The two cats at home are also healthy food gourmands: they are crazy about the lamb liver.

Ed's favorite thing about Coop is "the energy of the place, the sort of beehive feeling, and the equality and kinship among members." Sometimes he says that the Coop appears to glow with "the energy of what the world could be—except for the crowded part." ■

**Saturday, June 1st**  
**7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

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 Non members Welcome

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## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## 'Justice Doesn't Just Happen': On the Politics of Food

By Melissa Morrone

On Mother's Day, a panel of Coop members assembled to talk about "You and Your Food: What You Don't Taste." The purpose was to shed light on some of the political forces behind what we eat, including food sovereignty, environmental racism, water supply threats, labor struggles, urban agriculture initiatives and international solidarity.

"Food has a story," Anim Steel, co-founder of the Real Food Challenge, began. It's not just what you put in your mouth, he explained, it's also the people and the environment that helped produce it. Moving to a local context, Sarita Daftary, Program Director of East New York Farms!, asked, "How many people here have been to East New York?" A community needs analysis conducted in the mid-1990s found that residents wanted safe, public, green spaces, as well as access to fresh food. East New York now has lots of community gardens and a vibrant farmers' market. Sarita stressed that *access* to healthy, affordable food is key; education alone is not enough.

To Sarah Koshar, a member of the Community/Farmworker Alliance (CFA), being a Coop member is a political choice. However, she said, being part of the Coop doesn't necessarily address systemic problems. The CFA primarily works with the Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), a community organization that advocates for low-wage workers' rights. Elbin from the CIW, translated by Just Har-

vest member Jake, told the audience that 90 percent of the tomatoes consumed in the U.S. come from Florida, where seven cases of modern-day slavery have been prosecuted. The Campaign for Fair Food is an opportunity to partner with consumers in pressuring the powerful bulk tomato buyers to pay farmworkers a better wage. McDonald's, Trader Joe's and other corporations have already signed a code of conduct with the CIW.

Anti-fracking activist Carl Arnold's talk seemed to leave the audience with the greatest sense of urgency. He outlined the environmental destruction from fracking and other energy extraction techniques, and he informed us that approximately one million NYC kitchens have cooking gas, which comes mostly via fracking in Texas and Louisiana (and arrives mixed with radon and other chemicals). Carl cited a report by the International Energy Agency which concluded that we will see irreversible climate chaos by 2017 if no significant changes are made as soon as possible. He pointed to local groups that are working on these issues: the Sane

Energy Project and the Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline.

Longtime activist Naomi Brussel spoke about the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. In explaining why she and others want to see the Coop support BDS, she listed some of the historic and existing boycotts observed here (including the United Farmworkers and Flaum Appetizing). Holding aloft a charred branch that she had acquired on a trip to Israel/Palestine, she described how some settlers burn olive trees, attack Palestinian farmers and take over water supplies in the West Bank. "Control of land means control of food production," she said.

The discussion opened with a question about prioritization and maintaining a sense of possibility in the face of so many pressing needs. Anim answered that he looks at it all with a spirit of "both/and." Prioritizing is entirely appropriate, he said, but we can still keep working in specific areas. Despite the bleakness of his presentation, Carl responded, "We can't panic!" In all our various

ways, he went on, we are spreading the word about challenges and successes. Sarita talked about how the bad U.S. policies that enable famine in Somalia, for example, are the same bad policies that have negative effects in our food systems here at home. She encouraged everyone to do *something*, and not to get overwhelmed.

The topic of BDS garnered the most questions, with several audience members speaking both for and against the idea. Jake, from Just Harvest, related the Palestinian call for an international boycott movement to the CIW's

work. He said it's about listening to the voices of the most affected and the least heard and forming partnerships that illustrate how a struggle affects us all.

This event was an important reminder that as Coop members and as consumers, we have the power to make positive environmental and political changes. Among the suggestions from both the speakers and audience members were going vegan/vegetarian, boycotting corporations and countries that violate human rights, demanding renewable energy sources and shopping at local farmers' markets. As Elbin so rightly put it, "Justice doesn't just happen." ■

## BROOKLYN COALITION

### Annual Membership Event: Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m.

(33 Flatbush Ave., 2nd Flr.)

Registration and dinner at 6 p.m.,  
meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m.

### All are welcome to join us on this historic occasion!

The Brooklyn Food Coalition (BFC) is a membership-based organization committed to a sustainable food system, justice for food workers, and access to healthy food for all. Founded in 2009, BFC is entering a new phase in the organization's history. We are in the process of applying to become an independent nonprofit organization, have developed our first set of Bylaws, appointed a slate of Governance Board members and hired our first Executive Director. We are growing the movement!

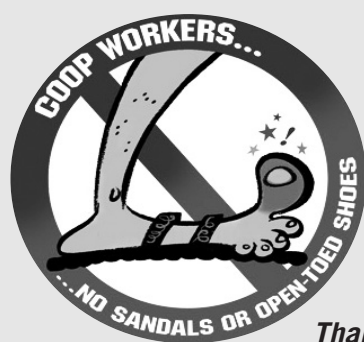
#### Join us for an informative and entertaining evening to:

- **Vote on our slate of Governance Board members and Bylaws**
- **Meet our staff and BFC's new Executive Director**
- **Learn about our working committees and how to get involved**
- **Connect with friends in the movement, and enjoy a fun evening of music, food, and advocacy!**

#### Only members are eligible to vote.

**Not a member? You can register online to become a member or join at the meeting and learn about the many activities for new or soon-to-be members on the road ahead.**

Visit us at [www.brooklynfoodcoalition.org](http://www.brooklynfoodcoalition.org) for more information, slate of Governance Board members and Bylaws. Be sure to check out our "Bylaws cheat sheet" which briefly describes key elements of the Bylaws and Governance Board nomination process. Members can submit comments or questions on the Bylaws via our website by May 31, 2013.



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## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## A Recipe for a Healthier Planet

By Yuko Uchikawa

To avoid using plastic bags, particularly for items that you buy repeatedly, try what we do in our household: Create reusable, ecofriendly bags for bulk foods.

You will need:

1. Cloth bag from the Coop.
2. Fine point Sharpie, a dark color of your choice.
3. Piece of cardboard or thick paper that will fit in the cloth bag.
4. PLU number of your item.
5. Legible handwriting and patience.

Place the piece of cardboard or thick paper inside the bag. Take your Sharpie and slowly write the PLU (and item name). Stretch and hold down the bag as you write. Short strokes and possibly repeated strokes might be necessary. Repeat on the other side.





## ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

## Animal Testing: How to Avoid it at the Coop

By Piper Hoffman,  
Animal Welfare Committee

The Coop's Environmental Policy<sup>1</sup> pledges that in deciding which products to sell, we will avoid "animal testing by seeking products which have not been tested on animals." Nevertheless, the Coop does sell some products tested on animals.

Companies test many products on animals, not just cosmetics. Household cleaning products and personal hygiene items, ranging from nail polish to toothpaste to shampoo, are also subjects of animal experimentation, i.e. vivisection.

None of these tests are necessary. American law does not require animal testing for cosmetics, household products or personal care products. American law doesn't ban it either, unlike some other places—the European Union, for instance, bans cosmetics that have been tested on animals.

## Coop Products

The Coop carries a mix of tested and cruelty-free products:

1. Some, like Cascade dish detergents, are tested on animals.

2. Some are not tested on animals but are owned by corporations that test other products on animals. Examples include Tom's of Maine, which does not test its own products on animals but is owned by Colgate-Palmolive, which tests other products like Colgate toothpaste.

3. Some are not tested and are sold by corporations that do not do any testing on animals, like Air Scense air freshener.

A spreadsheet describing the animal testing status of household and personal care items on Coop shelves is available through the Animal Welfare Committee's website<sup>2</sup>—choose the Animal Testing Co-Op Product Info tab.

Look in Your Cart:  
Got Bunnies?

Fortunately there are two bunny rabbit logos that appear only on products that have been certified not tested on animals. Look for them on your household and personal

care items—other bunnies just don't mean a thing.

1. Leaping Bunny<sup>3</sup>

To qualify for the Leaping Bunny logo, a company must undergo an independent audit of its whole supply chain for every product it makes. By looking at the entire chain, auditors can ensure that neither the finished product nor any ingredient in it was tested on animals.

Only products that pass the audit may license the logo. Some companies that pass may choose not to license the logo because of cost considerations, but the full list of companies that are eligible for the logo appears on the Leaping Bunny website.

The Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC), which includes a variety of animal protection organizations, administers the Leaping Bunny program. The list of CCIC members is available on the website.

2. Compassionate  
Consumer List<sup>4</sup>

The "cruelty free" bunny is People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' logo for products not tested on animals. To qualify for this bunny, companies must sign a statement that neither they nor their ingredient suppliers conduct or commission any animal tests, and that they won't test in the future. PETA does not conduct any audit or

inspection to confirm companies' representations.

As with the Leaping Bunny, some companies that qualify to use the logo may choose not to license it because of the cost. Again, visit the website for a complete list of companies that have signed PETA's statement that they do not and will not test on animals.

Some cosmetics, personal care items and household products boast other drawings of rabbits on their packaging. Don't be fooled: those pictures do not mean that the product is cruelty free. Sometimes a rabbit is just a rabbit.

The same goes for statements like "not tested on animals" or "cruelty-free" that are unaccompanied by either of the logos above. The statement may be true, but don't believe it until you have checked the two websites for that company's name. If you don't find it, the company may be blowing smoke.

## Common Animal Tests

Researchers perform a variety of experiments on animals. Often they apply ingredients or finished products to animals' mucous membranes (their eyes, noses and mouths) or their raw, shaved skin. These tests are meant to reveal whether the product will cause allergic or other reactions in humans, but they have generally proven less effective than alternative tests that don't use animals.

Draize Test: Cosmetics and household cleaning products are poured into animals' (usually rabbits) eyes, causing pain, ulceration, hemorrhaging, or



ILLUSTRATION BY ETHAN PETTIT

blindness. The animals are then killed.

Skin Corrosion Test: Corrosive chemicals are applied to rabbits' shaved backs and left there for two weeks, sometimes burning their skin. The animals are then killed.

LD50: The Lethal Dose 50 Test determines what dosage of a substance will kill 50 percent of the animals that receive it. The rest are killed after the test. Household products are often tested this way. The substance may be force-fed to the animals or administered through inhalation, topically, or intravenously. The results of this test have little application to humans. ■

The Coop's Animal Welfare Committee sponsored this article. We are here to serve members' interests in animal welfare and Coop products. Our Information Guides, including one on testing logos, and other information are available at our website.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>www.foodcoop.com/go.php?id=39

<sup>2</sup>www.psfcanimals.blogspot.com/

<sup>3</sup>www.leapingbunny.org/indexcus.php

<sup>4</sup>www.peta.org/living/beauty-and-personal-care/companies/default.aspx

<sup>5</sup>www.psfcanimals.blogspot.com/

GMO ROUND UP!  
Transgenics, the Coop, and You

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This notice is brought to you by the GMO Shelf Labeling  
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The Coop Needs Planners & Workers for  
Our 40th Birthday Party!

Every five years the Coop celebrates our birthday and this year we are 40 years old.

Earn FTOP credit to coordinate, plan and staff the Coop's Fall birthday party.

This year the party's theme will be "supporting new coops in our model."

Proceeds from the party will support the Coop's Fund for New Food Coops.

The party coordinator will work with the Loan Committee to select  
a venue, decor, food, entertainment and fundraising activities.

Party workers will help in planning and will help as needed the week before the  
party, the day of the party and cleaning up after the party.

We are looking for members who are willing to work alone and together  
to make this autumn party a success.

If you are interested, please send an inquiry specifying your interests and skills to  
[loancommittee@psfc.coop](mailto:loancommittee@psfc.coop).

## VALET BIKE PARKING IS HERE ON SUNDAYS!

strollers & scooters  
& carts too!



**Every Sunday, April 7–November 24,  
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 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.)

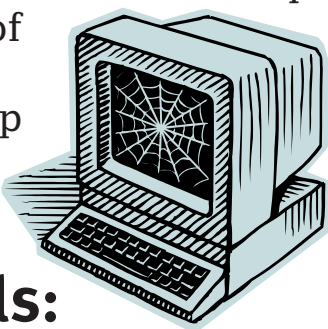
Valet bicycle parking at the Coop is brought to you by the PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee.



**PSFC  
Shop & Cycle  
Committee**

## 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
- ◆ MySQL

Remember you can gift your FTOP credit to another “active” member of the Food Coop.

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**

## SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

### Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *Ingredients*

By Adam Rabiner

**L**ike *Fresh*, another documentary previously screened by the Plow-to-Plate film series, *Ingredients* celebrates the movers and shakers of the alternative food movement: sustainable farmers, the restaurateurs and chefs who purchase what these farmers produce and the consumers who support the entire chain of production. But while *Fresh* spends most of its time on the farms of philosopher-farmer Joel Salatin (understandably, as he's charismatic, charming and a powerful spokesman for traditional methods of food production) and the equally fascinating former basketball player turned urban farmer Will Allen, *Ingredients* visits farms, restaurants, farmers' markets and homes, never staying long in any one place.

*Ingredients* does take the time to pay tribute to some important pioneers of the sustainable food movement. A semester abroad in France, during which she discovered local food markets, was the inspiration for Alice Waters' groundbreaking restaurant, Chez Panisse. But to replicate the food that she experienced, Waters initially had to hire a forager to visit farms and educate potential suppliers. Another prominent figure, French chef Jean-Louis Palladin, whose motto was “grow for the flavor,” also influenced farmers by insisting on high-quality ingredients—even if this meant paying more. This insistence,

and the food he created, developed a new demand for those ingredients.

But the focus of this film, as implied by the title, is ingredients. Raw ingredients in their unadorned natural state as well as beautifully prepared and presented ingredients are featured. It's a good thing that Plow-to-Plate always provides some healthy and tasty snacks and beverages for noshing because, believe me, this film will whet your appetite, even if you have already eaten.

*Ingredients* celebrates the act of cooking, as well as consumption. Beautifully prepared food takes time. Many Americans eat fast food and feel that cooking is drudgery. Americans spend less time preparing their food than any other nation, averaging under 15 minutes per meal. *Ingredients* disavows this lifestyle. The average viewer may not be able to reproduce some of the attractive dishes showcased in the movie, but they may be encouraged to head straight to the nearest produce section after viewing the film, with a new sense that time in the kitchen is well spent.

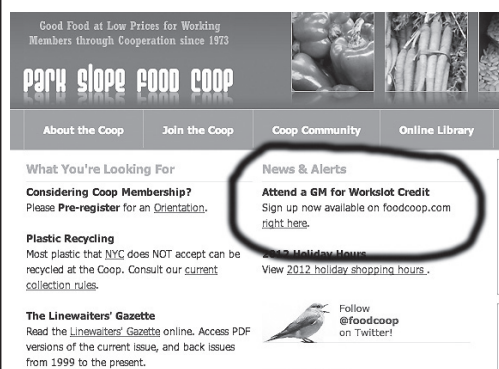
*Ingredients* portrays sustainable agriculture as a system involving ingredients and the people who consume these ingredients equally, a system created and sustained by connections that develop between producers, product and consumers all moving away from industrial, commodity-based

food production. The farmers who employ sustainable methods develop a greater sense of responsibility for their animals, plants and the soil. Chefs learn from farmers and ranchers. Consumers who shop at local farmers' markets (or food coops!), participate in community supported agriculture (CSA) or patronize restaurants that serve local, organic ingredients also develop more meaningful connections to, and a different understanding of, their food.

*Ingredients* examines the values involved in choosing what we eat, questions the sustainability of current mainstream food production and warns of hidden costs to health and the environment. In the year 2000, due to the farmland being paved over for development, there was less arable land than existed in the prior year, 1999, for the first time in human history. *Ingredients* asks us to stop this dire trend. While not overtly political, the film suggests that government has the power, if not the will, to make local food more affordable for all. *Ingredients* promotes re-spect for the land, education, a slower pace of life, the maintenance of old traditions, self-reliance, appreciation of food, gusto, and the cultivation of companionship. ■

*Ingredients* will show on Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m., Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

**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)**



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



◆ **Call the Membership Office**



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## Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday  
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# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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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.

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

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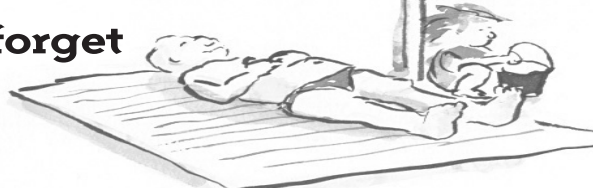


## SUMMERTIME

...and the living is easy.

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If you plan on being away during one of your workslots, please make arrangements to have your shift covered. One way to do it is to use the Shift Swap at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)!

If you plan on being away for eight weeks or more, contact the Membership Office to take a leave of absence.

**Your co-workers will love you for it!**

## RETURN POLICY

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FOOD COOP

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

## REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

## CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

### CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER  
RETURNABLE

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Frozen Goods  
Meat & Fish  
Bread

RETURNABLE  
ONLY IF SPOILED  
BEFORE  
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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

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General Meeting Info

TUE, JUNE 25

GENERAL & ANNUAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JULY 2

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the July 30 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Jun 13 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 3  
Jun 27 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 17

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jun 13 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 5  
Jun 27 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 19

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

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 in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ann Herpel at the coop.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators

• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.

• Advance Sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the entire meeting.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods. We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. We respect the environment. We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. We are committed to diversity and equality. We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.

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FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

may 31  
fri 5 pm

## Knit & Sip Series

It's a Spring affair. Let's knit and sip together. Each participant should contribute tea, pastries, and/or fruits to the event. **Naeemah Senghor** is a knitter, crocheter and raw-foodist and loves to organize swaps and community events. She has been organizing "Knit & Sips" all over Brooklyn. She has been a Coop member for several years.

jun 1  
sat 2 pm

## Growing Happy, Healthy Parents and Children

Parenting can be stressful; however, it can also be fun and is definitely a learning experience. You'll enjoy this workshop that is designed to make you think, open your mind to new possibilities and put you back in the driver's seat. Learn more about yourself as you grow with your children: gain confidence; feel good about saying "No," and setting boundaries; review practices and guidelines for promoting emotional, mental and physical health; create an environment that supports both parents and children. Children and questions are welcome! **Judi Hoyte**, mother of three (twin sons and a daughter), is a Coop member who has worked in Childcare for 12 years. She worked as a nurse for 25 years, taught parenting classes for the Red Cross, and taught mother/baby care as a visiting nurse.

jun 1  
sat 7 pm

## Fourth Annual Band Nite



Come support fresh talent at the Food Coop's Fourth Annual Band Nite at Freddy's, 627 Fifth Ave. (at 17th St.), Brooklyn, [www.freddysbar.com](http://www.freddysbar.com). With performances by: Angel Band, Windsor Terrors, Disband, Guess & Check. Admission is FREE.

**Band Nite takes place at Freddy's, 627 Fifth Ave. (at 17th St.).**

jun 2  
sun 12 pm

## Gluten Intolerance: Fact or Fiction?

Seems everyone you talk to these days either is or knows someone who is gluten-sensitive. Gluten-free products are all the rage. Once "the staff of life," why is wheat suddenly being blamed for everything from bloating to bladder incontinence? From joint pain to asthma? Join me as I shed light on the transformation of this ancient grain from dietary staple to modern-day pariah! Participants will be eligible for free gluten-sensitivity screening. **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope. She is also a long-time Coop member.

jun 6  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Spices and Indian Cuisine



A discussion, explanation and demonstration of how spices are used in a vegetarian/Indian kitchen. Chef **Shruti Jain** grew up as a vegetarian in India surrounded by wonderful home-cooked meals. She credits her mother's wonderful recipes as the catalyst for her to pursue cooking professionally. She is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts and completed her internship at Dirt Candy, a well-known vegetarian restaurant in New York City under the guidance of Chef Amanda Cohen, restaurateur, author and TV personality. *Menu includes: pudina zucchini raita (mint zucchini yogurt); poori (puffed round Indian bread); aloo gobi masala (potato cauliflower masala); black chickpeas with coriander seeds.*

**ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. Please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by May 23 to make a request.**

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

jun 7  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: Pass It On Project



*The Pass It On Project* follows a group of Brooklyn eighth-graders on a road trip to the sites of the Civil Rights Movement, during the summer following President Obama's 2009 inauguration. Told through the eyes of the students and teachers, interwoven with first-person accounts from surviving Civil Rights heroes, this coming-of-age story explores issues of education, race, and social justice through characters that span three generations. They remind us that if we have the courage to discuss it, our nation's past can inspire us to stand up for a more just future. Coop member **Melissa Nicolardi** is a documentary filmmaker and former public school teacher. She started making films after several years of using documentaries to engage her students in activities around human rights and social justice.

**To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, [squeezestone@hotmail.com](mailto:squeezestone@hotmail.com).**

jun 8  
sat 12 pm

## The Power of Mindful Actions

During this workshop, you will experience mind-body connection exercises taken from improv acting and the mindfulness of yoga. You will learn different ways of bringing yourself into the present moment so you can see the same old situations with a different perspective. These practices can be used to deepen all relationships in your life (parent-child, spouse, mate, friends, family and professional peers). You will experience: space to grow toward your full potential; freedom to stay authentic; connection; guidance to step out of your comfort zone. Gain new insight into old problems. Punctuality is appreciated. 16 and older are welcome. Bringing a small snack and water is recommended. Coop member **Shane B. Kulman**, MS, is a parenting coach, a special education therapist, a published author, and a certified practitioner of Yoga for the Special Child®.

jun 8-9  
sat-sun 9 am-7 pm

## Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street, is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of nonperishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider contributing nonperishable foods and commercially packaged foods; canned fish; canned fruits and vegetables; pasta sauce; pasta; pre-packaged rice; pre-packaged beans; canned beans; canned soups; Parmalat milk; dry milk; peanut butter; cooking oil; or boxed raisins. Give donations to the collection table outside the Coop.

jun 9  
sun 12-2 pm

## Sound for Meditation And Health

Music is a way into a deeper silence that relaxes our bodies and minds. In this workshop, as we pay attention to our breathing and the effect of the music on us, discover a calmness of energy and focus. Listen to Indian music, Celtic airs and Bach on the violin and sing notes together, and no prior experience is needed. Experience a meditative way to enjoy and benefit from music. **Michael Braudy** is an experienced violinist in Western, North Indian and Celtic music, and has taught music and meditation for more than 30 years. A versatile improviser, Michael collaborates with poets, storytellers, dancers, theater and mime, and performs in the U.S. and abroad.

jun 11  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Ingredients



Narrated by Bebe Neuwirth, *Ingredients* takes us across the U.S. from the diversified farms of the Hudson River and Willamette Valleys to the urban food deserts of Harlem and to the kitchens of celebrated chefs Alice Waters, Peter Hoffman and Greg Higgins. *Ingredients* is a journey that reveals the people bringing good food back to the table and health back to our communities.

**For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: [foodcoop.com](http://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.**



# may 31–aug 6 2013

**jun 14**  
fri 7 pm

## Wordsprouts: Group Reading: Love, Romance, Responsibility



**Barbara Agosin** began writing as a means of therapy after her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. An essayist and poet, her work focuses on everyday events as well as life within the circle of love and loss that is Alzheimer's. Barbara is a member of the Monday Writer's Group in Park Slope and a SoulCollage® facilitator. Brooklyn-based storyteller **Robin Bady** has been called, "gutsy, big hearted, and street smart," and "a force of nature." She draws from world tales, current events, oral histories, literature, ghostly experiences and her own life to create a repertoire shaped by her commitment to justice. Bady is the recipient of the 2012 JJ Reneaux Emerging Artist Grant Award given by the National Storytelling Network. **Fran Hawthorne** has spent more than 25 years covering healthcare, politics, finance, and the nexus of business and social issues. Her fifth book, *Ethical Chic: The Inside Story of the Companies We Think We Love*, has just been named one of the best books of 2012 by Library Journal. Hawthorne writes regularly for *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *The Scientist*, and other publications.

To book a Wordsprouts, contact Paula Bernstein, [wordsproutspsf@gmail.com](mailto:wordsproutspsf@gmail.com).

**jun 16**  
sun 7 pm

## Creating Health with the Foods of the Season

Using the five elements of Chinese medicine. The element corresponding to summer is fire. Balancing the fire element leads us to greater creativity, love, laughter and joy, builds our charisma and enhances our social abilities. In our discussion we will explore what food choices and preparation techniques will feed our fire. This will also apply to giving us guidelines necessary to handle summer's heat, strengthening our health and increasing our vitality. Emphasis will be placed on foods available at the Coop. Questions and discussion at the end will be welcome. Let's get ready for summer! **Dan Becker** is a dietary health counselor and holistic chef. He has studied with many of the leading macrobiotic teachers throughout the U.S. He spent four years in China studying traditional Chinese medicine at the Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He has been consulting on diet with natural foods for more than 20 years.

**jun 25**  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC JUNE Annual and General Meeting



The Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the GM.  
**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.**

### Annual Meeting Agenda

**Item #1:** The audited financial report for the year ended February 3, 2013.

**Report & Vote:** Following a presentation by our outside auditor, Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, members will have the opportunity to pose questions to the auditors. Members will then vote whether to accept the audited statement.

**Item #2:** Board of Directors Election

**Election:** Two three-year terms are open. The candidates will make brief presentations to the meeting prior to the vote.

### General Meeting Agenda

**Item #1:** Renewing the Services of the Auditor

**Proposal:** "To retain the services of Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, to perform an audit of the Coop for the fiscal year ending February 2, 2014."

—submitted by the General Coordinators

**Item #2:** Election of Officers

**Election:** Following the election of members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, the General Meeting must elect officers of the corporation—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be, at the time of election, members of the Board of Directors. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer can be elected from the membership at large. Candidates for Secretary and Treasurer can be nominated from the floor.

**jun 15**  
sat 2 pm

## BodyTalk: The New Language of Health

BodyTalk utilizes state-of-the-art energy medicine to optimize the body's internal communications. This extremely gentle hands-on modality helps the body to operate more efficiently and more effectively respond to any kind of injury or illness. Non-invasive, completely safe and easily integrated into other healthcare regimes, BodyTalk can change the way you look at healthcare forever. Please join Jean Chuang Menges, Advanced Certified BodyTalk practitioner and licensed acupuncturist, for a free hands-on workshop to experience the incredible benefits of this exciting healthcare phenomenon. Participants will learn a simple, quick and powerful BodyTalk Cortices Technique to help balance the brain, reduce stress, relieve pain, improve sleep, and boost mental focus and clarity. You will also learn how the BodyTalk Access Health Routine can benefit yourself and others and receive a full Access session. Talk moderated by Coop member and BodyTalk Access Technician **Stephanie Krause**.

**jun 16**  
sun 12 pm

## 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 2009.

**jun 28**  
fri 7 pm

## Cheese Class

We invite Coop members to learn more about the wonderful cheeses the Coop has to offer. All you have to do is come hungry and we will feed you free cheese at the Coop. This event will be limited to 30 people on a first-come, first-seated basis. It will be like musical chairs—come and claim your seat—those left standing will have to wait until next time. The plan for these sessions is to bring a guest speaker each time and explore cheeses together. So trust your palate and tell us your experiences as we go on this journey together. Our first guest speaker will be Jen Lopez, who works at Forever Cheese, an importer of cheese and specialty foods from Spain, Italy, Portugal and Croatia. This workshop is brought to you by Coop member **Aaron Kirtz**, who has worked in the cheese industry since 2003, and sells cheese to the Coop via Forever Cheese.

## still to come

**jun 29** It's Your Funeral

**jun 30** Children Push Your Buttons

**jul 2** Agenda Committee Meeting

**jul 9** Safe Food Committee Film Night

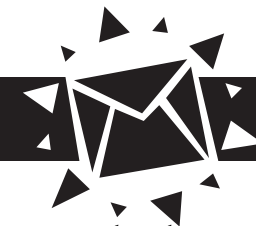
**jul 12** Film Night

**jul 26** Reclaiming Legal Standing to Ban Fracking

**aug 2** Film Night

**aug 6** Agenda Committee Meeting

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



What Is That? How Do I Use It?

## Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, June 3, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Monday, June 10, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

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

Look for four leaders in produce aisle.

## Spend Your 2¼ Hours Doing Something More Meaningful: Join the DEC

Are you looking for a more meaningful way to gain Coop work credit? Are you interested in issues of diversity within the Coop? Do you have experience in conflict resolution and using mediation to resolve disputes? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we should talk to you about joining the Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC). Come to our open house for prospective members on June 13 at 6 p.m.

The DEC seeks to create a more welcoming place for all members. We address diversity, bias, and discrimination at the Coop through a number of activities including training, awareness-raising initiatives, bias-complaint investigations and special events that aim to build community among Coop members. We are currently looking for new members.

You are encouraged to contact us if you are a member who has:

- Been in good standing for at least one year
- An interest/experience in diversity issues
- Good interpersonal skills
- The ability to follow through on tasks independently

We have monthly meetings as a group, but also have additional subcommittee/project work that requires more time than a typical work shift. You can bank any additional time worked as FTOP credit for the future. Members with mediation skills can join us as FTOP members and participate as needed.

We welcome members of all ethnicities, nationalities, races, religion and sexual orientation. In order to maintain the diversity of our committee, Asians and Latinos are particularly encouraged to apply.

Interested? Please contact Jasmina Nikolov (jasmina1@gmail.com) or join us for an Open House on Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. in the upstairs conference room (please RSVP so that we have enough snacks).

## Hearing Administration Committee is seeking new members

The HAC performs administrative functions necessary to arrange and facilitate disciplinary hearings, coordinating with the Coop's Disciplinary Committee and the Hearing Officers Committee.

Applicants should be detail-oriented, comfortable working by e-mail and telephone; they should be Coop members for at least one year and have excellent attendance records.

Members of the HAC work on an as-needed basis, only when hearings are required, and earn FTOP credit. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop shifts or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of this work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested should telephone Rachel Garber at 718-218-3925.

## THE COOP'S 'FINAL POWER AND AUTHORITY'

### TO THE EDITOR:

Sylvia Lowenthal's letter ("Coop Governance: Once More Into the Breach" 5/16/2013) is third in a series promoting the supremacy of the Board of Directors and the relative disenfranchisement of the General Meeting, and the second to insist on this interpretation of the Coop's bylaws as factual. It's an interpretation employing loaded adjectives and power nouns, but it's contrary to Coop culture and tradition—an agenda not likely to work.

She describes the GM as having a "limited advisory role," GM resolutions as "merely" advice, and the Board as the Coop's "final power and authority." Her use of these loaded descriptors, not found in the bylaws itself, are not "the facts," as she calls them, but rather editorializing and advocacy.

She had described an editor's note added to her 3/21/2013 letter, which provided the relevant text of the bylaws, as "only serv[ing] to confuse the issues, all of which stand as I stated them." (4/4/2013). She misrepresented my 5/2/2013 letter ("The Coop's Decision-Making Body") by writing that I found it "odd" that she called the relevant text confusing. What I found odd—and still do—was that she criticized the inclusion of the editor's note, seeming to imply that readers were better off without the source material as context, that her paraphrase better represents the Coop's bylaws than the bylaws' text itself. That she criticizes the inclusion of the text, whether confusing or not,

is a good indication that the text doesn't conform to the interpretation she is pushing.

As for the Board being the "final power and authority" of the Coop, it's obvious that the Board can stop, for a time, at least, a GM resolution from being enacted. But she would do well to remember that Board members can be voted out of office when they stand for re-election, and proposals can be reintroduced and passed at subsequent GM's, all of which happened the one and only time in Coop history enough Board members did reject a GM decision.

Board members can also be removed from office prior to standing for re-election by a petition signed by 5% of members and followed by a vote of at least 10% of members, where three fourths of those voting opt for removal (as provided in New York State Cooperative Corporations Law, Article IV.63). Where, then, is "final power and authority"?

Were the Board to reject a GM vote based on a correct assessment of illegality, they would no doubt be thanked upon illustrating the illegality. But a Board member would do well to consider long and hard before rejecting based on a subjective opinion of "irresponsibility," as those historical Board members learned the hard way. The bylaws call GM resolutions "advice" but not "merely advice." The key to the "confusion" Sylvia sees in the bylaws wording is understanding the Coop's culture and tradition.

David Barouh



## LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

### Anonymity

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

### Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, 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.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## MEMBER RETIREMENTS

## TO THE EDITOR:

I'm not going to directly address Joe Holtz, because it's not clear what he really said, or in what context.

However, the fact that we are seniors doesn't automatically mean it's actually easier to do the Coop shifts. First of all huge numbers of official senior citizens are NOT retired from our jobs. Then, some of us have grandchildren and those younger folks need our help. And I admit, I do get more tired doing everything I have always done. And—as we “mature,” many of us have more physical “issues,” and have way too many medical appointments to keep.

If we are lucky enough to have the money and energy to travel—now is the time. And frankly, I would have been happy to stay on my shift (I think I was a pretty good Squad Leader) except for the make-ups. So the Coop would have gotten at least 9-10 shifts of good work out of me if I could have stayed on and not done make-ups.

I can't imagine how a case-by-case policy would work, as mentioned somewhere recently. That would be like the looking in people's bags we used to do. We'd all be on trial. Nope.

Anyway, I'm grateful to not do my shifts right now, and it gives me time to do shifts for the new parents when they need it.

Sincerely,  
Emily Cohen

## DISAPPOINTED

## TO THE EDITORS:

I was very disappointed to see the lengthy puff piece on the Borough President Marty Markowitz (“An Era Ends in Brooklyn...” May 2) on the first page of the *Coop Gazette*. What does this have to do with the Coop? Is Mr. Markowitz a Coop member? Has he or one of his charities done something special for the Coop? The article offers nothing more than that he has noticed that the Coop—in addition to any number of restaurants, delis and so forth—is a Brooklyn institution. Oh, and also that Mr. Markowitz called the author of this article up onto a stage to be the recipient of his praise.

As a member of the city's political/economic elite, Mr. Markowitz is hardly under-served for free publicity opportunities or media access (indeed, the “BeeP” even publishes his own quarterly paper). Nor can he be easily cast as an exemplar of the values of the Coop or its membership. To cite just two examples: his avid support of the Arena (with its attendant funneling of hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars into the pockets of billionaires, and the forcing of a number of less-influential citizens out of their homes), and his opposition to bike lanes, laced with the disparagement of bicyclists and cycling (suggesting we should not be allowed transportation choice, and that we shouldn't do anything that might be seen as ameliorating pollution or climate change).

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is not a “general interest” publication; its purview is matters that relate to the Coop. If a local politician has done something newsworthy that really relates to the Coop, the reporter ought to report this. Otherwise, it would be more suitable—should the *Gazette* need filler for its pages—to report on that poor chia seed languishing on the floor by the bulk bins.

In cooperation,  
Daniel Ford

## BAGS

## TO THE EDITOR:

While we are discussing the plastic bag issue, can we review the coffee bag price structure?

The price is 15 cents. Is that added automatically? I perceive that it may be calculated into the per lb. price of coffee. Since I most often bring my bag for a refill, this seems unfair. I have not met a cashier who knows how to subtract the charge.

Thanks for any clarification,  
Claudia Joseph

**Editor's note:** According to Coordinator Annette Laskaris, the cost of coffee bags is 15 cents but the 15 cents is not added to the price of the coffee. The price per pound of ALL bulk items (in silos, coffee beans, the packaged bulk and cheese) is raised by \$0.07 per pound to cover the cost of spillage, spoilage and packaging provided by the Coop (including yellow stickers, twist-ties, plastic bags, coffee bags, labels and plastic wrap).

## BDS TOPIC:

## ACADEMIC BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: TWO HISTORIC DECISIONS; EXPERIENCE THE DAILY REALITY IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

## COOP MEMBERS:

**ONE:** April, 2013, Annual Conference: 800 members of the Association for Asian Americans Studies (AAAS) voted for the resolution to support the boycott of Israeli academic institutions in solidarity with the world-wide movement responding to the call from Palestinian civil society. AAAS is the FIRST academic organization in the U.S. to boycott Israeli institutions.

This entails ending joint programs with Israeli institutions. It is not a ban of individual Israeli professors speaking and visiting as individuals.

Key aspects of the resolution: (1) the call to boycott Israeli universities is in protest of the illegal occupation of Palestine, the infringements of the right to education of Palestinian students and the academic freedom of Palestinian scholars and students in the West Bank, Gaza and Israel; (2)

this boycott is an act of solidarity with Arab (West Asian) and Muslim American communities, students and scholars who have been subjected to profiling, surveillance and civil rights violations that have circumscribed their freedom of political expression, particularly in relation to the issue of human rights in Palestine-Israel; (3) Israeli academic institutions are deeply complicit in Israel's violations of international law and human rights of Palestinians (providing ideological support; developing military equipment (at Technion) used against Palestinians. (Annie Robbins)

**TWO:** World-renowned theoretical physicist, Stephen Hawking, 71, after accepting an invitation to headline the Fifth Annual Israeli President's Conference, *Facing Tomorrow 2013*, in Jerusalem, mid-June, hosted by President Peres (celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday), declined the invitation. Quoting from Professor Hawking's letter: “I have received a number of emails from Palestinian academics. They are unanimous that I should respect the (academic) boycott. In view of this, I must withdraw from the conference. Had I attended I would have stated my opinion that the policy of the present Israeli government is likely to lead to disaster.”

In 2009, Hawking denounced

Israel's three-week attack on Gaza, telling Al-Jazeera that Israel's response to rocket fire from Gaza was “plain out of proportion. The situation is like that of South Africa before 1990 and cannot continue.” (*Guardian*, 5/7/13)

**BEIT JALA** (5/9/13, Bethlehem district, West Bank): Hundreds of Palestinians protested against Israel's ongoing illegal confiscation of their lands, including lands that belong to the Cremisan Monastery. A recent ruling by Israel (described as a reasonable solution to Israel's security in the occupied Cremisan Valley) permits Israel's illegal annexation wall to separate Beit Jala from two illegal settlements. This ruling means: 57 Palestinian Christian families will lose their lands; the wall will surround the Salesian Nuns' Convent and Primary School from three sides and confiscate most of the Convent's lands; the separation wall will also sever the convent from the monastery; farmers from Beit Jala will have to go through an Israeli gate to access their agricultural land. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem reminded Israel: “expropriation of land does not serve the cause of peace.” (Saed Bannoura).

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

## COOP GOVERNANCE

## TO THE EDITOR AND THE MEMBERSHIP:

Let's learn about decision-making in our Coop and in others around the world.

At the August 2011 General Meeting I raised and we discussed constituting a new Coop Study/Education squad. That group would plan and present four events a year on themes related to the history, economics and governance of cooperative enterprises. After each event they would share with the whole membership the information and the ideas raised. The plan was well received. A number of interested members started discussing how to organize such a project. Doing research in segments of three hours every four weeks, however, was not practical. And I have not been consistent in following up. For that I beg pardon of those who expressed enthusiasm for the idea two years ago. Now I reach out again because a missing ingredient has been added to the mix.

Recently Janelle Cornwell, a researcher connected with UMass Amherst, contacted me. She has written extensively about the cooperative movement internationally and is working on a book. Janelle will come to visit during the week of June 23rd. She is interested in our Coop and can help us to prepare a concrete proposal so we can collaborate on the research. Please come meet with us on Monday evening, June 24th. More details will be in the next *Gazette*. You can contact me at [spmetz@earthlink.net](mailto:spmetz@earthlink.net)

Governance is the most challenging, important and fascinating of the three aspects of our membership in the Coop: shopping, working and governing. Understanding how our system evolved and how other self-organized and cooperative organizations make decisions will certainly help us to maintain stability and increase participation—both necessary to maintaining the integrity as the Park Slope Food Coop continues to evolve.

Susan Metz

## POLITICAL FOOD

## TO THE EDITOR:

The rightwing CEO of Eden Foods wants to deny coverage for reproductive health to his employees. As CEO Michael Potter put it, they believe that “these procedures [birth control] almost always involve immoral and unnatural practices.”

I think the membership would appreciate knowing this and maybe a link to the petition: [www.act.weareultraviolet.org/cms/sign/eden\\_foods\\_birth\\_control\\_lawsuit/](http://www.act.weareultraviolet.org/cms/sign/eden_foods_birth_control_lawsuit/)

In solidarity,  
Janine Nichols

## Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

Two, three-year terms on the Board are open. To vote you may use a proxy or attend the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 25, 2013. Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the March 19 GM and also at the June 25 Annual Meeting. Candidate Statements (unedited and presented in alphabetical order):

### DEENA HAYS



I am writing to ask you to elect me to the Park Slope Food Coop Board of Directors. I am a long-standing member of the Park Slope Food Coop and have learned much listening to other members, observing work and shopping at the Coop and doing a work shift as I expect all members have. I ask for your vote

because I have spent my life developing myself such to handle my life as a business. In my judgement what is needed for the Board of Director position is

to interact with those in attendance at the meeting such the membership is able to draw the appropriate conclusions for themselves as to if it is wise to offer specific advice for acceptance.

Should the membership choose to offer the advice much to the silent objection of the Board of Director, in knowing myself and the Coop, could I comment or ask a question to create an awareness that would have not otherwise occurred? Could I create a recognition of what is unknown, unconsidered, or overlooked such a more wise course could be considered?

It is my hope to talk with the membership and design with them what is considered to be the platform needed to make the Coop what the membership

needs it to be. I currently have a petition to the United States Congress at <http://deena-kristihaysworks-foryou.webs.com/>. Select the more option then petition to Congress. It is my hope all members of the PSFC will support the petition, sign it at the March 19, 2013 meeting, and make use of the seminars listed on the need-petition results page. We need the Park Slope Food Coop to meet our needs. I need to know what my platform should be to meet your needs. It is my hope through interacting with the membership at the meeting March 19, 2013 together we will determine how to decide what my platform should be.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to receive your vote! ■

### ZOEY LASKARIS



At the ripe old age of five I made the conscious decision to join the Food Coop. I worked the childcare shift, responsibly eating bagels and awaiting the arrival of my mother who also happened to be working shifts. I am approaching 28 years old and I haven't strayed far, I became the co-squad leader of

my receiving shift three years ago and I still enjoy eating bagels. With the following statement I seek your vote in the upcoming election as a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors.

The late Barry Commoner, a pioneer of environmentalism and my close mentor, taught me to respect voices of dissent, and when necessary, to embody them. General Meetings are a platform where a vast variety of opinions are expressed. As Board member I will deeply consider the value in all of them before routinely honoring the voice of the majority.

After earning an MPH in Environmental and Occu-

pational Health, I began to work as the director of a three-year study monitoring the cardiovascular health effects among World Trade Center responders. In conducting this job, I am foremost responsible for the ethical treatment of 6,000 individuals. Beyond this, the maintenance and statistical analysis of a flux of sensitive data and ensuring that we are in compliance with the guidelines of our fiscal plan rest in my hands. I have had to practice a keen sense of foresight, organization, and decision-making when carrying out this position. I will apply this knowledge if given the opportunity to serve on the board.

My personal life reflects my dedication to the values of the Coop. As an avid bicyclist, commuting 30 miles a day year round, to and from my office in Queens, and as someone who loves to cook and bake, I too cherish the availability and taste of excellent food. Beyond the Coop, I support local farmers that use organic growing practices as a worker and currently a friendly helping hand at the Grand Army farmer's market. Engaging in communities beyond the Coop with socially and environmentally conscious behaviors not only spreads the ideals that the Coop works hard to maintain, but it can show you that my dedication to those ideals goes far beyond

purchasing good food.

The Coop's growing faction of young members need a representative who is closely connected with their ideas and who can carry on the torch. If you are a new Coop member who is excited to be part of the Coop, but feels a lack of respect on account of your "new member" status—I will stand for you. The Coop's large constituency of old-timers who have earned a place of seniority by participating in the development of the Coop from its roots needs someone to sit on the Board with an innate understanding of its foundation—I will stand for you. I have grown up with the Coop, I am young, I have practice in making responsible decisions, and I have ideas of what the Coop does well and how it can improve. Tired of advocating for the Coop and aiding people in understanding the Coop's rules at dinner parties, I am moved to seek a formal position as a Board member in order to help guide the resolutions that will form the Coop's future. My candidacy is endorsed by the General Coordinators and I have received encouragement to run from members of the Coop's community. I would greatly appreciate your support in granting me the opportunity to serve with the other members already on the Coop's Board. Thank you. ■

### SARA MATTHEWS



In 1992 I was having dinner with friends in Park Slope, and I thought the mixed nuts they were serving were delicious, among other things. They explained that the nuts had come from the Food Coop, and shortly thereafter, my husband and I became members.

I had no idea what a wonderful community I was joining. I originally worked FTOP on the Receiving Committee's early morning shift, lugging boxes of vegetables around in the basement with Denney and some of the other great Receiving Coordinators.

Later, around 2000, I worked as one of the designers on the Renovation Committee, when we doubled the size of the Coop with a \$1.5-million renovation that transformed the physical space, and allowed us to more than double our membership. Working on this project taught me many valuable lessons—about the Coop's needs and goals, about idea gener-

ation and conflict resolution in a group setting, and about how much work it really takes to make such an ambitious dream come true.

Once the renovation was complete, I looked for a new work slot. I was fortunate to join the Sign Committee, where I have served as Co-Chair for a number of years. Our group of graphic designers is working to reduce visual chaos in the Coop, by upgrading the signs and communications all around the Coop. Once again, the projects require a deep understanding of how the Coop works, and how to improve its functionality given the needs of its members and the structure of its organization.

During these two decades at the Coop, I have learned about the physical spaces we inhabit, the goods we sell, and the ins and outs of how the Coop operates on a daily basis. I have also had the opportunity to get to know many of the Coordinators. I respect their work and our incredible Coop that they have helped to guide into almost 40 years of successful existence.

I believe in the mission of the Coop, where we share responsibilities and cooperate with each other to achieve our goal of providing members with wholesome, healthy food for their families.

I believe that the members' opinions as voted at the General Meeting are paramount. However, if it happened that decisions made by the General Meeting were illegal or irresponsible, I would not be in favor of ratifying them.

I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia, where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Georgia Tech. For over 20 years I have worked as a wine photographer, traveling to wine regions all over the world. I have had seven books of my photography published, and have done a number of solo exhibitions of my work, most recently in Mendoza, Argentina. People I meet on my travels often ask me where in the world I would most like to live, since I have been fortunate enough to see so much of it. I can answer honestly in one word: Brooklyn. I love my neighborhood, my borough and my city, and the Food Coop is one of the big reasons why.

I hope you will consider voting for me to become a Member of the Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop. I have been endorsed by the General Coordinators and would be honored to serve on the Board as your representative. ■

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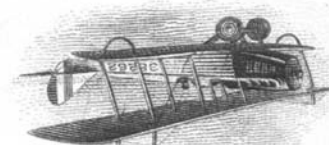
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## SUN, JUN 2

3-7 p.m. Book Launch and Kick-starter for *Phoebe Comes Home*, first in a series of adventure novels by John KixMiller. Booksigning by author. Celebrate with us at Old First Reformed Church, 729 Carroll St., Bklyn. For details and RSVP visit phoebecomeshome.com/booklaunch.

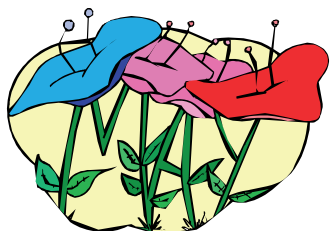
## FRI, JUN 7

4 p.m. The David Bindman Ensemble performs at Sunset Park Library, 5108 Fourth Ave., Bklyn; featuring Reut Regev, trombone, Frank London, trumpet, Art Hirahara, piano, Wes Brown, contrabass, Royal Hartigan, drums, David Bindman, saxophones. Original compositions For people of all ages.

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## SUN, JUN 9

1:30 p.m. The David Bindman Ensemble performs at Kings Highway Library Sunday. Featuring Reut Regev, trombone, Chris DiMeglio, trumpet, Art Hirahara, piano, Wes Brown, contrabass, Royal Hartigan, drums, David Bindman, saxophones. Original compositions incorporate elements from jazz and world music traditions. For people of all ages. www.davidbindman.com. FREE



## THU, JUN 13

10 p.m. Attention Benny Goodman Fans! Flying Home returns to Park Slope for a night of classic '30s and '40s swing with new arrangements from the BG small ensembles! Barbes, 376 Ninth St. @ Sixth Ave. \$10 suggested donation. Info at www.flyinghomeband.com.

## SUN, JUN 16

7 p.m. Commemorate the 60th anniversary of Ethel and Julius Rosenbergs' executions with a benefit event at The Town Hall in New York City, entitled "Carry it Forward: Celebrate the Children of Resistance." With Angela Davis, Eve Ensler, and Cotter Smith, among others. Full info at www.rfc.org/cifevent.

## Crossword Answers

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# Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

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## IMANI Q'RYN



I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Food Coop almost eight years ago. I am honored to have served in this capacity. Now, I respectfully seek your vote to allow me to continue in this position.

I've lived in Fort Greene for over 30 years. I'm a classically trained singer and work as an independent real estate broker. My partner and I have lived together for 25 years and we have two cats.

I joined the Coop in 1998 when I started eating organic food. I couldn't afford not to join! I love the Coop, its energy, the diversity of the membership, the ideals of cooperation and democracy and above all the beautiful food at unbelievable prices. The Coop is a reflection of what's possible in the world. It's a privilege to be a part of it.

I also serve as a member of the Chair Committee, which chairs the General Meeting on the last Tuesday of each month. For me one of the best parts of the General Meeting is the committee reports which

inform us about issues not only affecting the Coop but the environment, our health, local farmers and even other countries to name but a few of the topics that have been covered. It has hit home a number of times that what we do, what we eat, has an impact on the world. Each of us makes a difference.

I started going to the General Meetings about 11 years ago. Initially, I went for work slot credit and was surprised to discover that the meeting was small compared to the vast size of our membership and that the diversity which I saw while shopping at the Coop was not powerfully reflected in the meeting. I thought to myself, "Here is the decision-making body of the Coop and only a few members are making these decisions and even fewer people of color."

I wondered, "What can I do to encourage greater diversity and participation in the meeting?" I live by the words of Gandhi who said, "Be the change you seek to see in the world." I decided to join the Chair Committee soon after my first meeting. I have been committed to making all people feel welcomed at the meeting, being fair and open to all sides of an issue and to being clear on the policies and how the meeting is run. I am encouraged that in the last few years our General Meeting attendance has grown signifi-

cantly due to a change in the work slot credit policy.

Since being on the Chair Committee involves being at the General Meeting, which is also the Board Meeting, there is no conflict in my holding both of these positions. When I found out that there was a precedent of a Board member also being on the Chair Committee I decided to stay with the Chair Committee. The Chair Committee is in need of new members and my leaving could put a strain on the other members. If you have interest in being on the Chair Committee please let us know.

In closing, I have intimate experience with Coop policies, procedures and the workings of the Board of Directors. I think our cooperative process works and as a Board member I respect the members' deliberations and will strive to ensure that the General Meeting remains the highest decision-making body in the Coop. I will also continue to encourage diversity in the General Meeting as well as all aspects of the Coop.

I welcome members to contact me by e-mail at [iqrealtysales@aol.com](mailto:iqrealtysales@aol.com). My candidacy has been endorsed by the General Coordinators of the Coop and I welcome that support. Please vote for me. Thank you for your consideration. ■

## THE ROLE OF THE BOARD

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: "The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the

members shall be known as the General Meeting.... The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have come before the meeting."

The Board of Directors conducts a vote at the end of every General Meeting on whether to accept the advice of the members as expressed in their vote(s) during the GM.

## THE ELECTION PROCESS

Each year the Coop must, by law, hold an Annual Meeting. This is the only meeting where proxies can be used. Those members who cannot attend the Annual Meeting may be represented, if they wish, by a proxy.

If you submit a proxy but come to the Annual Meeting in person, your proxy will be returned to you when you register.

Members who have a current membership as of Saturday, June 15, 2013, are eligible to vote in the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting either in person or by proxy.

Proxy packets are mailed to members in late-May. If you do not receive a packet, pick one up at the entrance desk or outside the Membership Office. ■

## 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.

Allison Arnold  
Josh Barocas  
Jens Baumgarten  
Paula Beer Levine  
Marcie Beigel  
Chad Blankenship  
Emily Blankenship  
Jeff Bonar  
Nanci Bonar  
James Bond III  
Laurent Bouaziz

Barry Bruner  
Michael Brusic  
Michael Bunsen  
Maialen Carbajo  
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Angela Chen  
Vincent Cheung  
Jasmine Cruz  
Hong-Nhi Do  
Kelly Donohue  
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Laurie Engle  
Maria Folch  
Marne Friedman  
Matt Friedman  
Shala Gafary  
Albert Gordon  
Candra Gordon-Gatica  
Randy Gordon-Gatica  
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Mark Irizarry  
Danielle Jackson  
Daniel Juliano  
Candy Kahany  
Sally Kim  
Svetlana Kitto  
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Tora Lopez  
Laura MacMillan  
Perin Mani  
Sita Mani  
Matt Marcello  
Douglas McClurg  
Leif McIlwaine  
Sena McMillan

Rebekah Meltzer  
Marcus Milius  
Alex Mironovich  
Linda Monro  
Kristina Nilsson  
Esila Obiang  
Ahmer Qadeer  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Leila Saad  
Astrid Schaefer  
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Yasmine Soiffer  
Dara Stallings  
Ayako Tanihata  
Go Tanihata  
Zoe Viklund  
Gabrielle Villaseñor  
Charles Wauters  
Marie Weller  
Justine Wilber



## EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES



### Receiving Produce Monday-Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2-20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs.

### Bathroom Cleaning 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.

### Check Store Supplies Monday, 6 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.

This workslot 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 detail-oriented 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](mailto:alex_marquez@psfc.coop) if you are interested.

### 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.

### Office Data Entry Thursday and Saturday, 4 to 6:45 p.m.

Must have been a member for at least one year with excellent attendance. Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer? Do you like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. Please speak to Ginger Jung in the Membership Office (or put a note in her mailbox) prior to the first shift for more information and schedule training. Must make a six-month commitment to this workslot.

