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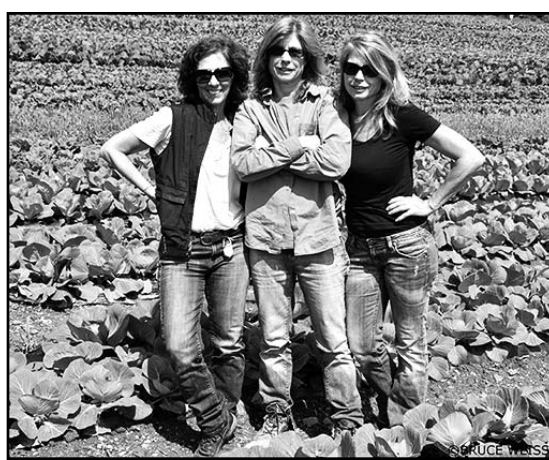
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Hepworth Farms: The Seventh Generation

By Brian Dentz

Imagine being able to go to a farm and ask them to plant exactly what you'd like to see end up on your dinner table. That's the kind of relationship the Coop has with Hepworth Farms, run by twin sisters in the Hudson Valley.

"That farm is a very big deal to us and we are a big deal to them," said Allen Zimmerman, a General Coordinator at the Park Slope Food Coop, which has been buying produce from Hepworth Farms for 30 years. Today, Hepworth is the Coop's largest local supplier of fruits and vegetables.



(L to R) Gerry Greco, Amy Hepworth and Gail Hepworth.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WEISS

A Vegetable Wish List

While having dinner recently with the farm's three main players, Zimmerman reports that he gave them a "wish list of everything I wanted them to grow for us.... A good deal of that wish list will be in the produce aisles this year."

Of the 230 produce items available at the PSFC, about 150 are grown locally during the peak of local growing season. And about half of those local items come from Hepworth Farms, Zimmerman said.

Hepworth Farms is in Milton, NY, about 88 miles north of the Coop. The same family has farmed it since 1818. Twin sisters Amy and Gail Hepworth are now the seventh generation on the farm. They work alongside partner Gerry Greco to make it all happen.

Gail joined her sister Amy to work full-time on the farm five years ago after a 25-year career as a biomedical engineer. "Mostly I did this because of Amy's talent and the demand" for her produce,

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ELECTION RESULTS

The election for two three-year terms for the Board of Directors took place at the Food Coop's June 25 Annual and General Meeting. The winners were Zoey Laskaris and Imani O'Ryn.

Officers of the corporation were also elected. These are: President Bill Penner; Vice President Imani O'Ryn; Secretary Jesse Rosenfeld; and Treasurer Tricia Leith.

Full story to follow in the next issue of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, July 11.



Laskaris



O'Ryn

Coop Event Highlights

Tue, Jul 9 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Eat This New York 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Fri, Sat • See What the PAFCU Offers
Jul 25-27 4 - 6 p.m., Thu & Fri; 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sat

Fri, Sat • See What the PAFCU Offers
Aug 9-10 4 - 6 p.m., Fri; 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sat

Thu, Sep 5 • Food Class 7:30 p.m.

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

Decreasing Your Feminine Footprint

By Taigi Smith

How many times have you perused the aisles of the Park Slope Food Coop and silently wondered, "What the heck is that?" For me, the most interesting section of the PSFC is the health and beauty aisle, full of notions and potions, oils and gadgets, balms and goo. And while I've purchased scores of oils and bath salts, I've never considered trying one of the many alternative feminine hygiene products available at our Coop. I often looked at them with curiosity but the buck stopped there. Unlike my vegetables, I like my feminine products conventional. I want to use them and then throw them away. And evidently, I am not alone.

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ART BY PAUL BUCKLEY

Along U.S. coastlines, tampon applicators make up 2.2% of the total debris field, more than syringes, condoms and plastic six-pack rings combined.

Next General Meeting on July 30

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The July General Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 30, 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.

For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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Shopping hours on Thursday, July 4:
8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Hepworth

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Gail commented when talking about her career change. Regarding the challenges of running a business after working in the corporate world for so long, Gail said, "I like risk and owning my decisions. There's plenty of room for that in the farming business." It was the love of farming and family that made the decision easy, she explained. "Even though it cost me half of my salary."

Gail's title is production manager. "I plan our crops with Amy, 380 varieties of vegetables." She also is

in 1982, she began the difficult transformation of taking a farm that used standard farming practices and changing it to organic farming methods.

A Radical Organic Protocol

"When I took over it wasn't gradual, it was a sweeping radical organic protocol from that day forward," Amy said. "It's all about de-chemicalization and soil health, the workers, the land, the customer." It was not an easy road and took much trial and error to create the systems in place now.

Describing her twin sister, Gail says with enthusiasm,

early in the season when the farmer needs it. The consumer pays for the produce up front.

Hepworth Farms ships approximately one-third of all it produces to the Coop. It is a mutually dependent love affair between like-minded city folk and country folk.

Amy and Gail's mother ran the roadside market until she retired in 2000, and their grandmother and great grandmother before her did the same. Today, Gerry runs that end of the business in the form of a Saturday morning farmers' market.

Hepworth Farms also sells its produce to distributors, including Albert's Organics and Whole Foods. But there's more demand than they can fill, according to Gail. As a result, they have increased production by 50 acres a year for the last two years. This means more equipment and more costs. "The last few years' capital investments have been substantial," Gail said. As a result, they have not turned a profit for these last few years.

Other forces also strain the bottom line. "Farms are fuel hogs, they're very tire dependent," Gail explained. The increase in fuel costs has significantly impacted the cost of production.

Material costs have also increased. The cost of cartons rose 18% from last year. The price of plastic products used on the farm has also gone up. "How we try to make it up is through efficiency," Amy said on her cell phone while driving her truck back to the farm after dropping off produce at the PSFC.

In an attempt to be more energy efficient, they recently built a new packinghouse



PHOTOS BY ANN ROSEN

Coop members help Ivan from Hepworth Farms unload the truck.

underground, with a 16-inch thick cement roof, which helps keep it cool like a basement, using less energy for refrigeration. Three years ago they also installed solar panels on the farm.

Labor has been a big challenge as well for Hepworth Farms. The need for workers varies greatly throughout the year. There are five full-time employees. But by mid-June, they are up to 28 workers and then when it's time for harvest in August, they are up to 90 employees.

Hepworth Farms has a core team of farm workers whom they've trained in their techniques over the course of years and have become very close with. "People don't really understand the skill in farm work...it takes years to train them in Amy's techniques," Gail said. Attempting to hire the same core employees each year, they retain lawyers to deal with work visa issues on an ongoing basis.

A Passion for Farming

Amy is passionate about the potential for farming in the Hudson Valley despite the limited number of farms that survive in the area. The rich soil, regular rain and sun make it a great location to farm, Amy insists. The large population that demands fresh produce just a short drive south makes it a good place to sell the

bounty as well.

Amy's advice to a young farmer before starting out on his or her own farm? "The one thing I would tell every young farmer, work on a farm for at least five years. Because there is so much to it to be successful," she said. Regarding getting the organic label, Amy said, "I don't think the future is organic...I think it's a hybrid." Amy encourages new farmers to embrace organic principles but does not recommend being certified organic anymore. Amy preaches the need for her customers to think beyond the organic label and be open to other methods, which embrace healthy food and a healthy environment.

As the local fresh produce starts to arrive crate by crate at the Coop this summer, shoppers might notice some exotic Indian vegetables, bitter melon or a green called shiso. These exotic vegetables weren't shipped from California or from a farm in a far off country. They arrived on the Coop's shelves because of a vegetable wish list and a 30-year relationship between a Hudson Valley farm and the Park Slope Food Coop. ■



Hepworth Farms' delivery truck outside the Food Coop.

responsible for purchasing seeds, helping oversee the greenhouse and thousands of other details involving growing produce. "We grow every one of our plants from seed."

Of the five Hepworth siblings who grew up on the farm "Amy was always most interested in the farm and taking it over," Gail said. Amy studied agriculture at Cornell University, majoring in pomology, the study of growing fruit. When Amy took over the farm

"Amy has a 360-degree view of the farm... She has a feeling about what's going on, she just gets it."

Hepworth Farms has four ways of marketing their produce: CSA (community-supported agriculture), direct sales to the PSFC, local sales at a farmers' market and wholesale distribution.

CSAs have many advantages for the farmer, Gail explained. "We spend a lot of money until we sell a tomato." With a CSA, income comes in

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.

THE GAZETTE INDEXES

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

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

- ◆ An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- ◆ An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers.

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

Feminine Footprint

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According to www.keeper.com, the website for the Keeper Cup, the average woman will use approximately 15,000 sanitary napkins or tampons in her lifetime. She'll also throw away about 250 to 300 pounds of tampons, pads and applicators. Add to that the fact that tampon applicators are not only one of the most common pieces of trash found on beaches, but also one of leading causes of plumbing problems in residential buildings and you've got a recipe for menstrual disaster.

How Far Would You Go?

So ladies—just how far would you go to decrease your feminine footprint? And what, if anything, would make you consider going green down there? I'm not ashamed to admit that when it comes to managing my periods, I'm old-fashioned. Give me a box of Kotex, a bottle of Advil, a comfortable couch and a pint of ice cream. Silly as it sounds, millions of women (including me!) still continue to use run-of-the-mill feminine products even though some reports say tampons and maxi-pads contain chemicals, chlorine and even dioxin. It should be noted that the FDA flat out denies the presence of both chemicals in feminine hygiene products (www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/PatientAlerts/ucm070003.htm).

However, growing numbers of women are choosing to reuse, recycle and yes, reduce their feminine footprints by using alternative means of feminine protection. Curious to learn more about these products, I hit the PSFC's health and beauty aisle for answers. Warning—this article isn't for the faint of heart.

The Keeper Cup

The Keeper Cup is an unconventional, reusable feminine product that catches menstrual blood during cycles. It's made of thick rubber and built to last 10 years. To me, it looks like a tiny toilet plunger without the wooden stick. "The idea of these things is that they'll last a long time," says the Coop's Health and Beauty Coordinator, Karen Martin. "It's basically a diaphragm, but it holds more." Karen, who didn't understand what I found so odd about the product, said it was a hot seller. But as someone who grew

up using conventional Kotex maxi-pads for period protection, I found the idea of putting a mini toilet plunger down there....odd.

But unlike me, says Karen, there are tons of women at the Coop who like the period cup, and are especially drawn to the Keeper's hip cousin, appropriately named the Diva Cup. Unlike its thicker, no-frills counterpart, the Diva Cup is all about the show. "The silicone cups, which are softer, are much more popular," said Martin of the popular Diva Cup. "It kind of looks neater, and it will last a long time," said Martin, comparing the Diva Cup to its thicker, brown, less-popular cousin, Keeper Cup. As a consumer, I appreciate the sleek marketing of the Diva Cup, with its lavender box and flowery cup-holder. It is thinner, lighter...and kind of cute. And while it only lasts two years, the average menstruating woman will save about \$245 over a five-year period if she chooses the long-lasting Diva Cup over, say, disposable tampons. While the Diva Cup lasts about two years, the average tampon lasts about... two hours. "It's not really a big deal," quipped Martin, whose voice is like an old soul who's seen it all. "The first time I ever used a tampon, I was nervous. If you've used a diaphragm, it's the same thing. People really want them." The cups, that is.

Ivonne Davila, who's been a member of the PSFC for more than seven years, was buying body lotion in the health and beauty aisle when I showed her the Keeper Cup and asked, "What do you think of this?" Davila paused and thought long about her answer, before saying, "It doesn't inspire confidence. Where's the string? And the package says it's re-usable. Eew...How do you take it out? How do you wash it? Do you put it in a bowl of Clorox?" asked Davila.

Jade Pearl Sea Pearls Sea Sponge Tampons

Desperate to know more about how to minimize my feminine footprint, I probed Karen about Jade Pearl Sea Pearls Sea Sponge Tampons found just a few inches away, from the Cup. Curious to learn more about recyclable tampons, I couldn't help thinking, "Some things just don't need to be recycled. If a used tampon doesn't belong in the trash, I don't know what does." Call me a prude, but perhaps going green has

gone too far.

Ivonne Davila, like me, was perplexed by the brown sea sponges masquerading as tampons. What we both didn't realize at the time was that conventional tampons are actually full of chemicals—including bleach. This shocking fact was old news to Karen. "I used to use the sea sponge when I was young. As a culture, we're looking for something that's more reusable, something you don't have to throw away every time...and there are the glad rags, too." Glad Rags? Do you mean those re-usable maxi-pads? Those cotton pieces of material? "Yes," replied Martin. "All of this gets very messy."

One of the things I love most about the Coop is that you never know whom you're going to meet or what you're going to learn. When I set out to write this article, I had no idea that Karen Martin would turn out to be an expert on alternative feminine hygiene. I was tickled...pink.

"You clean it with soap and water. The sponge is biodegradable, too. You don't have to keep replacing it and throwing things away." And there's a bonus to the sponge. It serves not one but TWO purposes. Put a little spermicide on the sponge, stick it up there, and you've also got a form of homemade birth control. It's kind of like the gift that keeps on giving.

In an effort to get my finger on the pulse of the single Brooklyn girl, I called my girlfriend, Rene. She's the reason I joined the Coop in the first place. During our interview, Rene was typing away at a local bar. "Would you use a re-usable tampon?" I asked. "It's so hippie dippy," replied Rene, who then turned to another woman at the bar, a former Coop member, who offered her opinion. "Tampons have a lot of bleach. Did you know this?" asked the former member. Appalled, knowing her precious—you fill in the blank here—could be contaminated with bleach, Rene consulted the knower of all things...no, not God. The Internet. "Oh my God," gasped Rene. She was in shock. "How do tampons get their powder smell? Chemicals!" So again, I asked the question, "Would you use a re-usable, biodegradable sea sponge during that time of the month? I am a journalist and I needed answers. "I might go organic," sighed Rene, "but certainly no more pink tampons that smell like flowers and are shaped like stars."

Again, the former member at the bar chimed in. "I've heard of blood cups. Women use them when they go camping." Camping? Who goes to Yellowstone during that time of the month? And where would one pour the contents of the blood cups? In a lake? And won't the contents of the "blood cups" attract wild animals? Like grizzly bears? I graduated from a liberal arts women's college—and even remember learning how to use a speculum in Women's Studies class—but even the thought of using The Keeper Cup while hiking through the woods was just too much for me.

Amy Sohn, PSFC member and renowned author, snuck up on me as I was hanging out

in the supplements aisle. "I have never sold one of these cups to a shopper while working checkout but I think it's high time we reduced all the waste that comes from tampons and pads," said Sohn, whose recent book, *Motherland*, caused quite an uproar in Park Slope. "Whoever came up with this idea—and I'm pretty sure they live in Portland—is a total genius."

So what do you think? What are you doing to reduce your feminine footprint? I'd love to hear from you. Drop me a line at taigismith@gmail.com. And even if you're not ready to go green down there—and that doesn't mean skipping your monthly bikini wax—you can write anyway. ■

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Textonyms

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

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

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

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

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

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QUIP	
CEASE	
CHAMP	
MADAM	
BOTTOM	
HURDLE	
SHRUNK	
AMBIENT	
SINUOUS	

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

PLUGGING INTO THE SUN

By Thomas Matthews

If you're like me—and, I suspect, many other Coop members—you support clean, renewable energy in theory. And if you're even more like me—a Coop member fortunate enough to own his own home—you may have considered investing in solar power. If you have investigated, though, like me, you probably found it confusing, expensive and, ultimately, too intimidating to proceed.

Solarize Brooklyn wants to change that. The organization is leading a community-based movement to encourage people to harness the power of the sun.

Created by two neighborhood organizations, Sustainable Kensington Windsor Terrace (SKWT) and Sustainable Flatbush, Solarize Brooklyn has developed a model that might significantly increase the number of solar installations in the borough.

Coop member Ellen Honigstock is a founder of SKWT and an architect specializing in sustainable strategies for existing buildings. "It's the right time for solar," she says. "We have

vetted the providers, they're offering a discount for the group and your neighbors are involved. Why not you?"

Solarize

Solarize Brooklyn aims to help people understand, evaluate and ultimately install solar power systems in their buildings, both to generate electricity (solar PV, or photovoltaic) and hot water (solar thermal).

"I had about decided to install solar electric panels on my house in Kensington," Ellen says. "At a New Year's Eve party I talked to a neighbor about it. She was interested, too. So we figured if we could get more people to join in, maybe we could do a better job and get some discounts."

She put up a notice on the SKWT web site (www.sustainablekwt.blogspot.com), and 37 people responded with interest. One of the people who intrigued by the idea was Anne Pope, founder and executive director of Sustainable Flatbush (www.sustainableflatbush.org).

"I started Sustainable Flatbush in 2007 to address a whole range of issues—

healthy food, affordable housing and sustainable energy," says Anne. "I began working with Solar One in 2009. We could see that people were interested in solar energy, but the process was complicated and people didn't know how to proceed."

EmPower Solar for the electric component, and Quixotic Systems for hot water, based on their experience, competence and the willingness to give discounts based on the volume of installations.

Second, the committee solicited interest from com-

The Price of the Sun

"What is the cost? It's hard to say," Ellen admits. The research I have done suggests that every situation is different, and that actual prices and net costs may vary widely.

The first number to consider is the total installation costs. According to The New York State Energy Research



PHOTO BY INGSU LUU

Solar PV array belonging to Coop members Sarah Goodman and Richard Roundy in Windsor Terrace.

Solar One is a non-profit founded in 2004 to manage Stuyvesant Cove Park, a 1.9-acre sustainably managed green space along the East River between 18th and 23rd Streets in Manhattan. It has grown into an organization that promotes urban sustainability on various levels, including energy. Max Joel joined Solar One in 2009 as director of the Energy Connections Program, and handles community solar initiatives such as Solarize Brooklyn.

Ellen, Anne and Max together assembled Sustainable Brooklyn. The model is based on Sustainable Portland, which helped expand solar power in Portland, Oregon, in 2009–10. According to an article published about the project, there were 38 solar installations in Portland in 2008. By 2010 there were 553, of which 402 were thanks to Solarize—which, the article claimed, brought down the cost "by almost 30 percent."

Solarize Brooklyn is composed of three basic elements.

First, the steering committee invited solar installers to submit proposals for multiple projects in a given neighborhood within a specific time period. After a review of about a dozen companies, Solarize Brooklyn selected

community members. Solarize will facilitate education about the process, and coordinate assessments by the installers to determine which sites are good candidates for solar installations.

Finally, Solarize will help people manage the process of installation and the maze of regulations and paperwork necessary to take advantage of all the financial incentives that have been put into place to encourage people to invest in solar energy.

Ellen and Anne have held numerous information sessions in neighborhood libraries and greenmarkets. "If things had stopped, we would have stopped," Ellen reports. "But we've had standing-room-only crowds."

So far, 45 people have signed up for assessments, according to Max. "Many of them won't pan out, for various reasons," he says, "but we are aiming at installing systems in a dozen small homes and one or two larger coops, for a total of about 50 kilowatts of power generated. That would effectively double the amount of solar energy in these target neighborhoods."

"It would be very gratifying to see this part of Brooklyn become a leader in solar energy," says Anne. "This is the first Solarize project in the city, and we're very hopeful that it will prove to be successful."

& Development Authority (NYSERDA; nyserda.ny.gov), there are currently 838 solar electric systems installed or in process in New York City. Of these, 265 are in Brooklyn, with an average installation cost of about \$6 per watt. Considering that the average installation for a one- to four-family house is about four kilowatts, that's roughly \$24,000.

Solarize Brooklyn has negotiated a reduction in installation costs, depending on the total number of watts of panels installed through the group's efforts. It's a sliding scale, and could save hundreds or even thousands of dollars per household.

That total can be adjusted by a bewildering array of tax credits, rebates, property tax preferences and other benefits. According to Ellen, these offsets could reduce that one- to four-family building cost to about \$10,000.

Then come the energy benefits. When your solar panels are generating more energy than your house is using, your electrical meter actually spins backwards. Effectively, the power company is paying you. So depending on how much energy your installation can generate, and how much your household uses, you could eventually save enough money to pay off the costs of the instal-

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lation. Depending on whose estimates you use, that pay-off period might be as little as six years, and probably no more than 12.

Max pointed me to an excellent Web site that allows people to explore all these issues, and even to focus on their own building and calculate the costs and benefits of solar energy. It's the New York Solar Map, developed by CUNY (www.nycsolarmap.com).

Checking out my house, a three-family brownstone, the site estimated the biggest system I could install would generate just less than three kilowatts per year, and cost me about \$9,000 after all incentives and taxes, giving me a payback period of 13 years. I have signed up with Solarize Brooklyn for an assessment, and I am interested to see the numbers estimated by EmPower Solar.

A Cooperative Venture

Ellen has been a Park Slope Food Coop member since 2004, first working on the Orientation Committee ("it gave me good training in public speaking"), and now as a member of the Shopping

Committee. Anne, who has lived in Brooklyn "off and on since 1986," joined the Coop in 2007. Max, who lives in Gowanus, has been a member, but circumstances have pulled him away from the Coop for the time being.

"I think the whole idea behind Solarize Brooklyn is aligned with cooperative values," Max says. "It's about neighbors joining together to achieve their goals. You could think of it as a coop or a CSA for solar power."

Ellen agrees, and hopes that Park Slope Food Coop members will consider participating, at least to the extent of signing up for an assessment.

"We think that Coop members are among the most likely people to join a project like this. We need to move away from non-renewable sources of energy. Why not now? Why not here?"

If you are interested, check out Solarize Brooklyn's informative website (www.solarizebrooklyn.org). The deadline to sign up for an assessment is July 15. There are no costs or obligations involved. And, emphasizes Ellen, "the more people who act, the lower the costs." Let the sun shine! ■

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *Eat This New York*

By Adam Rabiner

Eat This New York chronicles the 15-month saga in 2001 and 2002 of two fast friends and aspiring Midwestern entrepreneurs, John McCormick and Billy Phelps, to open Café Moto on Division Avenue in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, an area populated then largely by Hasidic Jews, Puerto Ricans and Dominicans. Interspersed with this story is a series of interviews with several of New York's most storied celebrity chefs, as well as famed food critic Ruth Reichl and publisher Tim Zagat. While the film's slightly pugnacious title gently pokes fun at New York (you can almost imagine Marty Markowitz substituting "Brooklyn" for "NY" and emblazoning this signage on the Williamsburg Bridge), the documentary celebrates the city's ethnic diversity, business vitality and reputation as a Mecca for aspiring restaurateurs from France, Italy and everywhere.

John and Billy don't have any relevant food experience, a budget, financing or much of a business plan. They are not even sure if the locals will patronize their place. But they have a lot of determination and a dream, which helps them through their many setbacks and stresses. John and Billy's fretting about lost

investors and a renovation that is fast becoming a money pit is starkly contrasted with the ruminations of a tuxedo-clad Drew Nieporent, owner of Tribeca Grill, Montrachet, Rubicon and various Nobus, from the back seat of a limousine as he's driven to a glamorous downtown gala to receive a lifetime achievement award.

Nieporent's reflections, along with those of other famous chef/restaurant owners, including Daniel Boulud, Sirio Maccioni, Keith McNally, Danny Meyer and Jean-Georges Vongerichten, paint a picture of a business whose success requires expertise in real estate, design, business, customer service, marketing and, oh yeah, cooking. This explains why every year more than 1,000 new restaurants open in New York City but four out of five of them fail within five years—a rate greater than any other business. As one observer states, restaurants attract "great people who don't know what they are getting into."

As this venture runs out of cash, John and Billy's partnership and friendship is severely tested. Billy has to borrow money from friends and even



his therapist, John's dad signs on as a carpenter, and you have to wonder if they will even be able to open their doors, let alone survive for five years.

The movie's final scene is of a packed house on opening

night, 15 months later. The small room is filled with hipsters (apparently it wasn't a big draw for the neighborhood's Hasidim and other locals) and you have a sense that Moto might just make it. A quick check on Yelp confirms that Moto did in fact survive (and with four stars gets rave reviews, as well). *Eat This New York* should be an inspiration for any Brooklyn DIY brewer, chocolatier, candy maker, pickler, sauerkraut or kimchi maker, manufacturer of beef jerky, iced coffee concentrate, canner, preserver, Smorgasburger or any other foodie or fermenter who wants to start his or her own business. If you can do it here, you can do it anywhere. ■

Eat This New York will show on Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m., Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



The Environmental Committee Is Looking for New Members.

The Environmental Committee works on a broad range of issues related to food, energy and the environment, with an emphasis on issues that impact the Coop.

We particularly need people who are good at putting ideas into action. We will accept people with a broad range of experience, but leadership and/or organizational abilities will be put to good use.

To be considered for a spot on the committee you must have been a Coop member for at least 6 months and have a good attendance record.



Work for the environment while fulfilling your Coop workslot!

For more information contact the Environmental Committee at ecokvetch@yahoo.com.

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, July 1, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Monday, July 8, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

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

Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.

The Coop Gets New Air-Conditioning Units

During the week of June 17, 2013, the Coop's air conditioning system was replaced

by RAC Mechanical, the Coop's service maintenance vendor. Five new air conditioning units

replaced the original system in the 784 Union St. building (the "new" building, including the

shopping floor and the second floor office, meeting and child-care rooms). The original sys-

tem, installed in 2001, cost \$20,000 to repair last year. The new, more energy-efficient system, cost \$115,000 and should keep the Coop cool for many years to come. ■



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MEMBER SUBMISSION

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): A Bad Deal

By Carola Burroughs

Never heard of the TPP? No surprise, as much of it is top secret. It stands for Trans-Pacific Partnership, a trade agreement the Obama Administration is negotiating with 10 other countries—11 if Japan joins, as is expected in July. The TPP would cover 40% of global trade.

Trade agreements are not something the average consumer is used to thinking about. But if you're concerned about the environment, our food supply, health and in general, our ability to

These cases are tried in secret international tribunals headed by three unnamed private-sector lawyers under no obligation to disclose the full terms of their decisions.

So it's no surprise if you've never heard of this looming threat to much of our way of life. Representatives from 600 businesses have access to its texts and are actively involved in shaping the agreement—in strictest secrecy—while the public, the media and even members of Congress are given no access to it whatsoever. The only reason we know as

much as we do is that some small portions of its 29 chapters were leaked. What came to light reveals a “Mother of All Trade Agreements” so comprehensive and outrageous that *The Nation* describes it as “NAFTA on Steroids.” It would:

- Prevent re-regulation of Wall Street banks, hedge funds and insurance companies.
- Extend patent expiration dates, blocking access to affordable, generic medications.
- Displace family farmers in favor of agribusinesses, concentrating global food supplies and creating price spikes for the world's consumers.
- Curtail internet freedoms, forcing providers to monitor and report our activities and treat insignificant violations the same as big-time for-profit scams.
- Limit food labeling and permit foreign food imports without any safety checks.
- Limit how our elected officials can use our tax dollars. For instance, it could ban Buy America or Buy Local initiatives.
- Outlaw the ability of participating nations to regulate cross-border finance.
- Establish the legal right to override sovereign U.S. policies at the federal, state, local and court levels.

What Can We Do About This?

President Obama is not only in favor of finalizing and passing the TPP, he has indicated that he will ask Congress for Fast Track Authority (FTA) to do so. FTA eliminates Congress' Constitutional right to amend trade agreements in favor of Executive power, allowing Congress only a yes-or-no vote. Luckily,

FTA expired in 2007.

Now it's up to us to both educate and pressure Congress to vote against the Fast Track and against the TPP. Here's what you can do:

1) With one click, you can send an excellent online letter to your Congressional rep asking for a draft of the TPP text, which should be accessible to them as well as to you, the public: www.act.stopcorporateabuse.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=11589

2) Most importantly, we need to write, call and preferably actually visit our representatives' offices and urge them to vote against both Fast Track and the TPP. Emphasize that their Constitutional power to debate and amend trade agreements will be sidelined by Fast Track, and point out all the ways TPP could destroy the fabric of our lives.

You can use this lobbying toolkit: www.sierraclub.org/trade/toolkit/toolkit-2.aspx

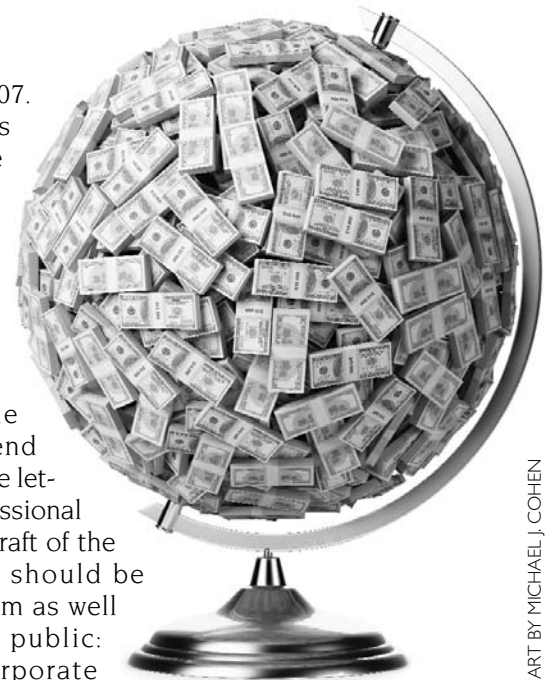
To get more involved with this critical issue, join the Sierra Club's Atlantic (NY) Chapter TPP Task Force by signing up at: www.nyc.sierraclub.org/tpp-resources/

Additional Actions and Information

Public Citizen TPP website www.www.exposethetpp.org/

Sign avaaz.org's one-million-person petition at www.avaaz.org/en/stop_the_corporate_death_star/to_governments_negotiating_the_TPP. This petition calls on them to make the process transparent to all and reject limits to regulate in the public interest. ■

Based on an article by Stephanie Low entitled “TPP: A Bad Deal for the 99%” that appeared in the Clinton Chronicle.



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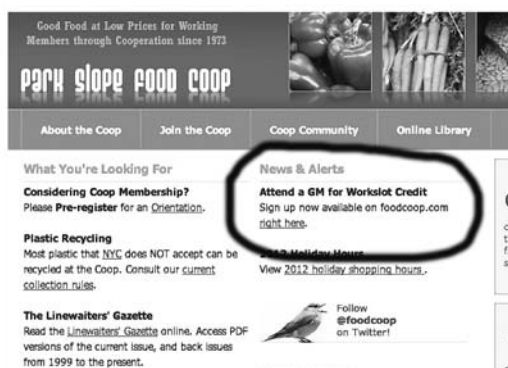


make choices about things that affect our lives (e.g. GMOs, fracking, health care and energy), that will have to change! For example, under the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that links Canada, Mexico and America, an American company is threatening to sue Canada for Quebec's moratorium on fracking and could collect a cool \$250 million if the case moves forward and it wins.

they might make if they didn't have to obey our labor, health, safety and environmental laws. In recent history, this has had a chilling effect on passing such laws in the first place.

- Open us to natural gas exports, increasing fracking across the U.S.
- Offer benefits for companies to move offshore, sending well-paying jobs to low-wage nations and lower-

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



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

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday

8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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SUMMERTIME

...and the living is easy.

But don't forget your coop shift!

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!

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



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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER
RETURNABLE

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

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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WELCOME!

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

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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 or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop
FRIDAYS 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Channels: 56 (Time-Warner), 69 (CableVision), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network.

General Meeting Info

TUE, JULY 2
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the July 30 General Meeting.

TUE, JULY 30
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Jul 11 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jul 1
Jul 25 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jul 15

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jul 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jul 3
Jul 25 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jul 17

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, July 30, 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

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.

jun 29
sat 12 pm

It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, biodegradable urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love. Coop member **Amy Cunningham** is a licensed funeral director at Greenwood Heights Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., a full-service funeral home on Fourth Avenue in Brooklyn.

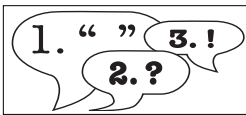
jun 30
sun 12 pm

Parents: Do Your Children Ever 'Push Your Buttons'?

Share stories and hear perspectives that can help you “keep your wits about you” while raising your children. **Sharon C. Peters**, MA, is the director of Parents Helping Parents and a step, birth, and adoptive parent. In her work she meets with individual families and leads workshops at her Park Slope office and for schools and community organizations throughout New York. She is a grateful long-time Coop member.

jul 2
tue 7:30 pm

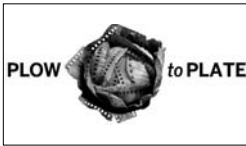
Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read “How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting” and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

jul 9
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Eat This New York



Best friends and aspiring restaurateurs Billy Phelps and John McCormick attempt to open a New York City eatery as some of the city's best-known restaurateurs recall their own days of struggle in this documentary called *Eat This New York*, from filmmakers Kate Novak and Andrew Rossi. From financial crises to kitchen problems and issues that nearly derail the venture before doors even open for business, Phelps and McCormick keep the dream alive by converting an old check-cashing shop into a retro speakeasy.

jul 13
sat 2 pm

What the Tooth Fairy Never Knew!

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

jul 14
sun 12 pm

Home Sweet Solar: Brooklyn Energy

New Yorkers are the third largest producers of solar energy in the United States. Financial incentives from the government and increased market share of photovoltaic panels are two of the main factors driving this movement. **Angelica Ramdhari** and **Matthew Myshkin** are Coop members and solar enthusiasts out in the field who will explore the myths and secrets surrounding solar energy, and show how it is working within the unique Brooklyn dynamic with innovative design. You will learn the roles played by the Department of Buildings, Fire Department of New York, Landmarks Preservation Commission, and Con Edison in planning solar systems, and the subsidies available that make going solar a smart, clean investment. And most of all, you take away insight on the solar capacity of your own roof!

jul 25
thu 4–6 pm

See What the PAFCU Offers

Representatives from People's Alliance Federal Credit Union will be at the Park Slope Food Coop in the Meeting Room to sign up members for credit union membership. Learn about: \$5 minimum savings balance; loans starting at 2.99%; holiday club account; debit/Visa cards; mobile/text message banking; no-fee checking; Internet banking; kids' accounts; vacation club accounts. Any new member to open an account, any existing member to add a PAFCU product, or any member to refer a new member to the credit union will be entered to win a Drive Away Vacation Package. Stop by for a chance to win a surprise gift. **Representatives from the PAFCU will also meet at the Coop on July 26-27 and Aug 9-10.**

jul 26
fri 1 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.

jul 26
fri 4–6 pm

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jul 27
sat 10–12:30 pm

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jul 30
tue 7 pm

PSFC JULY General Meeting

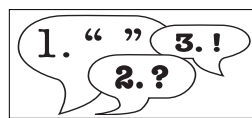


Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop

office. **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.**

aug 6
tue 7:30 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



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aug 9
fri 4–6 pm

See What the PAFCU Offers

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Representatives from the PAFCU will also meet at the Coop on August 10.

aug 10
sat 10–12:30 pm

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aug 13
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film to be announced.

aug 27
tue 7 pm

PSFC AUG General Meeting



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

office. **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.**

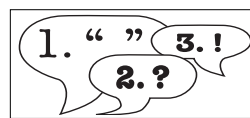
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Cheese Class

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. Guest speaker to be announced. 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.

sep 3
tue 7:30 pm

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still to come

sep 5 Food Class

sep 10 Safe Food Committee Film Night

sep 6 Film Night

sep 14 Wordsprouts

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT'S UP WITH THE
GAZETTE'S REPORTERS?

TO THE EDITOR:

What are we to make of a recent spate of opinionated articles attacking and mocking the Coop's membership by *Linewaiters' Gazette* reporters? The *Gazette's* Coordinating Editors have issues to consider.

Numerous letters have appeared criticizing these articles. Among others was "Journalistic Sloppiness" (3/7/2013) in which Martin Beauchamp's sleuthing uncovered sources for Taigi Smith's 2/21/2013 article ("Leaving the Coop! Why Folks Fly the Coop"). According to him, "The reporter is trolling the comment section of Yelp and regurgitating the worst of it into the *Gazette*. This is not journalism and more importantly it is not constructive criticism about how to make our Coop better."

The article's first two columns deserve special attention, describing a membership "teeming with Coop junkies who...plow their way through the aisles...mak[ing] snarky remarks at [those] who...get in their way...For [whom] shopping elsewhere is akin to foodie suicide...[The Coop] is their holy ground." The description ends with this smug consolation, "And then, of course, there are the rest of us."

The last column profiles one example of those sane members who love the Coop and "wouldn't dream of shopping anywhere else." One supposes this satisfies the balance requirement, but one also wonders how this profile differs significantly from those "who'd rather go hungry than to Whole Foods."

The article that escaped the bar-

rage of complaints but richly deserved it was Allison Pennell's 2/21/2013 *Gazette* front-page story ("On Debating Debate: Jan. 29, 2013 General Meeting") which describes the reporter's feelings about covering this GM, which she compares to the trauma of hostage situations. About the attendees, she observes: "Lovers of democracy" were "out in numbers," to discuss the issues and "to talk about the current market value of their brownstones...Old hippies work that in...just like Harvard grads do."

The presenters and debaters fare no better. That the debate clearly had importance to them just adds to her mocking and caustic astonishment. She refers to one contributor as "Mitchell, of something and somewhere" and throws in an "Oh lordy" for good measure.

These reporters, being members, have every right to express these views, but should they get workslot credit for them? A *Gazette* document titled "A Program for the *Linewaiters' Gazette*," is a set of guidelines for reporters and editors. About reporter articles, it says:

- The article should be structured in a normal journalistic style and not begin with or mention the process of assignment or selection or preparing the article unless this contributes meaningfully to its content.
- Personal opinions of the reporters should not be expressed in articles that can be considered as hard news.
- Purely opinion articles should be submitted as Letters to the Editor or voluntary articles without workslot credit.

One wonders what the Coordinat-

ing Editors think, especially whether these articles conform to the guidelines given above. Certainly there's been enough reaction to warrant a response, and so one is requested here, as provided for in the final paragraph of the "*Gazette* Editorial Policies" (12/29/2011).

David Barouh

RESPONSE TO
BAROUH LETTER

DEAR MR. BAROUH:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my article. I consider it an honor, as a quick Internet search revealed that you often comment on matters related to the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The wonderful thing about the PSFC is that everyone, when asked, seems to have an opinion. All one has to do is ask. I will not use this forum to defend myself, as I don't feel the need to do so. I've been a professional journalist for almost 20 years and honestly, this is the first time I've been accused of "journalistic sloppiness." To be clear, I conducted numerous interviews for the story, "Why Folks Fly the Coop." I used the Internet as a tool to track down people who had opinions on the Internet. In fact, I conducted interviews with both Emily Poehler, Aaron-Taylor Wideman, and Rene Brinkley. I solicited interviews from several other people, but didn't get responses. Interviews were by conducted e-mail and by phone. In addition to that, I was supplied over 100 exit surveys from PSFC Coordinator Ann Herpel. I reviewed each of those surveys and found clues to "why folks fly the Coop."

Taigi Smith

RESPECT YOUR
NEIGHBORS

DEAR EDITOR,

Following this short note from me is a thoughtful letter from one of our neighbors on the block who took the time to write to all of us. Our Mission Statement says that "We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor." Please help in any way you can to address the problems outlined below.

In cooperation,
Joe Holtz
General Coordinator

After living on the same block as the Food Coop for 20 years, I can attest to the fact that some of your members are extremely inconsiderate, and they make the rest of you look bad. Those of us who are your neighbors (but not members) put up with a lot of inconvenience. Though we have noticed and appreciate that you are caring for the recently planted trees on the block, there are many actions we regularly witness that are much less neighborly. We'd appreciate if you'd

consider this list of do's and don'ts the next time you visit the Coop:

Don't park in front of the firehouse; blocking the firehouse puts lives in danger.

Don't park in spots designated for firemen; free parking is one of the few perks they get for risking their lives every day.

Don't ride your bike on the sidewalk. If you're 13 or older, it's illegal, never mind dangerous to pedestrians.

If your dog barks incessantly as soon as you are out of view, don't tie him/her up outside while you shop or work your shift. It is unkind to your animal and unkind to our ears. Leave your pet home or ask someone to keep him/her company while you're inside.

Don't unload your groceries into your bike carriers and leave the cardboard boxes behind. Though they may be biodegradable, the boxes are quickly used by others as a receptacle for coffee cups, empty bottles, and dog waste. It falls on your neighbors to bag and dispose of this trash.

If your cart tips over and your groceries end up on the sidewalk, don't leave broken glass, tomato sauce, or eggs for us to clean up. Go back to the Coop, get a broom or a bucket of water and take care of the mess.

If a truck is double-parked while delivering to the Coop and traffic is unable to pass, don't let the situation degenerate into gridlock, horn-honking, yelling, and fisticuffs. Instead of watching from the sidewalk, help direct traffic.

The next time you see a fellow member acting inconsiderately, call them on it, don't just look the other way. A *New York Times* article last year reported that people who purchase organic food were less considerate than the average person; please prove those researchers wrong. Though you may not reside on Union Street, we are all neighbors.

Sincerely,
Your Neighbors on Union Street

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE
ON PLASTIC BAGS

DEAR MEMBERS:

I suspect that many of us members are confused about the proposal to phase out the free distribution of plastic produce bags at the Coop. In theory I'm in favor of phasing out plastic produce bags, but not at the expense of the Coop's smooth operations. And what does phasing out free distribution actually mean? Is the emphasis on the word "free" or are the words "phasing out" the priority? If free distribution is being phased out, does that mean that bags will cost money or that they just won't be available? I've seen inconsistencies in the proposal and discussions of it, as to what we are really being asked to vote on. And I'm very concerned by the

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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 firsthand observation.
2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.
3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

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

BDS TOPICS:

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

TO THE EDITOR:

Labeling West Bank Products.

The EU has called for labels differentiating Israeli products made within the 1949 border from those made in the West Bank. According to Israel's Foreign Ministry, this would hurt Jews—but harm some 22,500 Arabs working in West Bank Israeli towns far more.

Palestinian employees of Jewish-owned West Bank businesses earn on average 88% more than those working in Arab towns. They also receive health benefits, pension rights and social benefits usually unavailable to other Palestinians. If the aim of BDS and the EU is to help Palestinian Arabs, then labeling goods as "from the settlements" is counterproductive, the report continued. "The labeling issue affects [Palestinian] employment, income level, youth unemployment, and the wealth of [Palestinian] Arabs" (*Boston Herald, Jerusalem Post*).

SodaStream, Popular BDS Target, Skyrockets. Despite BDS' best efforts, Sodastream is doing better than ever. PepsiCo is negotiating to buy out the Israeli-based company for \$2 billion. In Germany SodaStream's shares shot up nearly 20% after the report. Exporting to 45 countries, revenues rose 55% in 2012 and 54% so far in 2013 (*Dailyfinance.com*).

Los Angeles Shoots Down BDS. Rejecting the BDS movement aimed at bringing economic pressure on Israel, the L.A. City Council unanimously approved a resolution to continue awarding city contracts without regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (*LA Indymedia: Activist News*).

Queen Elizabeth Honors Israeli Professor. Buckingham Palace announced that as part of her "Birthday Honours List" the British Queen will recognize Professor David Newman of Ben-Gurion University for advocating academic partnership between countries and opposing the U.K. academic boycott of Israel. (*haaretz.com*).

BDS Leaders Oppose Peace Talks with Israel. At the annual BDS conference at Bethlehem University Omar Barghouti, head of global BDS, said that talks are "absolutely useless" even if they include freezing Israeli construction. Barghouti (a graduate student at Tel Aviv University majoring in Ethics) continued proclaiming animosity toward the Jewish state, saying, "The only alternative [to boycotts] is violence" (*Israel National News.com*).

Israel to Build 1,140 Palestinian Homes. The Civil Administration of the West Bank submitted plans to build 1,140 homes for Palestinian in Area C (currently under Israeli civil/military control until final status

is determined through negotiations). They would provide a legal housing solution for Palestinians living in inadequate, illegally constructed homes and unauthorized villages not properly connected to utilities. The plan was made with the understanding of the Palestinian Authority and heads of the Palestinian villages (*Jerusalem Post*).

70 Gaza Farmers Attend Tel Aviv Agriculture Conference/Exhibit. *Palestine Today* reports \$450 million currently in trade between Israel and Gaza. Opportunities to export fruit and vegetables to the Israeli market could be game-changing to Gaza farmers and their relationships with Israeli farmers. "We want to sell in Israel," said Mahmoud Ikhlaï, chairman of Beit Lahiya Cooperative. "The Israel market is a good market. All the time we and Israel are in contact. We are neighbors," he added (*Jerusalem Post*).

Ruth Bolletino

FOURTH NATIONAL BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS CONFERENCE: BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY, JUNE 8, 2013

COOP MEMBERS:

The all-day conference, organized by the BDS National Committee, was the fourth of a series of national BDS conferences held in Palestine since the 2005 Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel. There were almost 30 speakers in three sessions and closed with nine concurrent workshops.

700 attended: bused from Ramallah, Hebron, Haifa, Jenin, Jaffa, Nablus, Jerusalem, Qalqilya, Tulkarim, Lydda, Salfit, Palestinians from abroad, and several Israeli activists from Boycott from Within. Omar Barghouti, the BDS movement co-founder, described the meeting as the most successful BDS conference in Palestine, with a huge cross section of Palestinian society.

Barghouti: 2013's conference slogan was "spreading BDS locally: as campaigns." This is the first time we will design BDS campaigns in the nine workshops. Each will develop a plan of action for BDS locally until next year; workshops: youth/students, women, prisoners' support, agricultural sector, tourism sector, trade and professional unions, civil society organizations, official level, and international BDS.

Opening Session: The head of the University expressed his support for BDS (first time publicly). Video of support for the conference from Desmond Tutu (South African anti-apartheid activist, retired Anglican bishop) said of the Israelis: "they might be strutting around as if they are invincible, but they are on the side of the wrong. One day Palestinians will walk tall, free citi-

zens of a free Palestine.'

1st Session: 10 speakers focused on BDS initiatives: local and international. Anger was voiced: the Palestinian Authority (PA) has not followed through on promises from 2010 to prevent the "ubiquity" of settlement products in Palestinian shops in the West Bank. A local activist described issuing certificates to Palestinian stores that boycotted Israeli products. An example of a triumph: the recent termination of certain G4S (British security firm) contracts in illegal settlements. The Kairo Palestine (Orthodox Church) document endorsed BDS (triggering international backlash from Israeli supporters). The document asserts Christianity is oriental, Middle Eastern and Palestinian.

2nd Session: Strategies to combat normalization: Speakers denounced efforts by Israel and its collaborators to normalize the occupation in various arenas: (cultural, academic, economic, youth/students) using powerful financial incentives: scholarships to universities, travel, dialogue with Israelis. Many demanded the PA make laws to punish normalization. Several said the PA was undermining boycott efforts through joint initiatives with Israel. Normalization was a deliberate attempt to undermine BDS.

3rd Session: Facing the Public: This session was intended for activists to hold the representatives of the PA and Palestinian Liberation Organization to account for its participation in normalization and security coordination with Israel. The Minister of Economy, after rudely responding to an audience member, walked out. Barghouti, representing civil society on the panel, put the focus on the importance of people taking the initiative and resist without waiting for anyone's permission.

An attendee summed up the day: "a great indicator of the unity of our people."

Source: Asa Winstanley

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

ARGUMENT BY CELEBRITY & DECEPTION

TO THE EDITOR:

In our celebrity-obsessed culture, BDS supports its indictments of Israel with lists of musicians, actors, and writers, and recently a physicist, as though these are the endorsements of the gods. But it's doubtful that any or all of these luminaries have dutifully spent time studying and hearing both sides of this highly complex geopolitical issue and pursuing and reviewing the evidence versus the propaganda. In truth, celebrity boycotts lend no credibility whatsoever to the legitimacy of BDS and its hyperbolic claims of apartheid, international law violations, and the so-called right-of-return

for Palestinian refugees and their descendants, claims repeatedly and compellingly refuted in these pages and elsewhere.

That said, we would hope at the very least for truth in reporting. But in addition to the debunking (by Jesse Rosenfeld, 5/16/13) of claims made in the *Gazette* and elsewhere that Bruce Willis, Jean Claude Van Damme, and Woody Allen support the boycott, the *Toronto Star* recently corrected an earlier report that actress Meg Ryan is boycotting Israel, a claim also made in these pages. According to the *Star*, Ryan's publicist has denied that she supports any boycott of Israel.^[1] And contrary to the claim that Stevie Wonder's cancellation of an appearance at a Los Angeles fundraising concert for the Israeli Defense Forces was a "boycott victory" as described in the *Gazette*, the *Star* reported that Mr. Wonder hasn't refused to perform in Israel and plans to contribute to organizations supporting disabled Israeli and Palestinian children. And according to the Committee for Accuracy in Middle-East Reporting in America, musician Lenny Kravitz, also identified in the *Gazette* as a boycott supporter, in fact cancelled a performance in Israel only because of an unexpected extension of a film contract, not because of the boycott.^[2]

On a happier note—not that it adds any weight to either side—despite a written appeal made to Alicia Keys by Alice Walker: "It would grieve me to know you are putting yourself in danger (soul danger) by performing in an apartheid country..." Ms. Keys has said "I look forward to my first visit to Israel. Music is a universal language that is meant to unify audiences in peace and love..."^[3] Note also that in 2010, tennis player Venus Williams agreed to defend her title in Dubai only if Israeli player Shahar Peer was admitted to the Emirates, where the two played under heavy guard which unfortunately limited their audience.^[4] So when it comes to celebrities it's a wash but argument by celebrity is no way to defend a political position.

Remember these false celebrity boycott claims in the broader light of the BDS claims of active boycott of Israel by Hampshire College, Harvard, Motorola, and TIAA-CREF. What do these all have in common? They've all been revealed as BDS hoaxes.^[5,6]

^[1]www.thestar.com/opinion/corrections/2013/05/24/news_corrections.html

^[2]www.camera.org/index.asp?x_context=2&x_outlet=147&x_article=2484

^[3]www.artsbeat.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/05/31/despite-protests-alicia-keys-says-she-will-perform-in-tel-aviv/

^[4]www.sports.espn.go.com/sports/tennis/news/story?id=4927251

^[5]www.huffingtonpost.com/ben-s-cohen/another-israel-divestment_b_786196.html

^[6]www.divestthis.com/category/bds-other/bds-hoax-bds-other/page/4

Sylvia Lowenthal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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General Coordinators' strong opposition to the proposal in its current incarnation: these people live and breathe the Coop and are extremely sustainability/green-oriented and if they don't like the current proposal, it warrants taking seriously (even if not as gospel).

Also, it occurs to me to ask why the thin plastic produce bags are being targeted rather than all the little containers with food in plastic, which seems like a much bigger issue. I re-use the produce bags for produce, carrying lunch items that could leak,

and even scooping litter. I try to re-use the plastic tubs for carrying lunch items, but let's face it: most of those get recycled and not re-used. But those containers would seem to pose a much bigger challenge to sustainability than the produce bags, and the produce bags can even avoid illness.

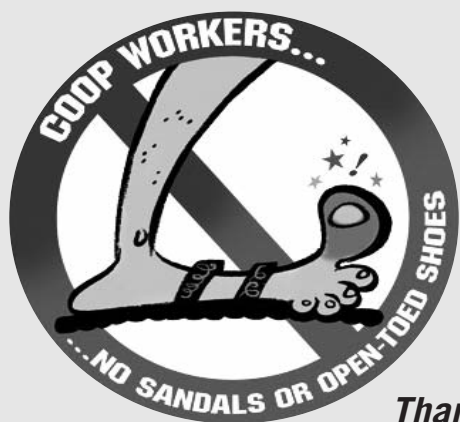
While I carry at least one Chico-bag sling in my purse most of the time and try to carry at least one cloth sac for produce, it isn't realistic for me to be self-sufficient and carry all possible bags with me in case I, say, want to stop at the Coop on the way home

from work (and many of us don't live at a location that would allow us to stop at home to pick up our produce bags before heading to the Coop). And those cloth bags certainly have failed me when bagging up, for example, bulk salted peanuts (salt ended up everywhere), so I have learned that sometimes plastic is the best option.

I've felt strongly for a while that the best approach to plastic produce bags would be heavy taxation that would change behavior. Now that Metrocards cost \$1, the number of discarded and abandoned Metrocards seems to have been reduced to near nil. If produce bags each cost (say) 25¢ at checkout, even as an "honor system" thing where the

checkout worker asks the member how many new bags they have and then adds a non-taxable \$1 for four bags, I think that would significantly reduce overuse of the bags while leaving them available. I'm aware that that approach would create new issues and might not be palatable to Coop employees (which deserves serious respect and consideration) or some other members, but seems like a middle-ground approach. The point being, however, that the current proposal is simply too vague in its current incarnation to allow for a proper vote. While I respect the proponents and their very good intentions, some fine-tuning and clarification is in order.

Jeanne R. Solomon



Please protect your feet and toes while working your shift at the Coop by not wearing sandals or other open-toed footwear.

*Thanks for your cooperation,
The Park Slope Food Coop*

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**People's Alliance
Federal Credit Union**

Cayuga Pure Organics urgently needs your financial help!

Cayuga suffered a devastating fire on May 30 and needs to raise \$200,000 by July 28 to replace equipment and building. Without these facilities, Cayuga will be unable to process and distribute their grains and beans.

Cayuga Pure Organics is the Coop's supplier of New York-grown, organic, non-GMO black beans, pinto beans, oat groats, soybeans and other heirloom varieties.

Collection boxes are located at the cashier stations, entrance desk or Membership Office. You can also donate on-line at <http://igg.me/at/cpo/csfb>.

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

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop.

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

SAT, JUN 29

2-4 p.m. Sour Power: Learn How to Make Sauerkraut and Probiotic Veggies for Vibrant Health! Third Root Community Health Center, 380 Marlborough Rd., \$25-\$35 sliding scale. To register, e-mail: registrations@thirdroot.org. More info at: www.thirdroot.org/events/workshops/#sourpower.

FRI, JUL 12

6:30 p.m. The latest film from Deborah Koons Garcia, *Symphony of the Soil*, will screen at the IFC

Center, (323 Sixth Ave., NY, NY). Tickets are \$13.50 available online or at the box office. For more info: www.ifccenter.com/films/symphony-of-the-soil.



Please Note...

The Coop will no longer accept special orders for Vitamins and Supplements.

Please plan accordingly as there will be no exceptions.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Why this change? Vitamin/supplement special orders have increased and we currently lack the staffing to process them. Our staff will concentrate on maintaining the vitamin aisle for the membership at large.

Updates will be posted in the Vitamin aisle, the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, and on foodcoop.com.



REMINDER: CHILDREN UNDER 18 WORKING/SHOPPING AT THE COOP

For more than 25 years, we have had the following policy on children working, as per the Membership Manual:

In accordance with the laws of New York State, children between the ages of 14 and 18 may work in the Coop only if a copy of their working papers are filed in the Membership Office. Children must also have a specially designated "Child of" Membership Card that specifies "working papers on file." Children with the above doc-

umentation may come to work in the place of members of your household. They will not have their "own" Coop workslots until they turn 18.

There are several restrictions to children under the age of 18 working and shopping at the Coop, even if they have working papers on file and have "Child of" Membership cards. No child 18 or younger, with or without working papers, may work checkout or cashier. This rule stems from the New York State Liquor Law and from our concern for

accuracy and speed in these crucial jobs. Neither may your child work for people outside of your household, even if they are related to you. Finally, for reasons of safety, Coop kids under the age of 16 are prohibited from entering the Receiving areas on the shopping floor and the basement.


When your at-home child turns 18 and is out of high school, he/she will be required to join the Coop as a working member.


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For further information, see page 30 of the Membership Manual.

☆ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ☆

Maintenance Commando Crew

Sunday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

This squad works a 6-hour shift, once every 12 weeks. These squads are supervised by a paid staff member, Ibraim Dauti, who will assign members various cleaning and maintenance projects throughout the Coop that are done best during the hours when the Coop is closed. A few examples of projects would be mopping the Shopping, Receiving and Office floors; vacuuming staircases, offices and beams; cleaning the produce cases, etc. This workslot involves physical and dirty work and working to help maintain a high standard of cleanliness in the Coop. (Note: Members of this squad say the shift goes quickly because they work steadily throughout the shift. Mid-way through the shift members take 30-minute break.)



Check Store Supplies

Monday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

This workslot is responsible for restocking supplies on the Shopping floor, at check-out 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 proactive. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

Bathroom Cleaning

Monday, Thursday, 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.

Office Data Entry

Thursday and Friday, 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 to schedule training. Must make a six-month commitment to this workslot.



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Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's products blog.

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

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

THANK YOU!

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

Lenny Adler	Liz Clary	Michael Gordon	Christopher Jagger	Ileana Mendez-Penate	James Ruschak	Emily Weiser
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