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Annual Meeting/ General Meeting, June '13

By Suzanne Sataline

At the Coop's combined Annual and General Meeting on June 25, 2013, members selected new board members and approved the Coop's annual financial audit, showing a healthy rise in assets and equity and—for many members—learned about an unexpected large pot of cash in the kitty.

Money Matters

The Coop's financials are so healthy—with net income of \$221,543 and nearly \$2.3 million in cash on hand in February—that the organization can think about embarking on ambitious projects, be they expansion, renovations or helping other coops get started, said Joe Holtz, the PSFC's General Manager. The prospect of major change highlighted much of the three-hour meeting.

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"A few years ago we weren't building up so much money. It's kind of to be determined ... what do we do," Holtz said. "Do we lower prices, and if we do would that be risky?... Do we open up a branch? Would that be putting the Coop at risk? Do we make more money available to help other coops?"



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This is new territory. We're not used to it yet."

Allen Zimmerman, General Coordinator, noted late in the meeting that people clearly seemed "uneasy" about the cash buildup. He said we did replace the old air-conditioning system with an even more environmentally friendly air-conditioning system. Another idea is to replace the produce cases with ones that will be much easier to clean and maintain. "The old ones are falling apart," Zimmerman said. "We have a member studying the front [section of the Coop] to make it more efficient. If we

come up with a design and replace fixtures and replace some of the software and hardware it will be very expensive. It's not just money sitting there idly."

Board Members Elected

GM attendees also elected two members to the Board of Directors—Imani Q'ryn, a current board member, and Zoey Laskaris, who joined the Coop at age five. Members also elected officers of the Board. Bill Penner was brought back for another term as president. Q'ryn was elected as vice president. Jesse Rosenfeld was

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Why Join...and Stay in the PSFC?

By Kristin Wartman

With such a diverse membership, I've often wondered if there was any overarching theme for why people become Coop members and why they stay. Based on roughly a dozen interviews, it turns out there are in fact two main themes. Most people I interviewed said that they appreciated the sense of community and the access to inexpensive, good-quality food. No big surprises there—but I did find that for some, being a Coop member is nothing short of a radical political act, while for others, it's simply all about the food.

Looking for Good Food... And Community

Luna Rafael Gomez, who has been a member for 13 years, says that he is a strong believer in teamwork and community. "I think the system is good and the people who are members of the food Coop are great. This is a venue for us to know each other, for the people that live in this area to have a point of reference to get to know each

other." Gomez added that he is sometimes dismayed when people say the Coop is all about getting "cheap" food. "I think that is incorrect, I don't look at it like that. The point is, working with people and what life is supposed to be about—looking at each other as a community not just as a group of people who go by each other and they don't know what's happening."

Tracey Dye, a member for 15 years, agrees. "I like the idea of a community. I think it's a rare opportunity in this country to be involved with each other. I know people here that I've worked with on the same shift for a long period of time and we've talked about our kids growing older so we have connections, which is kind of nice. It makes purchase power somehow more personable."

Dave Ashkenazy also says he really appreciates being involved in a collective. "Even though it has its quirks, I do feel good about doing my part in keeping it going. It's my home away from home

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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.

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on the Coop website at www.foodcoop.com and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

Coop Event Highlights

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

Tue, Aug 13 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Forks Over Knives 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Sep 5 • Food Class: Healthy Indian Cuisine 7:30 p.m.

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

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Annual Meeting

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reelected as secretary. General Coordinator Tricia Leith was reelected as treasurer.

The Coop enjoyed a healthy year in which net cash provided by operations increased \$409,000 from fiscal year 2012 to 2013, said Robert Reitman, who is with the accounting firm Cornick, Garber, Sandler, CPA.

Expenses also increased—including sales costs and operations, but that's because sales rose by more than \$3 million—from \$44.7 million to nearly \$48 million—and the year's statement was based on 53 weeks, rather than the previous year's 52. The after-tax income fell from \$400,000 in the previous year to \$222,000 in the year ending in February 2013. The Coop has held a gross profit margin of 17% consistently year to

year, Reitman said.

The Coop's total assets—including cash and inventory—exceeded \$7.1 million as of February 3, while liabilities were just \$3.3 million, \$1.9 million less than the previous year. One of the big reasons for that drop in liabilities was that the Coop eliminated nearly \$2.5 million in a pension plan liability, Reitman said.

The Coop entered into a self-insured health plan for its employees, keeping costs down. Health benefits cost the Coop \$943,796 in the last year, up from the previous year by about \$72,000. The cost of employee pensions also rose, from nearly \$428,000 to nearly \$603,000.

The Coop had nearly \$2.3 million in cash in February, leading member Gordon Suber to ask why. "Do I understand that we keep \$2 million in a checking account that is

noninterest bearing?" he asked.

Holtz said the Coop gets a credit for the balance from Citibank that is higher than the interest that would be earned in a money market account. "We're depositing \$10 million a year into the bank," he said. "Our bank fees are way lower than they were 10, 12 years ago because we're getting a bigger credit."

General Coordinator Tricia Leith added, "If you look at our liabilities, we're taking in almost a million a week in sales and paying out \$800,000 to vendors. You have to have money in your checking account."

Phoebe Berg, who works in food processing, said she was concerned that the Coop uses Citibank, which was "responsible for crashing the economy," she said. "Is it possible to move out of the big banks and have all the Coop money in a credit union and small local banks?... It's appalling we're banking with Citibank."

"This is a problematic thing," Leith said. "We actually need a bank that's in walking distance... We can't have people walking over to People's Alliance Federal Credit. They're all the way across Flatbush. We're sort of stuck with the big banks."

Board member Monique Bowen said there "are ways we could move \$250,000 to a credit union... that's something first to consider."

The audience voted to accept the financial statement and to retain Cornick, Garber, Sandler's services for another year at an estimated cost of \$57,500.

Before Q'ryn and Laskaris were elected, they and two other candidates told the audience of several hundred members why they wanted to serve as board members.

Q'ryn said she loves that "every member of the Coop has a voice, that every member can say what happens to that \$2 million in the bank.... As a Board member I want to give, to honor your voice and your vote."

Sara Matthews, a member for 21 years, said she has worked on receiving and renovation, and she was one of the designers on the Coop renovation project. She's currently co-chair of the signage committee, "trying to reduce visual clutter." She travels the world photographing vineyards and wineries.

Laskaris, a member for 23 years, said she would like to

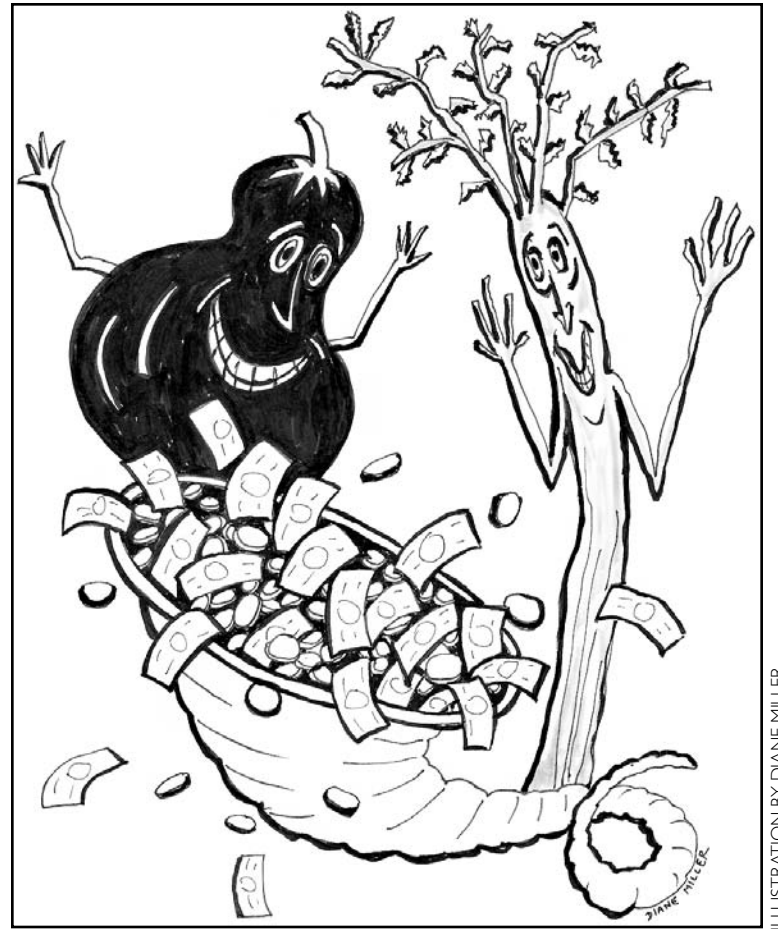


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No New Member Orientations will be held from Sunday, August 4 thru Monday, September 2.

Orientations will resume on the normal schedule as of Wednesday, September 4 at 10 a.m. (Seats for that Orientation will be available on foodcoop.com as of Wednesday, August 21 at 10 a.m.)

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PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee

serve as a representative for the younger generation of Coop members.

Deena Hays said she would work to ensure that the board not make or ratify illegal decisions and to question decisions of the staff. "If you feel you've been given advice from members that's harmful or illegal, you should not ratify that," she said.

Q'ryn replied to that: "I don't know any of us that would ratify something that was illegal," she said.

One audience member asked the candidates to say what they would propose doing with the Coop's profit.

"The people to answer that question, 'What should the answer be,' are over there—the 16,000 of us," Q'ryn said. It's not a decision for the board, she said.

Laskaris agreed that it's not the board's role.

Another audience member asked the candidates to describe, in 10 words or less, the most important issue facing the Coop to date.

Q'ryn said she didn't know. Matthews said the choice about what to do with the Coop's profits. Laskaris said she was "more interested in your opinion." Hays replied, "Clear communication for governance for decision making that represents our needs."

Q'ryn and Laskaris were the top vote-getters. The final tally for the new board members was:

Q'ryn: 1,267 yes, 119 no;

Laskaris: 1,192 yes, 168 no;

Matthews: 773 yes, 221 no;

Hays: 94 yes, 825 no.

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Coop member Rodger Parsons told the audience that members should join a lobby to stop a proposed trade agreement that will let food from overseas that might not meet U.S. safety standards—The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership—be sold stateside. The White House says that T-TIP would open European Union markets, increasing the \$458 billion in goods and private services the United States exported in 2012 to the EU, the country's largest export market.

Parsons said that the agreement would require that all member countries abide by the same food and health standards, and not necessarily the rigorous ones enforced in the United States.

"This is corporate power superseding democratically elected governments," said member Susan Metz.

Metz, a retired shopping squad leader, told the audience that she is proposing that the Coop start a project to write the history of the Park Slope Food Coop. "We want to make it as inclusive and transparent as possible," she said, "both in the collection and writing and the whole process gathering the information and writing it up." She asked for volunteers, especially "if you have research-writing skills, media, tech." The project volunteers want people to be able to get workslot credit for participating.

The meeting also noted the retirement of Audrey Miller Komaroff, a 38-year member of the Coop who served 10 years on the board. ■

Energy Efficiency at the PSFC

By Lily Rothman

In November 2008, when the Coop was awarded Energy Star certification by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the achievement was front-page news in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. "[The EPA] scored the store a 93 out of 100 in energy efficiency," the article proclaimed. "A rating of 75 merits the star, and no other supermarket in Brooklyn has earned the distinction." The plaque that has adorned the building's facade ever since serves as a reminder of that honor. And many of the Coop members who first convened to work toward that milestone are still hard at work making our building even more energy efficient.

Making the Coop an Energy-Saving Star

"The original focus was to get an Energy Star rating for the Food Coop," explains Michael Bobker, an FTOP worker who has been working on energy efficiency since the Coop's early efforts to gain the star. "We did that, and since then we've been looking at different ways the Coop can save energy."

Bobker and his colleagues are at the heart of that effort. The small group comprises several Coop members who have had long professional careers in the energy-efficiency business as engineers and consultants, and who put their extensive knowledge to use for the store, using their monthly shift hours to save kilowatt-hours.

"[We are] responsible for the energy use of the Food Coop, how it's being used and what kind, whether it's appropriate green power and how well the Coop is managing its energy use," says Robert Sauchelli, who has been a key player in the Coop's energy-conservation efforts.

Sauchelli, who works at the EPA for the Energy Star program, dealing with energy-efficient buildings, joined the then-nascent group at the Coop dedicated to lessening our energy footprint. Back then, Sauchelli, Bobker and the rest of the group helped the Coop install a more efficient refrigeration system and replaced many of the lighting fixtures in the building, as well as introducing a system that allowed the heating and

cooling system to make use of the hot and cold air produced by the Coop's freezing and refrigeration equipment. It may sound like a lot—and 93 out of 100 may sound pretty close to perfect—but the Coop is, unbeknownst to many members, right in the middle of another round of efficiency improvements.

"You may have noticed that inside the freezer cases, the lights switched to LED. And we just finished a project changing the motors in the cooling cases," says Sauchelli. "There are these behind-the-scenes things we worked on that people probably aren't aware of."

Small Changes Add Up to Big Gains

Another project begun this spring was an effort to add more-efficient anti-sweat heater controllers to 20 doors' worth of frozen-food cases, a way to prevent foggy build-up on the inside of the case. (Fog just means more humidity for the machinery to work to get rid of.) Though these projects aren't as easy for shoppers to notice, they make a big dent. In the scheme of things, the actions that shoppers can take and are likely to notice—like not leaving the freezer door open for a long time—are, while important, too tiny to make a major difference in the overall energy use of the building. Besides, Sauchelli says, those who work to curb energy use at the Coop don't expect shoppers not to open those doors, since that's why the doors are there: the energy-use plan for the building takes into account that kind of thing. (And, likewise, Energy Star compares grocery stores to other grocery stores and similar buildings, acknowledging that high-energy-use businesses can't be measured

against something like a private home.)

A Bright Idea For Savings

At the moment, Sauchelli adds, the energy-efficiency group is working on a larger project to review the Coop's lighting. An outside audit was performed to assess the energy use of the fixtures and bulbs. The audit company has already installed demonstration products that will use less energy. If the energy-efficiency group members and Coop staff who work with them like the new lighting, it will stay.

Odds are, however, that efficient lighting won't meet much resistance. "Generally the kind of lighting that's more modern and more efficient is going to make the Coop look better too," says Sauchelli. "The more modern lights show the natural colors that are in the food, so a tomato really looks red." That's because modern lights are often a true white, whereas older bulbs can add a yellow cast to whatever they illuminate.

"Most importantly, we're not hurting the Earth."

And there's the even bigger matter of money: newer lighting doesn't just equal red tomatoes and green grapes; it means less money spent keeping those lights on.

The Coop's bills are not negligible. For the year that ended February 3, 2013, we spent \$27,460 on gas, \$168,271 on normal electricity and \$17,535 on a portion of electricity received through a wind-energy program, according to Coop General Coordinator Joe Holtz.

That's why, according to Robert Sauchelli, it's important to look at the figure he

calls "payback" on a new system when it's installed. That's how many years you have to use a more efficient system before the savings equal the amount it cost to install, the point in time at which it has effectively paid for itself. After that point, you're looking at pure savings—and the payback on the new freezer-case motors, for example, is just a few years. The lighting project that's in process will have a payback of two to four years, Sauchelli says. (That's a very good number, he adds.) In many cases, it's also possible to get rebates from utility companies for switching to more efficient appliances and equipment.


But the number one reason for the energy efficiency says the Coop's Joe Holtz, is not attractive lighting or dollars in the bank.

"The thought was that the Coop has long been very interested in energy efficiency and being a good environmental citizen," he says. When the PSFC installed its very first air-conditioning system in 1991, effort was made to minimize the environmental impact by using a type of AC that would not harm the ozone layer, even though it would be more expensive when repairs were inevitably

needed. And the Coop's air-conditioning also has no impact on the local energy ecosystem, since it uses natural gas and just a small amount of electricity, meaning that it's "basically off the grid," says Holtz. In the hot summer months, the Coop doesn't contribute to the threat of blackouts. (But that doesn't mean blackouts don't affect the building: that tiny drop of electricity is necessary to get the gas-powered portion up and running.) That goal of not impacting the environment is also the motivation behind the wind-energy program.

"Most importantly, we're not hurting the Earth," says Holtz.

Which is all the more reason for the energy-efficiency group to resist resting on its laurels. So, if you didn't already guess, here's another reason for all the recent efficiency improvements: the Coop plans to try again soon, after all the lighting upgrades are done, for an even better Energy Star rating. And as for Sauchelli? He's recently retired from his energy-curbing role at the Coop—but not from caring about energy efficiency. He recently installed energy-efficient lights in his own basement. ■



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Why Join the PSFC

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and I always run into people I know and meet new, interesting people. I'll be a member as long as it's around and continues to have great products." Ashkenazy adds that he loves the fresh produce and the fact that he can eat "almost all organic on a musician's budget."

More Than Just The Price Point...

Shopping on a tight budget was the other main theme and some said they simply wouldn't be able to afford the higher-quality foods without the Coop's great prices. Andrei Finocchiaro, a member for eight years, said that he joined for the prices. "Honestly, food was cheaper here." But he adds that access to "some fresh items and off-the-wall items that you don't normally find in the supermarket, like prosciutto, crazy vinegars and good olive oils" keeps him coming back.

Amber Lemons, who was shopping one hot afternoon with a tiny baby strapped to her chest, said she first joined because it was the cheapest place in the neighborhood to shop. "It was cheaper than Key Food and Back to the Land." But Lemons adds that being from Alaska, where there isn't much variety in grocery shopping, she grew to really appreciate the diversity of products that the Coop has to offer. "It came to be about much more than just the cheap food—it was all the variety—that alone was worth joining and I eat better, too," she said. "It was a win-win situation: save money, eat better and enjoy all the variety. It's what keeps me here."

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Zezlie Blyden, who has been a member since 1989, said that she was always very interested in healthy eating. "Having the bulk area appealed to me and also all the organic fruit and vegetables." Ditto for Alexander Gorlizki, who was stocking the shelves when I caught up with him. "I like being able to buy the organic food and the prices being reasonable." He adds that he also really likes the community and what the



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Coop stands for.

Amy Seek has been a member for five years and said that the Coop actually makes shopping easier. "I feel I can trust that they've preshopped for me with all my values in mind—environmental, ethical, economic. I don't have to read too many labels or wonder how fresh the produce is. I hate grocery shopping, so it's valuable to me to be able to get in and out quickly without worrying about the bigger costs."

Seek says that the work requirement is a small price to pay, and that she's met a lot of people through her work shift. She adds that "Helping to run a small business, I appreciate the rules set up by the Coop and am impressed by how well it all works."

Seek adds that every time she shops at another store she's disappointed by the price, quality and selection. "And I sense that my money is likely going somewhere I'd rather it not." At least one other member mentioned a fear of the "conventional grocery store." "They scare me!" says member Dawn Brighid. "Local, sustainable food is very important to me and we have such a wonderful selection at the Coop ... especially the beautiful produce in the summer months." Brighid said that what has kept her coming back over the past 10 years is the selection, the prices and supporting a coop as an alternative to a traditional grocery store.

Elana Berman, a Coop member for six years, has remained a member over the

years for "the convenience of having fresh, well-sourced food at great prices." Berman adds that she really appreciates many aspects of the Coop, "especially how it brings community together and that it is a thriving local business with an equal ownership model." She adds that "The produce and cheese selection are great and the chocolate, too."

A member since 1987, Jeff Prant sees membership at the Coop as an important political act. "The Coop inspires people to think about food in a way that is conscious and engaged. This contrasts with how society has seen its relationship with food for the last 60 years; with a premium placed on prepackaged convenience, large-scale

mechanized agriculture, and a complete separation between food producer and food consumer." Prant adds that "By virtue of its size, structure and prominence within the larger community, the Coop is in many ways a one-of-a-kind innovation. It's hard to imagine not wanting to be part of it."

Whether we join for the cheese and the chocolate or to make a larger political statement, one thing all members agreed upon is the unique experience that is the Coop. Or as member Amber Lemons put it, "This is a very unique way to grocery shop—not just here in New York City but in the whole U.S.—and whenever I do get frustrated, I'm like, those tomatoes in July? It's not an issue." ■

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Greening the Rooftops

By the Brooklyn Backyard Brigade, a Project of the Park Slope Food Coop's Safe Food Committee

A green roof is often described as a living extension of an existing or newly constructed roof incorporating a waterproof membrane and root barrier, a drainage system, lightweight soil and plants. A green roof not only adds a beautiful green space to your home, it also increases property values while offering substantial benefits to the environment. In Brooklyn, green roofs help provide insulation to a building, and they reduce the volume of storm water runoff by absorbing and retaining water that would otherwise flood the storm sewer system, resulting in sewage spills and overflows.

Before starting a green-roof project, those renovating a building should assess, along with a structural engineer, how much weight the structure can bear and the condition of the roof membrane. Building owners should also agree on how much maintenance they are willing to put into the longevity of the roof.

Green roofs are divided into three types of systems: extensive, intensive and hybrid. The main differences are the amount of soil (growing medium), with extensive using six inches or less, and intensive using more than six inches. Hybrids might include areas of both types. The choice between these systems is often based on the load-bearing capacity of the

roof as well as budget, maintenance costs, visibility and access to the roof. Costs can run \$12–\$25 per square foot for an extensive green roof with no irrigation system if the existing structure is sufficient, but may cost \$12–\$40 per square foot for an intensive green roof if additional structure and irrigation is required.

Case Study: Chocolate Factory Condominiums

In 2009, six years after the Cocoline Chocolate Factory building at 689 Myrtle Avenue had been converted to the Chocolate Factory Condominiums, the building elected to install a green roof. The original roof membrane on our building had been faulty since the conversion, and numerous leaks and damages had occurred. After several attempts at spot repairing proved unsuccessful, it was determined that the only solution was to replace the entire roof membrane.

This full overhaul of the roof prompted the building's board of managers to research several options. We realized we could repair the structural aspects by replacing the roof membrane, and for not much more we could also insulate the building, provide valuable and enjoyable green space for residents and receive a substantial tax abatement from the city by installing a green roof.

We met with several companies who offered a variety of options and solutions. We chose to work with Greensu-

late and Roof Services, who together had completed a number of green roof projects. At 5,000 square feet, however, our roof was going to be the largest they had undertaken in New York.

We chose to do a hybrid green roof with a manual irrigation system. We worked with Greensulate on the design and layout of the roof to incorporate green space, a roof deck with furniture and a walking path around the roof. We wanted the whole area to be accessible so kids could ride tricycles around, and also have an area for viewing the city skyline and fireworks displays. The existing roof had been covered with 5,000 square feet of paver stones. Those were removed and recycled by Greensulate for other projects, and 1,100 square feet were kept to create an elevated area for the building's AC units.

In order to qualify for the city's \$4.50 per square foot tax abatement, we needed to adhere to the following guidelines:

At least 50% of eligible roof space must be covered by the green roof.

A vegetation layer, at least 80% of which must be covered by live plants such as sedum or equally drought-resistant and hardy plant species.

The 80% coverage means spacing of plants in a manner that will cover 80% of the layer by the end of the compliance period (the year the tax abatement is granted). A New York State-licensed and registered architect, engineer, landscape architect or horticulturist with a degree

or certificate from an accredited training institute must certify the vegetative layer.

A weatherproof and waterproof roofing membrane compliant with construction and fire codes.

A root-barrier layer.

An insulation layer compliant with energy, fire and construction codes.

A drainage layer designed so the drains can be inspected and cleaned.

A growth medium including natural or simulated soil at least two inches in depth.

Maintenance plan that includes a semi-annual inspection, plans for plant replacement, monthly inspections of drains free from debris and maintenance of green roof for a minimum of four years after the tax abatement is granted.

We were able to include all of the amenities we wanted for the building, qualify for the tax abatement and take steps to reduce our impact on the environment.

Greensulate chose a sedum mix, native grasses, creeping thyme, echinacea, black-eyed susans and lavender plants as the main elements of the green roof's vegetation. They also sourced decking and walkway materials constructed from synthetic wood made

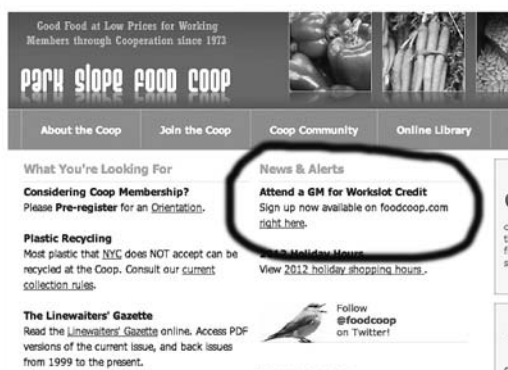
of recycled shopping bags, keeping 590,000 bags out of the landfill.

The green roof has become our building's most loved amenity, and is enjoyed year round by residents. Solar lights installed in the decking make a safe illuminated walkway for evening visits. Patio areas have increased community gatherings in the building and provide a green space otherwise lacking in our neighborhood.

The building also received a \$16,000 tax abatement from the city for complying with the green initiatives program, and was surprised to learn that it was the first green roof in New York City to qualify and receive this tax abatement. Since the roof system was designed in a sustainable fashion, maintenance of the roof has proven to be a small investment. It is widely agreed that the green roof is one the best investments the building has made, continues to be a source of enjoyment and pride for the building and has sparked additional green initiatives and community-building projects.

For photos of our green roof and links to resources for greening your own, visit www.BrooklynBackyard.wordpress.com. ■

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



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MEMBER SUBMISSION

Citywide Sell-Off and Shrinkage of Libraries: Brooklyn Libraries to Be Sold Like Manhattan's Donnell

By Mary Ann Fastook

As Food Coop cooperators I think we appreciate perhaps more fully than others the value of what can be accomplished through community ownership. Do we all know then that the city libraries are being sold and the library system is being shrunk? They are being sold off in real estate deals that are not for the public benefit.

Mayor Bloomberg has been deliberately underfunding libraries when the city is growing, is wealthier and usage of New York City's libraries is way up: 40% programmatically, nearly 60% in terms of circulation. Then we are told that the Mayor's underfunding of the libraries is the reason that the libraries should supposedly be sold! But libraries cost little (less than 0.5% of the city's budget) while funding is ranked a top priority by community boards.

As library real estate sell-off deals are rushed ahead, New York City and library administration officials are regularly shrinking by more than two-thirds the space owned by the libraries. It can be close to three-quarters. The Donnell library in Manhattan was the first sold secretly in 2007. It is being shrunk by more than two-thirds (from 97,000 to 28,000 square feet) and the new space for the "replacement" Donnell is mostly underground and sadly bookless, although demand for physical books is up.

The NYPL is netting only

\$39 million for this five-story library! On Manhattan's 53rd Street, across from the Museum of Modern Art! Its facilities were recently renovated at public expense! The 7,381-square-foot penthouse apartment in the 50-story building going up on this former library site is on the market for \$60 million!

Similarly, the NYPL's Central Library Plan (CLP) involves the reduction of 380,000 square feet down to a mere 80,000 square feet: The Mid-Manhattan library and the recently built Science, Industry and Business Library will be sold and the research stacks of the Central Reference Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street will be demolished. The two libraries sold off creating real estate deals will be crammed into the former reference library stack space.

Now the same thing is being done in Brooklyn. The proposed sale and shrinkage of the Brooklyn Heights Library is the Donnell sale all over again. The Brooklyn Public Library strategic plan calls for ALL of BPL's real estate to be similarly "leveraged." The BPL also announced that it wants to sell the Pacific Branch library which, just like the Brooklyn Heights Library, happens to be next to Forest City Ratner-owned property. The NYPL says it's going to be doing similar things in northern Manhattan (Harlem?), talking about "better service... through fewer service points."

Outrageously, like a condemned man being forced to



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

Library closings, including the Pacific Branch Library at 25 Fourth Ave. in Brooklyn, may be following a recent trend in Manhattan where libraries were sold to real estate developers. The Pacific Branch borders a Forest City Ratner-owned property.

dig his own grave, the public is actually expected to reach into its pockets to finance these sell-offs of public property! The CLP is expected to cost well over \$350 million with at least \$150 million coming from taxpayer funds. The balance is from funds charitably donated to the public being diverted from paying for improvement and necessary repairs of other branches. After sending all this money down the tubes, the public is supposed to be happy that it might cost less to run the shrunk libraries!

If we don't halt these plans, demolitions and contracts initiating these absurd expenditures will soon commence.

The 62,000-square-foot Brooklyn Heights Library was proposed to be reduced to 15,000 (now maybe only to 20,000) square feet. Library officials quibble about the



The City's plan to close neighborhood libraries will affect youths like Jaden, a five-year-old special-needs kindergarten student using the computer at the Hamilton Fish Park Library on E. Houston St. in Manhattan.

space calculations, speaking in terms of equivalent space, usable space, "found" space and the "flexibility" of replacement space built without fixed walls. The bottom line is that

they want to sell what the public owns and leave the public with a lot less.

This is an attack on democracy, benefiting the few at the expense of the many. The sale of both the Brooklyn Heights and the Pacific Branch libraries will amount to the de facto eviction of their users.

All of the above is why I signed the Citizens Defending Libraries petition opposing the sale and shrinkage of the libraries and am part of the Citizens Defending Libraries campaign to make sure our elected public officials and those running for office do the right thing. That means City Council members, the public advocate, the comptroller and even our misbehaving mayor. And all those who want to run for those offices.

I invite you to join me. ■

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MEMBER SUBMISSION

The Coop Versus the *Linewaiters' Gazette*: A Request for Discovery

By David Barouh

Gazette History and Lore:

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is "the Official Newsletter of the Park Slope Food Coop," published by the membership, and administered by members independent of Management. Its status early on was understood as being a *free press for members*. That status was codified when the 10/16/1977 General Meeting passed a resolution proposed by the General Coordinators:

No article will be edited by the *Linewaiters' Gazette* without consent of the author. Basic grammatical and spelling errors are to be corrected by editors, unless requested not to be by the author.

But *Gazette* articles often recount a different history, one of epic struggles with those same Coordinators over *control of content*. From reporter Ed Levy:

Reporters in those ancient days wrote what they wanted, and the Coop coordinators...could and sometimes did change whatever they disagreed with.

...and that:

Specific policies created over the years [by the editors] ensure the paper's autonomy (10/28/2004 *Gazette*).

This account has been disputed by Management. Indeed it's odd to speak of winning an independence the paper had all along—and even stranger given the *Gazette's* own history of editing (and often deleting) member content *without the writer's permission*. Member frustration with this practice has boiled over at several GM discussions.

The 11/26/2002 GM featured reporters' accusations of censorship by the editors. The 4/29/2003 GM probed unwanted edits (response: "some tension in the editing

process seems inevitable") and poor fact-checking (response: "there is little time for thorough fact-checking") (5/15/2003 *Gazette*). The 8/25/2009 GM examined deleting content without consultation with writers. The membership roundly and angrily denounced the practice, prompting the editors to initiate "conferring" with writers.

Who Controls the Gazette?

But the power differential remains; if an editor wants a passage—or an entire piece—out, it's out. Confering doesn't change that. From "Gazette Editorial Policies December 2011":

Bottom line—the editor has the final word on what goes into the article and what goes into the *Gazette*.

The editors are codifying their decades-old practice of stripping writers of control over their content. They claim the unedited letters constitute the *Gazette's* "free press," not acknowledging the smaller word-count, title changes without consultation—even after 2009—and outright rejections for supposed violations of *Gazette* policies, some never approved by the GM. And recall that the 1977 resolution specified that *articles* should not be changed without permission, not just letters.

The Evolution of Editorial Control:

It's not clear how this situation arose. Coordinating Editor Stephanie Golden's account ("A Response to the *Gazette's* Critics" 5/7/2009 letter) invoked a time when "editing was more casual" leading to "complaints about factual inaccuracies, incoherent writing, unsubstantiated claims and potentially libelous attacks." With professional editing, she said,

"those problems diminished."

Early *Gazette* articles, however, were as well written as today's articles. Indeed, the *post-editing Gazette* exhibits all the factually challenged and libelous writing *attributed* to those earlier times. Current fact-checking is not only nonthorough, it's *nonexistent*. But editors have changed or deleted content based on what they *believe* is factual. And they've been wrong—but that's been the writers' tough luck.

"Unsubstantiated claims and potentially libelous attacks" have abounded, for example in BDS exchanges, *which the editors have excused*, writing:

In these matters of political opinion and slant we must allow greater latitude and err on the side of allowing people a platform to disseminate their ideas and political opinions. (3/24/2011 Editor's Note)

Such broad-minded declarations belie the editors' history of deleting content.

The Editors' Role:

Consider this passage from "Gazette Editorial Policies":

Editors are not required to do extensive line editing on Member Submitted Articles. Articles that are very poorly written and/or incoherent will be rejected.

The editors do precious little of what most people consider editing: i.e., grammatical and stylistic improvements, and clarifying writers' intentions. Rather, they *censor*. Terms like *poor writing* and *incoherence* are convenient proxies for rejecting what an editor dislikes or disagrees with. Writers have *no recourse* when they object to editors' decisions. Rather than facilitating free expression, editors have sabotaged it. The GM hasn't mandated them this power—quite the opposite!

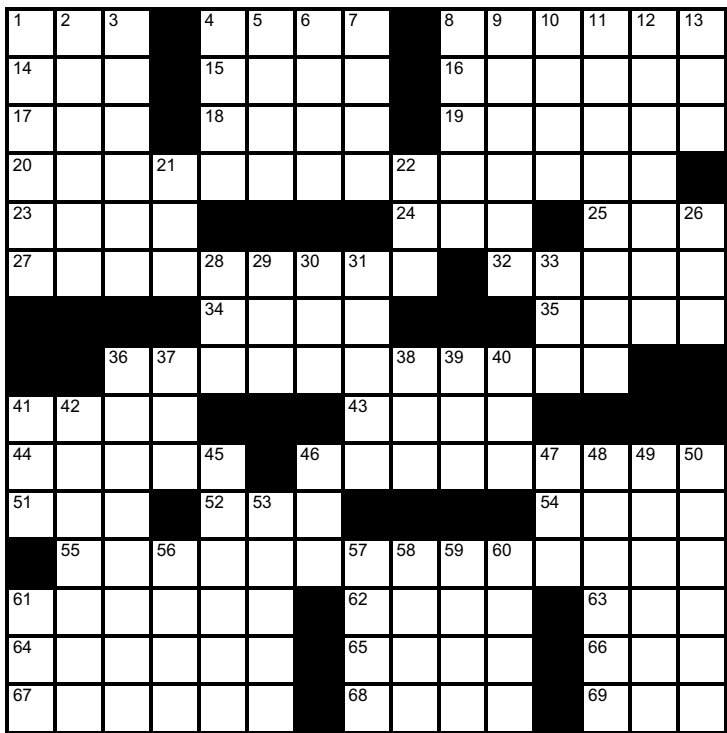
I've made this case in pre-

vious articles and letters, to which the *Gazette* has responded with a stony silence. But the "Gazette Editorial Policies" require a response to criticism—in the same issue if requested, which I hereby do now, specifically on their nonobservance of the 1977 GM resolution, and their imposition of policies—without GM approval—to which

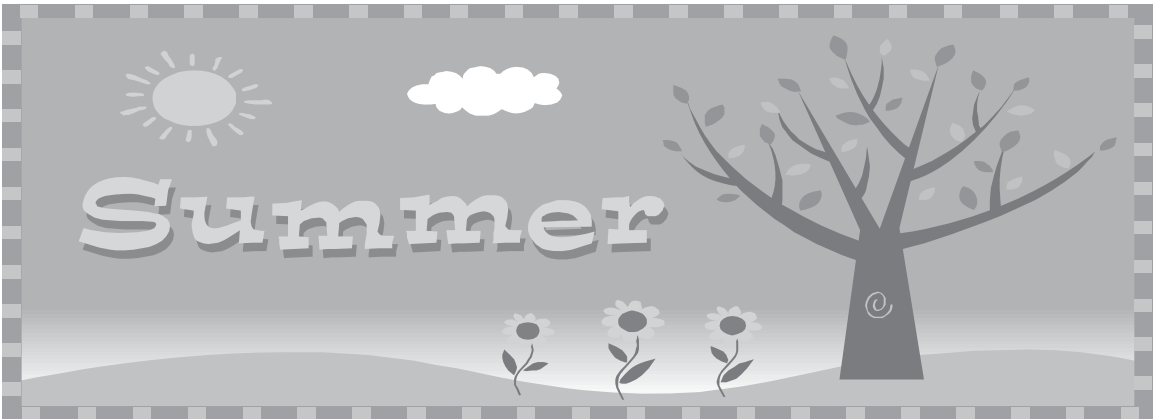
members must conform. Like legal "Discovery," we need to know the *Gazette's* position, because given its current practices, the case will require the GM's reconsideration. ■

Editors' note: *We disagree with Mr. Barouh's interpretation of Gazette history and will respond more fully in the near future.*—Stephanie Golden and Erik Lewis

Crossword Puzzle



- Across**
1. Federal agcy. that has trained approximately 800 explosives detection canine teams
 4. Give for free
 8. "Midnight Run" actor Charles
 14. Line of Canon cameras
 15. Wishes otherwise
 16. Definitely a day for air conditioning
 17. Winter hrs. in St. Louis
 18. Commando weapons
 19. Overseas
 20. Put-down said while lying down?
 23. Entre _____
 24. Pizzeria purchase
 25. Pam's husband on "The Office"
 27. Obvious spot to look for wool?
 32. Chapman of "Dog the Bounty Hunter"
 34. Noxious
 35. LI x L
 36. Discovery on an archaeological site where a voyeuristic civilization once lived?
 41. Info on modern business cards
 43. Cries of surprise
 44. Ruler's domain
 46. Botched pronunciation of "oink"?
 51. "_____ open!"
 52. Apt. feature, in ads
 54. Forearm bone
 55. "What a great time!" (or, read differently, an apt comment related to 20-, 27-, 36- or 46-Across)
 61. Hold 'em declaration
 62. Grab bag
 63. "I'm not so into it"
 64. Heave
 65. Sharer's pronoun
 66. Ice climber's tool
 67. Imposes, as a tax
 68. 1987 Costner role
 69. Barrett of Pink Floyd
- Down**
1. Synth-heavy music
 2. "Already?"
 3. Walking like a peacock
 4. "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" Oscar winner
 5. Liqueur in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
 6. Words after count or let
 7. "Hey ... over here!"
 8. '90s UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-_____
 9. Stuck up, say
 10. Other, in Oaxaca
 11. It's perpendicular to a threshold
 12. Stuck
 13. "Game of Thrones" protagonist _____ Stark
 21. -like relative
 22. LAPD alert
 26. Blanc who voiced Porky Pig
 28. Threshold
 29. Blistex target
 30. "It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am" speaker
 31. "Can you hear _____?"
 33. "Er-r ..."
 36. It's often hung on the wall at a sports bar
 37. Foreigner's subj.
 38. 4 on a phone
 39. Truck scale unit
 40. Sugar suffix
 41. Ocean State sch.
 42. Pension recipient
 45. It may be spotted in kindergarten
 46. Deal with moguls?
 47. Suffix with ear or arm
 48. Alpaca relatives
 49. Hardly alluring
 50. Got clean
 53. Actresses Judith and Dana
 56. LP player
 57. Palindromic time
 58. Arts and crafts purchase
 59. Snobs put them on
 60. One with fire power?
 61. Fighting something, say
- Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 15.



COOP HOURS

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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LOOKING FOR MEMBERS
TO FILL A NEW WORKSLOTRevolving Loan
Management Committee

On January 31, 2012, participants in the General Meeting overwhelmingly approved the Coop's new **Revolving Loan Program**. This initiative allows the Coop and our individual members to donate money into a fund that will make loans to start-up coops using the PSFC model.

As part of that resolution, a committee was formed to develop, oversee and report on the loan program. The committee is seeking two new members. The selection process involves an interview for those who express interest and a vote for candidates at a future GM, probably in September or October.

Committee members must:

1. Agree to be interviewed by the Loan Committee;
2. Be able to attend monthly meetings;
3. Be willing to do additional work (beyond 2.75 hours/four weeks) as needed;
4. Be committed to the loan program; and,
5. Have expertise in a relevant area, such as non-profit management, finance and lending, coop development, grocery store management, law.

Committee members will receive work credit.

Once the interviews are completed, candidates seeking committee placement will write a statement to be published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, and will stand for a vote at a General Meeting.

To sign up for an interview, please send a statement of interest and your resume to loancommittee@psfc.coop and we will contact you.

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!

Your co-workers will love you for it!

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

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)
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Meat & Fish
Bread

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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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:

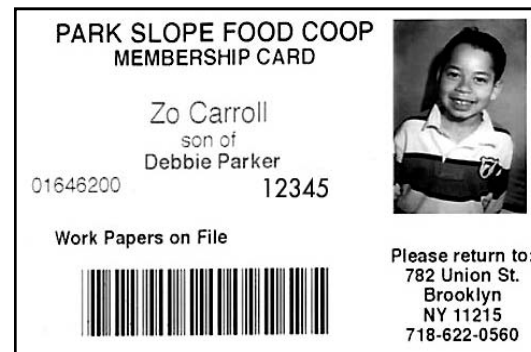
In accordance with the laws of New York State, children between the ages of 14 and 18 may work in the Coop only if a copy of their working papers are filed in the Membership Office. Children must also have a specially designated "Child of" Membership Card that specifies "working papers on file." Children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



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

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.

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www.foodcoop.com

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Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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General Meeting Info

TUE, JULY 30

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, AUGUST 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the August 27 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

Jul 25 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jul 15
Aug 8 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jul 29

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jul 25 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jul 17
Aug 8 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jul 31

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-up 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

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

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 27 and August 9-10.

jul 27
sat 10–12:30 pm

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jul 30
tue 7 pm

PSFC JULY General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

Meeting location: MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

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

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item #1: Support NY Dairies by Collaborating with Milk Not Jails (30 minutes)

Discussion: "Milk Not Jails is a grassroots alliance helping NY dairy farmers and promoting agriculture as an alternative to the prison industry. How can PSFC support this?"

—submitted by Zachary Schulman

Item #2: Donation to Cayuga Pure Organics' Recovery Campaign (30 minutes)

Proposal: "By August 1, 2013, the Coop will donate up to \$50,000 to Cayuga Pure Organics' campaign to rebuild after a devastating fire." —submitted by Helen Zuman

Item #3: Workshop Guidelines (30 minutes)

Discussion: "Workshop presentations may not be used for the promotion of bias or include speakers associated with organizations, movements or media that promote bias."

—submitted by Barbara

Mazor

V. Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

aug 6
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, August 27, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave.,**

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

**All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.
Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.**

jul 13–sep 24 2013

between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

aug 9
fri 4–6 pm

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aug 10
sat 10–12:30 pm

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aug 13
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Forks Over Knives



Forks Over Knives examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods. The major storyline in the film traces the personal journeys of a pair of pioneering yet under-appreciated researchers, Dr. T. Colin Campbell and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn.

aug 27
tue 7 pm

PSFC AUG General Meeting



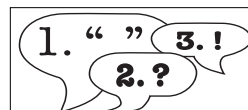
Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office. **Meeting location: MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.**

aug 30
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. 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

sep 3
tue 7:30 pm



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sep 5
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Let Me Teach You Healthy Indian Cuisine



A demonstration of healthy, vegetarian Indian cuisine and a discussion of some of the health benefits of the ingredients, including Ayurvedic principles. Learn the basics of incorporating and balancing Indian spices. Chef **Mukti Banerjee** grew up in Bengali with both North and East Indian food and cultural traditions. She desires to share her passion for Indian food and to empower her students to cook healthy Indian cuisine. Chef Banerjee feels she is honoring and paying tribute to her teachers: her mother, aunts and grandmothers. She decided to create Mukti's Kitchen upon the insistence of her appreciative friends and family. *Menu includes: mixed vegetable korma; vegetable pulao; chan dal with coconut.* **ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. Please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by August 22 to make a request.** **Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

sep 6
fri 7 pm

Film Night



Film to be announced.
To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeeze@stone@hotmail.com.

sep 10
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film to be announced.

sep 14
sat 1 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. 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**.

still to come

sep 14 **Wordsprouts**

sep 20 **Prospect Concerts**

sep 22 **Handling Your Child's Anger**

sep 24 **PSFC SEPTEMBER General Meeting**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REFLECTIONS AFTER
THE JUNE AM/GM

DEAR MEMBERS:

Good news at the Annual Meeting: The Coop has money. Kudos to Mike and to Tricia who answered questions about banks and investments and cash. Bad news. Not every member who is an accountant or financial adviser was there. As though the community does not need all our smarts to figure out our unconventional place in this lunatic economy.

I introduced Janelle Cornwell, PhD, from UMass Amherst, who is enthusiastic about helping on a team to document our 40-year history. We hope to form an FTOP squad. The idea will soon come up for discussion at a General Meeting. Consider whether you would like to work on this project for workslot credit. Contact me at 718-636-9089.

Outside we received a flier entitled "Secret Trade Agreements Threaten to Undo Our Last Shred of Food Safety." (www.alternet.org/food/secret-trade-agreements-threaten-food-safety) The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would "force the US and other participating countries to 'harmonize' food safety standards." Ouch! Lowest common denominator.

Appalling: Representatives of 600 corporations and the trade representatives of 11 countries are negotiating in secret, when all of us are under cyber-surveillance for "security" purposes. I am more secure if I know the conditions being negotiated into the TPP because this "treaty" would control what is available to eat (here in the Coop?) and what happens to our

natural resources, AIDS meds, our genes and the Internet.

After NAFTA and DR-CAFTA, we know a few things. "Free trade" agreements put a corporation (built to make even more money for investors) on an equal legal footing with a government. As a "treaty" a commercial agreement supersedes all of every governments' laws. Judges who are corporate lawyers (thus responsible to no representative body) decide whether a law interrupts the shareholders' "right" to make money. Labor rights, human rights, environment, Internet access—not protected. Corporate profit—protected. The population under surveillance, and drones buzzing overhead. Do you feel safe?

Demand transparency. Then, require a thorough study and an open debate in Congress, the press and community groups. Defeat "Fast Track" that would push the huge document through Congress. Unfortunately, Democrats are no more inclined than other millionaire politicians to prioritize the needs of the 99% of working and poor people. Contact ieva@juno.com to join lobbying delegations. As the Coop we voted to support the ban on fracking. Let's oppose the TPP. This can go to the GM for discussion and then a vote. Let's assume our responsibility and destiny to defend our rights, our interests and our planet.

I'm supporting Lynne Serpe of the Green Party in the upcoming election. She is running in the 22nd Council District in Astoria. She is honest, well-informed and experienced. She is strong physically, self-confident and articulate. Lynne got 24% against

Peter Vallone Jr. four years ago. One independent council member would be historic. Check her Web site, and call me to meet her.

Stimulating fear is the foundation of totalitarianism. Safety in numbers. We count.

Susan Metz

SUPPORT CAYUGA
PURE ORGANICS

DEAR MEMBERS:

A couple years ago, my husband-to-be and I arranged to spend our honeymoon at a B&B called Brookton Hollow, a few miles outside Ithaca. From the Brookton Hollow Web site, I gleaned that the B&B was located on a farm that grew organic beans and grains. I wondered if it might be connected to Cayuga Pure Organics, since I knew of no other upstate organic bean-growing operation. In my pantheon of farming heroes, Cayuga sat right at the top: Not only were they growing high-quality food just a few hours north of New York City, they were also growing staple crops. Fruits and vegetables are glorious—and no regional food system can flourish without clean, reliable supplies of the staples meals are built on.

When we arrived at Brookton Hollow, a couple days after our wedding, we discovered that it was not only a cozy, well-kept retreat, but also Cayuga Pure Organics HQ. For the next few days, we honeymooned (honey-beaned?) Cayuga-style. We ate pancakes made from Cayuga grain. We toured the bean silos and packing shed. Cayuga founder Erick Smith even directed us to a bean field within walking distance, where we could handpick pinto pods to take home. Back in Brooklyn, we cooked those pintos up into the best batch of beans we'd ever eaten.

Just a few weeks ago, Cayuga encountered a setback that could threaten its survival. A fire accidentally set by a minor destroyed their packing shed and storage facilities. To rebuild, Cayuga must raise \$238,350 by the end of July. Rewards for contributing to Cayuga's Indiegogo campaign include invitations to a celebration in September, VIP stays at the B&B, naming rights to various pieces of equipment, and naming rights to "the Beanery" building itself. But the biggest reward is knowing that you helped preserve, and strengthen, New York State's pioneer in growing organic, non-GMO grains and beans. Cayuga (according to their campaign page) "is the only major supplier of locally grown organic dried beans in the region." The Coop stands to lose its sole source of regionally grown beans, and a valuable source of locally grown grains. (Currently, you can find Cayuga products in the bulk aisle and in aisle 6.)

The Coop has chosen to support

Cayuga's fund-raising effort by placing donation boxes at the cashier stations, at the entrance desk and in the Membership Office. You can also donate online—and choose rewards!—at www.igg.me/at/cpo/csfb.

As Coop members, we enjoy access to nourishing, locally grown food because we are part of a strong—and growing—web of relationships. Our lives depend on this web. Cayuga is a vital thread.

P.S. At the July 30 General Meeting, I hope to propose that the Coop as an organization make a donation to Cayuga's recovery fund. At this writing, I do not yet know whether the Agenda Committee will choose to place my proposal before the membership.

Sincerely,
Helen Zuman

ONE COOP, ONE VOICE:
IT DOESN'T NEED ME

TO THE EDITOR:

Should the members accept the results of the PSFC board election, it will be because it finds no harm in electing board members who write mistaken premises in their candidate statements and do not articulate how to go about responding to Coop doings to ensure operating objectives are achieved. Electing board members who write mistaken premises in their candidate statements is harmful to the Coop. Indeed based on the election results, I don't think the PSFC needs me.

Based on the *Linewaiters'* front-page article for the June 13, 2013 edition, GM BAGS debate and letter RECOVERY OF MY PURSE, I think PSFC members' need for unlimited supplies of environmentally responsible bags for unexpected purchases and clear signage to point the way to the office to report lost property seems most important.

Clearly, there are members who find it harmful to elect to the board of directors candidates who write mistaken premises in their candidate statement. Yet, I had no response from any member about my candidate statement or the Internet link to a Petition to Congress I wrote nor any response to my inquiry as to what candidates believe is needed for the board of directors.

David Barouh was concerned enough about the board's authority to write in his letter published in *Linewaiters'* May 30, 2013 "Board members can also be removed from office prior to standing for re-election by a petition signed by 5% of the members and followed by a vote of at least 10% of members where three fourths of those voting opt for removal."

What should be written here is that it is necessary to compel the board to invoke the employee's and Coop operation articles at times when it is required to achieve PSFC objectives

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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.

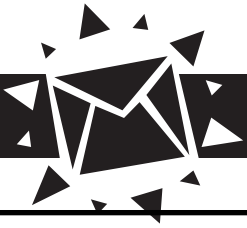
2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

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.



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

BDS TOPICS:

THE BROAD OUTREACH AND SUCCESS FOR BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL IN 2013

MEMBERS:

G4S, a global security firm limits contracts with Israel. Under immense pressure from BDS activists across Europe and the Arab world, the worldwide global security giant, G4S, has confirmed it will be ending key contracts in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (oPt) when they terminate in 2015: contracts covering checkpoints, Ofer prison and the West Bank police headquarters.

At this time G4S plans to continue servicing security systems contracts after 2015 at prisons inside Israel that unlawfully houses thousands of Palestinian prisoners subjected to torture. Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention forbids the transfer of Palestinian prisoners from occupied territories to prisons inside Israel. Palestinian civil society has condemned G4S' complicity with these violations of international law.

Zaid Shuaibi, spokesperson for the Palestinian BDS National Committee: G4S will still be providing services to businesses and homes inside Israel's illegal settlements. G4S has already lost contracts with universities, banks and charities across Europe protesting its partnership with the Israeli government.

Nineteen human rights organizations in Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine issued a recent statement calling for the exclusion of G4S from contacts inside the European Union. Film directors Ken Loach and Mike Leigh sent a letter to BBC to exclude G4S from companies bidding for contracts.

The Financial Times described "reputational risk" as a priority for G4S. Analysts suggest G4S may be offloading more contracts with Israel in the coming months [divest Israeli business altogether]. (Annie Robbins)

Trade Unions: Norway's 'Ambassador Corps for Palestine'. The Scottish Trade Union Congress endorsed the BDS campaign against G4S followed by a meeting focused on increasing BDS labor activism. A trade union activist with the Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees (Norway's largest trade union with over 330,000 members,

500 local union branches) spoke about their effective model: the 'Ambassador Corps for Palestine.' Trade union activists at local, county and national levels elect members of the Ambassador Corps to join a fact-finding delegation to visit Palestine or the refugee camps in Lebanon, gain first-hand knowledge of the situation, report back to their respective unions to ensure Palestine remains on the agenda. The educational outreach includes municipal workers in all levels of education, health, hospitals, social services and transport.

The union brings proposals to the government ministries seeking to end Norway's financial support for the occupation. Unions outreach to businesses and organizations directly and indirectly contributing to funding or profiting from the occupation and human rights abuses of Palestinians. Unions co-wrote a report detailing government and private investment in oPt (including names and extent of investments).

Union activists campaigned against Ahava products (from illegal settlement) resulting in Ahava being withdrawn from the Vita retail chain, one of Norway's largest.

Union's G4S campaign: the Ambassador Corps educated municipalities against contracts with G4S; contacted local businesses with G4S contracts describing their activities in human rights abuses of Palestinians. (Michael Deas)

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

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

TO THE EDITOR:

'Oil for Peace' at Israel Agricultural Event The 23rd agricultural exhibit in Tel Aviv drew thousands of buyers and growers of fresh produce from Israel, Europe, American and Asia. International cooperation and advances in food production and agriculture have the potential not only to solve food shortages, but also to foster peace. Among the products was one called "Olives for Peace," an organic olive oil package marketed jointly by an Israeli and a Palestinian farmer. Doron Akiva, an olive oil producer in southern Israel, teamed up with Palestinian farmer Mohammad Joudeh of the central West Bank. Their product consists of one package containing two bottles of olive oil, each produced by one farmer. "We don't

want to talk peace," Doron said. "We want to make peace." (*Times of Israel*)

Palestinian West Bank Medical Professionals Attend Israel Medical Exhibit. Medical professionals from all over the world gathered in Tel Aviv to update themselves on state-of-the-art medical technological innovations that could constitute medical breakthroughs. Visitors included professionals from the West Bank specially invited by the Israeli Civil Administration. The Administration Health Coordinator Dalia Bassa said, "We invited the Palestinian medical people so they could get exposure to a level of advanced medicine worldwide, and would be able...to introduce the advanced instrumentation into [Palestinian] clinics and hospitals, to enhance the treatment currently provided to the Palestinian West Bank population." Israel believes that such gatherings will strengthen cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian Health Ministries.

Alicia Keys Demands Removal of Anti-Israel YouTube Video. Boycott activists infringed copyrights laws by using a song of Keys in an anti-Israel propaganda video on YouTube. It was removed after Keys took legal action. The video featured Palestinian Arab women protesting the Jewish presence in the West Bank and echoing calls for Keys to cancel her July 4 Tel Aviv concert. Keys has repeatedly rejected calls to cancel, saying, "I look forward to my first visit to Israel. Music is a universal language meant to unify audiences in peace and love. That is the spirit of our show."

Rihanna Coming to Israel. Rihanna will bring her "Diamonds" world tour to Tel Aviv in October. The six-time Grammy winner last performed there in 2010.

Non-Jews in Israeli Military. Although the Israel Defense Force (IDF) is mainly a Jewish army, it also includes members of the Muslim, Druse, Bedouin and Christian communities serving alongside their Jewish peers. After completing basic training, these soldiers swear fealty to the state of Israel on a copy of the Quran or the New Testament instead of the Hebrew Bible. Muslim Israeli soldiers volunteer, often despite objections from their community. One recruit explained that while Jews serve because it's their country, and the Druze signed agreements with the IDF, "We are guarding our country, we have to protect it. It doesn't matter who's on the other side—Arabs or not, Muslims or not. In the end everyone protects his or her fam-

ily." (www.algemeiner.com/2013/06/21/two-muslim-idf-recruits-hold-koran-for-allegiance-oath).

Ruth Bolletino

NORMALIZATION IS NECESSARY FOR PEACE

DEAR EDITORS:

I am indebted to Mary Buchwald for her report (June 27) on the Fourth National Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Conference held last month at Bethlehem University. Ms. Buchwald has undisputedly made clear to us that the BDS Movement is an opponent of peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Genuine peacemakers demonstrate the commitment to peace and justice by working to "normalize" the relationships between people previously in conflict. They work to establish sustainable peace by addressing root causes of conflict through reconciliation, institution building and political and economic transformation. Peace builders will find ways to increase cooperative contacts between opponents, open channels of communication, get people involved in joint projects, break down stereotypes and reduce prejudice and discrimination. The goal of all of these efforts is reconciliation—getting the people to accept each other as part of their own group or be reconciled to mutual coexistence and tolerance.

In no uncertain terms, Ms. Buchwald makes clear that BDS opposes the processes that lead to reconciliation and end of conflict. She describes a session on strategies to combat normalization. BDS rejects all cultural, academic, economic, environmental and social cooperation with Israel. Peace-building initiatives such as dialogue with Israelis, travel to Israel and scholarships to Israeli universities were denounced. By opposing normalization, BDS works to undermine support for the Palestinian Authority (PA) to reach a political agreement with Israel. Indeed, BDS even opposes the PA's security coordination with Israel. In other words, BDS does not want the PA to engage in the prevention of terrorist attacks against Israel.

BDSers claim normalization is offered as a substitute for a political settlement, and therefore they oppose it. They ignore the fact that creating personal relationships is a necessary condition for finding solutions based on mutual respect and recognition that can lead to successful and lasting ends of conflict.

Barbara Mazor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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discussed and voted on by the membership as well as unintended events occurring because of members limited perceptions of their needs.

It was reported in the *Linewaiters'* April 4, 2013 edition what in my judgment is required to respond to the many member-raised concerns in *Linewaiters'* letters I read prior to the March 21, 2013 GM. It is now up to those elected to the board to decide how to respond. PSFC differs from most other food coops in that it functions on member labor. Many food cooperatives do not use member labor as PSFC does.

That members do a work shift should better the Coop and make it possible for members to make meaningful recommendations about how to govern ourselves and operate the

Coop. To that end, I acknowledge there are profound differences in perception of what is needed for board of directors, but in that dissent PSFC must find one voice for one Coop.

I would welcome member comments about how it thinks I should obtain a response to the matters I raised in my candidate statement, March 21, 2013 and June 25, 2013 meeting discussion.

Deena-Kristi Hays

OUTS

DEAR MEMBERS:

I believe I have witnessed some "Outs" (walkers) shenanigans. On more than one occasion I have seen walkers (with vests) walking away

from the Coop, carts in tow, but no one with them. In fact one of the more egregious demonstrations was when I noticed a walker (walking no one) park the cart outside the Chinese restaurant on Sixth and Union,

go inside and pick up a bag (lunch?) and stroll down Sixth Avenue. AWAY from the Coop. This is theft of services, and dereliction of responsibility. Thank you.

Gene Hicks

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.

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>.

For further information about the fire or Cayuga Pure Organics, see www.cporganics.com.

Thanks for your support!



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.

CLASSIFIEDS

BED & BREAKFAST

THE HOUSE ON 3rd ST. B&B-serving the Slope for over 20 yrs. Parlor floor-thru apt. sleeps 5 in comfort & privacy, queen bed, bath, double living room, kitchenette, outdoor deck. Visit our website at houseon3st.com. Click our FB link or call Jane at 718-788-7171. Ask about bargains for last minute bookings. Let us host you!

LARGE SUNNY ROOM with private bath, queen bed, WiFi, smoke-free; with or w/out breakfast; close to Q, B, 2, 3 stations; long- or short-term stays considered. Margaret - 718-622-2897. Please leave message.

COMMERCIAL SPACE

Beautiful office space for rent on Sat or Sun. Excellent N. Slope location on 8th Ave bet. Lincoln and Berkley. Perfect for therapist, healing arts practitioners, tutors. Prefer to rent the full day but will consider half day or hourly. Call Therese Bimka LCSW 718-622-5220.



MERCHANDISE

KOOLATRON mini fridge/warmer, wall & car plugs, 20x14x17, \$99. LUGGAGE: 24-inch gray & 22-inch black, upright expandable rollers, telescope handles, \$50 & \$30. METAL TABLE, glass shelves, 20x20x16, \$35. BOWED BENCH-wood, 35 inch arm to arm, burgundy cushion 22x17, \$40. 718-965-2184.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—35 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultations. Prompt, courteous communications. 23-year Park Slope Food Coop member; Park Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at www.tguccionelaw.com.

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

EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, experienced mover. Everything quilt padded. No extra charge for wardrobes and packing tape. Specialist in walkups. Thousands of

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HOLISTIC DENTISTRY in Manhattan (SoHo). Dr. Stephen R. Goldberg provides comprehensive family dental care using non-mercury fillings, crowns, dentures, thorough cleanings, non-surgical gum treatments with minimal X-rays. For a free initial exam in a nutrition-oriented practice and for insurance information, please call 212-505-5055.

NYS LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST. SML Helping Hands. 718-332-1569. House Calls. Massage therapy and Reiki Master. Reiki \$70, massage \$75. Additional fees for parking.

VACATION RENTALS

HAVEN OFF THE HUDSON Friendly, historic 3-season wooded community in Westchester County. Coop offers hiking, tennis, pool, wifi, café, organic community garden, social activities. Beautiful Hudson riverfront nearby. Studio, 1- and 2-bedroom cottages, \$25K - 160K. www.reynoldshills.org/bungalowshop. Contact Mel 347-307-4642 or melgarfin-ke@yahoo.com.

CATSKILL RENTAL. Secluded 4 bedroom loghome next to nature reserve call Dave 212-289-6282 or oasishill.com.

NORTH FORK COTTAGE Bright cozy 1 bdrm, bath, livingrm, kitchen apt on quiet country road in East Marion, close to sound and bay beaches, farmstands. A/C, W/D, WiFi, composting. Kayak and bicycles. Pets upon approval. June-Oct monthly and weekly rentals, starting \$1,000/wk. Security, references. 917-499-6320. rlsimmen@gmail.com.

To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

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

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

This is completely different from anything I have ever done.
—David, age 15 on his school trip to Tanzania

BROOKLYN FREE SCHOOL
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718-499-2707

Brooklyn Apple Academy is an urban one-room school house. We provide a hands-on project based education and go on frequent field trips. We are accepting applications for students ages 4.5-6.5. We are located at the Park Slope Jewish Center. check out our website at: BrooklynAppleAcademy.org

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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.

THU, JUL 11

7 p.m. Piper Theater Productions presents *You are a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Old Stone House, 336 Third St. at Fifth Ave. For more info and further performances see www.pipertheatre.org/performances/youre-a-good-man-charlie-brown.

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.ifc-center.com/films/symphony-of-the-soil.



SUN, JUL 14

11 a.m. Damo I Jin—a "tendon-changing" form of Chi Kung ("life-force energy practice")—continues in Prospect Park, through the summer and fall. Newcomers are welcome to join the class any week. For more information, contact quicksilverdance@yahoo.com or 212-946-1537.

TUE, JUL 30

7-9 p.m. The powerHouse Arena invites you to a cookbook launch and discussion: *The Catch: Sea-to-Table Recipes, Stories & Secrets*, by Ben Sargent. Where: 37 Main St., Brooklyn 11201. For more information, please call 718.666.3049 RSVP: rsvp@powerhousearena.com.

Crossword Answers

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

Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com

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.

Jocelyn Aframe	Maya Chandally	Joseph Elorriaga	Annette Jacoby	Kris Lo Presto	Nancy Pagan	Alex Simon
Sarah Alba	James Christensen	Karin Esposito	Andrea Jones	Denise Lomus	Raquel Penzo	Jaclyn Simoneau
Elena Andres	Jerusha Clark	Marco Favila	Erika Kallstrom	Emmelyne Louis	Jonathan Peters	Keith Simpson
Rose Awana	Nerissa Clarke	Allyson Fisher	Caitlin Kelly	Yalverton Lucklain	Emanuela Petulla	Chloe Smolarski
Christian Bahamon	Brett Cluff	Carrie Freshour	Courtney Kelly	Elizabeth Mackin	Lucas Renique	Andy Stein
Jessie Baum	Brian Cohen	Yurie Fukagawa	Maristella Kelsey	Tommi May McNally	Jacob Rosenbaum	Holly Stevens
Christopher Bergstresser	Jennifer Cohen	Mackenzie Gibson	Sydney Kim	John Mooney	Sam Rozenberg	Allen Tate
Lola Bice	Ken Collwell	Patricia Glowinski	Alexandria Kimsey	Daniel Moran	Philip Russotti	Connie Tempel
Hannah Bluhm	Janet Colwell	Marcelle Good	Ian Kinman	Magdalena Muszynska-Chafitz	Melanie Saadia	Tim Tempel
Rachel Bondra	Sharloma Coppage	Esther Gottesman	Kimiko Kitano	Idan Naor	Dushyant Sahgal	Alaris Todar
Maria Bordallo	Chanell Crichlon	Jillian Guskin	Nadia Kline-Taylor	Marco Negroao	Diana Samoylova	George Tzortzis
Ena Brdjanovic	Steven Crossot	Jacey Hanson	Gys Koooy	Miho Negroao	Harpriya Samra	Roxanne Unger
Justin Briggs	Marcelle de Franca	Karen Hartmann	Jennifer Kossin	Craig Nelson	Eron Sangster	Ronald Veal
Scott Brown	Tina Deboni	Kayla Hazan	Kathy Kramer	Katherine Nicholas	Sara Schwarz	Josephine Vella
Lesley Campbell	Joshua Diaz	Annabelle Heckler	Kerry LaBotz	Hilary North	Anoa Senghor	Sally Warring
Daniel Campo	Jessie Donaldson	Sharon Hitchcock	Traven LaBotz	Jenevive Nykolak	Amy Sharp	Brooke Watkins
Chodos Carson	Joe Donaldson	Elizabeth Howard	Brian Lang	Nnenna Okechukwu	Chaya Shpigelman	Darren Weaver
Megan Cassidy	Carmen Dreyer	Heather Iarusso	Shelly Latte	Andrea Orio	Sholem Shpigelman	Shanti Webley
Louisa Chafee	John Dreyer	Marlee Ickowicz	Andrew Leonard	Daniel Orio	Colette Simon	Hannah Weinstein
Robert Chafitz	Esmeralda Duprat	Sofia Impellizzeri	Victoria Lewis		(Herbstman)	Melody Wells

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Response to the launch of our membership equity drive has already been amazing, but we still need your help to ensure we achieve all our goals. If you live in or close to Bay Ridge, do consider joining our co-op now – we have set a goal of 2500 members to open our doors, ensuring a desirable product selection and service level.

We're looking for people to help our growing membership with the many tasks that go into establishing a new co-op. Whatever your skills, talent or experience, your support will truly help make a difference. And please visit our site to subscribe to our email newsletter to keep up on our progress.

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www.foodcoopbayridge.com
hello@foodcoopbayridge.com
347-274-8172

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.

☆ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ☆

Office Cleaning

Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Coop is looking for members to clean the Membership Office after closing. This entails cleaning the desktops, phones, keyboards, etc. This job is ideal for someone who is pro-active, meticulous and likes working independently. Please speak to Mary in the Membership Office for further information.

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.

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.)

Office Set-up

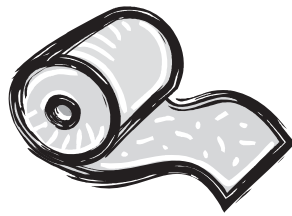
6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early-riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

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 schedule training. Must make a six-month commitment to this workslot.