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## Building Coop Culture And the Coop Movement: An Interview with Joe Holtz And Ann Herpel, June 28, 2013

### Part Two

By Ed Levy

This is the second of two interviews with General Coordinators Joe Holtz and Ann Herpel on how the Park Slope Food Coop supports the founding and success of other coops around the world.

### Membership in the National Cooperative Grocers Association

**Gazette:** Going back to the question of whether the Park Slope Food Coop is reproducible or not, why isn't the Coop a member of the national organization of food coops, the National Cooperative Grocers Association?

**Ann:** We could become a member. It would be in keeping with our mission, and we would benefit from it. The NCGA has a lower pricing structure with United Natural Foods International, which is the biggest natural foods supplier, but they extend that benefit only to full-fledged members of NCGA, and to be full-fledged, you need a certain level of sales. Of course as a very large Coop we qualify, but that policy excludes start-up coops—the ones who are most in need of the volume discount with UNFI. So Joe and I have been criti-

cal of NCGA, because cooperation among cooperatives means you extend that cooperation to the weakest and most vulnerable members of your community. So NCGA has effectively exclud-

joining would help them leverage even better prices. If we did join, it would have to go through the General Meeting. It's not something the General Coordinators could decide on their own, and it would cost us, based on our sales, \$48,000 a year in fees. And then we would have to invest another \$48,000, at least. But we would probably save that money in lower prices.

**Ann:** Yes. NCGA aggregates the buying power of a billion dollars or more.

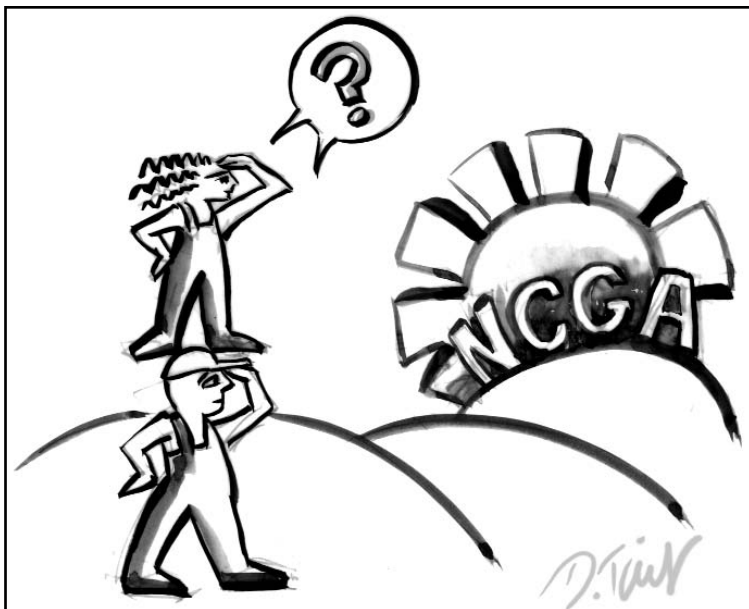


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ed those coops from something that would be really beneficial to them in their tender years.

**Joe:** They really want us to join. And they've made a real effort to welcome us. Their people have visited us here, and we talked to them about this issue at a conference in Philadelphia 13 months ago. So it's not as if we're in a big struggle with them over this. In fact, we discuss joining NCGA, and because of our size, our

**Joe:** We also receive a volume discount with UNFI, but from what I understand, our discount would be even deeper if we joined NCGA, so it would be a net plus. But it would also mean that I, or someone, would need to periodically go off somewhere to a two- or three-day meeting, and there is a cost to that in lost time.

**Ann:** There is another factor. We would be the only

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## CHIPS Looks To the Future



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The new executive director of CHIPS, Denise Scaravella, in the dining hall at CHIPS.

By Frank Haberle

Christian Help in Park Slope (or CHIPS), the nearby soup kitchen and shelter that has been a local partner of the Coop for the past three decades, experienced a major change this past spring: the retirement of Sister Mary Maloney, CHIPS' director for the past 26 years. "What Sister Mary brought to CHIPS was not only superb organizing and leadership skills," suggests Brother Michel Bettigole, an active volunteer, Board member and retired college President who has worked with CHIPS since its founding in the 1970s. "She also infused the soup kitchen and shelter with a spirit of love and caring that made it seem more like a home than an institution."

CHIPS planned for Sister Mary's transition well in advance, with the leadership of the organization now in the capable hands of new Executive Director Denise Scaravella, a Bay Ridge native with three decades of experience working to help homeless and hungry New Yorkers. In these tough economic times,

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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](http://www.foodcoop.com) and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

## Coop Event Highlights

**Thu, 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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## Building Coop Culture

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member-labor coop in that entire association. We represent to them what they think the coop world shouldn't be any longer. They think of us as a unique, urban, never-can-be-replicated situation, and they never tell a start-up coop about our model.

**Joe:** NCGA is actually the friendliest of the groups toward us. Look at the Food Coop Initiative, or CDS (Cooperative Development Services) which is a consultants' cooperative, or at the Consumer Cooperative Management Association, or at the CCMA conference and their history with us. I tried to get a workshop scheduled at their national conference about the benefits and challenges of member-labor cooperatives. And year after year, I could not get their attention. After four years, they finally accepted the idea, and then the schedule came out and we weren't on it! Finally, we did the workshop and the attendance was very low, the least attended of any workshop I attended there. So the message was, we don't want to schedule you, we don't want to support you. So I ask, really? We're an incredibly successful Coop. We're the only Coop in the nation that has to make it hard for people to join. And you don't want to know about that? If you call the office here we will tell you about our Coop and about these other organizations, but it's not reciprocated. We tell them about the whole coop world, but that part of the coop world doesn't tell people about us.

On the other hand, NCGA shares best practices at their meetings. In fact, they have a great interest in seeing that all of their members use best



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practices, because they're financial partners. If one of their member coops fails and can't pay its bills, the other coops pay them out of a fund that everyone pays into. In fact, when you're in NCGA you don't pay UNFI directly anymore. You pay NCGA, and NCGA pays UNFI one big bill. UNFI has one accounts receivable. I am so impressed that the cooperative movement that doesn't use member labor has made this virtual chain. I think it's fantastic that they've created a purchasing coop—like TrueValue Hardware Stores.

**Gazette:** Are you then recommending that we join?

**Ann:** We're still batting it around.

**Joe:** There's an alternative that I've been thinking about. Our Coop could go to UNFI and say, "We've known of coops that are in trouble because they're pretty small and they pay too much wholesale. What if we took them under our wing? What if we took Park Slope Food Coop money and we deposited it in an escrow account and guaranteed you the payment? We're not going to collect the money and pay you like NCGA does. We want them to have their own account. But we will guarantee the payment of these fledgling coops in exchange for your giving them lower prices. What would it take for you to extend a discount to coops in Missoula or Greene

Hill that are using our model?" -

**Gazette:** What is the risk for us?

**Joe:** Well, we could lose the money we put in escrow.

**Gazette:** Could we accomplish the same thing as a member of NCGA?

**Joe:** Maybe. Or maybe we could do both.

**Ann:** NCGA want us to join because of our level of sales. No other coop in all of NCGA comes anywhere near our sales. And I've always felt that we should leverage that to our advantage, and that could mean asking them to create a membership tier for start-up coops, so they can benefit from the pricing discount.

**Joe:** Our joining would give all the coops more clout and put them on an even more solid footing. But on the issue of helping start-ups, I think we would be a small minority, and we would be outvoted. But we could join NCGA and also go to UNFI and say even though we're no longer your direct customer, we would like to start a fund for supporting fledgling coops that use our model.

### Revolving Loan Fund For New Coops

**Gazette:** How does the revolving loan you spoke about earlier fit into all this?

**Joe:** That's something we're hoping our members will embrace enthusiastically. New coops usually have insufficient capitalization, so we're hoping thousands of our members will give a little bit of money every year to a fund. The GM approved that the Coop could give \$20,000 a year to this fund, as long as it's fiscally prudent, and as we build up this clump of money, we can lend it out to coops that use the member-labor model.

We are saying that, in addition to the technical and advisory support, we will give you some financial support, but we want you to pay it back, so we can relend the money to future coops, or maybe lend it to you again. We're not going to lend you the money for community organizing if you don't yet have refrigeration.

**Ann:** Yes. If they don't have the money for ongoing operations, lending them money for that is not going to help, because you're just kind of putting a Band-Aid over it for awhile. You give them \$20,000 and they burn up the \$20,000 and they still don't have money for daily operations, and now they're really in trouble because they owe someone \$20,000. That's why Joe and I have always been against grants. Grants are toxic. We're going to lend them the money for concrete assets that lead to the selling of food that can help them repay the loan. A coop that we help could conceivably become a net contributor to this fund some day, and this way, we could pass it on generation after generation.

### 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](mailto:ecokvetch@yahoo.com).

### All Welcome to Join!

Thursday, July 25, 4-6 p.m.; Friday, July 26, 4-6 p.m.;  
Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.;  
Friday, August 9, 4-6 p.m.;  
Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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**Joe:** We work with a 501(c) 3 organization that administers funds for various people. The name of the fund we've created for the Coop, and which was approved by the GM, is the Fund for New Coops and we have an elected committee of members that's going to study the loan applications, although we haven't officially announced it yet.

**Ann:** All the members of that committee have some professional capacity that allows them to be good stewards of these loans. It's a very high-level group. They have responsibility for a lot of money, but they have the skills too.

### Succession Planning

**Gazette:** We've been talking about exporting the Coop model. I'd like to talk a little about exporting our model into the future. Despite our very democratic structure, some people feel that the Coop's governance is highly dependent on the influence and charisma of the founders, like Joe and Allen Zimmerman and Mike Eakin, who are still around. But what happens when they're not here? What if the Coop, with its lively politics, begins to balkanize and factionalize without the strong guidance of people who—according to this view, at least—stabilize and guide things?

**Ann:** Well, I'm not a founder, I'm the new generation, so let me start. Sure, it could happen at any moment. It could happen now, with Joe and Mike and Allen still on staff. There's nothing in our democratic system to prevent a wave of members from pushing through an item that radically changes our system. As stewards, we have to always have it on our radar that there are people who would like things to be different. I also don't think it's healthy to have too much deference toward the old-timers—to anyone with a four-digit number, so to speak. There are people who don't necessarily embrace everything that was decided in 1985. You do want them to embrace the basic model, and the core of that is so many hours of member labor per x number of weeks. But I think it's healthy if people who do embrace this model come up through the ranks and become leaders who will see things into the future. We're also really fortunate that

we're a demographically diverse Coop, that we're not heavily weighted at the upper age limit. I would be worried if 80% of the Coop were 50 and older. But it's not.

**Joe:** Succession planning is a difficult thing. If you have a really important CEO with 100 lieutenants underneath him, his succession planning is easier than ours. We don't have that. But Ann's point about the generations is well taken. I look at the Coop and it's harder to find people my age now. So the question becomes, are younger generations excited about the Coop? Do they get it, the culture, and understand the benefits? I think many of them do. There are no guarantees, but I feel the younger generation of leaders will emerge. You know, the General Coordinators originally numbered six, and about four years ago, it expanded to nine. A group of nine is a little unwieldy—it might not be the ideal number, but part of that was about succession planning. Still, five of those nine are sixty and up. Any organization would look at that and say, most of the top

leadership could take money out of their IRAs if they have them—that isn't lost on us. We have to plan for that. In fact, it's the biggest theme for the Personnel Committee, and it's present in the GC meetings as well.

**Ann:** The Personnel Committee just elected its youngest member, a very qualified young person who wanted to be part of that team, and the Coop just elected our youngest board member.

**Joe:** Youngest since the 1970s.

**Ann:** Those are two examples of leadership roles now occupied by the future generation, or the fourth generation, of the Coop.

**Joe:** The membership could alter the board structure at a General Meeting. And the Personnel Committee is empowered to help with the hiring—and also the firing—of General Coordinators. Not the rest of the staff, just the General Coordinators. So that's a lot of responsibility right there. Likewise, members could elect a Finance Committee that works closely with the GCs and has access to our accounts and meets with the financial part of the GC team. So those people may have a good idea. But there are many people looking at our finances. And every year we have an outside independent auditing firm that checks our

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**Gazette:** Some have expressed the fear that future managers won't feel the same loyalty to the Coop as old-timers, and for that reason, different structures need to be in place to manage the large amounts of money that goes through their hands. A larger and more active board is one proposal.

**Ann:** Who is to say a 12-member board couldn't make bad decisions behind closed doors?

assets and our bank accounts, and compares them with the year before, and does random tests on inventory. They really look at the whole thing, and they keep reporting that things are OK here. But we could add an in-house audit, one that looks at everything as often as once a week, if we want. There are many levels of transparency already in place. We should do another interview just on that. ■

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## CHIPS Future

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there are still many challenges ahead for CHIPS, and many opportunities for Coop members and other residents of the surrounding community to get involved.



After 26 years leading CHIPS as its Director, Sister Mary Maloney has retired this spring. She is shown here on the roof at CHIPS.

### Sister Mary Maloney: 26 Years Of Service to the Community

Sister Mary Maloney, a Franciscan Sister of the Poor, took over the leadership of CHIPS in 1987 after 14 years as a missionary nurse overseas, in Africa and South America. At the time of her arrival, CHIPS was a small operation run by St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, serving 50 soup meals per day from the rented ground floor of a five-story building on Sackett Street and Fourth Avenue. There was \$200 in the bank. Using a model she had successfully applied overseas, Sister Mary started reaching out to everyone in the community for involvement, donations and volunteer support. She reached out to the Coop along with schools, churches, synagogues and businesses. Sister Mary raised enough funds to purchase the building and renovate the soup kitchen.

With her retirement this past April at the age of 80, CHIPS now serves 93,000 meals per year to senior citi-

zens, working families and the homeless. Hundreds of volunteers support the program. "Sister Mary built the organization from the ground up," reflects her successor Denise Scaravella, acknowledging the founder's "feisty spirit."

One of CHIPS' greatest accomplishments during Sister Mary's tenure was the renovation and transformation of the upper stories into Frances Residence Program, a transitional housing program for nine homeless, pregnant women and their newborn babies. In addition to offering housing in small studio apartments, Frances Residence also provides training in parenting and jobs skills that empower the mothers to live independently once they leave CHIPS.

Brother Michel points to CHIPS' increasing role serving a wider range of people in need in recent years. "A lot of Park Slope's homeless population comes to CHIPS for meals, but there are a lot of retired people who rely on our lunches and our Friday food pantry package as well," he says.

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executive director of CHIPS

### The Coop's Commitment

Brother Michel and Denise credit the major involvement of the Park Slope Food Coop as a key source of support for CHIPS. "The Coop is unquestionably one of CHIPS' best friends," Denise says. "We receive three to four U-boats of food four times per week. Coop members come and work six work shifts for us each week." Adds Brother Michel, "We are reliant on the Coop for a number of things. It is the primary source of the fresh food we provide to the people who come to us. The government supplies we receive are primarily canned food. The Coop is our source for fresh food—vegetables, salad fixings."

Denise also points to a new relationship with Coop members who provide their expertise as FTOP workers, helping CHIPS during a period of transition. "While we're making this change we've

needed help with communications and marketing pieces that help us build support for our organization. This includes new brochures and an updated website. We're so grateful to have a creative team of people come help us from the Coop, as an FTOP shift, to bring their expertise to this work."

"The Coop has been a wonderful partner," Denise adds. "Anything we've asked for, they get for us." In addition to the Coop, Denise cites the contributions of other community organizations, groups, schools, and especially the many local synagogues and churches that remain deeply involved. "Old First Church is just one example," she says. "They deliver 15 trays of prepared pasta dishes each month. That's a lot of pasta!"

### Looking to the Future

While the departure of Sister Mary last spring was the end of an era, CHIPS is fortunate to have the experience and commitment that Denise Scaravella brings to the job. Denise served as Executive Vice President of Homes for the Homeless for 20 years (1987-2007); earlier in her career, she was a Facilities Coordinator with the New York City Human Resources Administration and served in the Youth Bureau. Prior to joining CHIPS, Denise opened and owned an Italian wine bar and restaurant on Staten Island. It was not long before her desire to help others led her out of the restaurant world and into CHIPS.

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A big part of Denise's focus so far has been on building relationships and linkages with other service providers who can help the mothers-in-residence. Recently, Park Slope Parents and the Brooklyn Public Library have become involved, and Denise is working on new partnerships with Lutheran Medical Center and Saint Francis College.

The leadership job at CHIPS is not without its challenges—the most



CHIPS is located on Fourth Ave. at Sackett St.

immediate being the need to raise operating funds for the \$400,000-per-year organization to pay salaries for its few staff members and to purchase needed equipment for the facility. One example is replacing a steamer in the soup kitchen that broke recently; another is adding air conditioners, which during these long summer months are needed both in the soup kitchen and upstairs, in the residential units.

While the soup kitchen benefits from a steady stream of volunteers and donations, Denise points out



Janice Lebby, a staff member at CHIPS, shows some of the produce donated by the Coop.

that the upstairs residential program, which does not receive any City funding, is in particular need of support from the community. In addition to financial contributions, CHIPS seeks new volunteers—especially those who can bring their talents and commitment to help the young mothers during their residence. "We need a few people who can operate upstairs, sort of like a Resident Advisor at a college," she says, "who can simply buzz residents in and out of the building if they have to run out and get diapers, or take messages for them. And of course we can use the expertise of people with a range of talents—yoga instructors, art teachers, cooking instructors—to bring activities into the program for the young expecting mothers, and after they have their babies."

For more information on how to volunteer and/or contribute to CHIPS, please visit the website: [www.chipsonline.org](http://www.chipsonline.org). ■



Denise Scaravella with PSFC members volunteering at the kitchen at CHIPS. From left to right: Eunju Lee (Coop Board member), Denise Scaravella, Tony Fanning, and Ramiro Gamboa.

# Say Cheese

By Alison Rose Levy

The Coop's cheese section is a world unto itself and it's one that Coop members can explore more thoroughly via cheese-tasting sessions. This reporter attended one in late June and more are planned, with the next one scheduled for Friday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m.

The cheese tasting I attended on June 27 featured professional cheesemonger Jen Lopez, a highly knowledgeable professional cheese enthusiast.

The dictionary definition of a cheesemonger is a professional purveyor or salesperson of cheese. But nowadays, cheesemongers have more varied duties, including advising restaurants on which cheeses to stock, and how to store and serve them, as well as explaining a cheese's qualities to restaurant diners. The modern cheesemonger is a bit like a sommelier, and New York even hosted a cheesemonger's competition in June 2013 ([www.cheesemongerinvitation.com](http://www.cheesemongerinvitation.com)) with eight rounds of cheese tasting.

The Coop Cheese Tasting gave about 20 or so participants an in-depth introduction to the history and making of cheese, punctuated by cheese tastings of 10 cheeses, selected by Coop cheese buyer Yuri Weber.

The reason why you say cheddar while I say Camembert?

"Cheese tastes different on every palate," Jen Lopez said. "What you eat prior can affect what you taste, and taste also changes as we get older." (This was born out after the event when a number of attendees bee-lined it to the cheese section to purchase their favorites from the tasting. Most of the six people circling the selection chose different cheeses.)

Without a doubt, one of the joys of a cheese-tasting experience is noting and describing what you actually experience, much as you would at a wine tasting. (As well as knowing which ones to buy for later enjoyment at home.)

Lopez also noted the tremendous variety of cheese. "I've tasted hundreds of cheeses yet some on our menu tonight I've never tasted," she said. Coop member Aaron Kirtz, who organized the event, actually did his workslot as a

food processor at the Coop and it was based on the cheese savvy he developed that he was ultimately hired by a cheese wholesaler and importer, Forever Cheese, for whom he still works. Forever Cheese is a major cheese supplier to the Coop.

The cheese menu we sampled contained examples from every category of cheese and was served in a progression of flavors from fresh to aged.

Cheese is millennia-old and began in Sumerian times—back in approximately 8000 B.C. in the Fertile Crescent. For thousands of years cheese has been used as a protein source.

Lopez told us that the fermentation of cheese made milk more edible to people who may have originally been lactose-intolerant. Ruminant animals like water buffaloes, yaks, cows, sheep and goats have multiple stomachs to help break down the grasses upon which they subsist. The bacteria in the animals' fourth stomach digests the milk and turns it into cheese. She hypothesized that seeing cheese in a slaughtered animal, tasting it and finding it edible, may have inspired earlier humans to begin using milk and making cheese themselves.

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In replicating that process, humans use rennet or even lemon juice, which causes the milk to curdle and then to separate into curds and whey. This is the basic process for all cheeses apart from fresh cheeses like ricotta and quark. The addition of culture transforms the milk sugar (lactose) into lactic acid. The older the cheese, the less lactose it contains. After the cultured milk forms curds, the next part of the process is getting the whey out. The curds are then pressed into various kinds of molds and allowed to mature.

It takes five quarts of cow's milk to produce just one

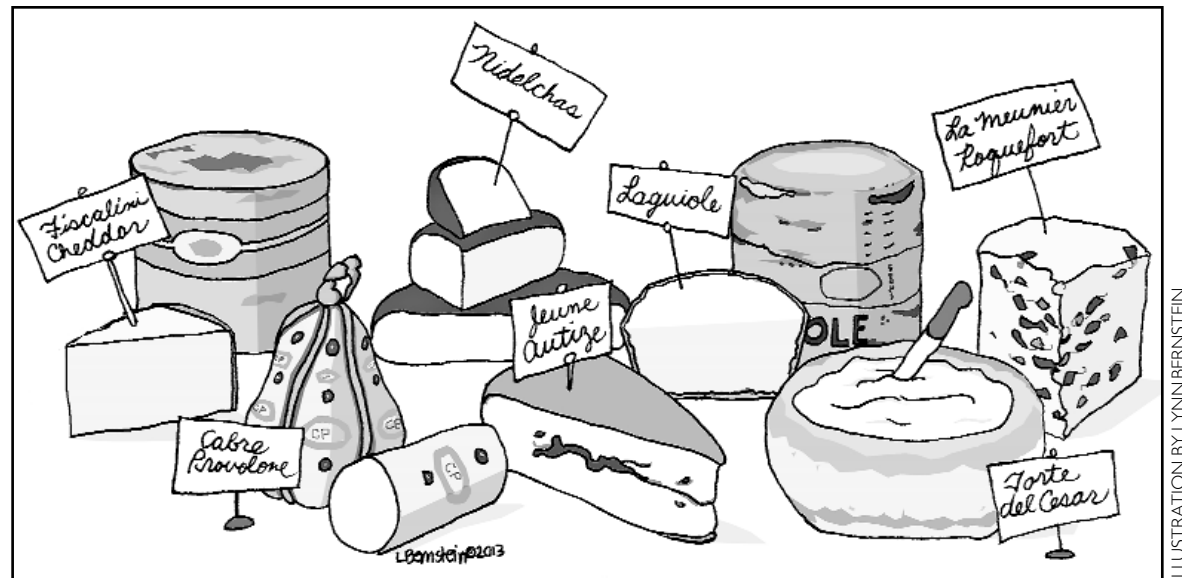


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pound of cheese. As the cheese matures and dries through aging, more water evaporates, leaving the protein and fat. Sheep's milk has twice as much protein and fat as cow's cheese. The proportion of water vs. fat per cheese helps determine a cheese's characteristics. For example, Parmesan, which is aged for some time, contains less water and more fat per ounce than Brie or Camembert, which are aged for a shorter time period, and which contain more water.

Lopez advises eating food at room temperature—so that the cheese can "open." Although for reasons of public hygiene, cheeses are often packaged and sold in plastic wrap (as they are at the Coop), she recommends removing them from the wrapping at home and rewrapping them in "cheese paper," which has microscopic holes so that the cheese can breathe. Ammonia (which gives cheese that gamey or unpleasantly sharp taste) can build up in certain cheeses unless they are allowed to breathe. Removing the cheese and leaving it uncovered as it comes to room temperature will allow the ammonia to evaporate. Another option for cheese storage in the refrigerator is wrapping it in parchment paper and placing in an open zip-lock bag.

Both the type of milk, local bacteria, cheese-making process, other ingredients and aging all contribute to a cheese's composition, flavor, texture and shape.

For cheddar cheese, cheese makers cut the curd and fold it in on itself much like making a batter for a cake. Layering the cheese molds with cloth and rubbing that cloth with lard will attract certain microbes that give the cheese its distinctive flavor, while also helping form the rind. Some breeds of

cow produce milk with more keratin (the orange antioxidant found in carrots), which will result in the production of a cheese that is more yellow. On the other hand, sheep and goat milk are nearly always white in color.

In a typical cheese course, three or more cheeses are selected. But in the cheese tasting, we got to sample 10, passed around on paper plates.

1. **Capricho de Cabra**, a goat's milk cheese from Spain, was a fresh cheese that had a light and sweet taste.

2. **Chevre d'Or**, a French goat cheese, had a creamy Camembert-like texture and taste.

3. **Cremaux de Citeaux**, a French ripened cow's milk cheese, was a gooey triple crème, with a 75% fat content. Yum!

4. **Laguiole**, a French raw cow's milk cheese, was a drier-rind cheese with a mild but pleasant tang. (Lopez said it melts very nicely and is perfect for a grilled cheese sandwich.)

5. **Cabre Provolone**, an Italian cow's milk cheese, had that typical strong flavor

characteristic of provolone.

6. **Fiscalini Clothbound Cheddar**, an American raw cow's milk cheese, is made in California. It's a class mild to medium-sharp, English-type cheddar.

7. **Jeune Autize**, a Swiss raw goat's milk cheese, is similar to a Morbier cheese.

8. **Philipp Muller Nidelchas**, a Swiss thermalized cow's milk cheese, has a washed rind. It is made with added cream, which gives a smooth and creamy taste and texture.

9. **Torta del Cesar**, a Portuguese raw sheep's milk cheese, is one of a category of "protected cheeses." The locale, milk used, and formula are regulated by law to assure the continuity of a cheese tradition. Manchego is another example of a protected cheese.

10. **Le Meunier Roquefort**, is a French raw sheep's milk blue cheese. Strongly flavored and pungent with the veins of blue mold running through it.

The cheese tasting was both informative and highly enjoyable. If you are a cheese lover, it's fun to savor cheese with fellow aficionados. ■

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## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## A Portrait of the Coop at 40: Recording and Celebrating Diversity

By Martyn Gallina-Jones

In January 2000, my wife and I moved to Brooklyn and settled down to raise our baby daughter. We joined the Coop for the same reasons that many people join—the 3 P's—produce, politics and prices. But we now know that the most important aspect of our Coop membership is belonging to such a rich, diverse community.

As parents, we wanted to live and raise our child in an atmosphere of inclusion. We ourselves are different from one another—my wife is a Latina, of Dominican heritage, I am British, of Irish heritage, so our daughter contains within her a diversity of genetics, race, culture and ethnicity.

As well as being a husband and father, I am a portrait photographer. The origins of portraiture emerged from a need for a representation of a person to exist when the person themselves was either temporarily absent or deceased. Monarchs commissioned portraits to hang in grand halls to remind their subjects of their omnipresence. Nowadays, we are all familiar with the habit of photographing our loved ones and placing these representations of them in honored places in our homes, or now, on our Facebook pages. When a family member dies, it is common practice to display a photo of the deceased at the funeral.

As a photographer, I am interested in the power of the portrait to demonstrate and celebrate the ways in which we signal to the world who we are, what we stand for, how we worship or where we are from. In short, our identity.

As a British Punk in the mid 70s, I rejected society's norms and expressed my anger at what I saw as the abject failure of the political leadership of the day, surrounded as I was by rampant unemployment and the rise of a pernicious racism abroad in the streets. I signaled my contempt by dying my hair with crazy colors, cutting it in an ugly, random way, dressing in clothing full of spikes and chains and piercing my face unflatteringly. I showed the world that I belonged to a newly emerging group of idealistic kids who wanted to tear the whole world down and build anew. Everyone knew this simply by the way I represented myself visually. Before I even opened my mouth, the general population knew exactly what my politics were and where my allegiances lay. Now, as a mature artist, I see profound meaning in these signals, can appreciate the inclusive aspects of the clues that we all give society at large, and know that establishing our identities is all about dialogue with the societies in which we live.

As a Coop member, I am



surrounded by all kinds of people who—to varying degrees—represent different races, religious groups, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages and degrees of physical ability. Different, different, different and it's a beautiful thing!

As we celebrate the Coop's 40th anniversary, I, in cooperation with the Diversity and Equality Committee, intend to record this wonderful diversity by creating a series of portraits of Coop members, as part of my ongoing broader portrait project. I want to invite you to volunteer and join me in making a record of

our wonderful differences. If you visually present to the world in some strong, mannered or prescribed way; if your culture dictates that you display scarification on your face or if your religion requires that you cover your head; if you're a die-hard Yankee fan or listen to Goth music and express that choice in your manner of dress and hairstyle; if you wear a uniform as part of your professional or personal life; if you feel that you in any way enrich the diversity of our community by sending out a visual signal, either through an innate physical

quality or as a result of your life experiences or choices, then I would like to invite you to be photographed.

The visual record of the membership we make together will be exhibited in the Coop. To thank you for your participation, you will be given a copy of the digital photo file of your portrait for your own use, or to share with family and friends.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please write to me at [martyn@foodcoop.org](mailto:martyn@foodcoop.org). The exact date and time of the photo session will be announced shortly. ■

## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## Stop Fracking: Stop the Rockaway Pipeline

By Gary Goff

Fracking is a major threat to New York's fresh water and agriculture. The state's organic farmers, brewers and chefs have all taken stands against it. So has the Park Slope Food Coop.

Now big energy wants to build infrastructure to support fracking right here in Brooklyn

and Queens and off the southern shore of Long Island.

Energy companies Williams Transco and National Grid are building the Rockaway Lateral pipeline to carry fracked gas from an already-existing offshore pipeline, under Jamaica Bay, Jacob Riis beach and Rockaway Inlet, into Floyd Bennett Field and

up Flatbush Ave.

Pipelines like this don't have a good track record. There were 80 explosions and fires from gas pipelines in the U.S. in 2012 alone. Just last month, 13 workers were injured in a Williams Transco compressor station explosion in New Jersey.

Transco is also building a gas metering and regulating station inside one of the landmarked hangars in Floyd Bennett Field. Metering stations can explode when they are flooded. The hangar is 16 feet above sea level; the storm surge from Hurricane Sandy reached 14 feet. Scientists warn that storms in the near future will likely be bigger.

The energy companies claim natural gas is a clean fuel. But scientists say that hydraulic fracturing, or frack-

ing, the process by which we now obtain most of our natural gas, results in more greenhouse gas emissions than coal. Gas has extremely high methane emissions. Methane is a particularly potent greenhouse gas 72 times worse than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period.

Expanding our use of fossil fuels is totally unnecessary. A recent peer-reviewed study of New York's energy needs makes clear that our state could convert to 100% renewable energy in 20 years.

The Gateway National Recreation Area originally banned industrial use of its land. It required an act of Congress to get around this. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Michael Grimm. Last year Grimm was criticized by government watchdog groups for accepting large campaign donations from Williams

Transco and National Grid.

Environmental lawyers are looking at how to stop the Rockaway pipeline.

Meanwhile, we learn that Liberty Natural Gas LLC has applied to open a deep-water LNG (liquefied natural gas) port just off Jones Beach. Because of the current glut of fracked gas in the U.S., energy companies want to export LNG to Europe and Asia, where gas fetches much higher prices. Energy experts say this could triple domestic gas prices.

To protect our fresh water, locally grown food and oceans we need to stop the expansion of fracking. Call Governor Cuomo and tell him to veto the Liberty Port Ambrose LNG project (518-474-8390). For more information, go to the website of the Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline ([carpny.org](http://carpny.org)). ■

**ORIENTATION COMMITTEE  
LOOKING FOR  
NEW ORIENTATION  
LEADERS!**  
**PLEASE SEE  
"EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES"  
ON PAGE 15 OF THIS ISSUE  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**

## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## Support Cayuga Pure Organics at the July 30 General Meeting

By Helen Zuman

**O**n May 30, 2013, a fire, started accidentally by a minor, destroyed the barn housing the equipment used by Coop supplier Cayuga Pure Organics to clean and package their beans and grains. Insurance will cover only a small percentage of the amount needed to rebuild. The new harvest starts in July. The building and equipment must be replaced—at a cost of \$238,000—before the new crop can be sold.

At the Coop's July 30 General Meeting, I will present the following proposal, for a vote: "By August 1, 2013, the Coop will donate up to \$50,000 to Cayuga Pure Organics' campaign to rebuild after a devastating fire."

As of July 15, Cayuga Pure Organics has raised about \$100,000 toward its \$238,000 goal, through an Indiegogo campaign ([www.igg.me/at/cpo/csfb](http://www.igg.me/at/cpo/csfb)) and other efforts. If, by July 30, the amount still to be raised is less than \$50,000, I will revise the donation amount down, to equal the shortfall. Otherwise, I will place it at \$50,000 (which, per the Indiegogo page, would earn the Coop the right to name the new "beanery"—the campaign's top reward).



Inside the old beanery.

Please read the following Q&A for more information. And please come to the July 30 General Meeting to join in the discussion and help make this important decision.

**Q:** What is Cayuga Pure Organics? What's its relationship to the PSFC?

**A:** Cayuga Pure Organics (CPO) is a 350-acre organic bean and grain farm near Ithaca, NY. CPO supplies the Coop with organic, non-GMO, New York State-grown black beans (125-200 lbs. per

week) and pinto beans (50-75 lbs. per week), as well as kidney beans and heirloom varieties such as Red Merlot and Jacob's Cattle, when available. CPO also supplies the Coop with live oat groats and freekeh (roasted green spelt berries), and grows some of the whole grain milled by its Finger Lakes neighbor, Farmer Ground Flour. The Coop's polenta (35-60 lbs. per week), its bulk cornmeal (50-75 lbs. per week), and some of its packaged flours (half white, all purpose, and buckwheat), come from Farmer Ground. The Coop has been buying from CPO for about four years.

**Q:** Why does CPO's survival matter to the PSFC?

**A:** CPO is not just the only major supplier of locally grown organic dried beans in the Northeast, but also a pioneer in reviving our region's capacity to grow its own staple crops, without chemicals or GMOs. According to Coop beans and grains buyer Ron Zisa, members realize significant health benefits when we eat beans and grains grown in our home climate, rather than thousands of miles away. (Currently, the rest of the Coop's beans come from Canada, Turkey, China and U.S. regions

beyond the Northeast.) He also sees great value in the "continuity and support" local farms provide when "devastation or disaster hits other parts of the country." We support our local farms, he says—and they support "our community," in return.

**Q:** How would a \$50,000 donation affect the Coop's finances?

**A:** According to the audit presented at the June 25 General Meeting, the Coop is in better financial health



Beans out standing in their field.

than ever. General Manager Joe Holtz indicated that it's up to members to determine—through the General Meeting—how to reinvest the Coop's unprecedented surplus. I submit that it is in the Coop's best interest to help ensure that CPO is able to continue in its role as both vital Coop supplier and local food system anchor.

**Q:** Why the August 1 deadline?

**A:** To survive, CPO must replace essential storage and packaging infrastructure by harvest time.

**Q:** I'm worried about the precedent this proposal might set. What's to prevent the Coop from being flooded with requests for help from other suppliers in trouble?

**A:** It takes hours and hours of (non-workslot) work to compose a clear proposal, get it approved by the Agenda Committee, educate the membership, and prepare and present a case strong enough to persuade a majority of General Meeting attendees to approve it. I don't see a slippery slope here—I see an arduous (if rewarding and worthwhile) uphill climb!

**Q:** Where can I learn more?

**A:** For more on CPO, visit [www.cporganics.com](http://www.cporganics.com). For fundraising updates and a video, go to [www.igg.me/at/cpo/csfb](http://www.igg.me/at/cpo/csfb). For an excellent interview with founder Erick Smith, see [www.greenamerica.org/greenbusiness/interviews/articles/201203-interview-Cayuga-pure-organics.cfm](http://www.greenamerica.org/greenbusiness/interviews/articles/201203-interview-Cayuga-pure-organics.cfm). Questions or comments about the proposal? Send me an e-mail: [madgelma@hotmail.com](mailto:madgelma@hotmail.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](http://www.cporganics.com).**

**Thanks for your support!**



## COOP HOURS

### Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.  
Saturday  
6:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.  
Sunday  
6:00 a.m. to 7:30\* p.m.

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

### Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday  
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

### Telephone:

718-622-0560

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# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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**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 WORKSLOT

# Revolving 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

## REMINDER: CHILDREN UNDER 18 WORKING/SHOPPING AT THE COOP

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

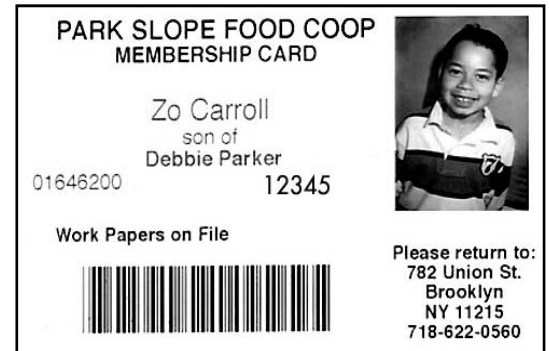
In accordance with the laws of New York State, children between the ages of 14 and 18 may work in the Coop only if a copy of their working papers are filed in the Membership Office. Children must also have a specially designated "Child of" Membership Card that specifies "working papers on file." Children 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](http://foodcoop.com) or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

### The Coop on the Internet

[www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)

### The Coop on Cable TV

#### Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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

### General Meeting Info

#### TUE, 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:

Aug 8 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Jul 29  
Aug 22 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 12

#### CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Aug 8 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jul 31  
Aug 22 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 14

## ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

### Our Governing Structure

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

### Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 7:00 p.m.

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

### Location

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

### How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

### Meeting Format

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

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

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

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

#### Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

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

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

### Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

#### • Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

#### • Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

#### • Certain Squads not eligible:

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

#### • Attend the entire GM:

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

#### • Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

#### • Being Absent from the GM:

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

### Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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

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FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

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

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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

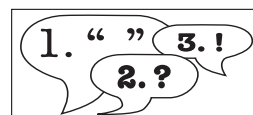
**V. Board of Directors Meeting**

**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



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aug 9  
fri 4–6 pm

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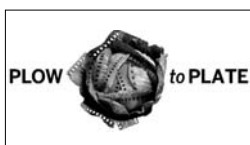
**All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.**

**Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.**

# jul 25–sep 24 2013

**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.

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.**

**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.**

**sep 6**  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night



*Film to be announced.*

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

**aug 30**  
fri 7 pm

## Cheese Class

We invite Coop members to learn more about the wonderful cheeses the Coop has to offer. This event will be limited to 30 people on a first-come, first-seated basis. Our guest speaker will be Sergio Hernandez of Bklyn Larder. He personally selects all the cheeses, meats and grocery items and tastes and develops recipes for all the prepared foods sold at the counter. Sergio started working with food at 15. His culinary career took him to Vermont by the time he was 22, where Sergio gained a whole new appreciation for seasonality, local farms and small-production dairy and cheese. Sergio moved to New York City in 2004, and met the owners of Franny's. The trio immediately connected and Sergio became their first general manager at this now-celebrated Park Slope eatery. This workshop is brought to you by Coop member **Aaron Kirtz**, who has worked in the cheese industry since 2003, and sells cheese to the Coop via Forever Cheese.

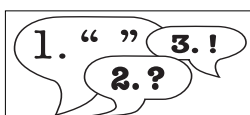
**sep 8**  
sun 7 pm

## Tai Chi Chuan for Beginners

Tai Chi is a meditation, health exercise and martial art all in one and is well known for reducing stress and increasing overall physical and emotional vitality. This workshop will explore Tai Chi through simple exercises that develop relaxed, calm alertness and increased energy. No movement experience necessary; workshop is designed for any level of fitness ability. Numerous studies indicate that Tai Chi improves balance, blood-lipid levels, better sleep patterns, nutrient digestion and even increased resistance to shingles. Other studies note that it reduces falls, anxiety levels, as well as fibromyalgia pain and fatigue. Long-time Coop member **Tom Daly** began studying Tai Chi in 1982 with Maggie Newman, a senior student of Professor Cheng Man-Ch'ing. Tom began teaching his own classes in 1990 and currently teaches private group classes at Chelsea Studios.

**sep 3**  
tue 7:30 pm

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**sep 10**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night



*Film to be announced.*

**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

**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 21** What the Tooth Fairy Never Knew

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

**sep 24** PSFC SEPTEMBER General Meeting

**sep 24** Meet Your Mind

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHILDCARE WORKER  
SIGN-IN PROBLEMS

## TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I changed my childcare shift to "C" week Thursday 1 p.m. At the start of my shift I attempted to sign in, as I have on the many other childcare shifts I've done over the last several years. I was told that this shift operates differently, that someone would come up with the sign-in book after an hour or so.

"Childcare Rules," state "WORKER SIGN-IN: Sign in for your shift before proceeding upstairs."

If the shopping squad leader forgets to go upstairs, and the workers are busy with children, and no one remembers until it shows up on the

worker's record as a double make-up, it is too late. That member ends up working three shifts and getting credit for one. This has happened on more than one occasion that I know of.

I've been told that the reason for changing the procedure on this shift is that some childcare workers have left early. This is unrelated to sign-in. If the shopping squad leader finds that a worker has left early, that can be noted, and the worker penalized, whether the worker has signed in or not.

There is a simple solution: Follow the established rules, and check at any time to see that workers are actually working.

Thomas Cox

## THE TIPPING POINT

## TO THE EDITOR:

The letter from our Union Street neighbors mentions the chronic tipping-over of carts. As a non-member, the writer was apparently not aware, but members should be, that the small "silver" carts, which hold green baskets, are prone to tipping and are therefore not supposed to leave the Coop.

Janet Gottlieb

## BOYCOTT POLICY

## DEAR EDITORS:

Assad is presiding over 100,000 deaths in Syria's civil war. The army of Hizbullah is draining blood and treasure out of Lebanon to assist him while Beirut is targeted by reprisals. Revolution is in the streets of Cairo, Iranians are chanting "Death to the Dictator!" and Tunisia, Libya and Yemen are still reeling from popular uprisings. The tactic Middle Eastern dictatorships and religious fanatics have used for decades of blaming the Israel/Palestine conflict for everything has turned around to bite them in the face. Realizing it was used only to distract their own people from the real problem (the Middle Eastern dictatorships and religious fanatics themselves), countless Arabs and Muslims who couldn't swallow the lies anymore have died fighting back. Yet Mary Buchenwald's letters continue to ignore the obvious and focus on Israel as the source of all the region's discontent.

Such letters aim to drag PSFC through our boycott policy into geopolitics, not food politics, and

present the perfect example of why we need to update it. Had our boycott policy's unwritten 51% majority been utilized two years ago to punish an entire democratic nation, all of us would look around and realize we had made a grave error, acting as a knee-jerk politically-correct body that demonizes instead of produces solutions. Personally, I felt fear knowing that such narrow-minded politics could represent me, all of us really. And I understood that forcing nearly half of PSFC to do so against their conscience is oppression. Create oppression here to fight oppression elsewhere? Sorry, I couldn't accept that then and I won't accept it in the future.

Boycotts at PSFC are a fine tool to express outrage with political entities, but we need to address the 51% loophole. I call for the majority to be set officially at 80%. This way, a genuine upsurge to move in a radical direction will be reflected only by the vast majority, not a slim one. An 80% victory would require genuine understanding of politics and membership opinion, not the dogma of an echo chamber. 80% is not an arbitrary number; supermajorities exist in the U.S. Congress, in corporations, and here in our PSFC bylaws. Most importantly, 80% respects the first Rochdale principle upon which our Coop is founded which says that no one will be discriminated against for their political beliefs.

Please contact eightypercentmajority@gmail.com for questions or comments.

It's time to change the conversation. Finally.

Jesse Rosenfeld

## LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

## Anonymity

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

## Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, fac-

tual coverage:

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

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

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

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

## Respect

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



## Sudoku

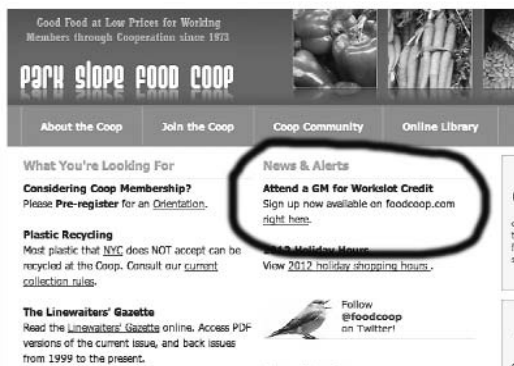
Sudoku is a puzzle. You are presented with a 9x9 grid of squares, and that grid is divided into 3x3 zones.

You solve the puzzle by filling the empty squares with single-digit numbers so that every zone, column and row uses each of the numbers from 1 to 9.

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2								
7			4		5		6	
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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 14.

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



◆ On the Coop's website  
(www.foodcoop.com)



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



◆ Call the Membership Office

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

## BDS TOPICS:

## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

## TO THE EDITOR:

**Canadian and Israeli Universities to increase international research collaboration.** The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, representing 97 academic institutions, and the Association of University Heads of Israel plan to work together “to facilitate, promote and support international research collaboration between Israeli and Canadian universities.” The agreement comes as BDS activists pressure universities internationally against similar collaboration agreements with Israeli schools.

**India and Israel strengthening partnership of trade, agricultural and security ties.** Since establishing diplomatic relations in 1992, Indian-Israeli relationships have improved rapidly. According to Prime Minister Kumaraswamy, professor at New Delhi’s Jawaharlal University, “(Our) growing military co-operation extends beyond arms sales to technology upgrades, joint research and intelligence cooperation.”

**Italian Prime Minister visits Israel.** PM Enrico Letta said that the choice of Jerusalem as his first tour outside Europe was “a very important signal” as he commended Israel’s efforts and commitment to peace, and expressed hopes of Europe providing “a very big support to your peace process.” Success in that process, he added, would be “very important for global peace and prosperity.” Pledging Italy’s commitment to scientific co-operation, he was treated to presentations at Hebrew University in Israel’s high-tech research and development, and met with students in the university’s Italian studies program.

**National University of Singapore and Hebrew University of Jerusalem launching joint Ph.D. program in biomedical science.** Later in 2013 a core group of students from each university will be able to spend at least nine months being exposed to their host country’s scientific advances and culture.

**Israel and China moving closer to bilateral free trade agreement.** The two countries will conduct a survey to quantify its impact. Trade between them totals about \$8 billion annually.

**Chinese tourism to Israel increasing.** The first five months of 2013 brought a 27% increase in Chinese visitors compared to the same period last year. In 2012 more than 20,000 people from China visited Israel.

**UK, Israel agree to expend scientific cooperation—despite calls in Britain for an academic boycott**

**of Israel.** The agreement was signed in Jerusalem by the British Foreign Minister and Israel’s Minister of Science, Technology and Space in the presence of the British ambassador, Hebrew University’s president, and members of the British-Israeli Life Sciences Counsel. They agreed to increase joint research projects in areas including agriculture (especially related to water resources), neurology and brain sciences, space research and regenerative medicine, all fields in which Israel excels.

**Kuwaiti Parliament Members, acknowledging military trade and other dealings with Israel, praise the Jewish state.** In interviews on Al-Adala TV and posted online, two MPs defended financial ties with Israel, one citing religious doctrine permitting dealings with Jews, and the other saying he “loves” Israel for selling Kuwait military equipment and helping to keep Kuwait safe. “We’re talking about my country’s security... I am willing to buy equipment from Israel to protect my country from its neighbor [Iraq].” [Middle East Media Research Institute]

Ruth Bolletino

## UC BERKELEY: STUDENT SENATE SUPPORTS DIVESTMENT FROM COMPANIES COMPLICIT WITH ISRAEL’S OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE

## MEMBERS:

**April 17, 2013:** In a dramatic vote, emotional for all sides, the ASUC [Associated Students at the University of California] Berkeley senate voted 11-9 to pass SB 160 to divest from three companies profiting from Israel’s occupation of Palestine. The heated debate began Wednesday evening lasting ten hours until 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

**April 24:** ASUC President, after intense pressure, including from anti-divestment groups on/off campus, announced he would not veto SB 160. He emphasized his decision was not an endorsement of SB 160. A veto would only lengthen the campus conflict, not serve to create constructive dialog.

The divestment bill at Berkeley, the flagship UC campus (Public Ivy), is a major accomplishment for the BDS movement.

**SB 160: “A Bill In Support of Human Rights in the West Bank and Gaza Strip”** calls the UC system a ‘complicit third party’ in Israel’s ‘illegal occupation and ensuing human rights abuses.’ It calls on the UC administration to divest its \$14+ million in ASUC and UC assets from companies including Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Cement Roadstone Holdings. These companies

provide equipment, materials and technologies to the Israeli military including bulldozers and biometric identification systems used in documented human rights violations of Palestinians: collective punishment in Gaza, illegal demolitions of Palestinian homes, contributing to the illegal Separation Wall that annexes Palestinian land, operating in illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, inhibiting freedom of movement of Palestinians.

During the meeting (500+), Students for Justice in Palestine and allied groups along with several supportive senators made ‘eloquent arguments’ that withstood a series of tactics supported by anti-divestment senators to distract and confuse moderate senators. As these efforts to delay and confuse issues were exhausted, the wide array of pro-divestment voices continued to hold moral sway. (Rahim Kurwa)

*Note:* 2010: the senate passed a similar resolution vetoed by the then-senate President. The veto stood: senators, pressured and intimidated by anti-divestment groups, reversed their vote.

**Divestment bills: UC campuses 2012-2013:** 2012: UC Irvine’s student senate became the first to successfully pass a divestment resolution, 16-0 (no veto), reigniting the spirit of 2010 with resolutions on seven campuses in 2013: San Diego (passed), Berkeley (passed), Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Riverside, Stanford, Davis. Resolutions were endorsed by a broad coalition of campus organizations: Arab, South Asian, Black, Chicano, Christian, Filipino, Latino, Muslims, Asian Pacific, queer groups, Jews, Israelis supportive of universal human rights for Palestinians.

*Postscript:* The Regents’ (UC system’s governing body) divestment policy: (2005, reaffirmed 2010): UC will divest from companies doing business with a country the U.S. government declared was committing genocide.

**May 31:** letter to Regents from 30+ State legislators criticizing BDS movement on campuses; supporting Regents’ divestment policy.

**July 8:** letter to Regents signed by students and citizens of California (35 groups) responding to legislators’ letter to stifle UC pro-divestment student movements.

Sources: Alex Kane, Nora Barrows Mary Buchwald  
Brooklyn For Peace  
PSFC members for BDS  
[www.psfcbds.wordpress.com](http://www.psfcbds.wordpress.com)

## THE EDUCATION OF ZIAD DOUEIRI

## TO THE EDITOR:

Ziad Doueiri is a Lebanese/American/French filmmaker (*West Beirut*)

currently promoting his latest project, *The Attack*, based on a novel by the Algerian writer, Yasmina Khadra. Made mostly in Israel and therefore banned in his native Lebanon and throughout the Arab world, the film (which is politically neutral) is about a secular Arab Israeli doctor slowly coming to terms with the fact that his wife has committed a suicide attack.

Doueiri, who grew up in Lebanon and attended college in California, admitted, in a lively Charlie Rose interview, that, “I hated Jews totally. I hated Israelis. I didn’t think Jews had a narrative, I didn’t think Jews had a side to the story.... And then you go into college, ... and you’re with people your age and ... something happens in a long process where this mystification of the Israelis started to come down and then you start slowly, it’s a slow process, I’m sitting talking about it right now but it took years in the making, and you start to understand that maybe they have a point of view, they have a perspective, they have a narrative. You see I didn’t think Israelis had a narrative, they didn’t deserve one, how could you, growing up 12, 13, 14, the other perspective, I couldn’t do it.

“And then years go by and you start exchanging ideas. I might disagree with them. I might still look at the occupation from—we have to be objective about it—I did not forget. But at the same time you start to see that they are as fragile as I am, they are as insecure as I am. Wow, a few years ago I thought that word “bullet-proof,” “F16,” “gung-ho,” about, you know, using their weapons indiscriminately, and there was the Goliath and I was the David. And now suddenly in college you sit down and you see they are just as David as I am. And then I remember ... something very perturbing that happens. I sat down in my documentary class, and he showed us the film called *Night and Fog* by Alain Renais [a documentary about the Holocaust]. What was perturbing was not the film, [but] its effect on me. I was sitting and I was feeling a lot of empathy. It was weird, you understand, because I was not raised that way. I did not grow up where you can empathize with your enemy.”

With respect to the pan-Arab ban of his film, Doueiri said, “For a lot of Arabs it’s inconceivable to show the other perspective.... They expect a film from the region to be extremely demonizing of Israel. And I didn’t do that.” (*LA Times*) And in a *NY Times* interview Doueiri said further, “But ... when you make movies that get seen ... and you’re honest about telling your story, you’re more likely to create change.”

Sylvia Lowenthal

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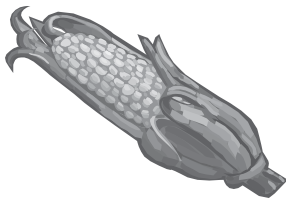
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CATSKILL RENTAL. Secluded 4 bedroom loghome next to nature reserve call Dave 212-289-6282 or [oasishill.com](http://oasishill.com).

VACATIONS

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](mailto:rlsimmen@gmail.com).

Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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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](http://foodcoop.com).

BAY RIDGE FOOD CO-OP

We're one step closer to opening for business NOW WE NEED YOU!

The Bay Ridge Food Co-op is moving ever nearer to opening its doors, providing a valuable new resource for communities across South Brooklyn and beyond.

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.

PSFC members receive FTOP credit for their work!

[www.foodcoopbayridge.com](http://www.foodcoopbayridge.com)  
[hello@foodcoopbayridge.com](mailto:hello@foodcoopbayridge.com)  
347-274-8172

## EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES

**Receiving Maintenance**  
**Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to do various light maintenance tasks throughout the Coop. You will work under the supervision of a staff person. Must be willing to clean, sort returned bottles, work in the backyard organizing, lifting up to 25 lbs.

**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 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.

**Entrance Desk**  
**Friday, 5:45 to 8:15 a.m.**

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the entrance desk in hours of the weekday before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance-desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance-desk screen, and be able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. is not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

**Orientation Leader**  
**Sunday 4 p.m., Monday 7:30 p.m.,**  
**Wednesday 10 a.m.**

The Orientation Committee is looking for Coop members who have a group-teaching and/or training background to lead Orientation sessions. Potential orientation leaders should be articulate, well-organized, and able to present a large amount of information in a personable and accessible way to a diverse group in a short period of time. You will lead sessions every six weeks, and on the week midway between sessions, must be available as backup for emergency coverage. Regular slots are on Sunday afternoons, Monday evenings, or Wednesday mornings. You must have at least two years of Coop membership and an excellent attendance history to be considered for the Orientation Committee. There is an initial group interview for this committee, after which there are three trainings for workslot credit. An annual meeting of the Orientation Committee is part of the work requirement. We seek orientation leaders who reflect the diversity of the Coop. To apply, please send an e-mail with your name, member number, and contact information with a subject line of "Coop Orientation" to ginger\_jung@psfc.coop.

**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.

*"Even if life isn't fair, it doesn't mean we can't make our school fair." — David age 16*

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**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](http://BrooklynAppleAcademy.org)

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

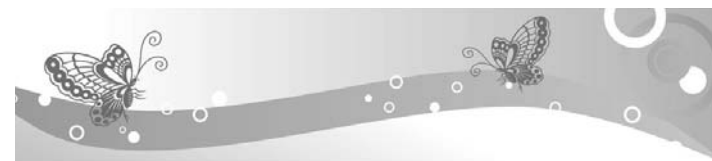
Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

**SUN, JUL 28**

5:30-7:30 p.m. Preserving the Harvest: The Basics of Lacto-Fermentation. Learn to make sauerkraut and other fermented veggies! 61 Local, 61 Bergen St. F/G to Bergen. Fee: \$35. For more information contact: [info@traditionalnutritionguild.org](mailto:info@traditionalnutritionguild.org) or [angela@nourishingworks.com](mailto:angela@nourishingworks.com).

**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, NY 11201 For more information, call: 718.666.3049 RSVP: [rsvp@powerhousearena.com](mailto:rsvp@powerhousearena.com).



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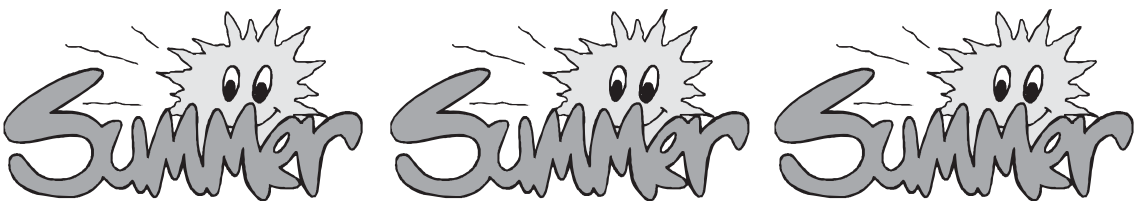
A warm welcome to these new Coop members who have joined us in the last two weeks. We're glad you've decided to be a part of our community.

Michele Abramsky	Charity Chan	Elise Gaugert	Gary Kaufman	Gail Mayer	Pinchus Riven	Clare Talbot
Kamillah Aklaff	April Chiu	Julien Greco	Sharone Kaufman	Brad McDonald	Rochel Chana Riven	Heather Tenzer
Sigvard Alarcon	Daniel Couch	Diana K. Griffin	Smitha Khorana	Catherine McMenamin	Adam Robinson	Bill Thompson
Miguel Almeida-Deca	Jennifer Couch	Sarah Gunther	Susan Kim	Benjamin Miller	Peter Saidel	Bret Tonelli
Carole Amber	Santiago Cuartas	Joan Hacker	Sydney Kinnear	Roy Miller	Diego Sanchez	Sarah Ullrich
Troy Amber	Ernest Cummings	Jenna Haerr	Cameron Kinslow	Charles Monteleone	Fia-Stina Sandlund	Tristan Walker
Angelo Assante	Amanda Davis	Charla Harlow	Trixie Kioko	Alex Muller	Daniele Santoro	James Wallace-Lee
Greg Astor	Elkie Denebeim	Bryan Harris	Hiroshi Kitano	Celia Muller	Alan Shuratz Shurafa	Stephen Whitely
Sancar Ayalp	Jennifer DePrima	Malec Heermans	Dana Kragh	Damoon Nikaiyn	Rachel Silberstein	Barrett Williams
Mischa Bauermeister	Matt Eckstein	Shalema Henderson	Amy Krosch	Heather Nobbe	Chana Simons	Caroline Woolard
Tal Beery	Whitney Ellis	Justin Hess	Aurora Kushner	Jordan Nowotny	Joshua Simons	Flora Wu
Stephanie Black	Daniel Epelhaum	Lauren Hult	Dean Langley	Lupita Nyongo	Paula Sliwinski	Konstantin Zhukov
Jonathan Blitstein	David Erickson	Harriette Humphrey-	Russell Ledet	Diana Pangestu	Elizabeth Smith	Deborah Zoneta
Steven Bornfeld	Ansar Fayyazuddin	Frances	Antonia Levy	Randy Peay	Kristin Steiner	
Mary Borrowman	Yita Feldman	Ashley Ingram	Courtney Lewis	Frances (Cesa) Pledger	Oleg Stoul	
Inetri Brazil	Christian Fernandez	Jonathan Itskov	Marina Litvak	Lisa Podemski	Annelise Strom-	
Mallory Brown-Ledet	Ryan Ferreira	Melissa Jeffries	Lise Lynam	Briana Pozner	Henriksen	
Maria F. Campos	Carolina Galvao	Kevin Johnston	Marise Manigat	Yevgeniy Rasporskiy	Cindy Switzer	
David Caplan	Christopher Gambini	Kaoru Jones-Kobayashi	Eden Marryshow	Drew Rhodes	John Szymanski	
Giulia Cauti	Njoki Gatimu	Allison Kaufman	Christopher Mauch	Kari Rittenbach	Axel Taerner	



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.)



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.



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

Thanks for your cooperation,  
The Park Slope Food Coop

THANK YOU!

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

Christine Alcalay	Thomas Crane	Zoe Greco	Jhanna Kosicki	Jeff Newton	Inga Sheaffer	Sara Tempel
Malinda Allen	Naomi Cummins	Benjamin Greene	Justin Krebs	Marsha Niemeijer	Greg Sheppard	Marc Thompson
Michael Andres	Daniela Delves	Marvin Gruszka	Harvey Lang	Oscar Noriega	Marybeth Sheppard	Anna Thorngate
Alison Annunziata	Serena Deng	Robert Guilmoin	Jamie Law	Tanya Ostromogilskaya	Arthur Sims	Paul Trevillion
Eliza Bagg	Christopher Dingman	Lamia Harper	Eunju Lee	Maria Petulla	Zoe Singer	Michael Tumbarello
Kate Bahn	Kimberly Donato	Allison Danielle Heiny	Faina Levine	Deborah Poole	Andrew Sloat	Adriana Varella
Michael Bates	Linda Eichling	Neil Hellegers	Peter Li	Emily Powers	Evan Smith	Luz Vasquez
Rachel Benoff	Jennifer Eugenio	Matthew Hollerbach	Lourdes Licea	Quinlan Pozner	Sara Solomon	Michael Wallin
HyoJung Bidol	Rami Ezratty	Aliza Horowitz	Abigail Lloyd	David Pratt	Alexis Soloski	AJ Walzer
Daniel Bockrath	Antoine Farris	Katie Hustead	Ramon Maislen	Kate Raddock	Sheena Sood	Vitus Wieser
Kourtney Boyd	Hardy Fischer	Darby Jack	Ms. Mason	Rachel Ravitz	Juliette Spertus	Rashida N. Wright
Paulette Braha	Lewanika Forde-Senghor	Norma Jackson	Kathryn Mattis	Yves Rene	David Sreter	
Jillian Bronshteyn	Lucy Fradkin	Janelle	Jessica Meller	Gerardo Renique	Stef	
Thomas Brown	Hiroko Fukuyama	Erin Jones	Matthew Miller	Isa Rodrigues	Solomon Stein	
Lisa Bruno	Collin Gallahue	Serah Kaiel	Suyog Mody	Angela Rothschild	Remle Stubbs-Dame	
Ryan "Ryler" Calabrese	Nuala Gallagher	Lauren Kaplan	Ravish Momin	Rory Rowan	Gretchen Swift	
JC Calhoun	Geoff	Eva Kenny	Jenny Morse	Jamie Rubin	Meg Switzgable	
Sharon Chandally	Peter Giles	Rory Kinnear	Kim Musler	Katharine Rubin	Zaneta Sykes	
Lawrence Chang	Victoria Grager	Dawn Kikel	Alina Neganova	Maria Scarvalone	Dorian Syrkett	
Elizabeth Coggin	Yuriy Grager	Rebecca Koladycz	Brandon Neubauer	Jan Schotte	Elizabeth Tarras	

