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October GM Continues Coke Boycott And Members Vote 'No' On Gazette Policy Changes



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By Frank Haberle

In a well-attended Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting on October 29, members voted for the continuation of the Coop's longstanding boycott of Coca-Cola products and re-elected an Agenda Committee member. Following a lively debate, they voted "no" on a proposal to make changes to the *Gazette's* word-count policy and to require General Meeting approval prior to editorial policy changes in the *Gazette*. Members also explored concerns about food safety. General Coordinators reported on cur-

rent finances, staff hiring and work slot labor shortages. The Coop's Revolving Loan Committee and the GMO Labeling Committee also reported on their recent activities.

Open Forum: A Discussion About Food Safety

The Open Forum began with Zoey Laskaris, member of the Coop Board of Directors, responding to a food safety concern raised in a previous GM. In the prior meeting, a member had raised concerns about the safety of food from Japan,

asking whether the Coop should be selling food from Japan that may be contaminated after the tsunami and Fukushima plant meltdown. Zoey, a public health professional, pointed out that without scientific proof to back this claim up, it would not make sense to boycott Japanese products. She suggested that the Japanese government, like the U.S. government, is very concerned with making sure people don't eat contaminated fish. Japan has set a wide section of ocean

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Member Arrested for Shoplifting as We Head Toward a Second Consecutive Year of Record-Breaking Theft

By Joe Holtz,
General Coordinator

Most of us were not members back in the day of bold anti-theft campaigns and the much ridiculed and barely ever used high chair that was built to get a better view of possible checkout area theft (members just said no). Most of us were not members when every regular checkout lane had a zone painted on the floor where no box of food should touch. The idea of the "no food zone" was to force the contents of all boxes of shopped-for food to be emptied onto the checkout rather than stolen. What's this talk about boxes? Back in the day, there were no shopping carts provided, so members filled boxes and slid them along the floor, everywhere. The immediate purpose of all these efforts

was to encourage members to report anything that appeared to possibly be stealing and make the practice of stealing look more obvious to anyone around.

The larger longer-term purpose was to protect the low prices that are created by both the work requirement and the level of self-management that we gain from the squad system. If stealing goes unchecked and flourishes, then prices will have to be raised again and again in order to pay for our collective expense of operating our collectively owned cooperative. If we keep raising prices to pay for food stolen by members, then we undermine one of the pillars that support the Coop in remaining viable into the future.

Our gross margin is erod-

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The November 19 General Meeting Is Canceled

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is typically held on the last Tuesday of each month. The November General Meeting, however, has been canceled.

The next General Meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, on Tuesday, December 17, due to the Christmas holiday, at a location to be determined. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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Coop Event Highlights

Thu, Dec 5 • Food Class: Eastern Mediterranean Tapas
7:30 p.m.

Fri, Dec 6 • Film Night:
Bordering On Treason 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Dec 10 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Food Beware 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan 2 • Food Class 7:30 p.m.

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

October GM

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around the plant as off-limits to fishing. "If you don't trust this information you should make your own decisions," Zoey said, "but I don't think we should boycott Japanese products."

A member asked what products, specifically, we sell that are from Japan. General Coordinator Joe Holtz listed some Eden products, San-J Soy Sauce, plus a few types of pasta, umeboshi paste and some seaweed products. One member added, "...and a couple of really good beers."

In reference to a follow-up question concerning high levels of arsenic in rice, Joe responded that, while the government is determining how to regulate the issue, we as Coop members need to make personal decisions about purchasing rice. Joe recommended that members who are concerned should visit the website of Lundberg Farms (www.lundberg.com), one of our major rice providers, where there might be more up-to-date information on this issue.

There is a labor shortage for receiving squads, especially in the early mornings and Saturday evenings. [General Coordinator Jess Robinson] asked members doing make-up or FTOP shifts to consider working these shifts.

General Coordinator Reports

General Coordinator Mike Eakin provided a thorough update on the state of the Coop's finances, presenting a financial report for the first 36 weeks of this fiscal year, with numbers that were very comparative to the same period last year. Mike pointed out that the numbers would be better if not for theft, a serious problem for the Coop, as illustrated by a member who was arrested on-site the previous Friday. Mike added that members who witness someone stealing in the Coop should not confront the person directly; instead, they should notify a staff member with specifics. "We can then track it with our camera system," he said. Speaking to increased overall expenses, Mike pointed to investments in energy-saving refrigeration and cooling

equipment that will save money further down the line, as well as new flooring in the meeting room.

General Coordinator Jess Robinson reported on the increased number of job openings, notifying the members that the Coop is still seeking applications for a Bookkeeping Coordinator and a Receiving Coordinator (the job listings are in this *Gazette*). Updating the GM on member work slots, she added that there is a labor shortage for receiving squads, especially in the early mornings and Saturday evenings. She asked members doing make-up or FTOP shifts to consider working these shifts.

Committee Reports

Rachel Porter, Revolving Loan Committee, explained that her committee was set-up to help new coop start-ups that are committed to operating on a full member-labor system like ours. The Coop contributed the first \$20,000 to start building a nonprofit fund. The fund will be making its first loans this year; the committee is anticipating making several loans of \$5,000 or more to help new coops get started. The Revolving Loan Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing applications and managing the funds. The Revolving Loan Committee is seeking to build the amount of funding available and is seeking contributions. Coop members can make tax-deductible contributions to this loan fund through the Revolving Loan Committee's page on the Coop website, or by check.

Margaret Maugenest, GMO Labeling Committee, reported on its activities. Founded in 2000, the GMO Labeling Committee was formed to help Coop members make informed decisions by placing green labels on foods on the Coop shelves containing no genetically modified organisms (GMOs). The Committee has identified and labeled 450 products. Margaret added that 27 states have passed non-GMO legislation, but that big food companies have invested \$700 million in fighting this legislation.

Meeting Agenda: The Agenda Committee, Coca-Cola and the Gazette

Inés Thiebaut, Agenda Committee, read a statement by Susan Sternberg, who could not be at the GM but



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sought re-election to the Agenda Committee. Members voted and approved her re-election overwhelmingly.

Coop member Lewis Friedman then rose to speak for the continuation of the Coca-Cola boycott, providing a long list of the Coca-Cola company's policies on labor, economy and the environment in the United States and internationally. Members also solidly approved the continuation of the boycott.

The next proposal, put forward by member David Barouh, concerned the *Gazette* editorial policies. The proposal called for establishing that *Linewaiters'* *Gazette* editorial policies are valid only if they've been approved by the GM; and for raising word counts for articles submitted by members to 1,200 words for articles with extensions possible. Currently, member contributions are limited to 750 words and feature articles, written by *Gazette* staff reporters for their work slots, are 1,200 words. At the beginning of the

meeting, David removed a third proposal point—that "irreconcilable disputes between writers and editors will be arbitrated by seven members randomly selected by the Disciplinary Hearing Committee to read, discuss, and vote on alleged violations of approved policies."

The 45 minutes of the meeting devoted to the Gazette's editorial policies featured a lengthy discussion in which members, and Gazette editors and writers, offered a wide range of opinions and insights about the Gazette.

Included in the handouts for the meeting were *Gazette* member articles by David ("The *Linewaiters'* *Gazette* and Coop Democracy," from the October 17 issue; and "The Coop Versus the *Linewaiters'* *Gazette*: A Request for Discovery," from the July 11 issue) as well as a written statement prepared by the

Gazette's editorial staff and writers. The statement recommended a "no" vote on the proposal, expressing an understanding of the concerns raised in the proposal, and offering alternative solutions. The 45 minutes of the meeting devoted to the *Gazette's* editorial policies featured a lengthy discussion in which members, and *Gazette* editors and writers, offered a wide range of opinions and insights about the *Gazette*: how content is managed, concerns about when changes are made and how they are communicated back to member contributors, and why changes and word limits need to be imposed on articles.

In the end, the GM voted "no" to the proposal as it was presented. The at times heated debate also raised the potential for a new, future discussion for the GM: what are the reporting responsibilities of every Coop committee, and whether all committees must seek GM approval before any policy changes are made. ■

Theft

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ing. Why do we care about the gross margin? Because it is the amount of money the Coop gets from selling food in order to pay all expenses after paying our food suppliers. Those expenses include store supplies, heating, cooling, real estate taxes, personnel, insurance, etc. Not that many years ago, the gross margin was consistently close to 17%. Last year it was 16.5% and this year so far it is also around 16.5%. At our current size a difference in the gross margin of one percent is \$490,000 per year, so the difference between 17% and 16.5 % costs the Coop \$245,000. In my opinion that is the amount of the increase in

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al Coordinator received an e-mail from a Membership Coordinator passing along a report from members of a squad that another member was possibly leaving with items that were not paid for. This was a perfect way of alerting us about this incident. We do not want confrontations. We want to first confirm that theft happened. The members provided time of day, location

scenario turned out to be true. Photographic evidence was presented on September 19, 2013, to the member upon his/her reporting to do his/her work at the Coop. The member then resigned forever and will be considered a trespasser should he/she ever come back.

What other types of theft are we experiencing? The eating of croissants and other

Coop into a center of paranoid surveillance. However, please do not believe you are totally outside the real world when in the Coop. Please take some part of your consciousness and direct it toward this problem. Please do not confront an alleged thief. If you suspect someone is stealing, here's what you can do:

Get the facts. Note details such as date, time, description of person, description of clothing and bags, carts, etc., observed location in the Coop.

Make a report. Submit the details to any employee ver-

bally, or place your written report in any General Coordinator mailbox in the Membership Office, or e-mail or snail mail your report to any General Coordinator at the Coop, or drop your report in the mail slot in the entrance lobby.

On a personal note, I have to say that my sadness around arresting someone drowned out my anger for a time. But in the end, the breach of our communal trust and the attack against our cooperative institution that is held so dearly by so many thousands is the greater sadness for me. ■



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annual theft. Yes there is spoilage. Yes there is breakage. Yes there are other mistakes. But I do not see evidence of increases in those areas. All these losses are called shrinkage. Theft is where this shrinkage increase is coming from. My old estimate, reported at past General Meetings, was \$700 dollars stolen per day, or about \$250,000 per year. My new estimate is about \$1,200 a day or \$450,000 a year. These are not exaggerations designed to dramatize. These are real numbers that affect what we all own here together. A small number of members can do a lot of undermining damage. On September 21, a Gener-

and description. That's what we needed to go back into history and look at footage. The member was in fact stealing and was doing it at the rate of about five times per week. Rough calculation: \$100+ per week equals more than \$5,000 per year. On Friday, October 25, 2013, the member was arrested at the Coop after being caught. Another case of a member stealing about five times per week was uncovered in September when the General Coordinators received a report that a member appeared to be taking groceries from the shopping floor without paying for them. Appearances can be deceiving but the worst-case

baked goods, nutrition bars, bananas and other weighable items and the drinking of beverages that members "forget" to pay for is an increasing problem. Should we assume that the wrappers in the trash and the half-filled bottles on random shelves were paid for? To the individual member, an item consumed while working or shopping may seem insignificant. Yet across the membership and throughout the hours our store is open, this grazing produces a multiplier effect and can substantially alter our margin, too. For the good of the Coop, please do not eat or drink items that are not paid for. Please do not turn the

Crossword Puzzle

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- Across

 - 1. Andy Warhol genre
 - 7. FedEx competitor
 - 10. Internet hookup letters
 - 13. What chutzpah!
 - 14. Sweeping in scope
 - 15. It can't be returned
 - 16. Kenny Rogers hit about a glossy magazine editor who enjoys walking unhurriedly?
 - 18. What Elmo calls Dagwood in Blondie
 - 19. Caesar and others
 - 20. Rock named after a Scandinavian country
 - 21. Imp's ammo
 - 22. Cause of some wrinkles
 - 23. Ray Charles hit about a guy who found love using his brains instead of his brawn?
 - 25. Young seal
 - 27. NFL review technique
 - 28. Parade times
 - 34. Range
 - 35. Will Smith hit about the crazy doings at a large telecommunications company?
 - 38. Russian auto
 - 39. 1988 NFL MVP
 - 40. Olympic gold medalist sprinter Szewinska
 - 42. Replies to an invitation
 - 46. Lady Gaga hit about how Peyton Manning and Drew Brees fall in love while pitching a product together?
 - 52. Building site
 - 53. It may be bookmarked
 - 54. More level
 - 55. Overhead light?
 - 56. Rightmost number on a grandfather clock
 - 57. Director's cry ... or an apt title for this puzzle
 - 59. Orthodontist's deg.
 - 60. Hgts.
 - 61. The Tree of Life director Terrence
 - 62. Harden
 - 63. Poseidon's domain
 - 64. Brings out
- Down

 - 1. Two-person log-cutter
 - 2. In a position of authority
 - 3. Dammed river in North Carolina
 - 4. Hitting statistics: Abbr.
 - 5. Mandatory coll. course
 - 6. Real downer, for short
 - 7. Illuminated from below
 - 8. Only work of art that Michelangelo signed
 - 9. Hardware store boxful
 - 10. Swiffer WetJets, e.g.
 - 11. Bawl out
 - 12. Arab League founding member
 - 14. Longest river in Spain
 - 17. Pet cat, in British lingo
 - 23. Device whose display can switch between portrait and landscape mode
 - 24. Twins sharing a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
 - 26. Stanford of Stanford University
 - 29. Where kronor are spent: Abbr.
 - 30. ____ the season ...
 - 31. Inventor Whitney
 - 32. Nutritionist's fig.
 - 33. Geom. shapes
 - 35. Cary Grant played a male one in 1949
 - 36. Dreamer
 - 37. Put on
 - 38. Dehydration remedies
 - 41. Tropical palms
 - 43. HomeStyle Relish maker
 - 44. Miranda rights readers
 - 45. Financial page listings
 - 47. Immature egg
 - 48. You Will ____ Tall Dark Stranger (2010 Woody Allen film)
 - 49. Pantry problem
 - 50. Bk. after Ezra
 - 51. ____ de menthe
 - 55. Streaming video giant
 - 58. Batty

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

Local Produce Season Ending: Produce Now Coming from Afar

By Ed Levy

New York State has had its first hard frost of the season. And that, Produce Buyer and General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman said,

of mango called the Keitt. "It's one of the best of the year," Allen said. Buyers should note three things: the Keitt remains green—don't wait for it to turn yellow, its

from the leaking Fukushima plant in Japan entering our food supply. Allen said he believes there is no scientific basis for avoiding produce from California. An October

Sorting Out the Squash

Coop Produce Buyer Julie Gabriel talked to us about the varieties of squash you'll find in the large pineapple cartons on the floor under the greens as you make your way toward the back of the produce aisle. Our word "squash" derives from the Narragansett Indian askutasquash. Similar words for squash exist in related languages of the Algonquian family. Squash is nutritious and keeps well. It's also used in many vegan recipes to make pizza and ravioli. Look for these varieties in the store:

- Delicata has longitudinal dark green stripes on a yellow- or cream-colored background and sweet, orange-yellow flesh. This squash is not as rich in beta-carotene as other winter squashes, but is a good source of dietary fiber and potassium.

- Kabocha has a thick, striated, forest-green skin. Only the fiberless flesh, which tastes like sweet potato or pumpkin, is eaten.

- Honeynut, a new locally grown variety developed by Cornell University, is grown at Blue Heron Farm in New York and the Lancaster Family Farm Coop in Pennsylvania. The honeynut looks like a miniature butternut and is sweeter than most acorn squash, with succulent flesh.

- Acorn, eponymously named, has a thick green skin, making it hard to cut but easy to store, with distinctive longitudinal ridges and sweet-tasting, yellow-orange flesh.

- Jester squash look like

delicata squash, but are more football shaped, with green stripes, small ribs, and scalloped ridges. They have a sweet flavor, and a thin skin, which makes them easy to work with. Like acorn squash, they're best eaten within eight weeks of harvest.

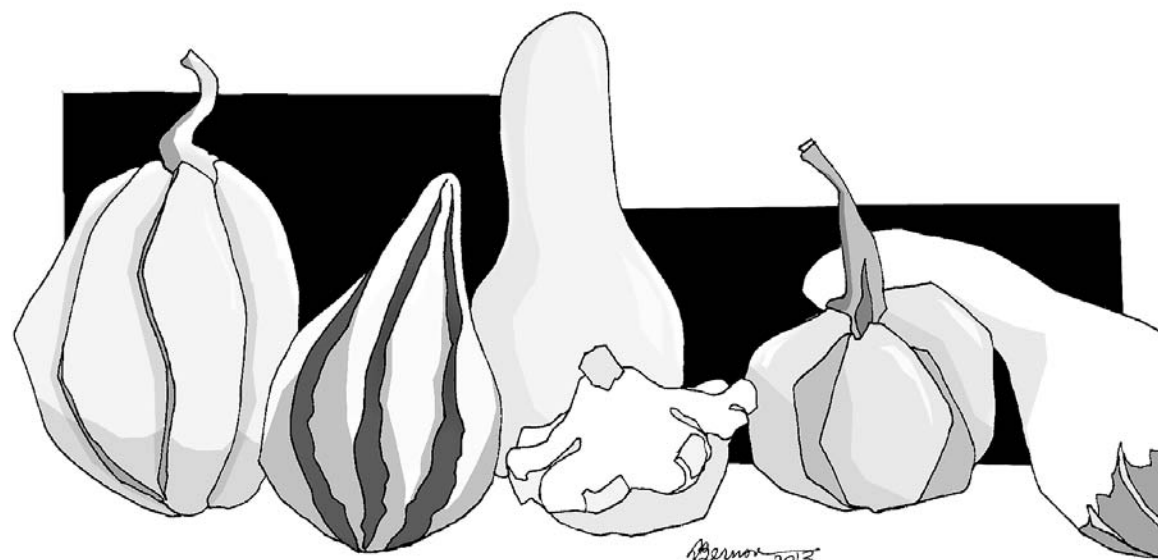
- Black futsu, a beautiful-looking, rare squash we get from Finger Lake Organics, is round, with a flattened top, heavy ribbing, and golden flesh with the taste of hazelnut.

- Autumn crown, derived from a variety called crown prince, looks like a cheese pumpkin only smaller. The flesh is bright orange, and has the aroma of melon when cut.

- Basic Butternut has yellow skin, fleshy orange pulp and a sweet, nutty taste similar to a pumpkin's. Most of the squash the Coop sells is butternut. It's a good source of fiber, potassium, vitamins C, A, and E, magnesium, and manganese. Like most squash, it can be roasted in the oven, pureed to use in a soup, or diced or cubed and used in stews and casseroles.

Basic butternut squash prep is as follows: remove the skin, stalk and seeds. The seeds are edible, either raw or roasted, and the skin is also edible when roasted. Cut the squash in half lengthwise and brush with olive oil. Place the cut side down on a baking sheet and bake for ¾ of an hour.

All squash the Coop sells is organic. ■



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changed everything. Things that grow on vines—summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers—all die in a frost, unless they are harvested beforehand. There has already been snow in the Finger Lakes. In Milton, NY, Hepworth Farms, a major Coop supplier, had 30° temperatures by Halloween. The amount of produce we get from local harvests will drop off dramatically. Local fruits of the vine will soon be replaced by peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes etc. from California, Mexico and beyond.

Most farmers of course harvest their fragile crops before a frost kills them off. That is why the cucumber season ended well before the end of October. And a week after that, the summer squash season was gone, followed by pepper and eggplant. Tomatoes, too, were harvested, well before a frost could kill them, though unlike cucumbers and eggplant, our suppliers will have enough locally grown tomatoes to last until early November.

As the northern hemisphere gets chillier, the Mexican mango season also ends and papayas from that country will get scarce and eventually disappear until next season. The Coop will then start to get these fruits from the southern hemisphere, which is now experiencing springtime, in particular, mangos from Brazil. But just before we turn to South America for these fruits, Allen explained, we take advantage of a micro growing season in California for a little-known and underappreciated variety

flesh is stringless, and it's pricey, costing more than \$3 per pound.

Nonorganic papaya from Hawaii is on the market, but is genetically modified and often irradiated, and as a result the Coop does not carry it.

Epic Minipumpkin Fail

This season, we usually sell the fist-sized minipumpkin called Jack-be-Little, the kind often used for fall table decorations. But they are scarce this year. Hepworth Farms had no Jack-be-Littles at all due to crop failures, which have also affected many local farmers. Grindstone Farm in Pulaski, New York, also had a minipumpkin failure. Another supplier of the Jack-be-Little, Grant Family Farm in Colorado went bankrupt and is producing nothing at all. Crop failures due to midsummer heat also explains why we couldn't get great spinach at all last summer, Allen added.

"Things can disappear in a blink because of the weather," Allen noted, "sometimes too rapidly to enact the backup plan. Usually, the backup plan is California, and it takes time for the produce to get here." After a three- or four-day journey, and a day at the supplier's warehouse, California fruits and veggies are never quite as fresh as locally grown ones.

Radiation in California Produce?

Speaking of California, we asked Allen whether he is concerned about radiation

21 op-ed in *The New York Times* by David Ropeik ("Fear vs. Radiation: The Mismatch") corroborates this view, saying that "the radiation from Fukushima has been relatively harmless," and that "ionizing radiation—the type created by a nuclear reaction—is not nearly the powerful carcinogen or genetic mutagen that we thought it was." However, anti-nuclear activist and pediatrician Helen Caldicott claims that the nuclear industry has purposefully minimized the threat emanating from Fukushima. Since radiation exposure is cumulative, each dose, whether from a dental X-ray or a full-body scan at the airport, adds to the risk, she points out. The real danger to health, she says, comes from radioactive elements that enter the body, migrate to specific organs, and continuously irradiate over many years.

Local Turmeric, End of the Corn

"We're getting two remarkable items tomorrow," Allen said, "local ginger and local turmeric, items I didn't know till recently could be grown locally." They come from Old Friends Farm in Massachusetts. There is also a harvest of local ginger in New Jersey.

The Coop probably won't see corn again until next year, unless it can buy some organic corn from Florida. We are not buying corn unless the grower can testify personally that it is GMO-free and has been treated only with organic or limited pesticides.



Scenic Hudson: Supporting New York's Sustainable Food Shed Today and Tomorrow

By Alison Rose Levy

More and more people want access to fresh local food. But meeting that need requires a nearby food source. Demonstrated public interest for local food in New York City far exceeds the current supply, according to a 2010 Food Works report commissioned by City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

One main advantage of local sourcing is reducing the miles (and the energy expense) entailed when food must travel from afar to reach the table or the school lunchroom. First of all, creating a sustainable regional food system means assuring that agricultural lands within a nearby radius of metropolitan areas are preserved as farmlands.

Steve Rosenberg, the executive director of the Scenic Hudson Land Trust, a Hudson River Valley-based land-trust organization, likens this effort to “trying to put Humpty Dumpty back together again.”

“Before the interstate highway system and large-scale agriculture existed, before food was being trucked all over the country or flown all over the world, in cities, towns and villages, much food was supplied by farms in nearby regions. From the 1950s onward, the food system became more fragmented. The traditional way of supplying food to people came undone. Focusing on preserving the available land in a regional food shed offers a framework for piecing that back together.”

Optimizing Food Infrastructures

There are many facets to a food system infrastructure for a major metropolitan area like New York. The city is no different than other regions, which invest in infrastructures like food processing, packaging, transportation, wholesaling and distribution, via initiatives like revitalizing the wholesale markets at Hunt's Point. But what is different in New York is Scenic Hudson. Thanks to Scenic Hudson, New York is the only major metro area with sustainable food-shed planning from a strategic land-conservation

perspective. This entails quantifying and identifying lands that are critical to future food security and availability of fresh local food.

“We all want to make sure that 15 and 30 years from now, after tens of millions of dollars have been spent on the infrastructure, that people don't look up to discover that the land where they hoped the food was going to come from has now been converted to other uses,” says Rosenberg. Although not all food can be sourced within a 150-mile radius of the city, New York City can assure access for school

to be used for growing are protected to assure ongoing availability for food agriculture.

A working farm family cannot give away interest in its largest asset without recompense. Over the years, Scenic Hudson has completed transactions with more than 75 farms, resulting in more than \$35 million going into the hands of local farmers. This allows the farmers to reinvest in their farm's capacity and equipment as well as in their family's future. A conservation easement with a farm family nearing retirement can often result in the farm's purchase

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Executive Director,
Scenic Hudson Land Trust

children, public-health institutions, and food security by keeping the lands where that food is produced intact.

Conserving Farmlands For Future Food Agriculture

Scenic Hudson, along with the land-trust community, works with regional farm families to conserve farmland in perpetuity. Scenic and similar organizations acquire a “conservation easement,” also called the “development rights” to a property, limiting the owner's current and future rights to subdivide and develop. The property can be used for agriculture and related purposes, but can never be drilled, used for extraction activities or converted into housing developments or other commercial activities. The specific lease terms protect each property's agricultural soils and most valuable natural resources, such as wetlands, streams or farmlands or other areas from commercial activity. The lease defines where farm structures, residences and processing equipment can be situated. The farm locations

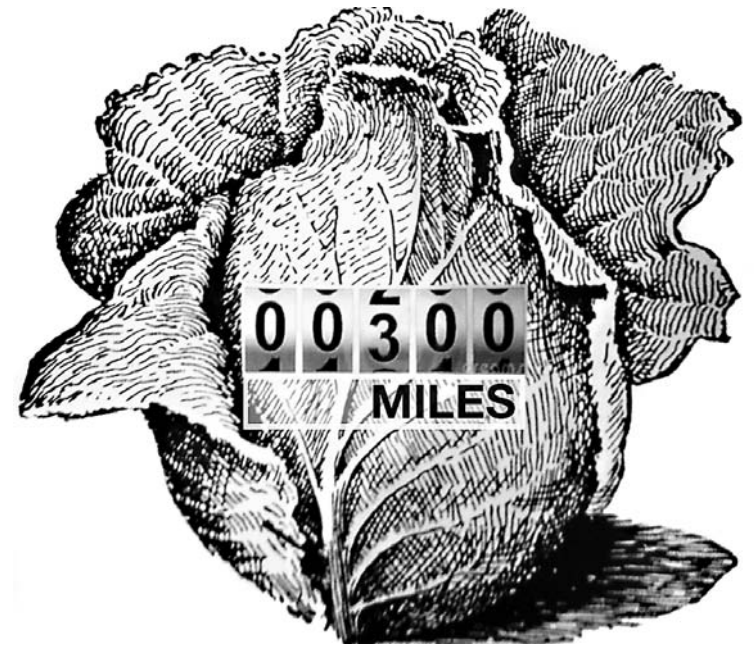
by a new (or young) farmer since the easement reduces the property costs.

Once in place, Scenic Hudson (or another conservation organization) monitors and enforces the easement in perpetuity. If the farm is sold to a farmer with a lesser commitment to conservation, serving as the “institutional memory,” the land-trust organization works with the new owners to assure that conservation restrictions are adhered to.

A conserved property can be bought, sold, leased, mortgaged or passed down via inheritance with the restrictions in place, much like private-zoning ordinances. The property remains privately owned, and on the tax rolls.

The Foodshed Conservation Plan

Scenic Hudson's mission area is the Hudson River valley between New York City and Albany. Rosenberg points out that parts of Connecticut, Long Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania also supply food to New York. But there is a greater con-



centration in the Hudson Valley region of farms serving the New York green markets. That region supplies 90% of the green market foods. With the help of the Doris Duke Foundation, last year Scenic Hudson conducted an objective analysis using geographic information-systems technology that looked at 11 counties in the targeted region. Based on soil characteristics and farm size, the analysis sought to identify and prioritize important lands within the 150-mile zone to approach the conservation task strategically. Rosenberg offers more detailed information about this unique plan in an article he wrote for the Coordinator's Corner in the October 17, 2013 edition of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. Rosenberg hopes that other regions adopt this model of analysis and conservation.

Building Collaboration

In addition to its conservation work, Scenic Hudson has played an important educational role. “When we first got started there was not a wealth of understanding in the community, among farm families and other conservation groups or public-policy makers,” Rosenberg notes.

But there has been a record of success and a deepening of relationships. “Conservation groups and farmers have a lot in common,” says Rosenberg. Many farm families want to protect the farms that they have invested so much in. Due to good word-of-mouth and a history of positive results from conservation transactions, the farmers' level of receptivity has grown. Rosenberg cites a group of 13 farm families who petitioned their town board to be more proactive in helping

them to sell the development rights to their farms.

With a team of specialists, legal experts and land planners in place at Scenic, “the machinery exists to make it happen. We've seen a number of success stories, and we'd like to do more,” says Rosenberg.

Support for Scenic's land-trust program comes from both public and private sources. Up until 2008, New York State's Environmental Protection Fund provided funding but has not issued a call for proposals since the 2008 economic downturn. Land-trust groups are looking for a new RFP (Request for Proposals) soon. At the federal level, the Farm Bill has a conservation title that funds a Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program administered by the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service. Yet up until now, despite a strong history of conservation efforts in the Adirondacks and Catskills, private philanthropy has not stepped up to food shed land conservation. Neither has the New York City government, although its investment in protecting the upstate New York City watershed sets a precedent.

“With the growing demand for fresh local food, now is the time for new charitable investment in the conservation of the food shed,” says Rosenberg. Scenic Hudson would like to explore ways to collaborate and maximize the investment of all parties who have a stake. Ideally funds from federal, state, counties, cities and towns, along with private philanthropy, could work hand-in-hand to accomplish a lot more and a lot sooner.

“A modest expense can make a real difference,” says Rosenberg. ■

TREE CARE SQUAD

The Tree Care Squad's First Fall Planting Workday

By Talia Willner, Squad Leader

On October 21, the Tree Care Squad's crew of 20 workers got busy with fall planting in the Coop block's 10 tree beds. The crew laid 16 bags of compost, donated by the Gowanus Conservancy, and planted 400 daffodil bulbs, donated by the Daffodil Project, and an assortment of perennials donated by the Garden of Union. We're looking forward to next spring, when we'll all be able to enjoy the lovely results of this afternoon of hard work. ■



PHOTOS BY TALIA WILLNER

Claudia and Elisabeth divide periwinkle and liriopse.



Lola, Amanda and Rudie decide how many daffodil bulbs to allocate for each tree pit.



Joshua, Wally and Ron spread compost in preparation for planting.

BUY YOUR TURKEY EARLY!!! SMALLER SIZES GO QUICKLY.

FRESH turkeys available beginning
Thursday, November 21th
NO RESERVING OF BIRDS.
"FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED." *

Bell & Evans (Pennsylvania):
8 to 20 lbs., \$2.82 lb. **THURS 11/21**

Plainville Farms Pasture-raised (New York)
12 to 20 lbs., \$2.89 lb. **FRI 11/22**

Stonewood Farm Pasture-raised (Vermont):
12 to 20 lbs., \$3.93 lb. **MON 11/25**

McDonald Farm Heritage Breed (American Bronze)
(New York) 12-26 lbs., \$4.66 lb. **MON 11/25**

Koch Certified Organic (Pennsylvania):
8 to 24 lbs., \$4.36 lb. **FRI 11/22**

FROZEN Wise Kosher Certified Organic (Pennsylvania):
10-22 lbs., \$5.57 lb. **TUES 11/19**

All the above are delivered FRESH, except for Wise Kosher. All are free-range, locally raised, hormone & antibiotic free.

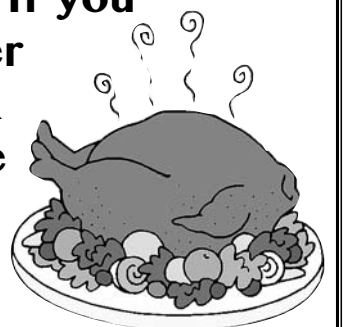
KOCH turkeys will replace EBERLY this year (Eberly sources many of their birds from Koch). As a result, our organic price is EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS less per pound this year!

* service policy whereby the requests of customers or clients are attended to in the order that they arrived, without other biases or preferences.

Shop early for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's

Buy your holiday ingredients now:
butter, nuts, canned pumpkin, canned stock,
dried fruits, frozen pie shells,
ultra-pasteurized heavy cream

The fresh turkeys will begin to arrive the week prior to Thanksgiving week. All turkeys are dated to be fresh until Thanksgiving Day. If you buy early, you will have a greater selection in size and variety. Look for signs near the meat case in the next few weeks announcing the turkey delivery dates and prices.



MEMBER SUBMISSION

A Visit to the Soup Kitchen at CHIPS

By Elvis Alves

"Where do we put these?" asked two visitors, entering the soup kitchen run by the Christian Help in Park Slope (CHIPS). They come with two shopping carts of pumpkins. It's Halloween, 2013. "On the tables!" someone yells. "Only if they are organic," interjects Gilberto Santoroso, a worker at CHIPS, located on Fourth Avenue and Sackett Street. The visitors, Vinay Chowdhry and William Miranda, are from the Park Slope Food Coop.

It's 9:00 in the morning and CHIPS is buzzing with activities. Valerie Turer walks to where I stand conversing with Mr. Santoroso and volunteers information about him. "Gilberto does everything here, from sharing food to washing dishes." Dressed in a purple jacket (a retirement gift), Ms. Turer,

who worked as an accountant, said her Episcopalian faith informs the volunteer work she now does at CHIPS, "I am giving back what I was blessed with."

The soup kitchen serves lunch at 11:30 a.m. each day. A group of volunteers prepare the meal in the kitchen beforehand. "Thursday is pasta with meat sauce day," says Raffaella Petroccione, with a smile, and adds, "We also serve vegetables." Anne McBrearty is new to the group. She is also a member of the Park Slope Food Coop. A retired schoolteacher, she sees volunteering at CHIPS as "a way to donate time to a good cause." Mike Steindam works as a lawyer but takes time to cook once per month at CHIPS. "No one complains about the food," Mr. Steindam says, "the people that come here like the

food." About 80% of the food donated to CHIPS comes from the Park Slope Food Coop.

"We serve 150 meals per day. That's about 93,000 meals for the year," says Denise Scaravella, director of CHIPS.

The people served by CHIPS readily testify to its benefits. Jamie Barber says the soup kitchen provides "a balanced meal." Trinity says eating at CHIPS saves time and money. She explains, "I have a young son and I also go to other programs [social]. Eating here allows me to take care of these affairs without worrying about food." Trinity said she learned about CHIPS while visiting



ILLUSTRATION BY ETHAN PETTIT

Coop Job Opening: Bookkeeping Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Bookkeeping Coordinator to help in the oversight and coordination of our bookkeeping activities. Involvement may include many areas of bookkeeping including: reconciliations (bank accounts, debit/ebt, individual GL accounts), accounts payable, cash received bookkeeping, processing of member investment refunds/product refunds, and more. All staff positions also coordinate and oversee member labor.

The bookkeeping department is small and though each staff member may focus on a particular area of bookkeeping, this new position requires a willingness to learn all areas and back up other bookkeeping staff as needed.

Requirements:

A degree in Accounting is preferred. Experience using enterprise-level accounting software is essential (our current package is Acumatica), as is the capability to coordinate and test accounting software releases/rollouts, with transfer of knowledge and instruction to other staff as needed. Advanced knowledge and experience using Office suite programs, specifically Excel (macros, pivot tables, etc.), is highly desirable.

We look for applicants who maintain high standards of accuracy, and display initiative, common sense, and a troubleshooting/questioning mentality. Excellent organizational and social/communication skills are required.

Hours: Approximately 35 hours distributed evenly over 5 days. The initial schedule will be Monday through Friday during a training period, transitioning to a Tuesday through Saturday permanent schedule. At times, schedule flexibility (and additional hours) will be necessary when covering work for other bookkeeping staff.

Wages: \$25.80/hour.

Benefits:

- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- Paid Health and Personal Time: 11 days per year
- Paid Vacation: three weeks per year increasing in the 4th, 8th & 11th years
- Health Insurance*
- Dental and Vision Plan*
- Pension Plan*
- Life Insurance*
- 401(k) Plan
- TransitChek Program
- Flexible Spending Account

*Benefits with no payroll deduction.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

How to Apply:

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

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

another food pantry. Margarita Alvarado likes to visit the soup kitchen on Wednesday when white rice, beans, and chicken are served. Ms. Alvarado said she would like to see "hamburgers, cheese burgers, and French fries" on the weekly menu but admits, "those are not as healthy as the food that the soup kitchen regularly serves."

"We do run out of things," says Ms. Scaravella. "Right now, we do not have sugar. The food that we provide is donated, so, we make use of what we have." Similarly, she sees tomorrow's volunteers making use of the donated pumpkins, "we will definitely use them. Probably bake or make soup with them." ■

Interested in Engaging Coop Work? Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

Skills needed:
Communication
Problem solving
Conflict resolution
Dealing with difficult situations and people
Investigation
Writing
Research

Currently we have members from the following fields:
Social work, education, law, dispute resolution, holistic medicine, design, and journalism

Our work includes

- Applying Coop's rules and regulations
- Discussing policy issues related to the DC's work
- Investigating allegations of uncooperative behavior by members and engaging in problem solving
- Daily email contact with DC members to discuss cases
- Participating in mediation, disciplinary hearings, and other conflict resolution methods

Requirements:

In order to be considered for this position, any candidate must:

- be a member for at least a year
 - have good attendance record
 - possess the ability to work on a team
 - communicate clearly
 - have good writing skills
 - have computer proficiency (excel, word, emails) is essential
 - attend an evening meeting every six weeks
- We work on average 6 hours per month, more than the required work shift hours. You will be credited and your hours banked for future use.*

We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. WE ARE SEEKING A CANDIDATE POOL THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE COOP'S MEMBERSHIP.

Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

Contact: **Jeff: 718-636-3880** or foodcoopdc@gmail.com

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

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

Shopping Hours:

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

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

Childcare Hours:

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

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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

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

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

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

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Friday, December 20, 8:00 p.m.

The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
and the Park Slope Food Coop present:



Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the Swing Street Orchestra, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music.



Marje Wagner

Barry Bryson—Trumpet/Leader
Emily Asher—Trombone
Lisa Parrott—Alto Sax
Jenny Hill—Tenor Sax
Cynthia Hilts—Piano
Alexis Cuadrado—Bass
Rob Garcia—Drums
Tom Beckham—Vibraphone
Dave Phelps—Guitar
Marje Wagner—Vocal



There will also be free dance lessons with professional dance instructor **Arturo Perez**, who will be partnered by **Carolynn Murphy**.

www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com

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

RETURN POLICY



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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

**NEVER
RETURNABLE**

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

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Refrigerator Cleaning
Monday, 9 to 11 a.m.

This position requires a desire to do physical work, enjoy cleaning, and organize refrigerators.

You will thoroughly clean the refrigerator, removing all movable parts and cleaning them, label food items, and discard old or out-of-date products. Please speak to Adriana in the Membership Office if you are interested.

Office Set-up
Monday-Thursday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early-riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks, including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job

might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

Store Equipment Cleaning
Monday, 6 to 8 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the checkout station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.

COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

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

The Coop on the Internet
www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV
Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, DECEMBER 3

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the December 17 General Meeting.

TUE, DECEMBER 17

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Nov 28 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 18
Dec 12 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 2

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Nov 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 20
Dec 12 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 4

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,
December 17, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month. December's meeting is one week earlier due to the Christmas holiday.

Location

MS 51, 350 5th Ave., between 4th and 5th Sts. Enter on 4th St. cul-de-sac. 4th 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

nov 15
fri 8 pmDavid Roche and
Stephanie Jenkins

David Roche is a talented singer/songwriter who hails from an artistic family of musicians and writers. He's been writing songs slowly but steadily for damn near half a century. He is a longtime Coop member and New York Giants fan. You can hear the songs from his latest album, *Harp Trouble in Heaven*, at www.davidroche.net. **Stephanie Jenkins** grew up in a musical family in Manhattan's Upper West Side. She started playing old-time banjo at 16 and has never looked back. Now a Brooklynite, Steph works in documentary film and plays with local all-girl stringband The Calamity Janes, as well as Ithaca-based bands The Pearly Snaps and Evil City Stringband. She'll be joined by her brother, Reid Jenkins.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. *Prospect Concerts* is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.

To book a Prospect Concert event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.

nov 23
sat 12 pmSleep Better, Feel Better,
Live Better

Poor sleep is rampant in today's frenetic 24/7 culture and Americans spend \$100 billion on sleep-related products yearly. Sleep represents the key component of the trinity of health (with diet and exercise) and regulates both physical and mental health and is often precipitated by stress. Disturbed sleep is associated with poor cardiac health, obesity, and increased mortality as well as memory and mood dysregulation. However, few individuals seek sleep treatment and most go to physicians who prescribe sleeping medications. This workshop will present an overview of sleep and offer concrete steps to improve sleep without medication. **Dr. Ross Levin** is a clinical psychologist and behavioral sleep expert and maintains a private practice on the Upper West Side devoted exclusively to treating anxiety-based sleep disorders. He has written more than 100 scientific papers on sleep and has been a Food Coop member since 1992.

nov 23
sat 3 pmTake Great Photos
With Your iPhone

Get expert tips and advice for taking great pictures with your iPhone. This hands-on workshop, given by pro photographer GIRLRAY, will give you all the tools you need to make your smart phone photos 100 times better. Coop member **Sue Schaffner**'s photography work has been widely published under the alias GIRLRAY and has appeared in *Fortune*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *People*, *Esquire*, *Wired*, and *Glamour*, among others. Getty Images licenses her photography library internationally. She is also the founder of PIXOBOOK, an event-book publishing service based in Brooklyn.

nov 16
sat 2 pmTen Warning Signs
Of Alzheimer's

Golden Steps Elder Care Cooperative invites you to this lecture featuring guest speaker Meg Drislane, from the Alzheimer's Association. Her informative presentation on detecting the early warning signs of Alzheimer's will be followed by a reception hosted by Golden Steps. Meg Drislane has been a member of the Alzheimer's Association Speakers Bureaus for the past four years. Golden Steps Elder Care Cooperative is made up of 16 members who provide affordable non-medical care and companionship to older New Yorkers who want to remain safe and independent at home. They are based in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Every companion they place is a member of the cooperative and an owner of the business, committed to providing excellent service. They can be contacted at www.goldensteps.coop or by calling 718-687-1978.

nov 23
sat 7:30 pmFilm & Conversation:
Direct Democracy...and NYC?

It's Time We Talked is a wry and intense road trip across direct democracy's history and potential in America, probing the historical record, stories of ballot activists, our political assumptions, and everyday people's ideas for laws, to build the case for true citizenship. Screening followed by a talk about the possibility and hurdles for modern-day citizen lawmaking in New York. Coop member **Olaf Bertram-Nothnagel** was led by what he learned making the film to coordinate the drafting of groundbreaking amendments offered for our city's charter. What law would you propose?

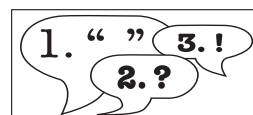
nov 17
sun 12 pm

It's Your Funeral

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

dec 3
tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, on Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m., due to the Christmas holiday, at a location to be announced.**

nov 19
tue 7 pm

PSFC NOV General Meeting



Meeting Agenda to be announced. Information on how to place an item on the agenda is available in the Coop office. **Meeting is CANCELED. November's General Meeting is held one week earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

dec 5
thu 7:30 pmFood Class:
Eastern Mediterranean Tapas

Learn to prepare an array of traditional small plates that have been integral to the food culture in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries for many centuries. Uncover how to take ingredients and spices such as sumac, harissa, tahini, preserved lemons, and rosewater to new heights while utilizing whole grains, legumes and

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

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.
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seasonal vegetables. Chef **Olivia Roszkowski** holds a Neuroscience and Behavior degree from Columbia University, has worked as a line cook in restaurants under Jean-Georges Vongerichten, David Chang, and Danny Meyer, and is currently a chef instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute. *Menu includes: red quinoa tabbouleh with apricots & cilantro; duck bacon-wrapped medjool dates with dijon creme fraiche; Lebanese lemon lentil soup; swiss chard falafel with harissa-tahini dip; homemade preserved lemons; rosewater-infused dark chocolate bark with pistachios.*

ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. Please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by November 21 to make a request.

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

dec 6
fri 7 pm

Film Night: Bordering On Treason



Bordering On Treason tells the amazing story of Lorna Tychostup, a single mother and photojournalist who travels to Iraq continuously for nine years to put a human face on a horrific global tragedy. Visiting military units and Iraqi families beyond the green zone, she evolves from naïve civilian to established journalist. Through Lorna's personal journey,

Bordering On Treason explores the complexities of this war and the possibility of hope.

Trish Dalton (director/producer/videographer) is an award-winning independent director and producer. Her recent film credits include *Southmost U.S.A.* (director/producer), *One Night Stand* (director/producer), *Keras & Manis* (editor), *Why Are We In Afghanistan?* (producer/editor), *34x25x36* (co-producer), *Farm Sanctuary* (co-director/co-producer), and *Tiffany's Story* (director/producer).

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

dec 10
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Food Beware



It's hard not to be charmed at the sight of a school group sitting on a riverbank near a Roman aqueduct eating artisanal bread, hard-boiled organic eggs and local sausage, grapes and pears. *Food Beware* is a cheerful film set in the French town of Barjac, which decreed that local

schools would go organic. New Yorkers, with schools larger than Barjac's population, might wonder how well it would work here. *Food Beware* takes a pragmatic, health-based approach, buttressed by frightening statistics about cancer rates in children, that's a refreshing change from the moral and cultural preening that sometimes enter this debate.

dec 13
fri 6:30 pm

What Is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)?

Why do we need to study it? The TPP, negotiated by trade representatives from 12 Pacific-rim countries with 600 corporate advisors, would become law in all those countries. Neither Congress members nor journalists have had access to the text. The treaty would endanger government regulation of food safety and fracking. Questions? Coop member **Susan Metz** will facilitate a discussion with a panel of activists about "free trade" and "fair trade" and why we oppose giving the President the "Fast Track Authority" that would deprive us of time to debate. Bring questions and suggestions, neighbors and friends. Metz retired from teaching high school to do research in Cuba. A Coop member since 1980, she was a Shopping Squad Leader for 22 years.

dec 14
sat 3 pm

The Gems of Excellence

Are you addicted to shame and guilt? Are you addicted to victimhood and misery? Can you be happy for others? Experience the Gems of Excellence program, and see rapid changes in your life and the life of your loved ones. The Gems of Excellence is one of the programs of Geotran. Geotran is a numeric, geometric and digital language of all possibilities that speaks to the memory field that is around us. It is based on quantum physics and it's not a talk therapy. Be curious. This unique technology will be demonstrated by Coop member **Marija Santo-Sarnyai**, CNHP and Geotran practitioner. Discovering her passion for helping people get their life back gives her the greatest joy and meaning.

dec 17
tue 7 pm

PSFC DEC 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 to be determined. December's General Meeting is held one week earlier than usual, due to the Christmas holiday.**

dec 20
fri 8 pm

Swing Street with Barry Bryson and Marje Wagner



Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the Swing Street Orchestra, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band

swing-dance music. Musicians include Barry Bryson, trumpet/leader; **Emily Asher**, trombone; **Lisa Parrott**, alto sax; **Jenny Hill**, tenor sax; **Cynthia Hilts**, piano; **Alexis Cuadrado**, bass; **Rob Garcia**, drums; **Tom Beckham**, vibraphone; **Dave Phelps**, guitar; **Marje Wagner**, vocal. There will also be free dance lessons with professional dance instructor **Arturo Perez**, who will be partnered by **Carolynn Murphy**. **Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. Prospect Concerts is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.**

To book a Prospect Concert event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.



dec 27
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. A guest-speaker will be announced. This workshop is brought to you by Coop member **Aaron Kirtz**, who has worked in the cheese industry since 2003, and sells cheese to the Coop via Forever Cheese.

still to come

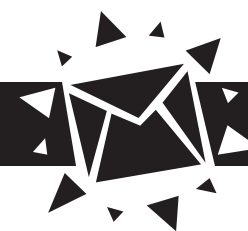
jan 2 Food Class

jan 5 Kids' Variety Show Auditions

jan 3 Film Night

jan 7 Agenda Committee Meeting

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



LET'S BAN NEW GMO PRODUCTS

MEMBERS:

I read with interest the thoughtful letter by Geraldine McCleave appearing in the October 17 issue ("Go Slow On GMO"). Ms. McCleave should know that our committee, in place since 2000, has tried a variety of measures to address the issue of GMOs at the Coop. About six years ago, we wrote the producers of more than 450 products on the shelves that contained ingredients likely to be GMO. After receiving three letters asking whether the ingredients were indeed GMO, only 5% of the producers responded.

It's this policy of "don't ask, don't tell" that is preventing consumers from knowing what we are eating in our food.

We know how the "don't ask, don't tell" policy ended in the U.S. military. I'm hopeful it will end in the food industry with universal labeling of GMO ingredients. Already, Whole Foods has announced mandatory GMO labeling by 2018 in all of its stores. Walmart met with suppliers in January to discuss the feasibility of GMO labeling. Chipotle Restaurant labels GMO ingredients on its website menu.

Until regulators require mandatory labeling, the GMO Shelf Labeling Committee is asking that the Coop ban any new GMO products from our shelves. This policy has already been instituted by a variety of both commercial and Coop retailers. We have asked the Agenda Committee to schedule a discussion of this pro-

posed policy soon at the General Meeting.

In the meantime, look for the green dot on the shelf label to be sure the foods you buy do not contain GMOs.

Thanks,
Greg Todd

LET'S FOCUS ON FOOD

TO THE EDITOR:

I found it interesting, to say the least, that Constantine Kaniklidis' member submission [*Linewaiters' Gazette*, October 31, 2013, "Fair Expression and Principles of Community"] was approved for publication, what with its inflammatory allegations about the Muslim Student Association (which the writer describes as "[an] on-campus hate movement...[extremist]...[demonstrably terrorist-affiliated, with many MSA officers already convicted of material support for terrorism]").

I feel strongly that Kaniklidis' incendiary article should have been more carefully edited prior to publication, if not omitted altogether—not even, mind you, because it consisted primarily of self-referential ranting (this particular rant was PART THREE in a series, no less!), but because it contained anti-Muslim sentiment and little, if any, relevance to what is ultimately a food store.

I know for a fact that potentially offensive comments about transgender women were edited out of a *Gazette* interview prior to publication last year. Still, I'm puzzled that

Kaniklidis' statements made it past the chopping block.

In fact, I'm puzzled about the *Gazette's* purpose and policies. Why are member submissions apparently and utterly unrelated to food included in this publication? As Charlene Swift recently pointed out in her astute letter to the editor, it would be nice to see more member submissions and letters about, well, food. (Big shocker here: many of us joined the Coop to buy good food at good prices.) Was Kaniklidis' article a veiled argument against BDS? If so, why not broach the topic of the kind of food our food store stocks?

Ironically, Kaniklidis' article roundly criticizes the "free speech defense." Here's hoping that others

find Kaniklidis' accusations problematic and speak up about them. Meantime, do we have an ethical obligation to refrain from publishing this kind of hate-fueled speech, whether it's in the guise of fighting anti-Semitism or not? This Jew certainly hopes so.

Teresa Theophano, LMSW

Editor Diane Aronson of the October 31, 2013, issue responds: *There is nothing under the Linewaiters' Gazette's fairness doctrine that would have prohibited going forward with publishing Constantine Kaniklidis's "Fair Expression and Principles of Community." It's my belief as a Linewaiters' Gazette editor that my role is not to censor, within the Gazette's guidelines.*

Holiday shopping hours will be:

**Thanksgiving Day,
November 28,
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**December 24,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**December 25,
CLOSED**

**December 31,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**January 1, 2014,
10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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.

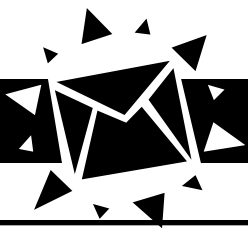
The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

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.

**No New Member
Orientations will be held
on Sunday, November 24,
Monday, November 25, or
Wednesday, November 27.**

**Orientations will resume on the
normal schedule, after Thanksgiving,
on Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m.**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BDS TOPICS:

EXCERPTS FROM U.N. REP. SAMANTHA POWER'S SPEECH TO THE ADL

COOP MEMBERS:

At the annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), an organization dedicated to fighting hate, including against Muslims and other targeted groups and which has characterized the BDS movement as not only anti-Israel but anti-Semitic as well, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power promised to "oppose every example of anti-Israeli bias in the UN system."

"I am personally deeply committed and have personally engaged our European colleagues about expanding regional and thematic groupings to end the continuing discrimination against Israel in the UN system; that discrimination is not right and it must end."

"As President Obama has affirmed in every General Assembly appearance, the United States will combat any effort to undermine Israel's legitimacy as a full and equal member of the community of nations."

"On my watch, we will push ceaselessly for the further inclusion of Israel in regional groups. We will demand objectivity in resolutions affecting Middle East peace. After all, it is not the UN's job to pre-judge issues that can only be addressed through direct negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors. And there is no basis to exclude Israel from full participation in the United Nations system."

"In a forum such as the UN's Human Rights Council, that means insisting that we fight to prevent Israel from being singled out and that we push the Human Rights Council to start doubling down on the globe's truly egregious violators of human dignity. It also means working with our Israeli colleagues to facilitate and make known the Jewish state's many contributions to global progress in such areas as agricultural technology, science, the empowerment of women."

"Remembrance is part of our agenda, too, which is why I am pleased to announce that the UN has agreed to make available to us a full copy of its War Crimes Commission Archives for transfer to Washington and the Holocaust Museum. This transfer will be of considerable benefit to scholars at a time when Holocaust denial is embraced by many who prefer diversionary fantasies to inconvenient facts. That general tendency—to ignore the hard lessons of the past—remains all too present in the world today."

A lesson the Park Slope Food Coop would do well to learn.

(Excerpted from www.algemeiner.com/2013/11/01/samantha-power-vows-to-oppose-every-example-of-anti-israeli-bias-in-the-un-system/)

Sylvia Lowenthal

'TOTO, I'VE A FEELING THAT WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS'

TO THE EDITORS AND READERS,

Reading the *Gazette* column from BDSland, I feel I've been transported to Oz.

As in all mythic realms (myths, dreams, fairy tales), BDS reality is different from our everyday and scientific reality in Kansas and Park Slope.

In everyday reality people are complex, multi-dimensional individuals. In BDSland people are one-dimensional stereotypes: innocent, caring good guys (BDS proponents and Palestinians) or cruel malicious villains (BDS opponents and Israeli Jews). There are no complexities, no shades of grey.

In everyday reality, events occur in an historical context of time, space and causality. In BDSland events happen suddenly, unpredictably, without context or cause. Here anyone is free to invent the world as they choose to. Historical truth has no place.

For example, in response to a recent column by a PSFC Arab Lobby representative describing "the Jenin massacre," a dozen members wrote *Gazette* letters protesting the lie. It is not difficult to verify that both the Palestinian Authority and the UN issued reports that no such "massacre" by Israeli soldiers in Jenin ever occurred. (Just Google "Jenin massacre lie.") Nevertheless, in the next issue a letter referred again to the "massacre in Jenin."

Recently accusations escalated, including the charge that Israelis abuse, torture, and threaten to rape Palestinian children in prison. And children, sometimes in grisly home invasions. There was no mention that these prisoners (ages 12-17) committed horrific acts including murdering civilians, often targeting infants and children, sometimes in grisly home invasions. (www.israel-war.com/pps/israeli-children.pps), (www.campaignfortruth.info/page.aspx?id=251303), (www.scribd.com/doc/7109702/Israeli-Children), (www.takeapen.org/Takeapen/Templates/showpage.asp?DBID=1&LNGID=1&TMID=842&FID=915).

Besides the fact that prisoner abuse constitutes a breach of Israel's military code of conduct, as well as a violation of basic Jewish religious and ethical values, Israel has main-

tained and increased legal protections. "When a minor involved in terrorist activity is arrested, the law is clear: no torture or humiliation is permitted, nor is solitary confinement allowed to induce confessions... Further, a special juvenile court has been established to guarantee professional care for minors in detention." (www.honestreporting.com/israel-responds/to/guardian/child-abuse/charges)

Just as facts are irrelevant for BDS, so are logic and reason. The philosopher Santayana wrote, "There is nothing in the world so helpless as reason when it is facing unreason." PSFC members face unreason every time we open the *Gazette*. Dialogue is not possible when historical truth doesn't matter. BDS automatons, programmed with hate, repeat their same rants on and on, deaf to any reality but their own.

Is there any reason this should be allowed? Not only is it an insult to our intelligence and integrity, it's hate speech: intellectually disreputable, vicious, vile, offensive and hurtful, notably at a time when anti-Semitism, dressed as anti-Zionism, is spreading throughout the world. Major human rights organizations condemn BDS as anti-Semitic. Publishing unverifiable BDS deceptions is contrary to the *Gazette's* stated Letters Policy and PSFC's Mission Statement.

There is little or nothing we can do about anti-Semitism elsewhere in the world. But here, in the reality we live in, we don't have to stand by as it continues, however righteously it is justified in the name of "free speech."

Ruth Bolletino

ST. LOUIS BDS COMMITTEE IN COALITION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS CAMPAIGNED SUCCESSFULLY AGAINST VEOLIA'S CONTRACT PROPOSAL

MEMBERS:

After a year long public protest, on October 29, 2013, Veolia Water North America withdrew itself from consideration for a \$250,000 consulting contract to guide cost-cutting for the St. Louis water department. The contract was linked to implementation, that is, in order to take any recommendations, St. Louis would have to rehire Veolia to implement them, becoming increasingly entrenched in the city's water operation.

Veolia Water North America (Chicago-based) is a subsidiary of the French municipal services multinational Veolia. Veolia has been a target of global protests and boycott campaigns because Veolia participates and prof-

its in Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands. Veolia has lost more than \$16 billion in contracts worldwide following "Dump Veolia" campaigns.

St. Louis Dump Veolia coalition: After water workers revealed the existence of Veolia's contract proposal, the St. Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee (PSC) helped to form a broad based St. Louis Dump Veolia coalition which included PSC, St. Louis Jewish Voice for Peace, Organization for Black Struggle, Missouri Muslims for Civic Engagement, Women's Voice Raised for Social Justice, US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, Sierra Club, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Food and Water Watch, and Corporate Accountability International.

Highlights of Veolia v Dump Veolia: Veolia spent considerable time and money to win the contract, flying representatives to speak before committee meetings, hiring a lobbyist, the former chairman of the Missouri Democratic Party. The Veolia water contract was the top requested question at the second mayoral debate. The incumbent mayor, a proponent for Veolia, was forced to admit that Palestinians find Veolia's involvement with Israel's occupation objectionable.

The mayor easily won re-election but the Dump Veolia campaign put his office and Veolia on the defensive. In lengthy public hearings, over 150 concerned citizens attended pointing to a variety of issues with Veolia from environmental to its business practices, saying the company has cut water quality testing, raised rates, introduced layoffs coupled with lax maintenance in other cities.

The mayor, adamant to secure the contract, attempted to by-pass the city's approval process triggering a council bill to strike the \$250,000 from the Water Division's budget in an effort to block Veolia. At this juncture Veolia withdrew from consideration. The bill was later approved by a 5-2 vote.

The mayor is now asking the city's water department to work with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, in a public partnership, to analyze the aging infrastructure and find ways to reduce costs.

"Major Victory": The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/29) described Veolia's decision to pull out "a major victory for a group called the Dump Veolia Coalition." The St. Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee stressed that the victory was the result of working in a coalition that addressed local environmental and social justice concerns as well as Veolia's appalling human rights record in Palestine.

Sources: Ali Abunimah, St. Louis PSC

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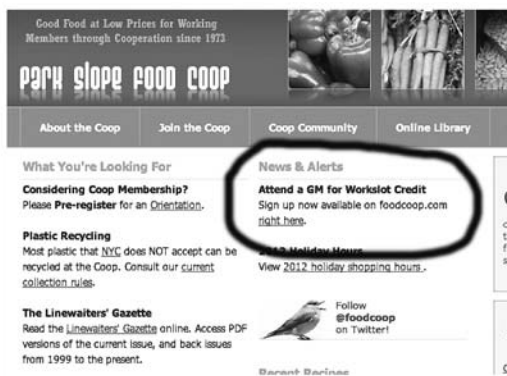
The Coop will not be accepting special orders through Monday, February 3, 2014.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Our paid staff will be focusing on keeping the store fully stocked through the winter holidays. Special orders will resume after the annual year-end inventory.

Special orders can be placed through the Membership Office beginning again on Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

Vitamin/Supplement orders remain indefinitely suspended.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

SAT, NOV 16

8 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Professor Louie and the Lewis Family. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35 St. NY Wheelchair-accessible. For info 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Donation: \$18 general/\$10 members; no one turned away.

SUN, NOV 17

2 p.m. Documentary Film Screening of *A Will for the Woods*. Filmmakers and one of our main subjects present for post-screening Q&As. IFC Center, 323 Ave. of the Americas. Tickets on sale

here: www.docnyc.net/film/a-will-for-the-woods. Also on Tuesday 19th at 2:15 p.m.

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players at the Dr.S.Stevan Dweck Center, Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza Bklyn, featuring The Lark Quartet with Deborah Buck and Basia Danilow, violins Kathryn Lockwood, viola Caroline Stinson, cello (free event).

SAT, NOV 23

11 a.m. Prospect Park 5K Fun Run/Walk/Bike at 15th St./Prospect Park West entrance, rain or shine, to benefit Helping Hands Food Pantry, 116 Sixth

Ave. at Park Pl. For more info and registration form, e-mail: helpinghandsfp@yahoo.com Or register on event date.

4 p.m. The powerHouse Arena invites you to a book launch and tasting: *Balaboosta* by Einat Admony featuring recipes prepared by Melissa Vaughan. 1111 Eighth Ave. Bklyn. For more information, please call: 718.666.3049 RSVP appreciated: rsvp@powerhouseon8th.com.



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For More Information

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To Apply

Please send a letter of application and two writing samples at least 800 words long (one sample must be a reported interview, *not* a Q&A) to annette_laskaris@psfc.coop. Your letter should state your qualifications, your Coop history, relevant experience and why you would like to report for the Coop. Your application will be acknowledged and forwarded to the coordinating editors, Stephanie Golden and Erik Lewis.

Seeking to Diversify the Gazette Staff

The *Gazette* is looking for qualified reporters. We are interested in using this opportunity to diversify our staff. We believe that we can enrich the quality of the *Gazette* and serve the membership better with a reporting and editing staff that more closely resembles the mix of Coop members.



Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends. The evening and weekend Receiving/Stocking Coordinators oversee the smooth functioning of the Coop. They work with squads to ensure that the Coop is well-stocked, and that produce quality is maintained.

The ideal candidate will be a reliable, responsible self-starter who enjoys working with our diverse member-workers. Applicants must be excellent team players, as they will be sharing the work with several other Receiving Coordinators.

Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, have the ability to prioritize tasks, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, and pay attention to several things at once. Comfort with computers is preferred.

We are looking for a candidate who wants an evening/weekend schedule. This is a high-energy job for a fit candidate. You must be able to lift and work for hours on your feet including in the walk-in coolers and freezer. Grocery-store experience is a plus.

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

Hours: Approx. 39 hours in 5 days/week: Primarily evenings and weekends, some shifts until 11 p.m.

Wages: \$25.80/hour.

Benefits:

- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- Paid Health and Personal Time: 11 days per year
- Paid Vacation: three weeks per year increasing in the 4th, 8th & 11th years
- Health Insurance*
- Dental and Vision Plan*
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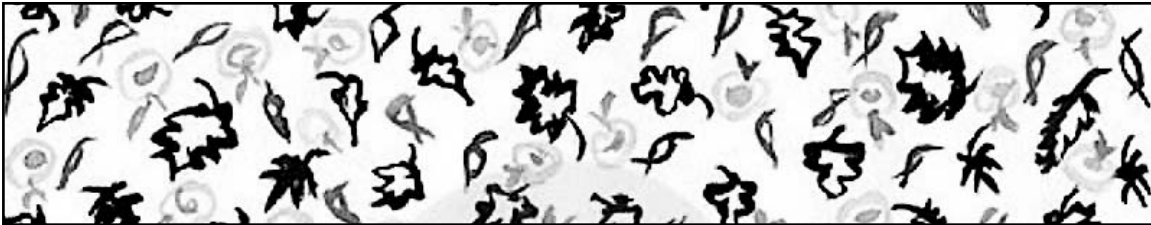
Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

No Receiving/Stocking experience necessary to submit application materials. However, in order to be considered for an interview applicants must have worked at least four Receiving shifts. After submitting your materials, if you wish to schedule shifts please contact the Coop at hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "Schedule Shifts" in the subject field.

How to Apply:

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

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



Members Sought for PSFC Personnel Committee

If you know how to work collaboratively and believe you could make a contribution to the Coop, we would love to hear from you. The Personnel Committee is an elected group of members that serves in an advisory capacity to the General Coordinators (the Coop's collective managerial team), supporting them with/in performance evaluations, succession planning, developing human resources policies and in the hiring/termination of General Coordinators when/if either of those actions is necessary.

We would like the Personnel Committee to reflect the diversity of the Coop. We are especially interested in people who have skills in finance, running a business, upper-level management, organizational development, personnel and human resources. Applicants should have a minimum of one year of Coop membership immediately prior to applying, experience doing workshifts at the Coop and excellent attendance.

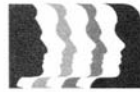
The Personnel Committee meets with the General Coordinators on the third Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Additional work outside the meetings is also required.

If you are interested, please do the following two things: e-mail your resume and a letter explaining why you would like to be part of the committee to pc.psfc@gmail.com, and go to <http://bit.ly/120Dn2s> to fill out a short questionnaire.

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