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Bring on the Bubbly

A round-up of fine sparkling wines from around the world

By Thomas Matthews

Nothing adds effervescence to a party quite like sparkling wine. The pop, the geyser, the foam: bottles overflow to celebrate community, happiness and achievement.

Paradoxically, this success has obscured its identity as fine wine. Champagne especially has sold itself through luxury labels and fancy bottles, while other sparkling wines have positioned themselves as value alternatives. Most have effectively hidden from consumers the information we find interesting in every other wine we drink: year of harvest, blend of grapes, fermentation practices and aging regimens.

But just as people who care about food are paying attention to seasonality, local production and environmental sustainability, so wine drinkers are exploring the structural factors that comprise sparkling wines' character: grape varieties, winemaking practices and terroir. Today, we choose our bubbly less by label and pop, and more because of its flavor and authenticity.

If you want to spray bubbles around the locker room, buy the cheapest bottle you can find. If you want to match a sparkling wine to a specific meal or occasion, here are some tips that may help. (Full disclosure: my "day job" is executive editor of *Wine Spectator*, the world's most widely



Sparkling wines.

read wine magazine. Much of the information and all the recommendations in this article come from our archives.)

Champagne: The Gold Standard

All Champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wine is Champagne.

Wine with bubbles has been made for centuries in many regions across Europe, but Champagne has emerged as the gold standard. Champagne is a place, a vineyard region in France based around the cities of Reims and Epernay. It's also an "appellation d'origine contrôlée"—a legally regulated term that defines what kind of sparkling wine can call itself "Champagne."

The rules require that Champagne be made from grapes grown within this specific region; that those grapes

be limited to three varieties (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier); and that the wine be made according to certain techniques (the "methode Champenoise").

Briefly: the grapes are made into wine; the wine is bottled with added yeast and sugar; a "secondary fermentation" in the bottle creates the bubbles; the spent yeasts are expelled from the bottles (disgorged); the bottles are topped up with more wine (the dosage); and the familiar corks and wire cages are used to seal the sparkling wine, now at a pressure of more than 70 pounds per square inch. That's two or three times the pressure in a car tire. Pop, indeed!

The Champagne method is laborious, but the results can be glorious. A top Champagne has all the complexity and age-

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Holiday Season Items at the PSFC

By Brian Dentz

With numerous holidays in the final two months of the year, the Park Slope Food Coop is very busy as well as filled with many items only available during the holiday season.

Candied orange peel and candied lemon peel are a few specialty items shopper Katharina Kruse-Ramey likes to purchase at the Coop. One item she says is not easily found in other supermarkets is the Fair Trade Advent calendar, a thick calendar with cardboard window flaps marked with dates. Behind the flaps are chocolate candies, which are eaten on that calendar day. Katharina, who was born in Germany, explains that the Coop offers some items familiar to Europeans and other foreign-born shoppers but not found in most supermarkets in America. "It brings back childhood memories of living in Europe during Christmas. It was all about eating and baking cookies and spending time with your family," Katharina explained.

As Damien Vandercruyssen was examining a loaf of stollen bread, traditional German bread available only this time of year at the PSFC, he mentioned that he buys panettone bread at the Coop. Panettone is a traditional Italian fruitcake eaten around Christmas time. Another item that Damien, who is from France, likes to buy during the holiday season are the Truffle Pig chocolates.

The selection of 2014 calendars number close to three dozen,

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Holiday sweets.

Next General Meeting on December 17

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The December General Meeting is an exception, as it will take place on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, 500 19th St., between 10th Ave. and Prospect Park West. (This exception is due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.)

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

The December 17 General Meeting Is One Week Earlier Than Usual, At a Special December Location:

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School,
500 19th St.,
between 10th Ave. and Prospect Park West

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ability of a great still wine. And within Champagne, the wines are diverse in style and flavor.

Some Champagnes are vintage-dated, but most are non-vintage versions, made by blending various years. A Blanc de Blancs (made entirely from Chardonnay grapes) should be elegant and graceful. “Brut” means dry; an Extra Brut (made with no “dosage”) will be tart, even austere; an Extra Dry will actually have noticeable sweetness.

Fine non-vintage Champagnes, from large producers such as Moët et Chandon to lesser-known but reliable names such as Nicholas Feuillate or Montaudon, sell for \$35-50 per bottle. The famous luxury cuvées, such as Louis Roederer’s Cristal, start at about \$250.

A trend that may interest Coop members is the emer-

gence of “small growers”: vintners who grow all their own grapes (unlike the large companies, who buy and blend grapes from many sources), many of whom pursue sustainable, even biodynamic, vineyard practices. Roger Pouillon is a fine example; his Champagnes, which sell for around \$60, are excellent and distinctive.

Italy’s Diversity

In contrast to buttoned-up Champagne, Italy’s sparklers are a lively chaos of method, flavor and price.

Prosecco is currently riding a wave of popularity in the U.S. It comes mostly from the Veneto region, west of Venice, and is made from a local grape called Glera. Prosecco does not use the Champagne method. The secondary fermentation—which creates the bubbles—is not done in the individual bottles, but instead in large tanks, and then the wine is bottled under pres-

sure. Called the Charmat method, this is less expensive, and yields a wine with generally gentler effervescence.

Most Proseccos are easy drinking, with lively flavors of white fruits and citrus. Nino Franco, Mionetto and Bisol are fine examples for \$15-20. More refined versions come from a small subregion called Cartizze; these are usually bottled with a touch of sweetness.

Lambrusco was a pop wine hit in the ’70s under the Riunite label. But now true traditional, artisanal Lambruscos from Emilia-Romagna are available, both still and sparkling. The best of these red bubbly marry sweet red berry and bitter herb flavors with a light spritz. Reliable producers include Tenuta Pedersana, Lini Oreste and Umberto Cavicchioli; good bottlings sell for \$15-20.

Asti Spumante, an old-school Italian bubbly, hailed from northwestern Italy’s Piedmont region. But in 1993, changes in wine regulations effectively erased the name, and now better wines from the same region and grape (Muscato) are labeled Moscato d’Asti. They offer exotic flavors of orange blossom and lychee, usually frankly sweet, with alcohol levels generally less than eight percent.

Some of the top producers of Barolo and Barbaresco, the monumental reds of Piedmont, also make Moscato d’Asti, and they are just delicious. Try Ceretto, Giacomo Bologna, or G.D. Vajra, all for \$18-20.

Italy does make sparklers that directly rival Champagne, in terms of grape varieties, winemaking method and character. The best are labeled Franciacorta and Trento; look for Ca’ del Bosco and Bellavista in the former region, and



ILLUSTRATION BY PAUL BUCKLEY

Ferrari and Cavit in the latter. Expect to pay \$25 or more.

Spain’s Cava

Cava comes from the Penedes region in northeastern Spain. It applies the Champagne method—here called “metodo tradicional”—to local grape varieties Xarel-lo, Peralada and Macabeu (and also, more recently, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir). Cava reliably delivers excellent value, rarely costing more than \$15. Boutique producers such as Raventos y Blanc, Bodegas Gramona and Recaredo are more expensive but their distinctive cuvées show promise for Cava’s future.

America, West to East

American vintners have been making sparkling wine since the Korbel brothers founded their winery in California’s Sonoma County in 1882. The family is gone, but the winery is still making good quality bubbly at fair prices and is one of the few producers outside Champagne to call their sparkling wine “Champagne.”

Since the 1960s, many American wineries have begun producing sparkling wines inspired by Champagne, most notably Schramsberg. A number of Champagne producers have also established ventures in California: Domaine Chandon, Roederer Estate and Taittinger’s Domaine Carneros are fine examples at around \$25.

Elsewhere around the west you can find high-quality bubbly from Argyle in Oregon’s Willamette Valley; Domaine Ste. Michelle (excellent value, around \$12) from Washington state; and Gruet from New Mexico (solid quality and a great conversation starter).

And of course our own New York vintners have gotten into

the game, with fine examples from the Finger Lakes and Long Island. The best of these also use the Champagne grapes (chiefly Chardonnay and Pinot Noir) and the Champagne method.

Finger Lakes versions tend to be light-bodied and crisper in acidity; look for Chateau Frank, Fox Run and Ravines. The warmer Long Island vineyards produce wines that are rounder and fruitier, though still balanced and dry. Reliable producers include Sparkling Pointe, Wolffer Estate and Shinn Estate.

The top quality New York sparklers sell for \$35 or so, and offer as a bonus the satisfaction of drinking locavore.

Sparkling Wine and Food

Much sparkling wine is tossed back in toasts. That’s fine, but it’s a shame to exile it from wine’s true calling: to be a partner to food.

Dry sparklers love salty snacks. If you’re serving bubbly as an aperitif, put out bowls of salted peanuts or spiced mixed nuts; slices of prosciutto or other cured meats; or salty crackers with creamy dips.

The wide range of styles and flavors of sparkling wine means it can accompany diverse dishes, even an entire meal. Try a fruity Prosecco with a light salad that includes dried fruits or goat cheese. A richer Brut from California or Champagne is an excellent accompaniment to broiled fish or roast chicken. A sweet, frothy Moscato d’Asti makes a refreshing complement to berries or chocolate.

So here’s to happy celebrations, whatever the reason. And beyond that, here’s to enjoying sparkling wine for its character as well as for its bubbles. ■

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.

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Also on the shelves are wool socks made with organic fibers. As Ally Turner was buying two pairs of socks, she explained that last year she

Many of the specialty items for the holiday season can be found on the end caps, which are the shelving on the

Jana reported that approximately 15 shoppers had lined up outside the Coop at 8 a.m. to get in early on one day shortly before Thanksgiving. Jana gave advice to PSFC members who plan to shop

neighbor on line... don't leave carts in the aisles and go shopping... there are no empty spaces in the Park Slope Food Coop today." ■



Also available for the holiday season is a much larger

There are special cheeses available, holiday beers and a larger variety of cookbooks, according to General Coordinator Janet Schumacher. Also, Martinelli's Cider has a selection of flavors not regularly sold at the Coop the rest

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



Puzzle author: Stuart Marquis. For answers, see page 5.

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

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Coop Joins the 'Food Not Fracking' Initiative

In keeping with the Coop's participation in the anti-fracking movement, I have invited Clare Donohue of the Sane Energy Project to write about anti-fracking issues for the *Gazette*. Fracking poses a real threat to the viability of a sustainable supply of locally-grown, healthful food.—Joe Holtz, General Coordinator

By Clare Donohue,
Sane Energy Project

Brooklyn might justifiably be called the epicenter of the burgeoning food movement, and the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC) has been an early adopter and eager proponent of a trend that is bursting into national prominence. Heirloom produce, artisanal cheeses, handcrafted yogurt, specialty beers, grass-fed beef and more, are eagerly sought after by chefs and consumers alike. "Locavore" is a thing now. Restaurants incessantly delineate the exact source of their ingredients, a habit that

was lovingly skewered in an episode of the TV show, "Portlandia," when a couple insisted on actually visiting the farm where their chicken had been raised before they could settle down and eat it.

This food trend has real economic impact: in recent years, the number of farmers' markets in New York State has tripled; sales of organic food have grown 26-fold. Farmers have come to realize the financial benefit of appealing to the growing consumer market that demands fresh, local, healthy food and is willing to pay a premium for it. Even main-

stream retailers and delivery services now offer organic and local selections.

Yet this growing trend plays out against a backdrop of an unenlightened national situation that includes factory farming, GMOs, monocultures, fast food and the highly processed, additive-laden products that dominate the typical supermarket.

This push and pull of conflicting trends is nothing new. The arc of American food safety awareness has been more like a dinosaur's jagged spine. As the FDA's own website says, "The United States was very slow to recognize the need for a national food and drug law," and the agency is barely more than 100 years old. Reforms have periodically been enacted only after public outcry, from basic sanitation laws spurred by the writing of Upton Sinclair in the early 1900s, through Rachel Carson's mid-century advocacy against pesticides, to the Alar ban in the 1980s. The call for GMO labeling, which has been building over the last decade, is reaching a heated turning point.

Today, a new danger to our food supply—hydrofracking—will require a new round of consumer outcry to address it. The Coop has taken an early leadership position and already has a policy against buying food from areas where fracking is taking place. But most people are unaware of this danger, and there is currently no way for the average consumer to tell whether his/her food is grown or produced near drill sites.

To address this vacuum, a new campaign—the product of a grassroots alliance of anti-fracking organizations, food advocates and farmers—has emerged: Food Not Fracking (www.foodnotfracking.org). The PSFC and Brooklyn Food Coalition are charter members.

The aim of this new campaign is to educate consumers to the dangers that fracking and shale gas infrastructure pose to our foodshed, and to promote the benefits of food that is not at risk from gas drilling. While high-volume hydrofracking is not currently taking place in New York State, the foodshed is at risk from the

current expansion of shale gas infrastructure—such as pipelines, storage caverns and compressor stations—that could forever change our landscape. Healthy farming needs abundant supplies of clean water, clean air, and clean soil. It needs a critical mass of acreage that is not fragmented by industrialization. Even organic food from areas where drilling is taking place could be at risk.

Why Is Food at Risk?

- Air-borne volatile organic compounds (VOCs) released in the drilling and transport process, and from thousands of diesel-fueled truck trips per well, are converted to ground-level ozone when combined with sunlight. These emissions can cause health problems in humans and livestock. Ground-level ozone has been shown to reduce crop yield by up to 30%, and endangers key feed crops such as clover—vital for pastured livestock.

- Chemical residues in emissions, wastewater and road brine can wind up in the air and in surface water such as farm ponds, streams, and rivers that provide irrigation for livestock and crops.

- It is impossible for adequate food safety inspections to occur since oil and gas companies are not required to fully disclose the chemicals used in the toxic drilling cocktail. There is no set process for testing for contaminants nor complete knowledge of what to test for.

- Two key ingredients, salt and water, are not covered by organic certification.

Several Areas in NY State Are Already at Risk, Despite a Moratorium on Fracking

These communities need our advocacy to remain safe food-producing regions:

- The Black Dirt Region is a unique, unusually fertile agricultural area about an hour north of the city, at risk from pollution created by blow downs at the Minisink compressor station.

- The Constitution pipeline could cut across pristine farmland, bisecting New York from west to east with compressor

stations at least every 40 miles.

- Residents and vintners in the Finger Lakes region are fighting off massive liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage caverns and fracking support facilities such as Schlumberger.

- Farms in Oneida County are at risk if tribal lands are switched to Federal jurisdiction, which would open them up to fracking.

What Can We Do?

1) Investigate. Our own refrigerators are excellent places to start: while the Coop carefully sources product, do you know where the rest of your food comes from? Is it grown or packaged in areas where fracking may occur? One of the best ways to have an impact is to call the manufacturer and ask that very question. Experience has shown that it takes only a projected 5% loss of sales to make a company change its behaviors.

2) Advocate. Contact the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA-NY) and the NY Farmers Market Federation and tell them that you want frack-free food. Call or write your elected officials and request them to fund studies and pass laws to protect consumers from fracked food. Contact the local Health Department and ask them what they are doing to prevent food from being contaminated by fracking. The burden of proving safety should fall on the producer; no chemical should be used without informing the consumer on the label. These are the basic principles of today's FDA laws and regulations.

3) Propagate. Help expand the alliance by suggesting organizations, restaurants or farms that produce delicious, GMO-free food, and that you believe to be safe from fracking. The alliance is compiling a list of suppliers that we hope to release as a consumer shopping guide. (Write to foodnotfracking@gmail.com.) Most of all, start having this conversation with friends and family. Simply by spreading the concept of "food not fracking" we shake things up. ■



What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

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We have four distinct *Linewaiters' Gazette* teams—each producing an issue every eight weeks. You will develop and produce an article about the Coop in cooperation with your team's editor every eight weeks.

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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.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal To Be Presented At Dec 17 GM

By General Coordinators

REVISED ARTICLE I PROPOSAL

Type of Cooperative

The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall be a non-stock membership cooperative as defined in Article I section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law. The Not-For-Profit Corporation Law shall apply to the Park Slope Food Coop as described in Article I section 5 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law.

REVISED ARTICLE II PROPOSAL

Members/Owners

1. Members/Owners:

According to Article I section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law "the term 'member' means the holder of a membership in a cooperative, whether evidenced by a certificate of membership or by a certificate of stock or by other authorized means of identification." The terms "member" and "owner" and "member/owner" shall be interchangeable and for the purposes of this cooperative these terms all mean the same thing. The terms "membership", "ownership" and "membership/ownership" shall be interchangeable and for the purposes of this cooperative these terms all mean

the same thing.

2. Eligibility:

Membership/Ownership shall be open to any natural person who agrees to comply with the membership/ownership requirements that the Board of Directors may adopt by resolution.

3. Member/Owner Equity Investments:

The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall require that each member/owner make, within a reasonable time after joining the cooperative, a non-interest bearing Member/Owner Equity Investment in the cooperative as the statutory equivalent of the holding of a share of stock. The Board of Directors by resolution shall set the amount of the Member/Owner Equity Investment.

4. Ownership, Termination of Ownership, Return of Member/Owner Equity Investments, Capital Contributions:

The cooperative is owned by those persons who have a Member/Owner Equity Investment on record with the cooperative and those members who have recently joined and have not yet made their Member/Owner Equity Investment. Termination of ownership occurs when either the member/owner formally requests and the cooperative processes the return of her or his Member/Owner Equity Investment or when the member/owner

makes a capital contribution of the Member/Owner Equity Investment to the cooperative. In either case, the member/owner simultaneously agrees to cease all membership activities.

5. Failure to meet membership/ownership requirements:

In the event that a member/owner fails to meet the membership requirements and/or rules of conduct as set by the cooperative, participation in any and/or all activities in the cooperative could be restricted or curtailed even though the person might still be an owner due to her or his continuing investment in the cooperative as evidenced by her or his Member/Owner Equity Investment.

6. Member/Owner Fee:

The Board of Directors may require that each member pay a membership fee in amounts that the Board of Directors by resolution shall set.

7. Transfer of Membership:

Membership shall be non-transferable.

Articles I & II as they currently appear before this proposed amendment:

CURRENT ARTICLE I Membership

Membership shall be open to any natural person who agrees to comply with the membership requirements which the Board of Directors may adopt by resolution. The Board of Directors may require the payment of a membership fee, which shall be equal for all members. All

members shall be issued a membership card which shall be a certificate of membership.

CURRENT ARTICLE II Type of Cooperative

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Square Meals: Answers

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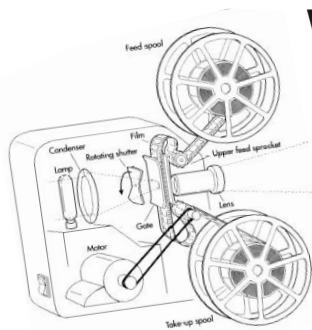
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ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?



Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?

Then submit your film for possible inclusion in the Coop's Friday Film Night Screening Series.

If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

Please e-mail **Faye Lederman** for details at squeezestone@hotmail.com or mail your DVD to: **Faye Lederman, 2000 Linwood Ave, #9E Fort Lee, NJ 07024**

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

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.

COOP HOURS

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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:



PROSPECT CONCERTS



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 present-
ed for refund.

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

RETURNABLE

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

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WELCOME!

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, DECEMBER 17

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JANUARY 7

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the January 28 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Dec 26 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 16
Jan 9 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 30

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec 26 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 18
Jan 9 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jan 1

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

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, 500 19th St., between 10th Ave. and Prospect Park West.

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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calendar of events

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 is presenting on behalf of Coop members organized against fast-track fracking. 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



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

Meeting location for December only: Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, 500 19th St., between 10th Ave. and Prospect Park West. December's General Meeting is held one week earlier than usual, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: Revolving Loan Committee Special Election (30 minutes)

Election: Electing three members to serve on the Revolving Loan Committee to fill three seats left vacant due to resignations. One term will expire in May 2016. Two terms will expire in May 2015.

—submitted by Revolving Loan Committee

Item 2: Authorization for the General Coordinators to Open Financial Accounts on Behalf of the PSFC (30 minutes)

Proposal: Resolved that the People's Alliance Federal Credit Union be designated as a depository for the funds of the organization, the Park Slope Food Coop. In addition, to authorize the General Coordinators to open financial accounts with other credit unions.

—submitted by the General Coordinators

Item 3: Bylaw Amendments (30 minutes)

Proposal: To recognize, explain the nature of, and name in our Bylaws our Member/Owner Equity Investments (currently known as Member Investments). Member/Owner Equity Investments came into being in 1978, the year after our original Bylaws took effect. To replace Articles I & II of our Bylaws with the following revised Articles I & II:

ARTICLE I

Type of Cooperative

The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall be a non-stock membership cooperative as defined in Article I section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law. The Not-For-Profit Corporation Law shall apply to the Park Slope Food Coop as described in Article I section 5 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law.

ARTICLE II

Members/Owners

1. Members/Owners: According to Article I section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law “the term ‘member’ means the holder of a membership in a cooperative, whether evidenced by a certificate of membership or by a certificate of stock or by

other authorized means of identification.” The terms “member” and “owner” and “member/owner” shall be interchangeable and for the purposes of this cooperative these terms all mean the same thing. The terms “membership”, “ownership” and “membership/ownership” shall be interchangeable and for the purposes of this cooperative these terms all mean the same thing.

2. Eligibility: Membership/Ownership shall be open to any natural person who agrees to comply with the membership/ownership requirements that the Board of Directors may adopt by resolution.

3. Member/Owner Equity Investments: The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall require that each member/owner make, within a reasonable time after joining the cooperative, a non-interest bearing Member/Owner Equity Investment in the cooperative as the statutory equivalent of the holding of a share of stock. The Board of Directors by resolution shall set the amount of the Member/Owner Equity Investment.

4. Ownership, Termination of Ownership, Return of Member/Owner Equity Investments, Capital Contributions: The cooperative is owned by those persons who have a Member/Owner Equity Investment on record with the cooperative and those members who have recently joined and have not yet made their Member/Owner Equity Investment. Termination of ownership occurs when either the member/owner formally requests and the cooperative processes the return of her or his Member/Owner Equity Investment or when the member/owner makes a capital contribution of the Member/Owner Equity Investment to the cooperative. In either case, the member/owner simultaneously agrees to cease all membership activities.

5. Failure to meet membership/ownership requirements: In the event that a member/owner fails to meet the membership requirements and/or rules of conduct as set by the cooperative, participation in any and/or all activities in the cooperative could be restricted or curtailed even though the person might still be an owner due to her or his continuing investment in the cooperative as evidenced by her or his Member/Owner Equity Investment.

6. Member/Owner Fee: The Board of Directors may require that each member pay a membership fee in amounts that the Board of Directors by resolution shall set.

7. Transfer of Membership: Membership shall be nontransferable.

—submitted by the General Coordinators

V. Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

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. All you have to do is come hungry and we will feed you free cheese at the Coop. This event will be limited to 30 people on a first-come, first-seated basis. It will be like musical chairs—come and claim your seat—there should be room for you. Guest speaker will be Brad Dube from Food Matters Again. 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.

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

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

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

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jan 2
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Happy New Year! Let's Cook Happy Vegetables



Susan Baldassano, Coordinator

Let's cook lucky vegetables, from appetizers to dessert, in vegan and gluten-free style. Chef **Hideyo** will share her easy recipes with you and demonstrate various cooking techniques. She will tell you about traditional Japanese New Year and the meaning of lucky vegetables. You will learn modern Japanese cookery, made possible with ingredients from the Food Coop. Chef Hideyo was born and raised in Tokyo, where she was trained as a sushi chef. She has also worked as a Japanese chef and a pastry chef in New York City. She graduated from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition and Natural Gourmet Institute, at which she is currently a chef instructor. She is also working as a private chef and a health coach. Specialties include vegan, gluten-free, refined sugar-free food and a wide variety of fish and healthy seafood preparations. *Menu includes: mochi pancakes with sweet potatoes; balsamic vinegar-braised burdock root; daikon radish, carrot & orange salad with flax seed-oil dressing; green-tea ice cream with azuki beans.*

ASL interpreter may be available. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by December 19.

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

jan 3
fri 7 pm

Film Night



Film to be announced.

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

jan 5
sun 10 am

Coop Kids' Variety Show Auditions



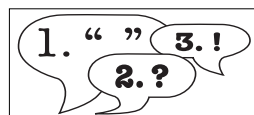
Auditions for Coop members ages 4-18, in the second-floor meeting room. To reserve an audition spot, contact **Martha Siegel** at 718-965-3916 or msiegel105@earthlink.net. You must audition to be in the show. Polished act not required for audition; we can help you polish it.

We encourage singers and other musicians, poets, jugglers, stand-up comics, rappers, dancers, magicians, gymnasts, etc. (no lip-syncing please). Performance date is Saturday, March 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Old First Church. We look forward to hearing from you!

Another audition will be held at the Coop on Saturday, January 25, 3 p.m.

jan 7
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 on Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

jan 10
fri 6:30 pm

This Is What Democracy Looks Like

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is an early mechanism built to implement corporate "free trade." *This Is What Democracy Looks Like* (Big Noise Films, 2000, 72 minutes) weaves the footage of 450 media activists into a gripping document about what happened on Seattle's streets during the November 1999 massive protests that crippled the WTO. Informative, instructive, inspiring and important as we struggle with yet another commercial treaty, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, that would give a corporation the same legal standing as a nation. Screening will begin at 7 p.m. followed by an open discussion until 9:30 p.m. At the September GM we voted to oppose Fast Track Authority for the President to push through Congress the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). We want to slow it down and find out what 12 trade ministers and 600 corporate advisors have been negotiating in secret for three years. Coop member **Susan Metz** is presenting on behalf of Coop members organized against fast-track fracking. A Coop member since 1980, she was a Shopping Squad Leader for 22 years.

jan 11
sat 1 pm

BodyTalk: The New Language of Health

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

jan 11
sat 5 pm

Game Night



The PSFC Fun Committee invites you to the next Coop Game Night. Free admission, all ages welcome. Bring your friends. Refreshments for sale. Come join us to play with a friend, an opponent or simply to challenge yourself. Bring your favorite game(s): Scrabble, Taboo, chess, checkers, bridge, Nim, Boggle, Candyland, Trouble, Stratego, Pictionary, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, etc.

jan 12
sun 12 pm

Interested in Vegan Eating?

In the New Year, many Coop members will resolve to change their eating habits. In recent years, there has been an increased interest in vegan eating, with people like Bill Clinton and Ellen DeGeneres touting the benefits of their vegan diets. Growing evidence shows that vegan diets have positive impacts on human health and are better for the planet. Whether you want to commit to a vegan diet or start eating more plant foods, this workshop will help. Join us for an introduction to vegan eating. We will discuss recipes, shopping staples, and basic nutrition. Space is limited. Please RSVP on our blog, psfcanimals.blogspot.com, to reserve your seat today. This workshop is being hosted by the Food Coop's **Animal Welfare Committee**. The committee was formed in 2010 to provide animal-related reference materials, articles, and product suggestions as they relate to Coop products.

still to come

jan 14 Safe Food Committee Film Night

jan 18 Rock Painting

jan 17 Wordsprouts

jan 25 Families Affected by ADHD

jan 17 Prospect Concerts

jan 25 Coop Kids' Variety Show Auditions

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NYT ARTICLE: HOLTZ CLARIFIES

DEAR MEMBERS,

I am writing because staff has received questions in regard to recent articles about theft at the Coop in both the *Gazette* and *The New York Times*. Neither I nor anyone else at the Coop released the name of the person arrested to the NYT reporter (he did his own research at the police precinct). I did not refuse the request for an interview because in my opinion refusal not only encourages the likelihood of an article appearing anyway, but also produces a less factually correct article.

Joe Holtz
General Coordinator/General Manager

SUPPORT SNAP

DEAR COOP MEMBERS:

November 1 ushered in another challenge for our neighbors who face food financial insecurity: a cut to SNAP—food stamp—benefits. According to a New York City Coalition Against Hunger report released in November, this means a loss of \$29 per month. This is a painful deficit for those who struggle to keep food on the table in New York City, where, according to the same coalition report, one-sixth of households, including one-fifth of the city's children, face the regular prospect of not having enough to eat.

Local food pantries are already feeling the strain, the pantry sponsored by the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger among them.

As bad as the current situation is, SNAP program funding will suffer addi-

tional cuts under both the U.S. House and Senate budgets: \$39 billion under House budget and \$4 billion under the Senate's.

What can we do? We're 16,000+, and every member taking one action can help. Not only do we need to push to "eat local," we need to make sure all who are in our locality can eat. Donate; donate more; volunteer; support the politicians who are fighting to restore SNAP funding and prevent future cuts; let your opinions be known to those who don't support SNAP-funding restoration; reach out to family and friends who may not know that members in their own communities have less money for food than they had two months ago.

Thank you,
Diane Aronson

LET'S FOCUS ON PREVENTION, NOT RETRIBUTION

MEMBERS:

I was disappointed to read that the Coop had a member arrested for shoplifting [“Member Arrested for Shoplifting as We Head Toward a Second Consecutive Year of Record-Breaking Theft,” *Linewaiters' Gazette*, November 14, 2013].

While striving “to protect the low prices” at the Coop is important, the Coordinator's Corner piece published in that *Gazette* fails to consider the root causes of serial shoplifting. Our “consciousness,” which the author writes about, should extend not only to the Coop's gross margin, but also to the circumstances that lead an individual

to shoplift. As a former public defender in New York City, I have witnessed firsthand the desperation that can lead to shoplifting. People who consistently shoplift generally do so either because they cannot afford to pay for the items or because they suffer from mental health issues that compel them to steal.

I am also disheartened to learn that a progressive cooperative would subject its members to the criminal justice system for a crime of poverty; suspension or termination of membership seems a sufficient deterrent for future theft. Our current policy of criminal prosecution and designating those who shoplift as “trespassers”—which could lead to future prosecution—seems unnecessary and potentially ineffective in addressing the problem. I certainly would be more likely to report theft if I knew doing so would not lead to a person's arrest.

I shop at the Coop not only for the low prices but because I believe in our principles and mission. Let's live up to the ideals embodied in our unique local Coop by instituting a policy of not prosecuting members who shoplift and instead launching a public education

campaign aimed at shedding light on the impact of stealing merchandise and the consequences for those who do.

Jacki Esposito

AN IDEA FOR DETERRING THEFT AT THE COOP

HELLO,

I just read the *New York Times* article concerning theft at the Coop. \$1,200/day is bananas! I'm glad Joe is turning up the heat.

I had an idea that I thought might interest Mr. Holtz: print these stats on every shopping receipt. Tell everyone how much theft there is and how much that drives up costs. Remind us that when we steal from the Coop, we're stealing from our own community and ultimately from ourselves. I thought that would be a good way to get out a PSA that doesn't involve a giant sign. Though a giant sign might be very effective... I'm no expert, but a running counter for how much as been stolen that year would remind me to be vigilant and look out for shoplifters. Thanks for reading!

Pashtoun Youssof

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, DEC 14

8 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: New York City Labor Chorus. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35 St., NY, NY. Wheelchair-accessible. For info 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Donation: \$18 general/\$10 members/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

Sts. in Park Slope. Items from \$3-40. Cash only please.

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center, Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza, Bklyn, featuring Adela Peña and Harumi Rhodes, violins Ah Ling Neu, viola Roberta Cooper, cello, Peter Weitzner, double bass (Free Event).

SUN, DEC 15

1-3 p.m. CRAFT SALE to benefit Mayan Hands and UPAVIM, two Guatemalan fair trade coops, at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture in the meeting room at 53 Prospect Park W. between First and Second

TUE, DEC 17

7 p.m. The powerHouse Arena invites you to book party and discussion: *Katz's Autobiography of a Delicatessen* by Jake Dell and Bal-domero Fernandez 37 Main St. Bklyn. NY For more info please call 718.666.3049. RSVP appreciated: rsvp@powerhousearena.com.

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:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BDS TOPICS:

DE BLASIO:
'PROGRESSIVE' EXCEPT
FOR PALESTINE?

TO THE EDITORS:

Sylvia Lowenthal's letter, in the November 28 *Gazette*, asks us to recall the position taken in March 2012, by now mayor-elect Bill de Blasio when, as Public Advocate, he opposed voting "yes" for a Park Slope Food Coop referendum about boycotting Israeli products. In that instance, he joined many other New York City politicians, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Council Member Brad Lander in condemning the international movement for Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against the Israeli occupation and oppression of Palestine. In February of this year, de Blasio joined other "progressive" city officials in demanding that the Political Science Department at Brooklyn College rescind its sponsorship of a presentation about BDS by Judith Butler and Omar Barghouti.

These attempts to stifle discussion about the non-violent campaign for Palestinian liberation are commonplace in New York City and elsewhere in the USA, where the Zionist lobby, pretending to represent all Jews, threatens politicians who do not support Israeli policies. At the Food Coop, in spite of this onslaught of pressure from Israel supporters, 40% of members at the March 2012 General Meeting voted to have a Coop-wide referendum.

Although Bill de Blasio appears to be "progressive" on many issues, including ending the police "Stop and Frisk" policy and raising taxes on rich people, he has also had major backing from the real estate lobby for his support of the Atlantic Yards Project and

of luxury housing development in general. De Blasio has supported Council Member Dov Hikind, notable last February for his blackface Purim costume. De Blasio has also been close to the Jewish Community Relations Council which supports Israeli policies.

I think we need to watch the incoming de Blasio administration carefully. If we are well organized, we can persuade Mr. de Blasio to take a progressive stand for affordable housing, for a national employment program and against Israeli persecution of the Palestinian people.

Naomi Brussel

2013: HISTORIC DEBATE
BY THE AMERICAN
STUDIES ASSOCIATION
TO SUPPORT THE
ACADEMIC BOYCOTT OF
ISRAELI ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONS

MEMBERS:

The American Studies Association (ASA) held their Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 21-24. It included two landmark sessions: a "Town Hall Meeting on Palestine" (open to the public, 11/23) and an "Open Discussion on Palestine" (ASA members only, 11/24). These forums were to discuss and debate a boycott resolution proposed by the "ASA Activism Caucus" urging the ASA to support the academic boycott of Israeli Academic Institutions.

The ASA National Executive Council received the petition in favor of the resolution (850 signatures) and a letter opposing (50 signatures). This overwhelming member support reflected the 90-minute debate when 37 speakers out of 44 (randomly selected) supported, seven opposed the resolution calling for ASA to endorse a boycott of academic institutions in Israel. No decision was released by the Council (11/26). (Lena Ibrahim)

The ASA has a long history of adopting institutional positions on workers' rights, racism, sexism, imperialism and colonization. There is controversy around the boycott resolution "because it implicates Israel." Persistent complaint: BDS will impinge on the academic freedom of Israeli scholars. BDS literature explicitly focuses on institutions, targeting corporations and universities that facil-

itate or profit from Israel's occupation and other abuses of Palestinian rights. Another complaint: BDS "singles out" Israel over other nations. BDS references a long list of Israeli crimes over many decades. This accusation tacitly acknowledges Israel's crimes while simultaneously disavowing moral responsibility for them. BDS is a grassroots movement by dozens of Palestinian civil society groups, managed by activist groups in Palestine and around the world including Israelis who support its principles. Neither the Palestinian Authority nor Hamas has formal involvement in BDS. Regarding the accusation that a boycott will create divisiveness in ASA: divisiveness tends to accompany the pursuit of justice: citing slavery in the U.S., France ending its colonization of Algeria. ASA's commitment to the principles of equality and unfettered academic inquiry has included boycotts in other situations. (Steven Salaita)

BDS in American Academia: the Palestinian call for a boycott of Israeli academic institutions was first endorsed at the Annual Meeting (April 2013) by the Association for Asian American Studies. The "blockade on debate" of BDS has now been lifted at ASA. To date, opponents increasingly rely predominantly on institutional harassment, withholding material resources, legal means to shut down debate, attempting to force student senates to rescind democratically approved divestment resolutions and to punish academics or students for criticizing Israel.

Palestinian Academic Freedom cited during 90-minute debate: Palestinians access to normal scholarly life is continually infringed by Israel's occupation, blockade, collective punishment, school closures and denial of the right to travel (all with the complicity of Israeli academic institutions). "It became clear (during the debate) that the extension of academic freedom of Palestinian scholars is at the same time the extension of our own academic freedom here in the United States." (David Lloyd)

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

RESPONSE TO CLAIM
THAT 'CRITICISM OF
ISRAEL IS NOT ANTI-
SEMITIC'

TO THE EDITOR,

The biweekly BDS reports in the *Gazette*, like the movement itself, are designed solely to demonize Israel as a singularly heinous violator of human rights, assigning no responsibility for the conflict to Palestinian leadership: the terrorist group Hamas, dedicated to the destruction of Israel, and the Palestinian Authority, which recently celebrated as heroes Palestin-

ian murderers released from Israeli prisons, an action taken by Israel as a good-faith concession toward peace negotiations. Palestinian Authority leadership (Hamas naturally does not participate in the negotiations) has so far made zero concessions for peace and holds to the maximalist demand shared by the BDS movement for the return to Israel of all original Palestinian refugees and their several generations of progeny, an act that would ultimately create an Arab majority in—and hence control over—the Jewish state. Given the historical conflicts between the two sides and the proliferation of Palestinian terrorist groups, one shudders to imagine how such a scenario would play out.

With regard to the letter/essay of 11/28 (as usual based on information from writers associated with the anti-Israel Electronic Intifada website) with its typically long, hysterical title "ISRAEL'S DEMOGRAPHIC IMPERATIVE THREATENS PALESTINIANS IN EAST JERUSALEM, WEST BANK, GAZA. UK COURT RULING: CRITICISM OF ISRAEL IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC," in this case merging two unconnected subjects, here is a brief response to the second part: "Criticism of Israel is not Anti-Semitic." This statement ignorantly and unreasonably suggests that in a world where anti-Semitic hate-crimes are on the increase, especially in Europe, there is no possible criticism of Israel—nor could there be any—which is anti-Semitic, and of course this is absurd. Some criticisms of Israel are not anti-Semitic and some are. (And some critics of Israel are not anti-Semitic and some are.)

Relevant here is the fact that both the highly respected Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) have characterized the BDS movement as anti-Semitic, and their determinations are surely more credible than both our Coop's persistent Israel-demonizers and that of the University and College Union in the U.K. cited in the recent letter/essay. And note that recently a French Court of Appeals has ruled that Boycott-Israel activists are guilty of "provocation to discrimination" and the parties involved have been fined and given suspended sentences.*

Having been identified as a destructive and discriminatory movement by so many notable sources (ADL, SWC, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME), by many Democratic NYC public officials including our newly elected progressive mayor, and now by a French Court of Appeals, among others) it remains unclear how the five-years-and-running demonization of Israel in the *Gazette* in any way serves the interests of our Food Coop community and its principle of inclusiveness. * www.spme.org/boycotts-divestments-sanctions-bds/french-court-fines-boycott-israel-activists-discrimination/16245/

Sylvia Lowenthal

Seeking Coop members to
feature in film about the
Park Slope Food Coop!

French filmmakers producing a feature-length documentary on the Park Slope Food Coop will be visiting the Coop in December. They are eager to interview Coop members about their experiences working, shopping and owning a food coop. Here's your opportunity to share your best Coop stories!

- They are particularly looking for members who:
 - Have expertise on the food situation in America (a kind of Coop "Michael Pollan")
 - Shop at the Coop for religious principles or practices
 - Have lots of make-ups and are trying to catch-up
- Have a business background and are able to talk about how the Coop compares with other supermarkets from a business perspective
 - Live on a tight budget and are able to eat well because they are members of the Coop
- Want to share with a European audience their interesting, essential or telling experiences of a member-labor food coop

Are you interested? Please contact Maëlanne at Lardux Films, foodcoop@lardux.net.

The Coop has been collaborating with the filmmakers for several years, following the Cooperative Principle #5 to inform the general public about the nature and benefits of cooperation. The filmmakers are also involved in their own food coop project in France and the Coop has been supporting their efforts.



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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
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*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.

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.

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Bathroom Cleaning

Friday, 12 to 2 p.m.

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

Laundry and Toy Cleaning

Wednesday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

This workslot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

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