Toilets for People: A New Perspective on An Old Sanitation Issue

By Avromi Kanal

Composting toilets, which use the aerobic process to treat excreta instead of flushing with water, have been in use for many years. Toilets for People (TfP), a startup based in Brooklyn, has developed an affordable, sustainable composting toilet targeted at people in the developing world.

In my third year of medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, I joined toilets for People, in an effort to be part of a solution to one of the most fundamental and equally critical issues in global health—access to clean, uncontaminated water. There are over 2.5 billion people who do not have access to a decent toilet that works. One in three people in the world are regularly faced with the choice of using overflowing pit latrines or defecating in the open. The consequences to public health, safety and economic prosperity are dire.

TfP founder and president, Jason Kass, describes the origins of his design for the “CRAPPER”—Compact, Rotating, Aerobic, Pollution Prevention Excreta Reducer.

“In April 2012, I was in one of those places in rural El Salvador. I was using concrete to build above ground vault latrines with Engineers without Borders. An early rainy season washed away the roads and any hopes of materials being delivered. But we had promised toilets to several families, so I started brainstorming alternatives.

At my home in Vermont, I have been using a composting toilet for years, so I decided to replicate that $1500 model using locally available materials. Three days later we had a prototype of the CRAPPER and the idea for Toilets for People was born.”

Many design tweaks later, we think we’ve landed on something pretty great. An attractive, privately owned, indoor composting toilet that costs under $200 per unit. TfP has applied the same composting toilet technology that has been the industry standard in North America and Europe since the 1970’s and made it available for the first time to people in the developing world.

Our innovative design allows people in developing countries to enjoy the close-to-home toilet convenience that we Westerners take for granted.

Here’s how it works:

Our design starts with a composting barrel that spins, much like a garden composter. When the drum spins, the waste is aerated, which is essential for the microorganisms that eat the waste and make the compost. The user just needs to add dry cover material—dry leaves, saw dust or peanut husks (after about three months, mitigates odors and reduces the presence of dangerous pathogens.

When the drum is full (after about three months, depending on usage), it’s time to empty out some compost. The drum is spun with the waste door open, and some of the decomposed waste falls out into a container underneath, where it sits to dry. Once dry, the compost in the bucket can be safely buried outside with wood ash added as a disinfectant.

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Thu, May 1 • Food Class: Spring Vegetables With Gluten-Free Vegan Protein 7:30 p.m.
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Tue, May 13 • Safe Food Committee Film Night: Brooklyn Farmer 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Jun 5 • Food Class: Healthy and Quick Recipes With An Indian Twist 7:30 p.m.

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

My Home Is Someone’s Workplace: Building a Better Environment For Domestic Workers In Park Slope

Gayle Kirshenbaum and her son, Aaron, showed their support for the Fair Care Pledge campaign, which was launched in Brooklyn on April 10 by Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network.

By Frank Haberle

On Thursday, April 10, at a gathering in Shapeshifter Lab in Gowanus, the national organization Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network and its community partners launched a new initiative, My Home Is Someone’s Work...
Toilets

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ed in mid-2015. TIP is always looking for new partners—if you know of an NGO working in a community that needs hygienic toilets, please contact TIP at info@toiletsforpeople.com. For more information, visit Toilets for People on the Web www.toiletsforpeople.com.

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summer. Results are expect-
toilets in Iquitos, Peru, this
health and lifestyles of five
CRAPPER’s impact on the
summer to explore the
research expedition this
leading an independent
their new toilet.

Just drop off your bike, stroller, scooter or personal cart, do your shopping or your shift, and hop back on. No locks, no worries, no theft. Service operates rain or shine. Look for us in front of the yellow wall. Note: no bike check-in on Saturdays after 5 p.m. or Sundays after 7:30 p.m.

Every Saturday, April 22, 1:00–5:15 p.m.
 belters, please contact TIP at

Every Sunday, April 23, 3:30–7:45 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Jackpot
11. Fish and chips fish
14. Question after a public Shelleying
15. canister
16. Like a broken record
17. American___
18. Inc. abroad
20. Stuck in ___
21. Pointed to
25. Some South Africans
26. Plane's il.
27. Itemized bill: Abbr.
29. Stanford QB drafted #1 in 1983
32. Throng
34. Jesus, for one
37. Minister's moniker
38. Lethal snake
39. Raisins, e.g.
40. Paraguayan author Augusto___
41. A skjoke, he submitted to his editor Big X, little X, XXX. Someday, kiddies, you will learn about SEX
42. Fuel for piston-engine aircraft
44. Positively Entertaining cable channel
45. Portugal's peninsula
46. Kardashian spouse ____ Odom
47. Psalm starter
48. Jackson of the Modern Jazz Quartet and others
49. Years and years
50. “Seinfeld” episode in which Elaine
51. Gets better
52. Things released from Pandora's box
53. Swiss city on the Rhine
54. “American ____”
55. ____ con leche
56. Sacha Baron Cohen character
57. Question after a public shellacking
58. Imitate
59. Yard pest
60. Wharf locale: Abbr.
67. Help to prepare dinner, say
68. They may be dirt: Abbr.

Down
1. ___ X (2003 Lisa Kudrow comedy)
2. There’s every crowd!
3. Used a Smith Corona
4. Garden shed item
5. Or for the neck
6. Isabella and Maria Luisa, e.g.
7. A vice to attack
8. Antipasto tidbit
9. Tilt ___ (1990s series)
10. Wide shoe spec
11. Inner circle
13. Shoulder muscles, for short
15. Tip ___
16. Civil rights advocate ___ B. Wells
17. 1970s Dodgers All-Star Ron
18. Some green on Oscar night
21. Horse alternative
28. Straight Outta Compton rap group
29. Go wrong
30. Barack Obama's sign
31. State since 1863: Abbr.
32. Dracula, for one
33. NFL ball-carriers
34. Treadmill setting
35. Drago___
36. Rushmore director Anderson
37. Jobs’ job, once
38. Job, for once
39. Local news hour
40. Par-12 team, for short
41. Kind of tape
42. For piston-engine aircraft
43. Kind of tape
44. Local news hour
45. Portugal’s peninsula
46. Persian spice
47. Psalm starter
48. Jackson of the Modern Jazz Quartet and others
49. Years and years
50. Gets better
51. Things released from Pandora’s box
52. Swiss city on the Rhine
53. Nellie and the Nes, for instance
54. Lincoln Center offering
55. Acted like a sycophant
60. Wheel locker: Abbr.
61. Yours, in Italy
63. Inventor's cry

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 6.
My Home Is
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place. Hand in Hand, which in
eight years has been building
and gaining traction in the Park
Slope community through the
work of local activists (includ-
ing many Park Slope Food
Coop members), seeks to
engage employers of domestic
workers (which includes na-
tics can lay the foundation
for a long-lasting, mutually
respectful relationship with
a domestic worker.

Although she is no longer an
employer of a domestic worker,
Gayle continues to serve as a
member of the National Lead-
ership Team of Hand in Hand,
and is helping to launch the
Fair Care Pledge campaign. “My
Home is Someone’s Workplace
Brad Lander (who attended
the first meeting of parents
eight years ago that led to the
launch of Hand in Hand),
Brooklyn Borough President
Eric Adams and NYC Public
Advocate Letitia James, who
anguard of her own mother
serving as a domestic worker
when she was a child, and
later how her mother was
cared for in her last years by a
host of interdependent work-
ers. Ms. James has maintained
a relationship. Filmmaker Julie
Dressner, a Park Slope resi-
dent who also attended the
first meeting eight years ago,
remembered how important
it was then to meet other par-
tners facing the same dilemma
with child care. “When I
joined Hand in Hand,” she
said, “I realized that I was not
the only person who wanted
to be a good employer, but I
was not sure what that meant.
Hand in Hand gave me the
place to work with others, to
get answers to my questions.”

Supporting Domestic Workers and Their Employers, Locally and Nationally

Currently, there are over
250,000 domestic workers in
New York City, most of whom
are immigrant women. Despite
this large number, the rights of
domestic workers were largely
overlooked until New York State passed
the Domestic Workers’ Bill of
Rights in 2010. “Hand in
Hand works in coalition with
the National Domestic Work-
ers Alliance,” Gayle explains.
“Hand in Hand works in coalition with
the New York Domestic Work-
ers Alliance, the National
Domestic Workers’ Bill of
Rights, the landmark law passed in
2010, and we promote addi-
tional best practices. The
Domestic Worker’s Bill of
Rights, in particular, has
helped build awareness for
employers for the rights of
workers in their homes. Hand
in Hand grew out of the
campaign to pass this bill,
and is now asking New York
employers of domestic work-
ners to take it a step further by
joining the pledge. In addition
to the Fair Care Pledge, Hand
in Hand provides important
resources and tools to help
families understand the rights
of their domestic workers as
well as their own. An online
checklist available on the
website helps families create
a basic understanding of their
responsibilities and rights as
employers. A publication
devoted to the Hand in Hand
movement, A Guide to Developing a Work Agree-
ment with a Child Care Provider, outlines how families can
focus preliminary discussions
with potential hires, strength-
em communication with
employees and develop a for-
tmal work agreement that
specifies terms of employ-
ment. Hand in Hand is now a
national organization, work-
ing with local and National
partners like the National
Domestic Workers Alliance
and [FRE] to improve condi-
tions for domestic workers
across the country.

Connecting to the
Coop Community

“I definitely feel there’s a
relationship between my work
with Hand in Hand and my
membership in the Coop,”
Gayle says. “For me, Coop
members can help spread the
word about My Home is
Someone’s Workplace by host-
ing house meetings or facili-
tating connections to pre-
schools, religions institutions
and those providing services
to new or expecting parents,
as well as supporting our cam-

Gaye Kirshenbaum, founding member of Hand in Hand, at home.
Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Those organizations started 22 coops and credit unions and the Federation of Southern Cooperatives and Land Assistance Fund. The Federation continues to develop cooperatives and credit unions, protect and expand the landholdings of Black family farmers, and advocate and support policies that benefit family farmers and low-income rural communities. The Federation serves 77 cooperatives across the South, comprising more than 20,000 families and is the most important organization serving the dwindling number of Black farmers in the South through their purchasing and marketing coops. In its earliest days, the Federation had among its members handycraft coops, like the Freedom Quilting Bee of Alabama (Alabama). As it was with the freedom rides and sit-ins and marches by scholar and activist Jessica Gordon Nemhbad. It is the first such major study of the topic since W.E.B. DuBois’s 1907 Economic Co-operative Among Negro Americans. Co- operation and cooperatives were—and still are in Nembhard’s view—an integral part of the tale of survival and endurance of those deprived of their land, liberty, culture and history and constituted a positive and creative response to that deprivation. Moreover, asserts Nemhard, cooperatives offer us a model of economic revitalization in the 21st century—not just for the Black community but society at large. In fact, as she and others have argued, the idea of cooperative societies may have been seen as an extension of the American ethos of plurality and diversity and liberty in religion, speech and thought, extended to economics and to the economic arrangements people make for themselves. These themes were heard at an event at the Bowery Poetry Club on April 8 hosted by SolidarityNYC and Grassroots Social Justice Organizing (GEO), featuring professor Nembhard, Farah Tanis and Esteban Kelly. Nembhard is associate professor in the department of Africana studies at John Jay College and a co-founder of the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network, the Eastern Conference for Workplace Democracy and the Democracy Collaborative. She said that when she investigated this little known and largely undocumented history, she told her “Black people don’t do coops.” Her book is in a sense a retelling of the Black experience in America, from the point of view of grassroots collective economic activity and organizing. Author and activist Gar Alperovitz called Collective Courage a “pathbreaking book,” one that “opens a door on a critical history of Black history and cooperative history in general.” And William Darby, Jr of Duke University called Nembhard’s book “a refreshing antidote to the straitjacket on our imagination.”

Farah Tanis and Black Women’s Blueprint
Sharing the stage that afternoon with Nembhard was Black feminist and human rights activist Farah Tanis, an eloquent and impassioned veteran of many social justice movements. She is currently the director of Black Women’s Blueprint (www.blackwomens-blueprint.com), a civil and human rights organization composed of both men and women. The primary purpose of Blueprint is “to develop a culture where women of African descent are fully empowered and where gender, race and other disparities are erased. We engage in progressive research, document support movement building, and organize on social justice issues steeped in the struggles of Black women within and between communities and within dominant culture.”

Tanis also serves on the boards of Right Rides, which ensures women’s safety in public spaces. Right Rides offers women, LGBTQ and gender nonconforming individuals a free, late-night ride home to ensure their safety in high-risk areas. Right Rides is staffed by a founding member of New Yorkers for Safe Transit, the only coalition in the city dedicated to raising awareness of gender-based violence and harassment.

Tanis also serves on the board of Haki Yetu (“Our Right” in Swahili) which works with survivors of rape in the Congo, and is advisor to the New Americans Leadership Project, which prepares immigrants for civic leadership and political participation. Tanis has received many awards, including a 2007 Extraordinary Woman Award and two New York City Council Proclamations. She is a 2012 U.S. Human Rights Institute Fellow.

Farah feels she is alive “to be a part of creating a new more just world, to promulgate the living legacy of great Black women who’ve traveled this road before me and write a new chapter in Black feminism that makes it explicit that Black women can be unified, are powerful beyond measure, and they can work to turn this world right side up again. Like our Black feminist foremothers, we may not be able to accomplish all of it in this lifetime.” The process, she says, is like trying to open a tightly shut jar of sweet jam. “Sometimes several folks have to try, and they loosen the lid, before finally one actually opens it.”

Introducing and moderating was Esteban Kelly, an impassioned leader in the food justice and coop movements. Kelly served as vice president of the U.S. Federation of Worker Coops (www.usworker.coop), was board president of North American Students of Coopera tion (NASCO) and was inducted into NASCO’s hall of fame in 2011. He was recently appointed to the boards of the Cooperative Development Foundation (CDF) and the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA). Kelly was appointed to the Food Policy Advisory Council of the Philadelphia Mayor’s Office. Kelly is also a founder and core trainer with AORTA (the Anti-Oppression Resource & Training Alliance), a worker coop whose consultants and training programs are fighting for social justice and a solidarity economy (www.aortacollective.org).
The Elevation of the Coconut

By Alison Rose Levy

The coconut is sacred in India. Lakshmi, the Indian goddess of love and wealth, is depicted holding a coconut. So traditional an offering in all major Hindu rituals, even fishermen, before they set forth, offer a coconut to the waters in the hope of increasing yields. And breaking a coconut before beginning any new activity is said to attract the blessings of the gods and goddesses.

What happens to the coconut when it goes to the West, and what happens to the cultures that grow and produce it?

Google “coconut + water + environment” on the Internet and you will find page after page of information on coconut’s health benefits, and also, article after article skeptically questioning those claims. You can readily learn how coconuts are harvested via visual depictions of Cocos nucifera, (the Latin species name for the coconut) with its inner and outer shells and all of its component parts. But with all of the claims and counter-claims and the obsessive focus on whether coconut water is sufficiently beneficial for first world consumers like us, there is little information about whether or not coconut water’s new popularity is good for the local farmers in traditional communities who grow the coconut.

Coconut fat, once suspect, is now a health boon, thanks in part to the work of Mary Enig, Ph. D. Traditional an offering in all major Hindu rituals, even fishermen, before they set forth, offer a coconut to the waters in the hope of increasing yields. According to Bob Sterling, the owner of International Exchange Co-Founder and Co-Director (www.equalexchange.coop/fair-trade). But for Naked and other multinational companies, coconut water is the new trendy sports drink. “If you’re more hydrated, you feel more energetic, so all of those trends converge on the coconut water category, and contribute to its gaining popularity,” explains Sarah Theodore, global drinks analyst for Mintel Food & Drink.

Back home in the tropics, this global market expansion for their staple food has impacted traditional communities. The young coconut contains coconut water and a jelly-like meat, both of which are a part of the local diet. According to Bob Sterling, the owner of International Exchange Co-Founder and Co-Director (www.equalexchange.coop/fair-trade). But for Naked and other multinational companies, coconut water is the new trendy sports drink. “If you’re more hydrated, you feel more energetic, so all of those trends converge on the coconut water category, and contribute to its gaining popularity,” explains Sarah Theodore, global drinks analyst for Mintel Food & Drink.

Coconut Oil

In Western societies, the oil is a core building block of sodium lauryl sulfate, a surfactant and foaming agent, used in soaps, shampoos, detergents and cleansers. Coconut oil is the main ingredient in Dr. Bronner’s All-One Soap, the classic all purpose soap, shampoo and cleanser, which launched back in 1948. With succeeding generations, the Bronner family has branched out into a full range of product lines, many coconut based.

To assure that Dr. Bronner products are made with organic and ethically sourced coconut oil, in 2006 the company committed to sourcing rather than pay that fractional amount more to know that products are produced in ways that support the traditional farmers and communities.” The company partners with the Serendipol project in Sri Lanka, regarded as one of the foremost sources of organic and Fair Trade virgin coconut oil internationally. In addition to using the cosmetic grade oils in its products, Dr. Bronner’s also expanded into food grade coconut oil. Its virgin coconut oil product is a bestseller in that category. While Dr. Bronner’s products use only mature coconuts, there are different factors at play for coconut water, derived from young coconuts.

Coconut Water Everywhere

“Coconut water is viewed as a healthy product,” analyst Jonas Feliciano told the publication, Beverage Industry. “It’s viewed as a natural product, so consumers are flocking to it based on those benefits.”

According to Feliciano, the top three brands —Vita Coco, New York, Zico, El Segundo, Calif., and O.N.E. Coconut Water, Los Angeles—experienced 100 percent growth from 2011 to 2012. The Naked brand coconut water (available at the Coop in aisle two) carries the Fair Trade USA labels. Naked, (owned by PepsiCo) was so designated in February 2014, but there is controversy about whether the company truly meets the Fair Trade standards.

“Fair Trade is for small farmers and small producers who are democratically organized. If you take the democracy out you have traditional aid or world bank development or what the TransFair USA and the European certifiers are now trying to call Fair Trade... If you want the fastest supply chain that produces the most tea or coffee or bananas at commercial terms you have entered into some socially responsible product world of which there are many examples. It just ain’t Fair Trade, and it won’t have the same positive benefits.” So says Rink Dickinson, Equal Exchange Co-Founder and Co-Director (www.equalexchange.coop/fair-trade).

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Next Steps with Regards to the Proposal to Reduce Plastic Roll Bag Use (Proposal) Moving Forward

By Rosemary Calderon

Despite the defeat of the Proposal, we learned much from this process. Support and encouragement came from many members to keep this Proposal alive and moving forward. A difference of only 91 votes with over 600 votes cast (57.4% to 42.6%) demonstrated a clear base of members supporting the reduction of plastic roll bag use at the Coop. Additionally, various members informed us they voted against the Proposal because 1) it didn’t go far enough for a complete ban, and/or 2) a perceived punitive cost associated with the continued availability of plastic roll bags. These “negative votes” combined with those for the Proposal suggests a full ban on plastic roll bags may be a more appealing proposal—one that we feel compelled to submit in response to this contingent of the membership. In tandem with a submission for a full ban proposal, we will continue our efforts to educate the membership on the importance of reducing the use of plastic roll bags.

Partnership with General Coordinators (GCs)
The recent article in the March 20 Gazette describing the Proposal and vote gave strong evidence of the ongoing educational efforts of the Environmental Committee regarding the importance of reducing plastic roll bag use. Imagine the impact that could happen in reducing plastic roll bag use if the GCs were in full partnership with the efforts of the Environmental Committee to support, promote, and demonstrate leadership in this effort.

We were impressed with the energy, directedness and Coop resources the GCs have sponsored in educating the membership about the proposed 20 cent charge per bag. The Environmental Committee openly invites the GCs to put forth the same level of Coop time and resources towards continuous education regarding the reduction and reuse of plastic roll bags.

Per the GCs February Coordinator’s Corner, they offered many good suggestions for membership education, including:

A) Embracing the mantra “Reduce, reuse, recycle!”

B) Emphasizing the following:

• don’t take more bags than you need;
• buy products in the bulk aisle to avoid the excessive materials of packaged goods;
• think twice before putting produce items like bananas or avocados in a plastic bag;
• reuse the plastic roll bag—it is durable and washable;
• bring bags (roll bags or alternative) each time you shop;
• reinvigorate the honor system for paying for plastic roll bags.

Gazette Coordinator’s Corner, the GCs wrote: “education and voluntary Coop-erative efforts should be given a chance” and “an educational campaign to engage members in voluntary plastic roll bag reduction should be attempted.”

Such an education campaign would be FANTASTIC.

The Environmental Committee has and is ready to be full partners in this effort. These are all great messages and in sync with the spirit of the Proposal.

Our proposal to eliminate/reduce plastic roll bags has been known to the GCs for two years, and yet, where is the mindful signage? Where are these reminders and educational messages posted or shared on the over-head paging system? When will the GCs openly and fervently embrace their own recommendations to implement a wide scale education campaign throughout the Coop? It would be hugely helpful and impressive to have:

1) a message over the paging system two to three times an hour reminding shoppers to consider whether they really need to be using plastic roll bags.
2) reminders posted on all the checkout stands encouraging use of reusable new roll bags next time they shop.
3) an education message on the big chalk board emphasizing the importance of using less plastic roll bags;
4) reminders in the work shift sign in logs encouraging members to bring in their own bags, reusable bags, use other sustainable bags, and
5) seriously re-invigorate the honor system for payment of new plastic roll bags.

Let’s work closely together to make this ongoing education campaign a success.

Other Creative Solutions

Members have good ideas to reduce/eliminate the use of plastic roll bags as shared at the February GM and in the March 20 Gazette. For example, designing a method for measuring (are weight of alternative containers and suggesting a myriad of creative ideas for alternatives to plastic roll bags. We salute your creativity, commitment, and “can do” attitude.

Conclusion

As indicated in the GC’s statements, the Coop has a very commendable history in promoting environmentally sound practices since its inception. We applaud this record, for many members it’s a very important reason for joining the Coop. That the Coop sees value in having an Environmental Committee speaks volumes to its commitment to furthering this part of the Coop’s mission. Despite all the packaging the Coop prevents by selling bulk goods and minimally packaged goods, using 2,500,000 plastic bags a year is still a LOT of plastic bags. There is no doubt or argument that we, as a Coop, are likely ahead of the eco-conscious curve. But why stop there? Why are we not on a continual improvement plan? As a committee, we feel the phase out of plastic roll bags is on the horizon. More and more cities are prohibiting the use of plastic carry bags and plastic water bottles. Why not leaders in this movement as we are in other environmentally sound practices? No doubt there will be glitches in implementation, necessary changes in shopping practices, disappointment in some for having such a policy, and perhaps, for some members a resignation from the Coop. However, there will also be others who join for such progressive environmental policies. Moreover, other Coops and businesses will follow suit with their own bans once they see it can be done. There is immeasurable positive impact to model for others that life can go on without plastic roll bags. We urge the Coop to embrace the small pebble that starts the ripple effect of changing the way business is done.

Read the Gazette while you’re standing in line OR online at www.foodcoop.com
Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: Brooklyn Farmer

By Adam Rabiner
Brooklyn Farmer is a short documentary about a group of farmers known as Brooklyn Grange who operate the world’s largest rooftop farm which just happens to be, you guessed it, in our very own backyard here in Brooklyn. Well, truthfully, Brooklyn Grange runs two farms. The first is 43,000 square feet (about an acre) and is actually located in Northern Boulevard in Long Island City, Queens. The second, though, is located on the rooftop of Brooklyn Navy Yard Building no. 3. Covering 65,000 square feet, its installation in 2012 is the focus of this film. These two farms comprise 2.5 acres and produce over 50,000 pounds of (according to their website) organically grown vegetables each year—about 75 different crops, all consumed locally. Brooklyn Grange also operates the City’s largest apiary, consisting of over 30 honeybee hives.

Brooklyn Farmer features six members of the Brooklyn Grange: Head Farmer Ben Schantz, and Apiary Director Chase Emmons. None sit down to be formally interviewed (they are too busy for that, working to get the Brooklyn Navy Yard farm up and running in time for the May harvest), but you hear from them during business meetings, while overseeing the construction project, planting tomato plants or hosting a visit of Mayor Bloomberg and his entourage.

The crew wears many hats and share common concerns, core values, beliefs and passions. These include growing nutritious, tasty, local and sustainable food. All view themselves as environmentalists improving air quality, landfills and waterways through green roofs and composting. The recycling ethos concretely manifests itself in farm operations. The team scrounges plastic crates from City Winery to use as planters and transplants a wild bee colony from a city fire hydrant to a hive in their apiary. But their respective roles on the farm also slant their day-to-day preoccupations in different directions.

Looking to help new coops form in Brooklyn while getting a tax deduction?

The Fund for New Coops will make low-interest loans to start-up coops that use the full-member labor model like ours. Loans will be extended to qualified start-ups to address problems and maximize the chances that start-ups will flourish.

How can you donate?
• Use the scannable Fund for New Coops donation cards available on the shopping floor
• Mail a check—made out to the Fund for New Foods—unto:

Help nascent coops that want to use our model: Contribute today!

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

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.psf@gmail.com, and go to http://bit.ly/120Dn2s to fill out a short questionnaire.
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 Pad-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 cancel the purchase and re-purchase what you need.

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

NEVER RETURNABLE

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*May be available during the week to discuss your concern.

RETURNABLE ONLY IF SEASONAL OR EXPEDITED DATE

Packaged perishable or seasonal item. Must be returned within 24 hours of receipt.

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NEVER RETURNABLE

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

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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Friday, May 16, 8:00 p.m.
The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture and the Park Slope Food Coop present:

PROSPECT CONCERTS

Our fearless dance leaders will have everyone moving to the rhythms of Brazil! The chairs will be arranged for dancing and grooving—we dare you to stay in your seats! Your show for the evening features Robin Burdulis, Terry Dame, Viva DeConcini, Deinya, Dawn Drake, Vanessa Roe, Anne Pope, Rita Silva, Michelle Williams and Simone Woodyear.

www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts

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Being Absent from the GM:

Advance Sign-up required:

participation in the Coop's decision-making process. The workslot-credit program was created to increase the instruction sheets by the sign-up board. Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the below for details.

Membership Office.

you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations. (Do not cover if you know that you will not attend. This will be considered as an absence.)

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

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 Cable), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bкат-nt-network.

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the May 27 General Meeting.

TUE, MAY 27

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

May 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 7

May 29 issue: 12:00 noon, Mon, May 19

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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: we may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

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.

Report (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 p.m.) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.
May 1
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

**Food Class: Spring Veggies w/ Gluten-Free Vegan Protein**

Learn how to cook healthy veggie and gluten-free food and discuss the health benefits. Learn how to make “nofu” which is similar to tofu but made without soy. No one will be able to guess the ingredients! All ingredients are from our 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 and is working as a chef instructor there. She is also working as a private chef and a health coach. She specializes in cooking vegan, gluten-free and refined sugar-free food. She also specializes in cooking a wide variety of fish and in finding new and healthier ways to prepare seafood.

Menu includes: baked green pea falafel; chickpea “nofu” (soyless tofu made with chickpeas); roasted rhubarb and asparagus salad; fava bean mousse.

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

May 2
Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

**Film Night: Lucky**

Lucky Torres grew up as an orphan in a system that made her feel like a nobody, but she has big dreams of becoming somebody. We find her in her twenties, moving from shelter to shelter, struggling to provide for herself and her young son. Through Lucky’s story, myriad social issues come to light, such as the failures of foster care, abuse, systemic poverty and homelessness.

Lucky is an unflinching exposé of broken systems and the damaged people that they spit out. In her directorial debut, Laura Checkoway defies convention and delivers a particularly candid and engaging portrait of Lucky Torres, an unforgettable woman who haunts us, stirs us, and dares us to look again. Journalist Laura Checkoway has penned revealing celebrity profiles and investigative features for numerous publications including Rolling Stone, The Village Voice, Complex, Spin, and is the former senior editor of Vibe magazine. Her first book, My Infamous Life: The Autobiography of Mobb Deep’s Prodigy, was released by St. Martin’s Press & Scholastic in 2011 and shortlisted as one of the best music books of the year by NPR. She’s directed and produced documentary segments for PBS World, Google and Scion/Toyota. Lucky is her first feature-length documentary.

To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, gabiirthodes@me.com.

May 3
Saturdays, 12 p.m.

**SAT or ACT: Which One Is Right For Me?**

The ACT is easier. Take the SAT in June, it’s easier. Not all schools accept the ACT. Have you heard any of these rumors? All of them, perhaps? If you want to find out what’s true about the SAT and the ACT, the differences between them, what a good score is, and the best time for your child to take the test, come to my free workshop.

In addition to these questions, I’ll also address: When should you guess? Should you read the passages first, or the questions? Nataliya Ostrovskaya is a Coop member and has been a test prep instructor for a many years. She works for several private tutoring companies, and currently teaches an SAT prep course at the City University of New York.

May 3
Saturdays, 2 p.m.

**Help Your Kids Succeed In Math**

If your kids are struggling with math, come learn some simple practices that can boost their cognitive skills, as well as their attitude. This workshop brings you the latest findings in neuroscience and psychology on how to increase brain power and emotional resilience, along with practical steps to implement them in daily life. Here are the main tools we’ll discuss: cognitive-motor exercises, meditation, and how to cultivate a growth mindset. We will also have a chance to practice these during the workshop!

Presented by David Wolosky, a Coop member since birth. He is a math teacher, tutor, and curriculum innovator, as well as a Positive Psychology coach.

May 6
Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

**Agenda Committee Meeting**

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May 13
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**Safe Food Committee Film Night: Brooklyn Farmer**

Brooklyn Farmer is a documentary about Brooklyn Grange, a group of for-profit urban farmers in NYC setting out to build the world’s largest rooftop farm. It explores the unique challenges facing Brooklyn Grange as it endeavors to run a commercially viable farm within the landscape of New York City.

The film follows head farmer Ben Flanner and CEO Gwen Schantz as their growing operation expands from Long Island City, Queens, to a second roof in the Brooklyn Navy Yards, and the team confronts the realities inherent in operating the world’s largest rooftop farm in one of the world’s biggest cities.

May 16
Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

**An Update About Fast Track Legislation**

An update about Fast Track legislation in Congress, status of negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA) and strategies to forward “Fair Trade” policies which will protect health and safety, human rights and labor rights, and the environment. Focusing on food and agriculture and on the environment, we will begin with a video for discussion and build a strategy together. Bring questions, concerns and suggestions to this informative, stimulating and inspiring session.

Susan Metz is presenting on behalf of Coop members organized against fast track legislation. A Coop member since 1980, she was a Shopping Squad Leader for 22 years before retiring from that responsibility.

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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.

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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Research shows that more Americans are focused on getting their finances in order, but they need guidance. Get the guidance you need. Stop feeling intimidated by the jargon or overwhelmed by the subject matter. Discussion will include managing debt, building savings, and protecting against risk and unexpected events. All attendees will receive a complimentary workbook that will reinforce what you’ve learned, to keep you focused to keep you out of the landfill. This will be an active discussion. Feel free to bring something that you can’t part with (but never wear) and we will problem-solve together. We will also review some basic mending skills including darning and patching. After 10 years designing apparel, Libby Chisholm Fearney is an advocate for change in the textile industry; she wants to show industry insiders that acting responsibly is attainable and profitable. She has recently completed a Certificate in Sustainable Design at FIT. A Coop member since 2010, she is passionate about consumer education and believes that a partnership between companies and their consumers is essential.

That’s Not Trash!

Creative ways to extend the life of your clothing. The onset of fast fashion has many of us overloaded with dated, torn, and ill-fitting purchases that tempt us to toss them. Let’s discuss how to give our fashion rejects another chance and keep them out of the landfill. This will be an active discussion. Feel free to bring something that you can’t part with (but never wear) and we will problem-solve together. We will also review some basic mending skills including darning and patching. After 10 years designing apparel, Libby Chisholm Fearney is an advocate for change in the textile industry; she wants to show industry insiders that acting responsibly is attainable and profitable. She has recently completed a Certificate in Sustainable Design at FIT. A Coop member since 2010, she is passionate about consumer education and believes that a partnership between companies and their consumers is essential.

Miracles In the E.R.

One day a loved one, a family member or we ourselves will land in the E.R. or elsewhere in a hospital. How can we meet this challenge wisely? In this workshop we’ll explore using breathing techniques, mindfulness, and loving-kindness meditation to find strength, courage, and hope in a medical crisis. Coop member Mina Hamilton is a yoga therapist, meditation teacher, and life coach. She is the author of the book, Serenity To Go: Calming Techniques For Your Hectic Life. Mina recently spent 12 hours in the E.R. at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

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 Mary Blanchett as she presents a financial services professional. She helps her clients with tax-free retirement options, reducing vulnerability and starting estate planning. Mary makes it easy by sharing information to help you build a strong financial foundation to achieve financial security.

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

Cultivating Community Voices

A creative, community-building workshop, offering various vocal, sound-based techniques for strengthening community-organizing efforts. Based on fundamental elements of music and sound healing, this creative and expressive approach emphasizes collective vocal techniques, deep listening practices, as well as collaborative improvisation to empower individual and collective voices. Practices of rhythm, harmony, and dynamics refine awareness of group synergy and balance. No musical or singing experience necessary. Stephanie Rooker has been a Coop member for almost 10 years. She is the founder of Voice Journey Sound Center, a super-dork for sound healing and ethnomusicology, and a SeaSnax junkie.

Seasonal Allergies

Seasonal allergies got you down? Is a walk through the Botanical Garden in June your worst nightmare? Join me for an informative discussion on how to calm your allergy symptoms and relieve the yearly misery of watery eyes, itchy nose and constant sneezing. Nutrition Response Testing is a precise analytical tool that helps us determine the root of your allergic symptoms and calm your immune system’s over-response to substances like mold, pollen, specific foods, etc. Complementary mini-health check for all participants. Bring your Claritin, Benadryl, Nasonex and learn about a safe, natural alternative approach to clearing allergies for good. Diane Paxton, MS, LAC, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope. She is also a long-time Coop member.

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Food Class: Healthy and Quick Recipes With An Indian Twist

Breakfast recipes with an introduction to Indian ingredients and flavor profiles. Chef Shruti Mishra is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute and is currently pursuing a Nutrition course from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition. Shruti’s food philosophy is to eat a balanced diet, buy from local organic sources and cook and eat with your loved ones around. Shruti works as a private chef, teacher and consultant helping clients learn how to eat a healthier diet with delicious, easy-to-prepare recipes. Menu includes: mixed lentil crepe with roasted veggies; poha (full-flavored flattened rice); uttapam with coconut peanut chutney (semolina pancake); refreshing jaleja (mint water with raw fennel seeds and cumin seeds). ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by May 22.

Materials fee: $4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.
SUPPORT NYS FARMWORKERS’ BILL

TO THE EDITOR: Thanks to everyone who participated in the discussion at the March 25th General Meeting, at which a resolution passed in support of the Farmworkers Fair Practices Act, A.1792-A (Nolan). S.1792

Anonymity on disk. Letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would 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.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual 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.

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.

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@psfcoop.com.

We hope the Fair Trade Group will evolve into a squad so that participants writing for the Gazette and planning these sessions receive work-slot credit. Consider this for your work-slot.

Help us develop the procedures. Join us on May 16th. Bring the issue into your faith, school, union or community group. Watch for Fair Trade discussions in the meeting room on Friday evenings.

On May 16th we will discuss how the TPP would restrict our ability to regulate extractive industries, particularly corporations determined to frack NY State. Injecting a poisonous soup of chemicals and huge amounts of water deep into the ground under farms and towns to crack rocks so that natural gas can escape, be captured, piped through NYC and sold at a big profit in Asia or Europe would earn these corporate investors plenty.

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In solidarity and with hope,

Susana Metz
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Coop sponsoring BDS vilifications of Israel and when will it end, because I’d like to feel good about this Coop again. After almost 40 years of membership, I wish there were an alternative to the Park Slope Food Coop that takes seriously its mission of inclusiveness and leaves foreign affairs at the door.


Israel is demonized: every crazy accusation is believed (i.e., medieval Jews are accused of poisoning wells and making matzah from Christian blood). A double standard is applied: Israel’s every self-defensive action is scrutinized, while horrendous human rights violations by other countries, many in the Arab-Muslim world, are ignored. Israel’s enemies argue that its evil is so inherent that, unlike any other country, it should not exist. At an interfaith service after the Kansas shootings, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said, “The Jewish religion speaks of tikkun olam: repairing the world. This concept is relevant to any faith... but “there are times when the world seems fractured beyond repair.”

One of those times is now. Peace is a long way off. Here, in the part of the world where we live, BDS activists along with Gazette editors who continue publishing their insidious fabrics are deepening the fracture, not healing it. For those of us committed to tikkun olam, opposing BDS is a responsibility—and a privilege.

Rach Bollitino

Experienced Reporters Please Apply

Workslot Description

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.

For More Information

If you would like to speak to an editor or another reporter to learn more about the job, please contact Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office or e-mail her at annette_laskaris@psfc.coop.

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.

Join the Conversation!

Brooklyn Food Coalition Membership Event

When: Saturday, May 3rd, 12-3pm
Where: 17 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY (Union Tunnels)
All are welcome! Please RSVP here or call 347.688.0223

Lunch & Snacks. Join us for an afternoon of solidarity, engagement and building with friends, allies, members & future members of the BFC. Tickets & services available.

Read the Gazette while you’re standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com
Exciting Workslot Opportunities

Kitchen Cleaning  
Friday, 9 to 11 a.m.  
Deep clean all three kitchens in the Coop: childcare, meeting room and staff room. You will work independently to clean countertops, cabinets, drawers, kitchen equipment, sinks and refrigerators. Must be reliable as you are the only person coming to do this job on your day. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.

Laundry and Toy Cleaning  
Thursday and Saturday, 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.

Bathroom Cleaning  
Monday–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.

Check Store Supplies  
Monday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.  
This workslot is responsible for restocking supplies on the shopping floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task- and detail-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is proactive. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

Store Equipment Cleaning  
Monday and Wednesday, 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.

Bank Run  
Monday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m.  
This job is task-oriented, not time-oriented. Working with a partner, you will assemble materials for Coop cashiers. Requires a six-month commitment, complete dependability in attendance, and great accuracy. Contact Kathy Hieatt, Bookkeeping Coordinator, kathy_hieatt@psfc.coop.

General Meeting Set-Up  
Tuesday, early evening  
Adaptable, physically energetic, team workers with excellent attendance needed to help set up and break down the space where the General Meeting is held. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.

Do you want your old Coop attendance records?  
Up until September 2009, the Coop kept attendance on index cards.  
If you were a Coop member before then, we may still have your old partial or complete cards.  
If you would like to have this as a souvenir, please come to the Membership Office and ask for it. If we have it, it’s yours! We will be recycling them shortly.

To Submit Classified or Display Ads:  
Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at $15 per insertion, display ads at $30. (Classified ads in the “Merchandise–Non-commercial” category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2” x 3.5” horizontal). Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

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