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## GM Okays Linewaiters' Gazette Policies



A show of hands supporting adoption of Gazette guidelines.

By Taigi Smith

In what could only be described as a landslide victory, the editorial staff of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* saw their new policies voted in by just about everyone who attended the Coop's General Meeting on April 29, 2014. While the opposition, informally lead by longtime member David Barouh, put up a strong fight, in the end, the editors of the *Gazette* saw their new editorial guidelines approved by more than 100 hands in the air.

In the tense moments preceding the vote, those in attendance were invited to offer their opinions about the *Gazette* and its long-

standing editorial policies. David Barouh, who's been a longtime foe of the *Gazette*, referred to the editorial guidelines implemented in 1977 and strongly suggested that the *Gazette* was operating outside of those guidelines. As he spoke, he defended the rights of members not to have their submissions edited, without first granting permission to the editors to make changes. However, Barouh's concern was quickly shot down by editor, Diane Aronson, who pointed out that editors do not change content without first consulting writers. The proposed policies, added editor, Erik Lewis, "work."

"We developed these in response to suggestions and criticisms from members," added Stephanie Golden, another longtime *Gazette* editor. "They were not created in a vacuum. We believe that editorial oversight is necessary, but that oversight is developed within the framework of these policies," said Golden.

Bill Penner, a member of the Board of Directors, also had questions about the *Gazette's* editorial process. "What happens if a person submits an article to the *Gazette* and it's refused? What recourse does that person have?" asked Penner.

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## Yours In Cooperation: Coop Member Feedback

By Allison Pennell

"The only good thing to do with good advice is pass it on; it is never of any use to oneself." —Oscar Wilde

"I always advise people never to give advice." —P.G. Wodehouse

Everybody's got an opinion and that is exponentially true at the Park Slope Food Coop.

In one corner of the Coop's shopping floor is a binder that few know about, a voluminous call for feedback on anything and everything save product suggestions, which gets its OWN book. In another corner, are newfangled cashier station feedback composition books in which cashiers were recently invited to give feedback. And boy, did they!

Early comer Cashier Will was appreciative of the way the new red cashier station stools "Cradle my butt. Very comfy." Will knows to start with a compliment. And then... wait for it... the "how-

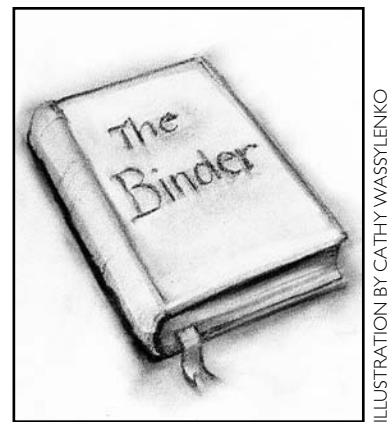


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ever..." Will regrets he can't raise the seat or get closer because the seat won't raise and the cash drawer gets in the way and you can't slide back anymore!

The chairs you see, as one person who actually staples in the office furniture product description points out, come with either backs OR wheels. And yet OUR chairs come with no back and no wheels: "the worst of both worlds" writes one. Another calls the chairs "very aggressive." At one page, a battle of words broke out between a lover of "the burst of color" and another who called the red chairs "very

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### Next General Meeting on May 27

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The May General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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

## Coop Event Highlights

Sat, May 17 • **Spring Potluck Picnic & Games**  
In Prospect Park 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thu, Jun 5 • **Food Class: Healthy and Quick Recipes With An Indian Twist** 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Jun 6 • **Film Night: Sarabah** 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Jun 10 • **Safe Food Committee Film Night: Talking Food With TED** 7:00 p.m.

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

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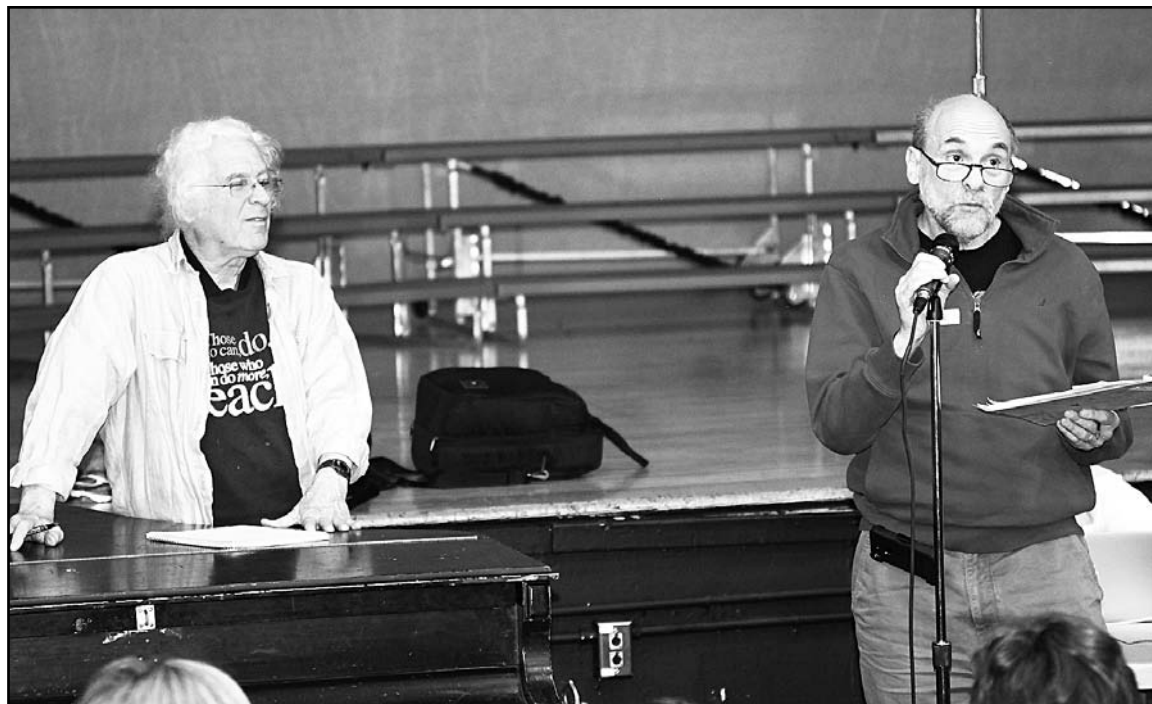
## General Meeting

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The answer, "There have been articles that have been so disrespectful, that we have chosen not to publish the piece," said Lewis, who added that when he raises issues of disrespect and libel to writers, they usually "agree that certainly inflammatory things shouldn't be published." And it's a culture of respect, says Lewis, that the *Gazette* is aiming for by implementing these new policies. "We need to respect each other, work together... respecting each other's difference and personhood. It's this part, it's the respect, that the editors and reporters try to achieve."

*"Things have changed since 1977," said Gazette editor Lewis explaining the reasons for the new policies.*

Barouh said it was for reasons other than disrespect, that his environmental study was not published by the *Linewaiters' Gazette* several years ago. Barouh, who dominated the conversation



General Coordinator Joe Holtz responding to the topic of retirement with David Laibman looking on.

against approving the new guidelines, called the policies "representative of censorship." He then asked the membership to delay the vote. "It doesn't need to be approved tonight," said Barouh. "Each policy needs to be debated individually." But the membership felt otherwise and overwhelmingly moved to vote right away. "Things have changed since 1977," said editor Lewis explaining the rea-

sons for the new policies.

The General Coordinators also presented three reports. The first report was a preliminary 52-week financial statement that analyzed the PSFC's last fiscal year. Net sales are up just over \$49 million and the Coop is averaging about \$943,000 a week in sales. Energy saving refrigeration and energy efficiency upgrades may help the Coop save money. The financial statement

sales per square foot at 16 times the national average, had beat out Whole Foods and Trader Joe's in sales per square foot. Sukey, an FTOP worker, asked about expenses related to childcare and was told that bagels were the largest expense.

The second report was presented by General Coordinator Jess Robinson. Her report revealed that the Coop is currently experiencing serious and chronic labor shortages, particularly problematic times and shifts are weekday Receiving shifts and before major holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. "During the last two years, we had a hard time getting people to work, in advance, during Christmas or Thanksgiving. The implications are serious," said Robinson.

Robinson urged members, especially those working make-up and FTOP shifts, to work during hours when the Coop is understaffed and pointed out the need for more people to work the early morning receiving hours. "If you've never worked early in the morning, in receiving between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., members of the staff and other member workers would love to see you. Do your make-ups and FTOPs during this time, or on Saturday night." Robinson added that make-up workers are plentiful "on Saturday or Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. It's impossible to keep everybody engaged. Please come at a different time."

Robinson also said out of the almost 16,300 active members at the Coop, "13% of the total membership are

'non-working' members, meaning about 2,100 members are permanently or temporarily disabled, retired, or are on parental leave."

Many members have lots of shifts in the bank. Based on an analysis from last year, Robinson said, "A significant amount of FTOP members, who were at least five shifts ahead, do not work inside the store. Many of them do all of their work outside of the Coop." Many of these members, stressed Robinson, are "years ahead" in their shifts and the Coop is now "suffering the consequences," she said. When members are that far ahead on their workslots, they are generally unlikely to respond to the PSFC's need for workers including before major holidays. What's also important to note, said Robinson, all of these non-working members have full member benefits. "We've been thinking about different ways to bring more labor into the Coop without increasing the size of the Coop."

Robinson also mentioned the Coop has a significant hidden household problem. Members are not signing up their housemates, therefore one member is working but shopping for additional people who are not working.

*According to General Coordinator Jess Robinson, "...the Coop is currently experiencing serious and chronic labor shortages...."*

Produce buyer and General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman spoke about impact of the California drought on the cost of fruits and vegetables. "The Colorado River is exhausted from hydrating the fruits and vegetables in the Imperial Valley. Corn and soy may also be affected. These are the crops that feed animals, and this could potentially drive up the cost of meat," said Zimmerman.

And then there's the lime shortage. Back in March, Zimmerman reported the price of limes was so high because of heavier than usual rain during the winter. The rain reduced the size of the crop as well as the quality.

Zimmerman said he believed then and reported then that the rumors of drug cartel involvement with the lime problem was only a rumor.



David Barouh addressing *Gazette* policy issues, while co-coordinating editors Erik Lewis and Stephanie Golden listen.

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

**Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods**

**Every Monday, 12 to 2:45 p.m.**

**You can join in any time during a question-and-answer session on the shopping floor.**

**Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.**

shows the larger than usual amount spent on the upgrades.

The Coop's legal fees went up due to the cost of fighting property tax increases. General Manager, Joe Holtz, added that the Coop only pays for legal expenses related to property tax increases when "the legal outcome is in our favor." A round of applause went up when General Coordinator Tricia Leith revealed that our tiny Coop, with





PHOTOS BY KEVIN RYAN

General Coordinator Jess Robinson talking about member-labor shortages.

At the April GM, Zimmerman said he was right about rain and wrong about the cartels. There were signs that they were involved. He said, "One Mexican criminal group was hijacking loads of limes and also extorting money from growers, shippers, workers and the entire supply chain of produce in the region."

Peggy Cyphers, an art professor and curator, presented her idea of an artists' collective to the membership. She says the PSFC is a great place for artist members to bring their work for critique and discussion. Ideally, some of the art would be hung on the Coop's walls. Cyphers said the art could jazz up the Coop and create a sense of community amongst the membership's artists. Cyphers says she wants to create exhibits that are "uplifting," having to do with "beautification, food, and animals," adding that there would be "no politics...at least in the beginning."

Erica Behrens, a FTOP worker who is in the arts, said, "I think this is fabulous, and I would love to get involved." Sara, a member of the shopping squad, suggested the art be for sale, while General Coordinator Robinson said she was nervous about having so many people around precious art, asking about the Coop's liability should the work be damaged.

While the *Gazette's* editorial policies were a hot source of debate, David Laibman's desire to change the retirement policies at the PSFC was also widely discussed. David presented his idea during the General Meeting, and it didn't take long to see that the Coop's membership had strong opinions about this issue. Laibman feels there are problems with the current retirement policy

and told the membership he would like to improve it. The first step, he says, "is to commission a study," that will gauge the ages of Coop members and their years of service.

Zoe, a member of the Board of Directors, suggested Laibman broaden his questions to find out in which areas "elder members," still want to work their shifts. Laibman wants to conduct an anonymous survey that would randomly sample members on about their ages and active years of active service. "We would love to hear from people who would like to participate and have more to contribute," said Laibman.

"But what's wrong with the retirement policy?" asked several members of the audience. Laibman, says there are two fundamental issues with the current policy. Members who join at a relatively late age are still required to work for 20 years. The current policy states that one must be 65

years of age and give 20 years of service in order to retire. "This means if you join when you're 65, you can't retire until you are 85," stressed Laibman, who was spry and energetic on the night of meeting, joined the Coop when he was 66 years old and bemoaned the fact that he can't retire until he is 86 under the current policy. But one member made an impassioned plea to those nearing retirement, asking them to re-think retirement and urged them "not to give up!" To this point, Laibman was clear, "This is about retirement eligibility...this isn't about making people retire." Not surprisingly, several members were already against modifying the retirement policy, especially in light of the current labor shortages.

After a meeting that lasted almost three hours, the new *Linewaiters' Gazette* policies were approved overwhelmingly, with a small group of people, including Barouh, voting in opposition. ■



Artist Peggy Cyphers (L) proposing Coop artworks with member supporter Erica Behrens.

## VALET BIKE PARKING IS HERE ON SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS!

strollers & scooters & carts too!



Every Saturday,  
April 5–November 22,  
1:00–5:15 p.m.

and  
Every Sunday,  
April 6–November 23,  
3:30–7:45 p.m.

Coop members can leave their bikes with our valet parking service, which is like a coat check for bikes. Working members will check in and watch your bike for you.

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.

Valet bicycle parking at the Coop is brought to you by the PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee.



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## Sudoku

Sudoku is a puzzle. You are presented with a 9x9 grid of squares, and that grid is divided into 3x3 zones. You solve the puzzle by filling the empty squares with single-digit numbers so that every zone, column and row uses each of the numbers from 1 to 9.

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 15.

## Member Feedback

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aggressive.” A third commenter piped in with “Chair fight!!” A conspiracy theorist asked if these chairs are the ones used by the NSA for enhanced interrogation and requested a cushion.

The verdict rendered in the cursive of countless complaining cashiers... these new red backless, stationary, won't raise up chairs SUCKKKKKKK!

but some worried that the red LED scanner light might give them cancer. Progressive lens wearers, people watchers, people with short arms and lefties all thought the new screens were prejudiced against them. And sundry others complained they were getting a stiff neck due to the screen's fixed placement.

In another corner is the shopping squad leader feedback book. I'd argue that it is perhaps the greatest unpublished tome of compiled com-

really: is everybody sitting around 'round here???

There are testimonials to great squad leaders—You rock, Jason Covert, whoever and wherever you are. “He should be given a raise,” the complimenter writes, presumably from being paid in shift cred to being paid in prestige.

Apparently there is an official coffee run order sheet—because the Food Coop thinks of EVERYTHING! But a member thinks it is confusing and we should just stick to the Tea Lounge.

*A request for free Wi-Fi and iPhone chargers comes in directly after one for paper toilet seat covers in restrooms.*

One lone regulator declaims the need for stricter enforcement of 15 item limit in express lane and asks why we have rules at all if nobody abides by them, to which green pen dude replied “Indeed.” The green pen dude abides! Let's order him a t-shirt.

In fact, green pen dude, whose jottings and thoughtful responses can be found all over the feedback binder, is Membership Coordinator Matt Hoagland, who is an earnest, caring man. I couldn't get him to make fun of you crazy kids at all. And I tried. Believe me, I tried.

Instead of Park Slopey know-it-alls, Hoagland called us cooperative and proactive. “People want the Coop to function differently and better than other places. In most places, you don't get to venture an opinion very easily but we want to be accessible.”

Matt may occasionally

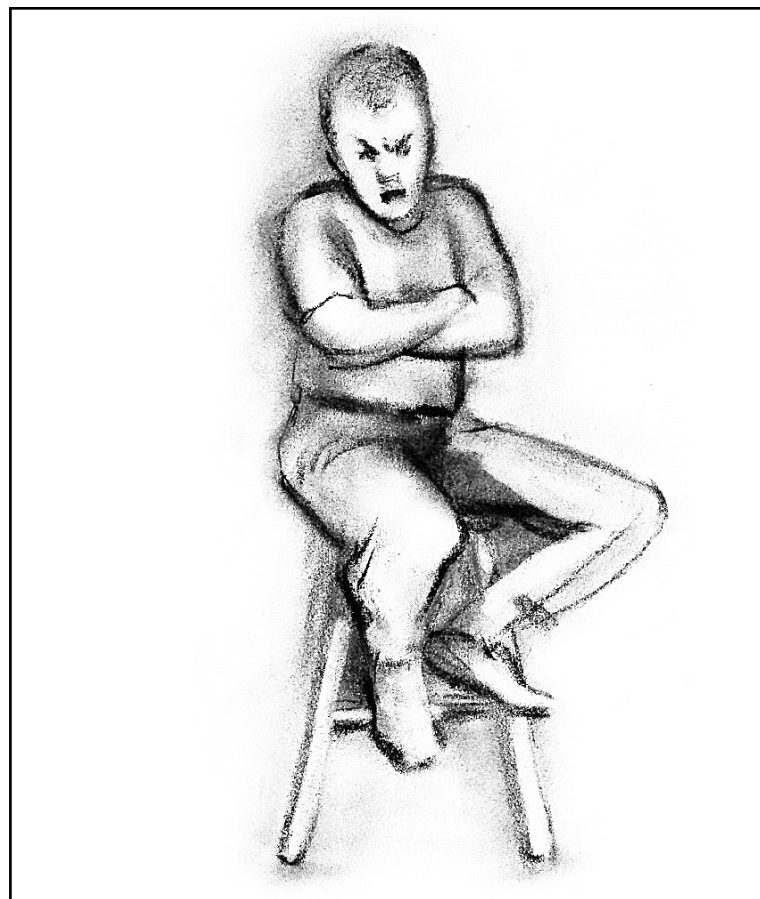
crack up at a post but he really likes you and your pages upon pages of what many a grocer would view less charitably as—badabing badaboom—so many squeaky wheels. It's rare that somebody tries to return a cooked chicken complaining that it's too tough (though that HAS happened).

And really, what's not to like. The binder should be published as a book and sold to fund the design of compostable plastic produce

dodging of me by staffers last week. Back to the binder then, where everything is laid out in black and white scrawls.

“Good music can make a shift go by quickly. Bad music can turn a shift into a living nightmare...,” wrote one musical savant who suggested a new workslot of shopping squad DJ—possibly with turntables—because they'd fit on counter by front desk and they're already at the perfect height.

YES!!!! A thousand times

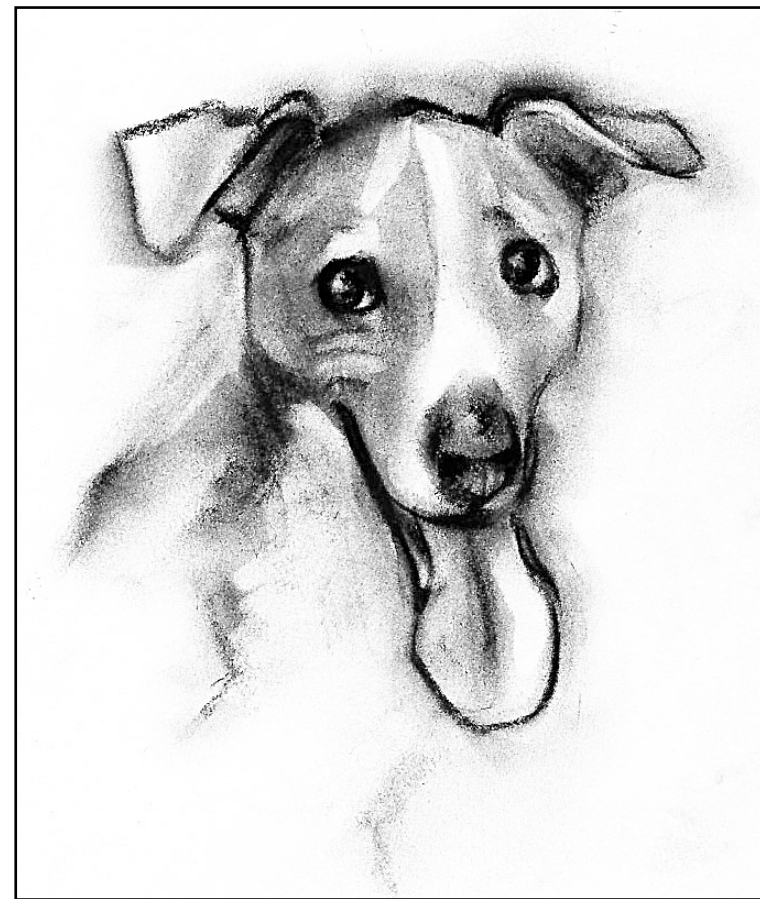


Yeah, that's the gist of the feedback, for approximately 50 pages of handwritten notes. Some in ALL CAPS. Mitchel mentioned Feng Shui while working in a bit about his Brighton Beach childhood.

Cashiers love the new speedy scanners and scales

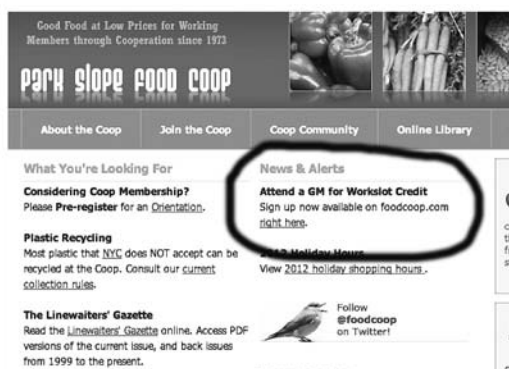
mentary written by myriad members of any 16,000 member-strong cooperative organization anywhere on earth.

The binder contains a miscellany of feedback on faulty wheels on various carts and a whole lot on uncomfortable chairs. Like 50%; okay, maybe that's an exaggeration. But



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



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



◆ **Call the Membership Office**

bags that won't disintegrate until the appropriate time.

A request for free Wi-Fi and iPhone chargers comes in directly after one for paper toilet seat covers in restrooms. There is a request for better raincoats for walkers, a decrying of visitors with passes shopping illicitly and poorly wrapped cheese, a married member posing as a singleton caught cheating as husband came to pick her up and push the cart home asking for his wife at the front desk (love and hint: the wife's name was pretty in Spanish), a Mommy Dearest moment by an anonymous environmentalist declaring “no more single use plastic bags!” which read like “no more wire hangers” because my feedback cup has officially runneth over...

“We keep being amazed every week or two by the things people bring to our attention but you're not going to get anything else from me; I'm in enough trouble without you quoting me,” said Mike Eakin, echoing the sentiment underlying the widespread

yes. Let's have Dan Zanes curate. And give them a microphone so they can do their best radio DJ voice summoning “all the single ladies” to do the Macarena or some such (and/or all the married ones masquerading as single ladies for the purposes of shift evasion).

It's so hard to pick a favorite because there are so very, very many winners but... this: a request for dogcare workers. We have them for bikes. We have them for two-legged children; why not canine care too? No dog left behind!

And because all roads at the Food Coop apparently converge in the Middle East... there was: “Don't not Get rid of Israeli Products. Thanks Smiley.” This was a compilation of three writers trying to change each ensuing message's meaning. A smiley back from green pen guy with an arrow drawn up to the instruction at the top of the page that “Product Suggestions should be written in the ‘New Items Suggestion Book’ NOT in this book.” And so it goes. ■



# Coop Staffers Play Favorites

By Hayley Gorenberg

None of them chose “schnitzel with noodles,” but Coop staff happily offered up a few of their favorite things they urge members to try.

Membership Coordinator Annette Laskaris both distributed survey questions and offered her recommendation that shoppers try local

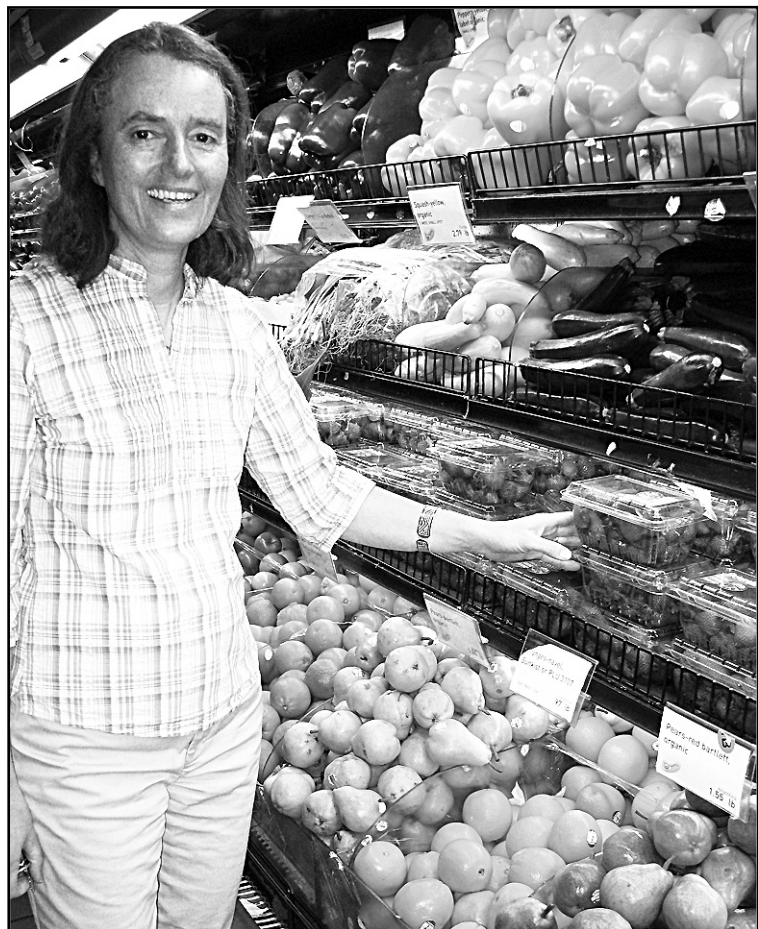
Uncle Matt’s and Spooner.

Not all staff take their favorite produce fresh. Membership Coordinator Ellen Weinstat suggested that “anyone looking for a sweet snack who is trying to avoid processed sugars” try dried organic white figs from the bulk dried fruit section, which she discovered “wandering the aisle, looking for a snack.”

Wohlsen raved about the yogurt’s flavor. “This yogurt maximizes what makes yogurt a unique food. It has a tartness, a tanginess that is what makes yogurt something different from pudding or cream cheese or other dairy products. Atanas has told me that “Trimona’s Bulgarian yogurt has a lower pH than most yogurts, so one could describe it as more acidic.”

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Wohlsen promotes the yogurt for “People who like yogurt. People who like whole foods. People who like yogurt on or with savory foods. People who like to add their own fruits or sweetness to yogurt themselves.” He has enjoyed consuming it with “a rhubarb ginger preserve that, unfortunately, was discontinued by



Membership Coordinator Annette Laskaris is waiting patiently for local strawberries.

summer strawberries, featuring “the true flavor of a fruit ... the real summer flavor of strawberry, sweet and juicy and oh so flavorful.” She eats them fresh and simple, on their own, or mixed into quark or yogurt.

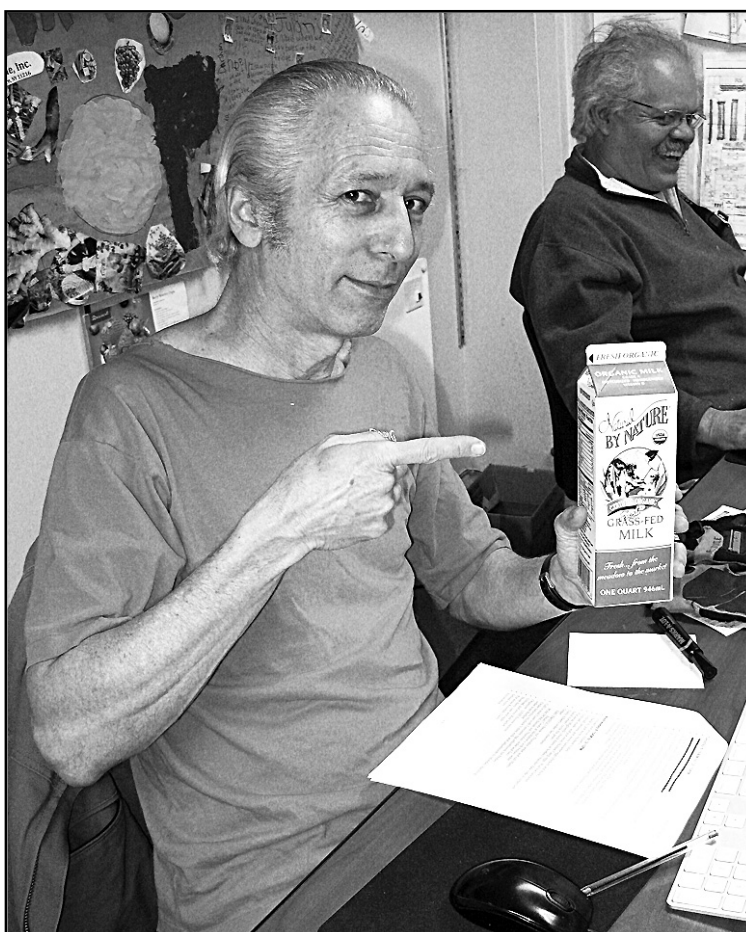
Produce buyer Julie Gabriel had additional ideas about selecting Coop fruit. She promoted Florida organic red grapefruit, which she terms “a major reason I’m a member.” She touts the whole experience of the citrus: “Sweet taste, texture, aroma. It’s just delicious!”

Gabriel recommended using a grapefruit knife or spoon to avoid the bitter pith and enjoy “sweet citrus with a bit of tart with no bitterness at all.”

But members must hurry. “Florida grapefruits are available from late November until late spring. After that we get grapefruits from California... not the same.” The Coop sells Florida organic grapefruit from two farms:

As unsulphured dried fruits go, the white figs are “soft and almost juicy.” Weinstat tucks a bag into her desk drawer, to dip into during work.

Moving to the dairy case, Receiving Coordinator and Yogurt Buyer Peter Wohlsen gave a plug for two types of yogurt. Plain organic whole-milk Bulgarian Yogurt from Trimona, produced from the milk of grass-fed cows. Wohlsen’s connection is personal and specific. Trimona’s “Atanas Valev approached me about the yogurt as he was still formulating it,” Wohlsen wrote. “He went through strenuous testing to get the taste exactly as he wanted it.” Wohlsen related that “Atanas got the cultures for this yogurt back in Bulgaria, his homeland. Bulgaria has a strong history in yogurt making he can tell you about. But one of the main cultures in yogurt is called ‘Lactobacillus delbrueckii subsp. Bulgaricus’ for a reason!”



Receiving Coordinator Eddie Rosenthal's got milk!

the distributor.” He speculated, “I imagine other ginger preserves we sell would be especially good in this yogurt.”

In the quasi-dairy category, Wohlsen’s favorite new product is Anita’s Creamline



Receiving Coordinator and Produce Buying Team member, Kristopher Marx, loves Grindstone eggs.

Coconut (milk) Yogurt, which he found about through a fellow coordinator who met Anita at a party. “It took some time for us to sort out getting

organic coconut milk, organic coconut water and probiotic culture. “Compare it to the other coconut yogurt which has over 10 ingredients many of which are just thickeners to thicken the water they add. This product has so much more substance. It really is coconut, and it really is yogurt,” he said.

“I like that this product appeals to both vegans and those who eat dairy,” he said. “It’s so delicious and unique. It need not be thought of as a dairy substitute, but as a unique style of yogurt that isn’t trying to mimic something else,” said Wohlsen.

As Anita has explained, “Creamline” came into her yogurt’s name because “Anita’s is made from non-homogenized coconut milk with no added stabilizers. This causes an extra creamy top layer.” Coconut water “gives the yogurt just a hint of sweetness, and is a natural source of potassium and electrolytes.” Finally, “Antibacterial properties help extend shelf life naturally.”

If staff had their way, animal proteins would have their day in the springtime sun, as well.

Kristopher Marx, Receiving Coordinator and member of the Produce Buying Team, cooks every day and had trouble choosing a favorite product, but settled on eggs—specifically

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## Staff Favorites

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cally those from Grindstone chickens and Lancaster ducks. Marx quipped that he's "always

choosing their eggs. "These eggs come from small local farms. When you see the \$1 (or so) difference, know that your money is going to a struggling family farmer."

a scant schmear of hummus, and garden sprouts. Maybe some Sriracha."

General Coordinator and Produce Buyer Allen Zimmerman stepped away from the produce aisle to suggest another Lancaster Family Farms Cooperative product: ground bison (currently not in supply). Zimmerman explained, "I am chewing and swallowing impaired, so that when I do eat meat I need it ground. I like the flavor, and if it is not over-cooked it is quite tender."

He recommended the bison to "an animal protein eater who wants to eat on the healthier end of the spectrum without sacrificing quality." He's a fan of using the meat in chili.

A few staff particularly promoted prepared foods from the Coop's shelves. General Coordinator Jess Robinson confessed to "many 'favorite' products, depending upon my mood and the season." To focus on one, she looked to her six-year-old son, Charlie,

neighborhood), and he had been vocal about missing them from his diet. I gave the Feel Good dumplings a try, and they've been a big hit. Just yesterday he asked my partner to write me an e-mail asking me to bring home 12 packages." Robinson compromised. "I brought home 2."

For others besides Charlie, Robinson recommended the

cy and thickness, the bottoms are crispy, and the filling is nicely spiced." She's perfected her technique: "To achieve the browned crispy bottom, make sure not to skimp on the cooking oil and, once the dumplings are fully warmed, turn the flame down to low for another 3-5 minutes."

For a stimulating pick-me-up, Membership Coordinator Jason Weiner plugged the original Coco Cafe (coconut water mixed with espresso), which he discovered "on the featured end cap, across from the eggs. I always like to try the new products over there." Weiner expects

"lovers of coffee and coconut water" would enjoy Coco Cafe, and confessed, "I have a one year old, and honestly I need as much caffeine as I can get my hands on. I love that it hydrates and gives me energy." He suggested pairing Coco Cafe with fresh scones.

Jessa Fisher, Receiving Coordinator, happened upon her favorite Coop product, Garden of Life Raw Protein Powder Original Flavor, in extremis. "When I was in labor giving birth it was the only thing I could ingest for 24 hours. I couldn't even drink water. I have maximum respect for this powder. It really saved me and gave me energy to get through childbirth. I love the taste and the ingredients and the fact that it is vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free."

Fisher suggested the powder in less extreme circumstances, for "people who work out, anyone looking for more energy. Sometime I will use it if I feel like I just didn't get enough protein that day, like if I only ate a salad at a meal." She likes to put it in a smoothie, with almond milk, yogurt, greens powder, stevia, and half a frozen banana.

Receiving Coordinator Tiffany Jackson chose an inedible favorite: bentonite clay. "I use the clay as a hair mask/treatment," she wrote. She mixes the Aztec brand with apple cider vinegar for a hair mask, and says, "though it's great for everyone, it's really awesome for natural black hair."

After too many snowflakes that stayed on one's nose and eyelashes, it's time to venture out to try a few of the Coop staff's favorite things, to celebrate spring! ■



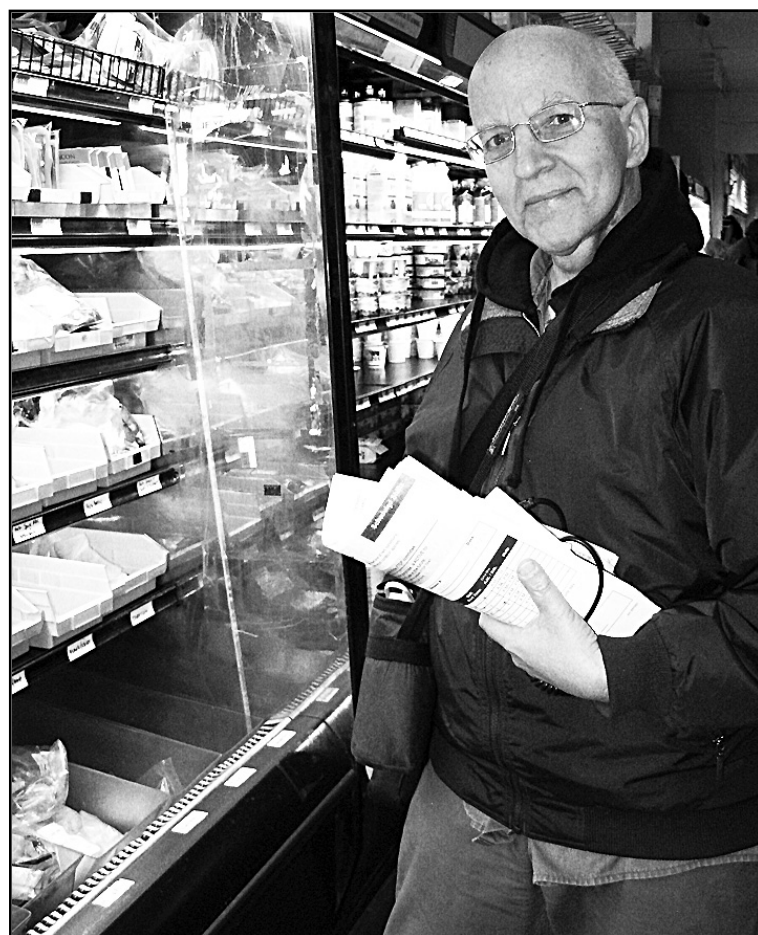
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**Produce Buyer Julie Gabriel says get your Florida organic red grapefruit while they last!**

looking for good eggs," and enjoys the "bright yellow fatty yolks" of these varieties in particular. "From breakfast to baking, you can do no wrong," he wrote. "But the difference really presents itself if you like eggs with a loose yolk."

He urged Coop members to give some thought to

Membership Coordinator Charlene Swift seconded the recommendation of Lancaster Farm Cooperative eggs, "beautiful with yellow/orange yolks, and they are so flavorful." She enjoys them medium-boiled (bring eggs to a boil, and boil for three minutes), in a sandwich using "whole wheat pita,



**General Coordinator and Produce Buyer Allen Zimmerman is wondering, where's my bison?**



**Receiving Coordinator and Yogurt Buyer Peter Wohlsen turned me on to Timona Foods Bulgarian Yogurt. Yum!**



**Membership Coordinator and new father Jason Weiner enjoys Coco Café for the hydration and caffeine.**

who she describes as "over the moon for gluten-free frozen chicken dumplings made by Feel Good Foods."

Robinson keeps an eye out for the gluten-free foods Charlie needs. "I keep my eyes open for new [gluten-free] products at the Coop. Charlie loves dumplings (we used to frequent a dumpling house in our Sunset Park

morsels for "anyone who likes dumplings, eats meat and doesn't mind a frozen food from time to time. They are yummy, and quick and easy to prepare. It takes a few tries to get the cooking technique down so that they are nicely crispy and browned, but not burnt or stuck to the pan. Once you do, though, the wrapping is a nice consisten-



## SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

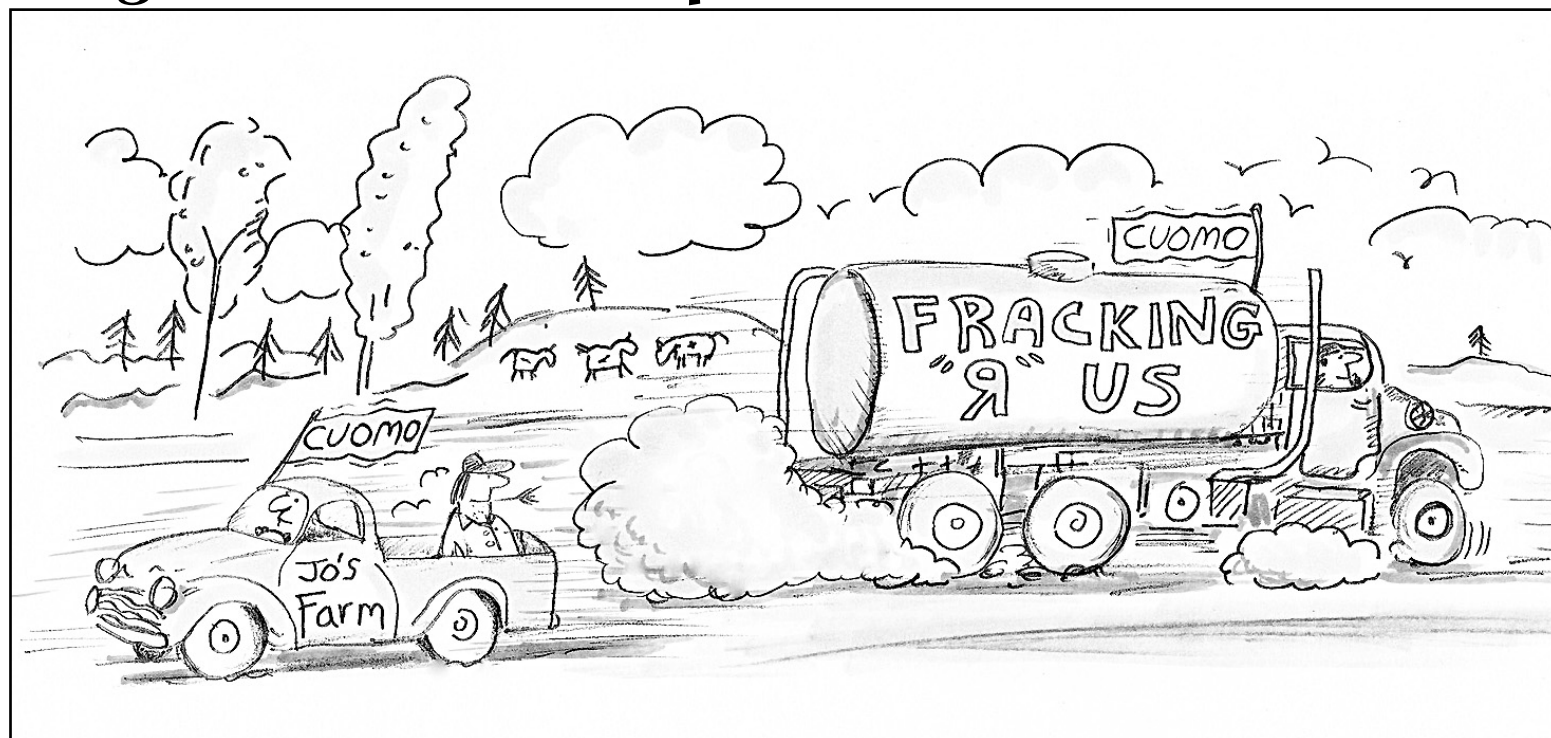
## The Anti-Fracking Movement—An Update

By Jerry Wintrob

**R**emember hydrofracking, my fellow Coopers? It is something that is not in the NYC news as much as it had been, now that our illustrious Governor has pushed it onto the back pages, by his lack of action on the moratorium that continues to exist in NYS. So, what is going on?

Well, for one thing, the fact that he hasn't outright banned it leaves open the opportunity that he might lift the moratorium. Those in the know think that he is waiting until after the November election to say much of anything on this issue, so he can keep the issue as buried as possible and not in the forefront of people's minds. But that doesn't mean that he hasn't been actively doing things behind the scenes. What he has done to placate his friends in the oil and gas industry is to let them build pipelines and compressor stations across NYS so that "natural" gas can be transported to NYC harbor for shipment overseas and for the gas to be used in NYC homes.

So some may ask, what is the danger of that? Well, first of all it reinforces the notion that "natural" gas is a bridge fuel and that this is a great thing for the environment. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is not oil, but it is far from great. Among other toxic carcinogenic chemicals that are released by this process, fracking releases methane into the atmosphere. It is highly toxic as well and greatly contributes to global warming. The building of the pipelines is also dangerous. One is being built under Jamaica Bay in Queens, a fragile waterland ecosystem that is on the Atlantic Flyway for migrating birds. Another is being built right next to the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant facility. No reason to explain the folly of that plan. These pipelines are bringing fracked gas to NYC to be used in the homes of city residents as part of their gas usage. This gas has been shown to have extremely high levels of radon. That's right, RADON. A gas that has been highly implicated in lung cancer among nonsmokers. That is what will be released into



Governor Andrew Cuomo's support of a ban on fracking may change if he is reelected for another term in November.

your apartments when you cook your food on your gas stoves and ovens. Kind of freaky, huh?

*"Something of particular interest to the Coop, I believe, is a new organization that has surfaced called Food Not Fracking. They are working to create a conversation between consumers and farmers."*

Then there are the compressor stations. They are necessary to re-pressurize the gas as it is being transported through the pipeline. They are popping up all around the state, including the town of Minisink in Orange County. They are already causing health problems for those who live in that area due to the fumes that are released into the air during this process. The irony of this is that many of the families who live in Minisink are 911 first responders who thought they were moving to a place of clean air and clean living, escaping the pollution of NYC air.

But I don't want you to leave this article with the idea that just all hope is lost, I thought I would say a few words about the anti-fracking movement. Let's face it, if it weren't for this well organized group of people, our Governor, Mr. Cuomo, would have permitted fracking to happen already. Don't be fooled into thinking that he

has some level of altruism in that heart of his, the only reason he hasn't lifted the moratorium is that he is afraid to do it. The anti-fracking movement is well-organized and is constantly keeping the pressure on him, so that he is always reminded that there is a large vocal group of individuals, that will show up, and do show up at almost any public gathering or speech he gives anywhere in the state.

Something of particular interest to the Coop, I believe, is a new organization that has surfaced called Food Not Fracking. They are working to create a conversation between consumers and farmers, supporting local food rather than supporting gas extraction. Our

Coop is committed to the same thing. We have always had a policy of looking to buy food grown within 500 miles of NYC and, according to our policy, we will not buy food that was grown on land that has been fracked. Food Not Fracking is creating a dialogue that supports our local farmers realizing that we are all in this together and the safety and sanctity of our planet is predicated on the expansion of that interaction. I have gotten involved in working with this group, as I find for myself the idea of working toward something not always fighting against something, an experience that can be very uplifting as well as empowering. I was recently at a meeting in New Paltz, NY,

where the Coop's policy was mentioned by a speaker as something that should be adopted by other organizations throughout the state. Food Not Fracking is a group that is dedicated to implementing many of the tenets the Coop is based upon.

So, for now, keep an eye on the governor's race. Consider getting involved in the pipeline issues. Occupy the Pipeline is a group to check out around that. For more information on Food Not Fracking, check out [foodnotfracking.org](http://foodnotfracking.org).

Don't think that it won't affect you if it does happen here. Not only will it, sadly it already has.

To be in touch with me, please e-mail me at [alteyedr@aol.com](mailto:alteyedr@aol.com). ■

### 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](mailto:pc.psfc@gmail.com), and go to <http://bit.ly/120Dn2s> to fill out a short questionnaire.**



**COOP HOURS****Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday &amp; Saturday

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

**Shopping Hours:**

Monday–Friday

8:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.

Saturday

6:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.

Sunday

6:00 a.m. to 7:30\* p.m.

\*Shoppers must be on a checkout line  
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Monday through Sunday

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# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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

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[www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts](http://www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts)

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

## RETURN POLICY



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

**REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN**

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

**CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?**

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

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

**NEVER RETURNABLE**

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

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

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

**RETURNABLE**

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

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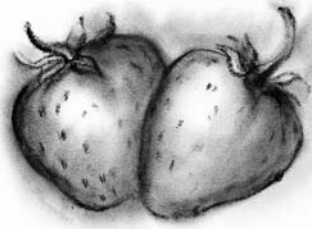
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WELCOME!

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](http://foodcoop.com) or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

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

The Coop on the Internet  
[www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)

The Coop on Cable TV  
*Inside the Park Slope Food Coop*

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 27  
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JUNE 3  
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the June 24 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines  
LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:  
May 29 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 19  
June 12 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 2

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:  
May 29 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 21  
June 12 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 4

ALL ABOUT THE  
GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday,  
May 27, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item  
on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

**Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)** • Meet the Coordinators • Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature  
**Open Forum (7:15 p.m.)** Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.  
**Reports (7:30 p.m.)** • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports  
**Agenda (8:00 p.m.)** The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.  
**Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)** (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM  
and Receive Work Credit

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

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

- **Advance Sign-up required:**  
To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.  
Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.
- **Two GM attendance credits per year:**  
Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.
- **Certain Squads not eligible:**  
Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)
- **Attend the entire GM:**  
In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the entire meeting.
- **Signing in at the Meeting:**
  1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
  2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.
- **Being Absent from the GM:**  
It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop  
Mission Statement

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

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# calendar of events

may 16  
fri 6:30 pm

## 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.

may 16  
fri 8 pm

## Paprika & Batala: Samba!



After last year's resounding success, reunite for an entire evening of Brazilian delight! SAMBA! Groove to the music of women

rockin' the house with the pulsing sounds of Carnaval! Join members of **Paprika** and **Batala** in their triumphant return to Prospect Concerts, celebrating the lilting melodies of bossa nova and the heart-thumping, infectious rhythms of samba. 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.

**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.**



may 18  
sun 7 pm

## 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 Fearnley** 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.

may 23  
fri 7:30 pm

## 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.

may 24  
sat 12 pm

## It's Your Funeral

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

may 17  
sat 12 pm

## The Blueprint for Financial Success

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 reach your goals. Long-time Coop member **Mary Blanchett** is 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.

may 17  
sat 1–3 pm

## Spring Potluck Picnic & Games



Join us! Where: Prospect Park behind the picnic house (between Third and Ninth Sts.). Bring a dish you love to share and bring an outdoor game you like to play. Come enjoy delicious food, fun and games. Bring your children and friends for a day of fun in the sun. Come celebrate Spring!

**Event takes place in Prospect Park behind the picnic house (between Third and Ninth Sts.)**

may 27  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC MAY General Meeting



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

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

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

**I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up**

**II. Open Forum**

**III. Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**IV. Meeting Agenda**

**Item 1:** Annual Revolving Loan Committee Election (20 minutes)

**Election:** Two current committee members will stand for re-election to the Revolving Loan Committee.

**Item 2:** Increase Size of Hearing Administration Committee (30 minutes)

**Proposal:** The Hearing Administration Committee requests that the General Meeting expand the committee size from the current five members to eight members.

—submitted by Hearing Administration Committee

**Item 3:** Survey of Membership for Website Redesign Project (30 minutes)

**Proposal:** The Web Team would like permission to survey the membership of the Park Slope Food Coop about their overall experience with the Coop's current website and forms of communicating the Coop's mission, policies, rules, schedules, and/or their membership status. In addition, there will be questions aimed at understanding the

**For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com)**

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



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elements of the Coop experience that make up the broader identity of the Coop within the community.

—submitted by Matt Kleiman, Jeremy Zilar, Tiffany Fehr,  
Martin Beauchamp and Ann Herpel

## 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

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 jaljeera (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.**

**may 30**  
fri 6:30–7:45 pm

## 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.

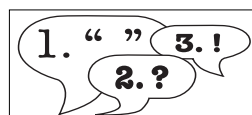
**jun 1**  
sun 12 pm

## 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.

**jun 3**  
tue 8 pm

## Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda

Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

**jun 5**  
thu 7:30 pm

## 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

**jun 6**  
fri 7:00 pm

## Film Night: Sarabah



Rapper, singer and activist, Sister Fa is a hero to young women in Senegal and an unstoppable force for social change. A childhood victim of female genital cutting (FGC), she decided to tackle the issue by starting a grassroots campaign, "Education Without Excision," which uses her music and persuasive powers to end the practice. But until 2010 there's one

place she had never brought her message—back to her home village of Thionck Essyl, where she fears rejection. *Sarabah* follows Sister Fa on this challenging journey, where she speaks out passionately to female elders and students alike, and stages a rousing concert that has the community on its feet. A portrait of an artist as activist, *Sarabah* shows the extraordinary resilience, passion and creativity of a woman who boldly challenges gender and cultural norms. It's an inspiring story of courage, hope and change. Coop member **Steven Lawrence** is a producer/director and media strategist whose work has included award-winning documentaries and TV series for major networks.

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

**jun 8**  
sun 7 pm

## And When I Die: The Musical! A Funeral Planning Cabaret

Hesitating over end-of-life decisions? You're not alone—but don't die wondering! Learn about advance directives, funeral consumer choices and your next steps at this unique seminar-in-song. Ample time for Q&A and follow-up resources provided. The only requirement is the willingness to accept that you will not live forever in your current form. Coop member, chaplain and end-of-life sustainability activist **Regina Sandler-Phillips** is the founder of a Park Slope-based natural burial cooperative, which includes many other Coop members among its 70+ volunteers. Regina's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, and in the books *Parting Ways* (2011) and *Saying Goodbye to Someone You Love* (2010).

**jun 10**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Talking Food With TED



Join bakers, chefs, food scientists, farmers and foodies for some truth about food. These discussions explore and celebrate all things food, covering flavor, sustainability, obesity, famine and more. Featured talks include: *My Subversive (Garden) Plot*, Roger Doiron shows how gardens can re-localize our food and feed our growing population. *The Global Food Waste Scandal*, Tristram Stuart delves into the shocking data of wasted food. *Why Bees are Disappearing*, Marla Spivak reveals four reasons which are interacting with tragic consequences. Robyn O'Brien talks movingly about her child's food allergies at TEDxAustin 2011.

## still to come

**jun 13** Wordsprouts

**jun 14–15** Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

**jun 20** Reality, Truth and Conscious Light

**jun 24** PSFC JUNE Annual & General Meeting

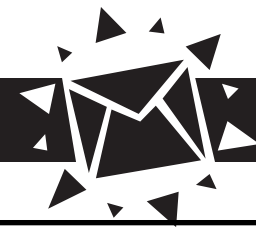
**jun 27** Cheese Class

**jun 29** Compassion & Vitality

**jul 1** Agenda Committee Meeting

**jul 8** Safe Food Committee Film Night

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



## BDS TOPICS:

## EARTH DAY AND SODASTREAM

## DEAR MEMBERS:

On Earth Day this year, a coalition of groups advocating for Palestine met outside of Zabar's on the Upper West Side in a joyful riot of singing, chanting, leafleting and petitioning as we encouraged Zabar's and its shoppers to stop buying SodaStream. Our very

own Park Slope Food Coop Members for Boycott, Divestment and Sanction of Israel was strongly represented in that coalition, and we were encouraged by the outpouring of support from shoppers and passers-by. Why SodaStream? Why Earth Day? As many environmentally conscious Coop shoppers know, Earth Day Network, a global environmental coalition with 22,000 partners in 192 countries, has just cut ties with SodaStream over its relationship to the Israeli occupation despite its "greenwashing" campaign. Yes, we love our bubbles. But

watch [www.burstthebubble.org/](http://www.burstthebubble.org/) and let's reconsider our devotion to this product at the Coop!

Carol Wald

### PALESTINIAN CHILDREN WORK ON ILLEGAL ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS IN JORDAN VALLEY; ANOTHER INDICTMENT OF ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE

## MEMBERS:

Child labor is a serious problem in the Jordan Valley. The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics found 7,000+ children between five and 17 working in 2008, the highest concentration in the Palestinian Territories. That figure has risen since. Child labor in settlements is not confined to the Jordan Valley.

Some 500 to 1,000 Palestinian children, aged 13-17, work on illegal Israeli agricultural settlements (Jordan Valley) on a daily basis according to Ma'an Development Center. Employment of children under 18, on an exploitive basis, violates international law (article 32 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, (Israel signed).

Jordan Valley, (Area C, West Bank), is under full Israeli military and civil control. The Civil Administration does not issue working permits for Palestinians under 18; is not authorized to enforce Israel's labor laws. (Palestinian Authority has no jurisdiction in Area C)

**Israel restricts Palestinian agriculture:** 80,000+ Pales-

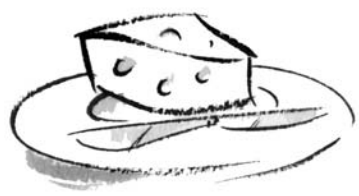
tinians live under severe restrictions on economic and agricultural development. Permits are required to reach agricultural land, during specified hours, only permitted to use certain equipment, denied adequate water. Therefore, Palestinians cannot compete with settler exports in terms of prices or quality. Palestinians end up leasing their land. 10,000-20,000 Palestinians work in settlements (5-10% children) to plant, harvest, transport, clean and package settlement produce for sale mostly in Europe. 'The whole point of the agricultural settlements is exports' estimated at about \$132.6 million annually.

**Israel restricts education for Palestinian children:** Palestinians can build in only five percent of the Jordan Valley. Homes, schools are built without permits, thus, subject to Israeli demolition orders. In 2011/12, 10,000 children went to schools held in tents, caravans, or tin shacks, lacking protection from heat and cold. Many schools lack adequate water and sanitation facilities. 23 schools serving 2,250 children have pending demolition orders. (High student dropout rate prevails).

**Children working on agricultural settlements:** Long hours, physically demanding, exposure to pesticides, skin cancer from sun, fatigue, stunted growth and bodily injury. Young Palestinians work in settlements because there are few other jobs (19 percent unemployment rate, Jericho governorate, among the highest in West Bank). Child labor earns 25-50 percent of minimum wage in Israel (\$5.75/hour). Most children find work in settlements through a Palestinian *waseet*, "labor organizer," employed by Israeli settler.

**Palestinian Authority prohibits children working in settlements:** The Secretary General of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade and Labor Unions has urged international labor organizations to intervene immediately to insure an end to the employment of children on agricultural settlements.

(Note: Until 2000, child employment was unusual in Palestine. Now, it's in excess of 100,000. Repressive policies of Israel's occupation result in family unemployment and poverty: triggers for child employment. Corrective measures underway: new laws, vocational schools, project with Save the Children to monitor child labor.



## 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](mailto: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, 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.

## 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.

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

Support the Fund for New Coops—a project of the Park Slope Food Coop.

**THE FUND FOR  
NEW FOOD COOPS**

a Project of the Park Slope Food Coop

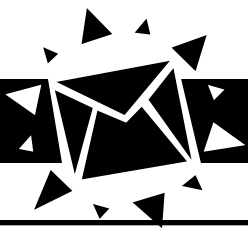
The Fund for New Coops will make low-interest loans to start-up coops that use the full-member labor model like ours. Loans will be extended to qualified start-ups to address problems and maximize the chances that start-ups will flourish.

### How can you donate?

- Use the scannable Fund for New Coops donation cards available on the shopping floor
- Donate directly from the Coop's website, [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). Follow the link for the Fund for New Coops and select the DONATE button
- Mail a check—made out to the Fund for New Food Coops—to:  
FJC, 520 Eighth Ave., 20th Flr., New York, NY 10018

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





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sources: Dalia Hatuqa, Dina Elmuti, Matt Surrusco, Julian Kestler-D'Amours, Nasouh Nazzal, Dorien Vanden Boer

Mary Buchwald  
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PSFC members for BDS  
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## PROGRESS ON BOYCOTT DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS (BDS) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

### TO THE EDITORS AND MEMBERS:

The international Boycott Divestment and Sanctions movement continues to gain momentum. Those who support Israel's military occupation of Palestine and the Israeli government's continued oppression of Palestinians inside the 1948 borders and in the West Bank and Gaza would have you believe otherwise. And well-funded campaigns by Zionist groups continue to apply pressure to government and university officials.

Nevertheless, students at numerous colleges, often led by Students for Justice in Palestine chapters (in coalition with other progressive

groups) have won votes by student governments demanding that college trustees divest from corporations profiting from the occupation of Palestine.

The most recent successful divestment vote was of the Graduate and Student Association at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque. In April 2014 it passed a resolution calling on UNM to divest from six corporations which profit from the occupation of Palestine. They are Caterpillar, whose bulldozers are used to destroy Palestinian homes; Hewlett-Packard, which manufactures electronic equipment for Israeli checkpoints; the British/Danish corporation G4S, which supplies security services and equipment to Israeli prisons that incarcerate Palestinian adults and adolescents; Veolia, a corporation that produces the light-rail system linking illegal West Bank Israeli settlements; Elbit Systems, an Israeli arms manufacturer; and SodaStream, which produces a home water carbonation product on illegal-

ly held Palestinian land.

Other U.S. colleges where such divestment resolutions have been passed by student government groups include Evergreen State College in Washington State, University of California at Riverside, Arizona State University, Oberlin College in Ohio, University of Michigan at Dearborn, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Loyola College in Chicago and Carleton College in Minnesota. At the University of Wisconsin a faculty senate passed a divestment resolution. And at Hampshire College in Massachusetts, the Board

of Trustees decided to divest from companies involved in the Israeli occupation.

Boycott Divestment and Sanctions is a part of the non-violent campaign for justice for Palestinians. One way you can join that campaign is to boycott products like those manufactured by Hewlett-Packard and SodaStream.

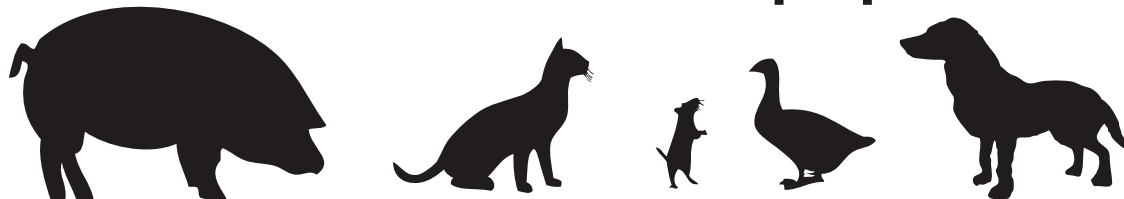
For more information see electronicintifada.net, endtheoccupation.org, bdsmovement.org and psfclds.wordpress.com.

Naomi Brussel

Park Slope Food Coop Members for  
Boycott Divestment and Sanctions

Did you ever wonder exactly what those humane claims on product labels at the Coop mean? Or want to confirm which items we carry are not tested on animals?

**The Animal Welfare Committee  
provides transparent animal welfare  
information about the Coop's products.**



We work with staff, the Coop's vendors and external research resources to provide species- and issue-specific information for YOU, the Coop member. You can find us online at our blog and twitter account and you can find our guides all around the Coop, next to their relevant products!

**Find us here!**

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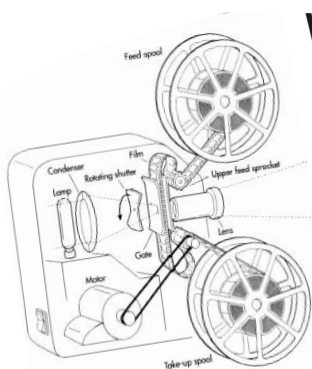
Current Guides:  
Eggs (next to egg case)  
Milk (next to milk case)  
Animal Testing



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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 Gabriel Rhodes  
for details at  
[gabrielrhodes@me.com](mailto:gabrielrhodes@me.com).**



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

**Thanks for your cooperation,  
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**MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER** is right around the corner from the food Coop, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent

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THANK YOU!

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

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Deyanira Del Rio	Jeff Leonard	Kristopher Ross	
Coleen Devol	Noriko Leonard	David Salvage	



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*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.*



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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES

## Laundry and Toy Cleaning

**Saturday and Sunday, 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.



## Daily Coin Processing

This job is task-oriented, not time-oriented. You will be counting coins, filling out forms, and using machines that count coins and bills. Comfort with numbers and electronic machines helps in this job. This is an evening job with some flexibility in starting and ending time. You will be trained on your first shift. Contact Kathy Hieatt, Bookkeeping Coordinator, kathy\_hieatt@psfc.coop. Requires a six-month commitment and complete dependability in attendance.

## Bank Run

**Monday, 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.



## 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 check-out lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task- and detailed-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is pro-active. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex\_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

## 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.

## 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).

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

### SAT, MAY 17

6:30 p.m. Everyone on your feet for the BLUEGRASS FAMILY SQUARE DANCE, featuring The Ebony Hillbillies PLACE: Esplanade Plaza (Access: Liberty Street) Battery Park City, Lower Manhattan COST: FREE! No experience or partner necessary. All ages welcome. Info: bpcparks.org.

8:00 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: 50th Anniversary Tribute to Freedom Summer. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. 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.

### TUE, MAY 20

7 p.m. The powerHouse Arena invites you to a book launch & discussion: Coolhaus Ice Cream Book by Natasha Case and Freya Estreller. Maker of "the best ice cream sandwiches in culinary history" (*Vogue*). Share recipes and samples for bold flavored ice cream sandwiches. 37 Main Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 For info call 718.666.3049 rsvp@powerhousearena.com

### SUN, JUN 1

11 a.m. Punch-a thon in Prospect Park. CAE's Punch-a-thon is a fundraiser that supports community participation through the physical activity of punching to raise funds to prevent violence and promote self-defense. For more info: caeny.org or call 718-799-1775. Also t-shirt design contest for Punch-a-thon ending May 12th.

### SUN, JUN 8

11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Almost Summer Celebration. Enjoy a family day outdoors in Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Park, Lower Manhattan. For info go to www.bpcparks.org.

## Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)

## Candidate for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

One three-year term on the Board is open. To vote you may use a proxy or attend the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 24, 2014.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May.

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidate at the June 24 Annual Meeting. Candidate statement follows:

### BILL PENNER



I am writing to ask for your support for reelection as one of the six members of the Board of Directors of the Coop.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for 8 years, I also serve on the receiving committee as a squad leader. Outside of the Coop, I am an architect with my own practice

in Brooklyn and before receiving my degree in architecture, I apprenticed as a chef and cooked professionally for 6 years. The Coop is an important part of my life, it is a place where I connect with my passion for food and see the significance of food and food production in our society as a cultural, environmental, and economic force of incredible importance.

Because the Coop is a corporation, it is required to have a board of directors. Our Board of Directors meets every month in public at the General Meeting. Unlike most corporations, the Coop is unusual in that it relies on a town hall style of governance for the majority of its policy decisions. At our General Meeting, any Coop member can bring an item for dis-

cussion or make a proposal to be debated and voted on by the Coop membership present. At the end of the General Meeting, the Board of Directors votes on taking the advice of the membership. This is how the Coop combines its corporate structure with its town hall style of democracy.

In my opinion, there is often confusion as to the primary role of the Board of Directors within the Coop's decision making process. I believe an important distinction is that the Board's role is one of oversight rather than one of advocacy. Each member of the Board of Directors has a responsibility to act for the benefit of the Coop as a whole not to any one constituency or group. Proposals covering many different topics are presented, debated and voted on by all members present at the General Meeting. However, when the Board of Directors votes, I base my decision to the best of my ability on three criteria: 1) Will a proposal ratified by the General Meeting jeopardize the financial health of the Coop? 2) Will the proposal expose the Coop to unnecessary legal risk? 3) Does the proposal violate the spirit of the Coop's own by-laws? Historically, it has been extremely rare that the Board of Directors votes to overturn a decision made at a General meeting. I believe that this is testament to the

strength of our democratic process and the commitment both the members and the paid staff place on contributing to that process. The current Board of Directors is a diverse group of talented and dedicated people and I am honored to work with them on behalf of all members of the Coop.

The Coop just celebrated its 40th anniversary. I see the coming years as very important to prepare and lay the groundwork for our next 40 years of cooperation. There will be management changes that need to be addressed and planned for. Further, the Coop is more diverse than ever, and it will take a concerted effort to remain responsible to our cooperative mission and our commitment to inclusiveness for all people of different cultural and economic backgrounds without succumbing to divisive politics and all or nothing viewpoints.

As I have in the past, I have ended this letter with a dedication to the late President of the Board of Directors Israel Fishman. Israel used to say that the Coop saved his life—the different viewpoints and different people all working together for a common purpose gave him the perspective and patience to see beyond himself towards what was really important. I still think of this more than ever each time I attend a General Meeting and when I shop. ■

## SUMMERTIME DON'T FORGET YOUR COOP SHIFT!

Oh %#@&!!  
I forgot my  
Coop shift!



If you plan on being away during one of your workslots, please make arrangements to have your shift covered.

One way to do it is to use the Shift Swap at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)!

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

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