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## Bored to Death Comes Back to Park Slope: The Annual Meeting and Monthly General Meeting of June 24, 2014

By Allison Pennell

**F**ood Coop produce guru Allen Zimmerman, summed up the June 2014 Annual Meeting-Monthly General Meeting most memorably when he predicated his dissertation on garlic ripeness with "I've been put to sleep by

until 10 p.m. Like Zimmerman, I'm also in danger of sleepiness after 2 hours and 45 minutes of even the most scintillating of Food Coop debate and civic engagement.

The Annual Meeting opened with the election for

one man to his neighbor.

The audience was reminded that the Coop is a corporation, which requires a Board of Directors whose role is to meet in public, actively solicit advice of membership and then accept or reject the advice of the members. Penner explained that the board is elected to consider the legal and financial ramifications of any decisions made by the GM.

*The annual meeting opened with the election for the PSFC Board of Directors, with one incumbent, Bill Penner, on the ballot for re-election.*

Penner was re-elected with a vote of 1,321 in favor, 99 abstentions and 12 votes against including the proxy votes cast prior to the GM. At the General Meeting later in the evening, he was nominated to serve as and then voted in as the new President of the Coop. Imani O'ryn was voted in as VP, Jesse Rosenfeld as Secretary, and Tricia Leith as Treasurer.

General Coordinator Joe Holtz then introduced the next agenda item, which was the updating of the by-laws previously voted in December 2013. Those updates needed to be codified by an Annual Meeting vote. A bylaw amendment was adopted incorporating official language about membership investments, which have now been renamed "member owner equity investment."

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PHOTO BY LISA COHEN

Liza Schreiner handed me my ballot with a big smile.

this meeting so I'm not at my sharpest."

After running a gauntlet of corporate liberators and anti-frackers passing out literature at the front door as well as bikers parking without the assistance of valets, I settled in for the long haul with a few hundred of my Coop compatriots.

We started 15 minutes late, which I prayed would not mean we'd have to stay

the PSFC Board of Directors, with one incumbent, Bill Penner, on the ballot for re-election. Penner told the assembly of his eight years on the board and his enjoyment of the balance of day-to-day knowledge of the Coop provided by working his other shift as a Receiving Squad Leader with getting to know the Coop in a broader business sense. "I'm voting for this guy," remarked

## PSFC Members Seek to Change the Retirement Rules

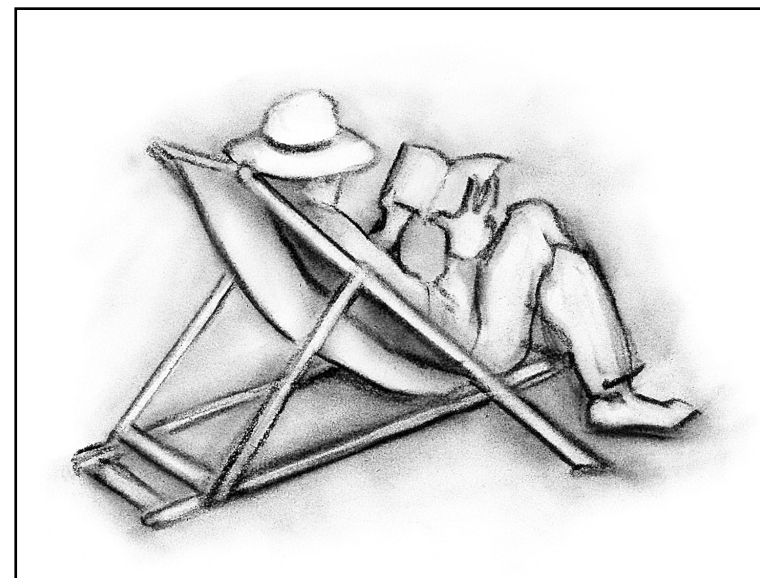


ILLUSTRATION BY CATHY WASSYLENKO

By Taigi Smith

**G**rowing old is a fact of life and there's no way to avoid it. Joints ache, ailments set in, wrinkles form and as life moves along, many of us slow down. And that's why, says Joe Holtz, the first of two retirement policies was instituted back in 2005.

"When the Coop started in 1973, the typical member was about 25 years old," remembers Holtz, who was just 22

years old when he became a founding member of the Coop. And now, "41 years later, those 25 year olds are now turning 65 and 66," says Holtz, explaining that there are currently two retirement policies in place for our Coop's aging population. "If you have 20 years of service and you're 65 years old, then you can retire from doing workslots," advises Holtz.

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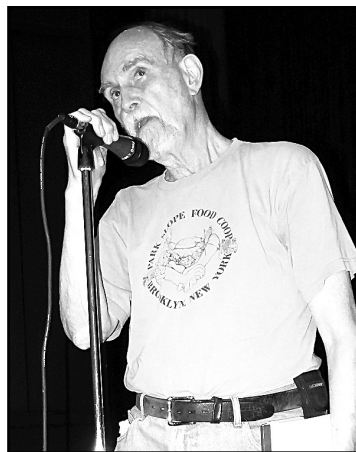
### Next General Meeting on July 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The July General Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 29, 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..

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**Mike Eakin, General Coordinator, explained that at one time, people leaving their money behind was helpful, but now we can afford to give it back.**

## June Meeting

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The significance of this change turned out to be that the Coop's ownership is comprised not just of 16,200 active members (49%) but another 51% of absentee owners who no longer have shopping rights but technically still own a piece of the Coop. This comprises people who joined since the Coop was first formed but have since relocated or left the Coop and never requested their investments back.

This year the Coop mailed all members, including these absentee ones, annual election ballots in an effort to locate and possibly close accounts with this portion of the membership. Non-participating members can attend and vote at General Meetings. Coordinator Ann Herpel explained that upon advice from the Coop's auditors they are trying to ascertain how much money is under active memberships and how much is non-participating membership equity. Some absentee owners want



**Robert Reitman, Cornick Garber and Sandler, CPA, explained the Coop's good health. Sales are up \$1.1 million from last year.**

money back and the staff is fielding some requests. She allayed some concerns by saying that now when you leave the Coop, you are no longer given the option to retain member ownership. You are leaving membership behind. So the 51% figure for non-participating owners will only go down from here.

Holtz explained it was such member investments that allowed the Coop to put the down payment on our first property, purchased in 1978 for \$50,000 or \$55,000 (Holtz couldn't remember which)... in any event, for the amount you'd be lucky to buy a parking spot at the nearby garage these days. This led to some discussion of how Holtz had to think twice and consult an attorney when the seller Bob Blum jacked up the price by \$5,000.

The final Annual Meeting agenda item was a presentation and discussion of the Coop's audited Annual Financial Statement led by Robert Reitman, partner in Cornick, Garber and Sandler, the Coop's auditors. In sum Reitman reported:

- Sales were up \$1.1 million from the year before
- Everything's good

- Three million in the bank—\$750,000 more than last year—mostly at Citibank

- Pension plan assets did great this year and ended the year with an increase of \$730,000 from last year

- The Coop's member loan program will be paid off in the next two years

- Partly because of additional payroll this year, operating expenses are up about \$300,000.

- Health insurance costs went up 20%

- Expenses to buy 30 new energy-efficient refrigerator motors should be recouped in three years with lower utility costs

- One vendor accounts for 44% of Coop purchases—United Natural Foods Inc. (made up of Albert's Organics, UNFI and Select Nutrition)

Yigal, a Shopping Squad Leader, asked whether the Coop would benefit from having an audit committee. With some hesitation, the auditor replied that some organizations our size have an audit committee and some don't. If we chose to, we could consider it, but we would need very financially qualified people.



**Jesse Rosenfeld asks, "Are we in the black?"**

Yigal and others asked about whether the state can lay claim to the 51%'s investment fees and was told by the auditor that these funds are not subject to collection by the state. The sum of the 51% investment membership fees that may have to be returned upon request is uncertain as of yet and is a redeemable liability. Contingent liabilities would be a certain, known amount; hence why no amount is yet recorded in financials. Pretty sure this was the part that got Zimmerman nappy.

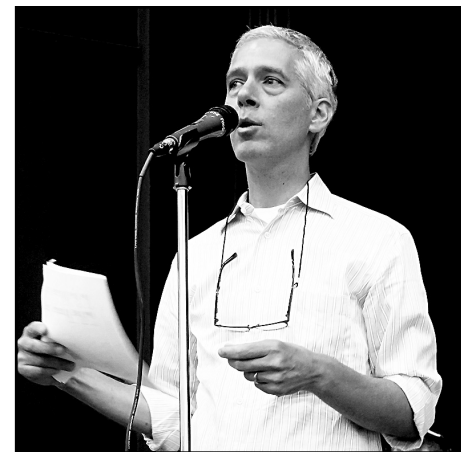
Susan Metz, a retired Squad Leader, asked if members have access to pension investment information. Joe Holtz said this year's report is almost ready and the various investments of the pension plan and their internal rate of return will be presented at a General Meeting later this summer.

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There was a question about the wisdom of leaving millions of dollars in uninsured bank accounts. Joe explained that in any given moment in time the PSFC owes \$1.6 million to different vendors. That said, the GCs are looking for two to three other credit unions or banks to put in another \$480,000 to \$720,000 to safeguard more money in insured accounts.

The motion to accept the auditors report passed unanimously and the Annual Meeting was adjourned. Which is not to say we got to go home. It was only 8:34 p.m. and we still had the monthly GM to look forward to.

Votes for officers of the Coop were cast and tabulated and committee reports



**Bill Penner, who has served for eight years on the board, is running for reelection.**

delivered in the lull. The open forum brought Susan Metz back up to raise the alarm about the significant impact of fast track efforts for a mysterious and big free trade agreement that would limit internet access and tracking of GMOs to name a few dangers. She is hoping to create an official workslot fair trade squad shortly to formalize the current group of volunteers. Their group will be meeting on July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coop.

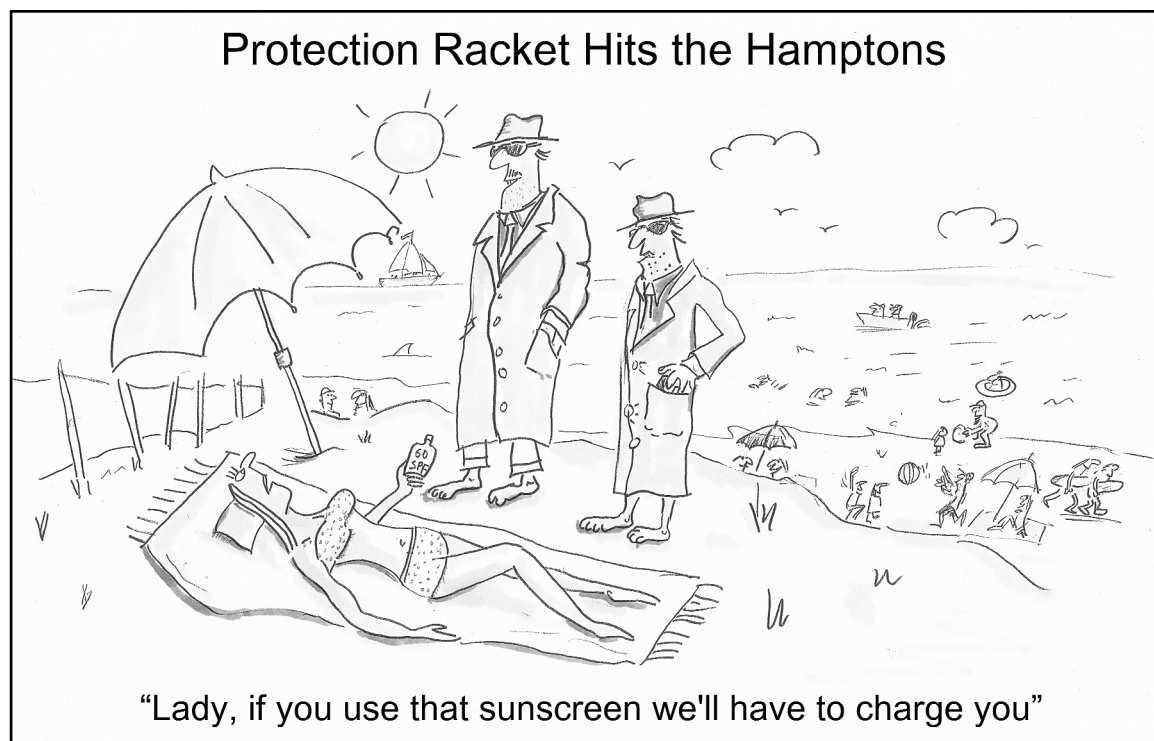
There was also a discussion of smelly toilets not getting clean enough because we are using environmentally friendly cleaning products that just don't do the trick the way, say, bleach does.

Jesse Rosenfeld asked why all the garlic seemed rotten lately to a round of applause. Allen Zimmerman informed us that the Coop is waiting for a new crop of garlic but now we are eating very old garlic from the southern hemisphere. His advice in the meantime: A garlic bulb should feel heavy for its size in your hand if it's fresh. You can use garlic scape instead for the time being. They are to the left and below salad mixes. His produce recommendations for early July: cauliflower and lettuces.

Eunju, a board member, requested that members be more careful about where they put food scraps. "If you can still use it, put it in soup kitchen containers. More of the compost items need to go to the soup kitchen boxes."

Finally, \$57,500 of preparation and auditing fees were paid each of the last three years to the auditing firm. The firm estimates an increase of up to \$2,000 for next year. A proposal to retain the same auditor to perform the PSFC audit passed unanimously.

And we all went home. ■



"Lady, if you use that sunscreen we'll have to charge you"

ILLUSTRATION BY ROD MORRISON



# Coop Engineer Turns Talents to Fit Bikes to Their Owners

By Hayley Gorenberg

Jonathan Blyer doesn't feel your pain. And in fact, he'd like to keep you from feeling it, too.

Blyer, a newly minted Coop member, runs Acme Bicycle Company, a Park Slope bicy-

sonal connection to people he served and he found his engineering colleagues to be "not the most social people," and far more politically conservative than he is.

Blyer nudged forward in November 2005, working for

and acquaintances announcing he had gone into business, "and pretty much everything has grown from that." He moved his business from his apartment to a shop in January 2011 and at New Year's leased his studio space at 597 Degraw St.

"It's really changed my whole life," he said happily.

And what about that business name? Blyer cast about for a while. He examined the monikers of soon-to-be competitors. "A lot of them had names I thought were a little too pretentious or boastful, a little too much fanfare saying, 'I'm the greatest!' I didn't want a name that would be intimidating in the slightest bit.

"I wanted something more humble and about going fast, but I didn't want something like 'Superstar Bicycle.'" He remembered Road Runner cartoons of his childhood, and liked what the zippy bird brought to mind.

The questions he poses to potential Acme customers are, "Ready to go faster, to be more comfortable and efficient and to greatly reduce your chance of injury?" Receiving an emphatic chorus of "Yes!" he combines his engineering know-how with human anatomy and physiology, mechanics and a study of the customer's individual tendencies. "I get a lot of customers who come in really bad pain and most of the time I'm able to get them 95 to 100 percent better from whatever pain they were experiencing."

Blyer's bike fittings take about three hours. He generally fits only one customer



Some wheels in stock at Acme Bicycle Co.

cle shop specializing in retooling bicycles to fit their owners, maximizing efficiency and comfort. "The only pain one should accept is slight discomfort with the bicycle seat. It's a firm piece of plastic or leather and sitting on it will never be like sitting on the couch," Blyer acknowledged. "Everything else can be resolved." And he'll resolve it quickly, too. With his high-tech tools, he can switch out seats rapid-fire, "extremely quickly, 20 of them, kind of like speed dating!"

Love of triathlons helped focus Blyer on bicycles. He raced triathlons for almost a decade and even branched out to Ironman races at times. But they were grueling, expensive and just when he thought he'd hit the highlight of his racing career, qualifying for the 2006 Ironman in Hawaii, he "got hurt going into the race and had a disappointing performance." He felt he had plateaued and he continued getting injured from high-volume training.

So a few years ago Blyer took a professional leap and refocused the machinery of engineering—his specialty—in this particular, more personal endeavor.

For years he had worked at an engineering firm in the Financial District, designing gears, shafts and other components of moveable bridges. But the work itself lacked per-

sonal connection to people he served and he found his engineering colleagues to be "not the most social people," and far more politically conservative than he is.

He went to certification courses, "learned all that I could, through experience and passion and from my own bicycle riding and racing."

Turning his talents to bikes followed his personal interests, and working with bikes and bikers was "still a professional career, something I'm passionate about and something technical." In addition to taking the leap from relative security of a corporate job with benefits and insurance the biggest concern Blyer had was, "can I actually turn this into a business?"

With no real business experience, he concluded he would rely on his own hopeful philosophy: "If I treat people nicely and give them my honest opinion and work hard, things will work out for the best."

And so far it has. "I'm way happier as a person, now that I can do something I'm passionate about rather than sitting in a cubicle staring at a screen and reviewing documents."

Blyer started up slowly, working out of his apartment and reaching out to friends in the community, particularly his triathlon connections. He emailed hundreds of friends



Acme Bicycle Co. Frame and bike.

per day and charges \$350-\$400 for the service. "I try to treat every single person as I would want to be treated. I'm doing the best I can with all the resources, pooling information from different bike-fit



Jonathan Blyer uses sophisticated electronics to "dial people in" on their bikes.

theories and my experience with people. It's a very, very hands-on type of service, super-personalized."

He uses a sophisticated machine to "dial people in" on their bikes to achieve comfortable positioning, accommodating goals and injuries. The electronics allow him to put a customer on the bike to pedal, "and while they're pedaling I can control the seat, handlebars, how hard they're working—and ultimately they find a position that is a balance of all these things." Blyer can adjust the customer's bicycle or help them select a new bicycle that will serve them better.

He cautioned against common practices of picking bicycles. "Going into a bike shop to pick out a bike is a great way to buy something that doesn't fit you," he said. "Start with your body and then find your bike."

Blyer acknowledged that the bikes he sells, in addition to the fittings he performs, "are not inexpensive." The low end of the price range is \$3500, and "the most expensive are north of \$15,000, with a lot of fancy components."

Within his desire to have his business succeed, Blyer is particularly focused on the goal of helping women to bike more and bike better. He estimated that 70 to 80 percent of the serious road bikers he sees are men. "I know that women can ride bikes just as well as men," he said. "It's been my experience that a lot of women just don't get the support from other riders and suffer with comfort issues. Women's anatomy and bikes are a complicated thing," he said. But his prognosis was positive: "I don't think I ever met a woman I couldn't get to ride comfortably on the bike. I think my service is valuable, but especially for women. One day when I'm retiring, I'd say if I got 5000 women riding, I'd be happy about that." ■



PHOTOS BY KEVIN RYAN



# Retirement

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Several years later, in 2010, a second policy was instituted. “An older member came forth and said, ‘I’m 60 years old and I would like an additional policy. I would like it to be if you’re 60 with 30 years of service, that you can retire,’” recalls Holtz. The idea came up for a vote at the General Meeting and won, and today, under the current Coop guidelines, both retirement policies are in effect.

*“When the Coop started in 1973, the typical member was about 25 years old. Forty-one years later those 25 year olds are now turning 65 and 66.”*

—Joe Holtz

But those policies, says member David Laibman, should be changed because they leave no room for members who join in their 50s and 60s to retire at a reasonable age. Laibman, who works in the receiving area with a box-cutter is 71 years old and joined the PSFC five years ago. Under the current rules, Laibman won’t be able to stop breaking down boxes or do another coop shift until he is 86 years old.

“The economy at large

does not require an 80 year old to work. The Coop rules have to change,” believes Laibman. “The Coop has to wrestle with the issue. In order to wrestle with the issue at all, we need numbers, we need data,” says Laibman. “The main point that needs to be addressed is that people who joined in their 60s and even older are in a position that they have to work into their late 70s or 80s. The current rules make no provisions for that.” And Laibman makes no qualms about the fact that he’d like to stop working his shift well before he turns 86. “I think I would go on doing my current work shift for a few years at least but I would eventually like to retire. I have one of the most physically demanding jobs at the Coop.”

Laibman believes that the Coop needs to figure out exactly how old its membership is and how many members are actually eligible for retirement right now or in the near future. He says hard data—demographic information—is needed to institute a retirement policy that will accommodate members like himself—people who joined the Coop later in life. Laibman is leading a small group of members who seek to conduct a formal survey that will poll random members about their ages and



ILLUSTRATIONS BY CATHY WASSYLENKO

years of service at the Coop.

One of the tenets of the Coop, says Holtz, is its ability to make healthy food economically affordable. “The Coop is definitely making a difference in a bunch of member’s lives and the reason our Coop does that better than any other coop in the U.S. is because of our member labor policy,” say Holtz who cautions that the Coop must be careful about making any changes to existing member labor policies. “Any tinkering of that has to be done very carefully. We’re talking about the whole big picture of the Coop. I’m a big advocate of our model and it’s worked for us. The culture of the Coop includes doing your share.”

But Laibman says that we won’t know the impact of a change to the current policies until we have accurate demographic information about the current membership. “Under the current policy, will 3% or 10% of the membership become eligible for retirement in 2014?” queries Laibman. “The problem that we face is that we don’t know how many people it will effect. It’s all guess work.”

June Finer is 79 years old and has been a member of the PSFC since 1974. In 1997 Finer took a leave of absence when she moved upstate, but re-instituted her membership and her workslot in 2009 when she started returning to Brooklyn a few days a week to spend time with her grandchild. “I feel that if you are able to shop, with all the benefits of shopping at the Coop, you are able to work, as there are many sedentary jobs

available,” says Finer.

But Laibman says switching jobs isn’t as easy as it may seem. He says he has inquired several times about a less demanding shift and was told on several occasions, “usually by 30-some-things working cushy office jobs,” that there was little room for movement at the Coop. “I think there are some young people at the Coop who think they are going to live forever,” says Laibman, who believes that many of the Coop’s younger members think they’ll never have to deal with the retirement policies.

*“Retirement policies should be changed because they leave no room for members who join in their 50s and 60s to retire at a reasonable age.”*

—David Laibman

Rene Brinkley, a member who won’t disclose her age, puts it bluntly. “If they can shop, they can work.” When asked to explain her thoughts further, she repeated the statement again. In Brinkley’s mind, the issue is pretty cut and dry. If you want to shop, you have to work.

June Finer eventually retired when she moved upstate fulltime and fully supports the current retirement model. “If I lived in the Slope, I would have happily continued to do a monthly work shift.” In fact, says Holtz, June Finer isn’t alone. “There are plenty of members who have reached retirement age who don’t

want to retire. We haven’t put up a big banner that says, ‘Don’t forget...you can retire.’ Some people are really not interested in retiring and continue to do a work-slot,” says Holtz. “This is a model that works because everyone contributes sweat equity. Large numbers of people opting not to work could be detrimental to the Coop.”

As for the proposed survey, Holtz says: “The group that David Laibman is part of is saying they want to build a survey that would lead us to understand who our members are. But we’ve been doing just fine without demographic data. All we know is people’s addresses. We don’t know people’s ages and incomes. We’re all waiting on line. We’re all doing checkout. There’s something really cool about not knowing. There’s a certain equalizer there. We don’t nosy into people’s lives.”

Holtz also points out that while the membership may be aging, the current retirement policies are in their infancy. “We need to see how well the current policies work before making any drastic changes to the policies. I still think they’re young policies and they haven’t been in effect that many years. We don’t fully yet know whether or not the number of people who retire will reach such a high amount that the Coop will have trouble getting work done,” says Holtz.

But the proposed survey, says Laibman, isn’t about poking into people’s private lives or even changing the current policies. At this point, his group simply wants to tally the number of people who will be impacted by the current retirement policies. Only then, he says, will the Coop have an estimate of what the costs of foregone labor changes will be. “We have a proposal for change, but it’s flexible. We don’t even know that it’s realistic. I wouldn’t even put it forward without the proper data in place,” says Laibman, adding that he is still looking for statisticians to join his group looking into the retirement policies.

And then, of course, there’s the question of fairness. Should members be granted certain allowances based primarily on age, and not on years of service? How does one determine what is fair? Says Laibman: “That’s a good thing for the Coop to determine.” ■

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The word fragments need to be recombined to form answers to the clues below. When all clues are answered, the remaining fragments can be used to form a final related word. Each fragment will be used only once.

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Puzzle author: Stuart Marquis. For answers, see page 12.



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# calendar of events

jul 11  
fri 6:30 pm

## An Update About Fast Track Legislation

An update about 'Fast Track' for 'Free Trade' legislation in Congress with a focus on how passing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would affect internet access. IT heads take note. We will also discuss the proposal to form a Coop Fair Trade Committee that would offer work-slot credit to continue this campaign. Bring questions, concerns and suggestions to this informative and stimulating session. **Susan Metz** is presenting on behalf of the Coop Fair Trade Group. A member since 1980, she was a Shopping Squad Leader for 22 years before retiring. Her letters appear regularly in the Coop's *Linewaiters' Gazette* and other prestigious publications.

jul 29  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC JULY General Meeting



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

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

- I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up
- II. Open Forum
- III. Coordinator and Committee Reports
- IV. Meeting Agenda

**Item 1:** Formation of the Fair Trade Committee (30 minutes)

**Discussion:** That a committee be constituted to follow, inform members and suggest positions on international trade negotiations whose stipulations might affect governmental policy related to food or to cooperative enterprises. —submitted by Susan Metz

**Item 2:** Annual Hearing Administration Committee Election (30 minutes)

**Election:** The Committee will present one new candidate for election. Hearing administrators work on an FTOP basis when needed, and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by the Hearing Administration Committee

**Item 3:** Discontinue Eden Foods Due to Anti-Contraceptive Policy (30 minutes)

**Discussion:**

**Part I:** Because Eden Foods has elected to not cover their female employees for contraceptive health care, resolved to not carry their products until Eden Foods changes their policy.

**Part II:** Resolved to form a committee to contact other retailers to form a coalition to address and publicize this issue. —submitted by Melvin Hess

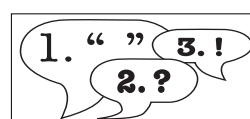
**V. Board of Directors Meeting**

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

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

aug 5  
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, August 26, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

aug 26  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC AUG General Meeting



Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office. **Meeting location:** MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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sep 9  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film to be announced.

sep 13  
fri 6:30 pm

## New Paradigm Multi-Dimensional Transformation

Discuss the energy of Shamballa, build vortexes, do clearing meditation, and receive activations calling on the Ascended Masters and Archangels for their healing love and light. Join Coop member **Esme Carino** for two hours to introduce New Paradigm Multidimensional Transformation. Carino is a New Paradigm MDT practitioner and an Angel Therapist.

sep 14  
sun 12 pm

## Fighting Fatigue?

Are you dragging your body around? Waking up not feeling rested? Coffee not helping with that midday slump? Fatigue is one of the most commonly reported symptoms in the United States. Millions of Americans are getting a full night's rest yet waking up sluggish and relying on coffee and other stimulants to get through the day. Join us for a look at why your body might be fatigued. Nutrition Response Testing is a safe, effective analysis for determining what is causing your body's symptoms and what specific nutrition will help bring it back to balance. Participants will receive a complimentary health check. **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.

**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.





## COOP HOURS

### Office Hours:

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

### Shopping Hours:

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

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# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

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

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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**Committee Reports:** Maximum 1,000 words.

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# SUMMERTIME

## DON'T FORGET YOUR COOP SHIFT!



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

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

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

## YOUR CO-WORKERS WILL LOVE YOU FOR IT!

## RETURN POLICY



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

### REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

### CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER  
RETURNABLE

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

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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WELCOME!

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet  
www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV  
Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, JULY 29  
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, AUGUST 5  
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the August 26 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines  
LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:  
July 24 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, July 14  
August 7 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, July 28

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:  
July 24 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, July 16  
August 7 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, July 30

ALL ABOUT THE  
GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday,  
July 29, 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.

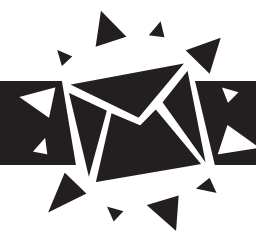
- Advance Sign-up required:**  
To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet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



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

### TO THE EDITORS:

Why is everyone so amazed at what is going on in our public schools? I read where two of the best schools in Park Slope are changing their hours and shortening their days to accommodate the new teachers' contract. If anyone has access to this contract please read it. Nowhere in the contract are students even thought of, unless it is to the benefit of teachers and schools. We know that long school days with more teaching time would benefit our children, but the contract now gives teachers 130 minutes of training and 40 minutes in contact with parents. In most professions people have to take courses to keep their license on their own time and funds.

Another item about this contract is there are no benchmarks per grade that every school in the city would be required to reach for. Promoting a child is now a subjective matter based on what the teacher and principal think. Also, it is now a violation of the contract for principals to ask for lesson plans. Quality education classroom teaching is not ad-libbing at a stand up comedy show nor can teachers just wing it. When it comes to discipline the Chancellor now thinks that students should be

taught to make amends. If a child disrupts a class there is no way that he or she can make amends when he or she has taken away learning time that cannot be given back. A classroom needs to be a calm safe place where each student can focus on the lessons being taught.

As parents, caregivers, and taxpayers we should be demanding that every student in every school throughout the city receive the best quality education. As for changing the admission requirements for our elite high schools, that is insulting to those students who work hard to accomplish the goal of being accepted. Maybe the Mayor, Chancellor and UFT president should not take the easy way out and dumb down the admission requirements but should do the hard job of making sure that every middle school is giving each child a high quality education motivating them to go forward into whatever high school they choose with the knowledge that they have the skills and learning to succeed.

Rhudi Andreolli

## WE NEED CHILDCARE

### TO THE EDITORS:

I am a Shopping squad leader at 5:45 a.m. on Sunday "A" week. On our shift, workers of various squads need to bring their children with them. Members, usually dads (perhaps giving mom a

break) bring in children with them during our shift to shop. There are very valued members of my shift who have left the squad due to the lack of childcare at 5:45 a.m. I was wondering if other 5:45 a.m. members or squad leaders have had the same experience.

Cooperatively yours,  
Toni Ceaser

## FORMING A FAIR TRADE SQUAD: HELP

### TO THE EDITORS:

From the PSFC Mission Statement:

"We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment... We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others... We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations..."

Out of these principles have grown workslot-credit squads that inform members and others on issues affecting food production, distribution and consumption—notably projects of the Environmental Committee and the Brooklyn Food Coalition. As food safety, sovereignty and security will continue to be raised during negotiations of international trade agreements, it is essential for our community to pay attention.

International trade negoti-

ations came into the Coop discourse a year ago. Constituents of the 9th Congressional District collected hundreds of personal letters asking that Yvette Clarke (and other Brooklyn representatives) commit to voting NO on Fast Track. The General Meeting in September 2013 voted overwhelmingly that a similar letter signed by Joe Holtz and Bill Penner be sent to all NYC Congress members. That put the Coop on record. We joined activists throughout the country opposing Fast Track Authority for the president to push through congress the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Negotiated in secret by trade ministers of 12 Pacific-rim nations and 600 corporate advisors over four years, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), wealthy investors' vision of New World Order, has something for everyone to hate—in the agreement and also how it was produced. This is no exaggeration! The story is at Public Citizen Global Trade Watch and all over YouTube but minimally in the corporate media.

By April, four Brooklyn representatives signed a "Dear Colleague" letter committing to oppose Fast Track. They acknowledged that a massive document (29 chapters) that would control policy on drug patents and Internet access as well as

government regulation of "fracking" and financial transactions (among many other non-trade issues) should be thoroughly studied and debated.

As a result of intense public pressure, Fast Track hasn't come before Congress. During the "lame duck" session and when the new Congress is seated, the campaign will intensify to balance the money corporate investors contribute to candidates and use to pay lobbyists.

Hopefully, forming the Fair Trade Squad will come before the GM on July 29 as a discussion item and come up for a vote during the fall. Forming a squad commits the energy and the prestige of our collective to supporting policy on international trade that is consistent with our values and our mission. Your energy and prestige and help will make a difference. Please support the proposal. Come to the GM to question, comment and help form the new squad. Consider joining the Fair Trade Squad as your workslot.

Susan Metz

## CORRECTION

The June 26 *Linewaiters' Gazette* misidentified Ken Coughlin in the pullquote in "Why Isn't Anybody Listening to This Guy?" We're sorry for the error.

## LETTERS POLICY

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### 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.

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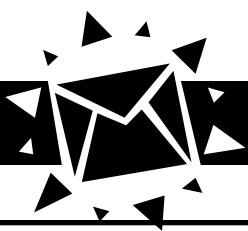


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## L E T T E R S T O T H E E D I T O R

## BDS TOPICS:

## BDS TOPIC

## TO THE EDITORS:

What is going on here? Am I the only member of this Coop that reads the letters? This is the second time I have picked up a copy of this paper in the past two months and found two pages of letters were devoted to the BDS topic. We are the Park Slope Food Coop, not members of John Kerry's negotiation team on Israel and Palestine. We are not part of President Obama's foreign affairs team dealing with the Israel and Palestine. We are a Food Coop. Our mission is to bring quality food at reasonable prices to all our members, to keep every member informed about healthy food, environmental issues and general health concerns. There should be pages devoted to encouraging members to write to our state senators and assembly people telling them to support the bill that would require all food companies to include GMO information on their labels. These are the kinds of topics that we can bring to the entire community, even non PSFC members. We would be doing everyone a great service by informing people of the effects of GMO on their health and the general environment. Let's get back to doing what we are knowledgeable about — food and the environment. Please do not take up any more space in our paper about the BDS topic. I also resent the fact that Mary Buchwald signs her letters PSFC members for BDS. If I remember correctly, we voted not to be a part of BDS. Yes she is a Coop member that supports BDS. That is her personal feeling and does not have anything to do with the Coop. Maybe I should sign my letters Sharron Eagle PSFC members for the Communist party. Please everyone let's get back to our mission and stop placing your political feelings above the best interest of all members.

Sharron Eagle

## A LESSON FROM UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

## TO THE EDITORS:

*Gazette* guidelines, published in every issue, require that letters be Coop-related, that they demonstrate fairness and respect, and don't include allegations not based on observation or accusations not

specific or unsubstantiated by facts.

Nevertheless, letters including easily discredited claims and non-specific vilifications of Israel lifted verbatim from virulently anti-Israel BDS web sites are routinely published in every issue.

BDS activists are hardly truth-seekers. Portraying themselves as humanitarians, they are largely uninterested in facts other than those manufactured by the well-funded international BDS propaganda crusade. This reflects not only intellectual sloppiness, but ethical indifference as well.

*Gazette* editors would do well to take a lesson from members of the student government of Seattle's Western Washington University (Associated Students WWU), who voted unanimously for a resolution not to consider "boycotts, divestment and sanctions rooted in national origin or other identity-based features." Their legislative action is intended to protect students from discriminatory BDS campaigns.

The resolution states that they will not support BDS because "tensions between students related to foreign conflicts should be managed in a healthy and collaborative manner rather than exacerbated... BDS measures can cause students to be targeted on the basis of nationality... and lead to the perpetration of disrespectful bias, hostility, hate or harassment." The duty of the student association, it states, is "to fairly represent the diverse interests and views of all students..., and to focus its attention and resources on issues directly impacting the general welfare of the student body." Therefore, "The ASWWU shall not take positions advocating divestment from, boycott of, sanctioning, or ceasing collaboration with companies, products or organization due to their nation of origin."

The student who led the initiative said, "I've seen how divisive anti-Israel BDS campaigns are on campuses across the country. [Our university] is a warm, respectful, inclusive community. According to our mission statement WW brings together individuals of diverse backgrounds and perspectives in an inclusive, student-centered university. BDS has been a source of disconnect and resentment... creating a hostile environment. It divides students, marginalizing those who support Israel."

That principle of inclusiveness is similarly expressed in our Coop's mission statement. In the past, PSFC has also been a warm,

respectful, inclusive community. But for the last five-and-a-half years nearly every *Gazette* issue has included pro-BDS/anti-Israel letters spreading hatred and misinformation about Israel, undermining established facts, mutual respect, understanding and truth, and doing nothing to promote true peace, justice and human rights in the Middle East or here in Park Slope.

Editors, take note: The proposal for a boycott referendum was voted down over two years ago by a significant majority expressing opposition to BDS's agenda of delegitimizing Israel. It is long past time to stop the anti-Israel campaign in the *Gazette*. BDS letters violate every *Gazette* guideline—from relevance to truth and respect.

They also violate many members' moral, ethnic, national and religious sensibilities. That they are confined to a "free speech" BDS Letters section does not mitigate their negative reflection on the editors and the Coop itself.

Ruth Bolletino

## CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY DEFENDS PROFESSOR TARGETED BY ISRAELI-ALIGNED WATCHDOG GROUPS

## TO THE EDITORS:

After a months-long campaign targeting Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies and Race and Resistance Studies, San Francisco State University (SFSU) has cleared her of allegations of improper faculty travel: accusations of "misusing funds" by traveling to Palestine and Jordan in January, 2014 and meeting with Palestinian leaders and political figures. President Les Wong's, June 24 statement: The university reviewed Professor Abdulhadi's travels plans, and they comply with established rules without fault or violation. Therefore, we consider that the allegations made by AMCHA Initiative and others against her have no merit. SFSU will continue to respect academic freedom, and we will not censor our scholars nor condone censorship by others.

**Accusations** (led by Amcha, co-founder: Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, lecturer at UC Santa Cruz, along with Simon Wiesenthal Center Campus Outreach, Stand With Us, The Zionist Organization of America and Scholars for Peace in the Middle East) included: "misrepresenting" the nature of her trip, neglecting to

inform SFSU officials of her planned meetings with Sheikh Raed Salah and Leila Khaled, whom Amcha and other groups identify as "terrorists," 'egregious abuse of university and taxpayer funds as well as potential violations of California state law prohibiting the use of state resources for personal or political purposes.'

**Professor Rabab Abdulhadi's eight-page public letter responded to false allegations:** 'As Senior Scholar at the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Initiative, it is part of my job to establish educational and research collaboration on Palestine and between Palestinians in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world. Research and discussion between actors in the U.S. and Palestine is fundamental to my scholarship. It is one of the reasons why SFSU hired me in the first place. There is no law or university regulation that prohibits meeting and speaking with figures seen as controversial in U.S. media and dominant discourses. Such activity is clearly protected under the First Amendment and is a necessary part of gathering and sharing information, and is also protected by academic freedom. Amcha's focus on two of the 198 people interviewed is aimed at insinuating that I support terrorism. Such accusations are false and extremely dangerous in a post 9/11 climate that criminalizes advocacy and casts suspicion on even the most tenuous of associations with groups and individuals described as terrorist.'

**Dean Monteiro's (College of Ethnic Studies) statement, June 25:** 'Historically, Amcha developed a reputation for misrepresentation of facts against individuals and institutions with unrelenting and mean-spirited attacks at SFSU and campuses across California, using sensationalized and false claims about students and faculty, promoting these claims to sympathetic media. Most perniciously, it has lobbied powerful civic and private figures (Governor, dozens of elected statewide, local leaders), encouraging them to punish individuals and institutions based on misleading or false claims.'

**Amcha's (+7) new focus:** June 24: demanded California State Controller conduct an audit of SFSU, investigate potentially fraudulent use of taxpayer dollars.

(Nora Barrows-Friedman)

Mary Buchwald  
BrooklynForPeace.org  
PSFC members for BDS  
[www.psfcbds.wordpress.com](http://www.psfcbds.wordpress.com)



## CLASSIFIEDS

## BED &amp; BREAKFAST

HOUSE ON 3RD ST AT 6TH AVE  
Parlor floor thru sleeps 4 in privacy, AC, wifi, kitchenette, deck, 12' ceilings, \$170 a night for 2. Visit our site at [houseon3st.com](http://houseon3st.com) or call us, 718-788-7171. Enjoy modern comfort in true Park Slope style. Grandparents our specialty! We want to be your hosts in the Slope.

## COMMERCIAL SPACE

BEAUTIFUL, COZY OFFICE SPACE available one block from coop. Perfect for acupuncture, massage or bodywork. Small waiting area, 2 treatment rooms,



consult room, bathroom. On garden brownstone block. Contact Sally. [sally@sallyrappeport.com](mailto:sally@sallyrappeport.com).

## EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED. Part-time position as a driver and helper for a local licensed moving company. Excellent driving record and moving experience required. Must be able to drive a 16-foot box truck. No commercial license required. This is a non-smoking position. 718-622-0377 or email [tophatmove@aol.com](mailto:tophatmove@aol.com).

## SERVICES AVAILABLE

ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—36 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultations. Prompt, courteous communications. 24-year Park Slope Food

Coop member; Park Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at [www.tguccione.com](http://www.tguccione.com).

MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the Food Coop, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154, I charge \$60.00.

EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, experienced mover. Everything quilt padded. No extra charge for wardrobes and packing tape. Specialist in walkups. Thousands of satisfied customers. Great Coop references. 718-670-7071.

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## VACATION RENTALS

3-SEASON BUNGALOWS Studio, 1- and 2-BR houses in historic bungalow community near Peekskill and the Hudson River, 1 hour NYC. Pool, tennis, organic community garden, social hall w/internet, social activities. \$25k-\$87k. [www.reynoldshills.org/bungalow-shop](http://www.reynoldshills.org/bungalow-shop). Contact Mel: 347-307-4642, [melgarfinkel@yahoo.com](mailto:melgarfinkel@yahoo.com), or 347-715-3735.

Rent pvt bed & bath in PASSIVE SOLAR farmhouse. Organic food & bedding provided by farmer. Hypoallergenic furnishings. PERMACULTURE gardens. Secluded ravine w/16' WATERFALL & picnic site. Woods, beaver pond also on farm. Sharon Springs near Cooperstown. No pets. \$400/wk or \$1200/mo plus food. 518-860-8602.



## 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!

## Build a Food Contingent for the Sept. 21 People's Climate March



Climate Change will harm our ability to feed our people. Hardest hit will be poor people and people of color from all nations; developing nations will be hit harder yet. A historic mass march is planned to coincide with the UN Climate Change Summit. Let's bring grassroots food justice activists together for the People's Climate March so we can make our voices heard. The corporate food system accounts for a third of all greenhouse gases. We can help cool the planet by creating a sustainable food system. Local and organic foods contribute the least to climate change.

## Let's make it happen.

Contingent meeting:

Monday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.

Greenwood Baptist Church, 461 Sixth St.

(corner Seventh Ave), Brooklyn

For more information contact:

[climatechangeBFC@gmail.com](mailto:climatechangeBFC@gmail.com)

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## 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.



PSFC  
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## ★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

### Office Set-up

**Monday-Wednesday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.**

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.



### Store Equipment Cleaning

**Monday, 6 to 8 a.m.**

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

### Office Data Entry

**Wednesday, 4 to 6:45 p.m.**

Must have been a member for at least one year with excellent attendance. Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer? Do you like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. Please speak to Ginger Jung in the Membership Office (or put a note in her

mailbox) prior to the first shift for more information and to schedule training. You must make a six-month commitment to this workslot.

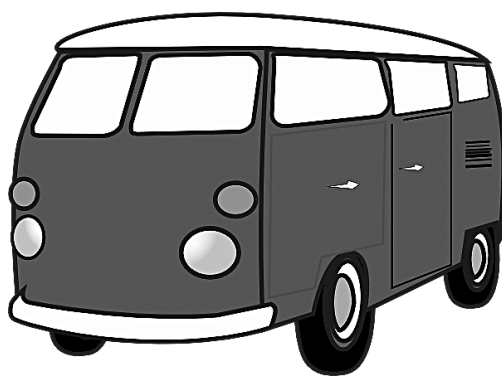
### General Meeting Set-Up

**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](mailto:adriana_becerra@psfc.coop).

### Van/Truck Driver for GM Delivery/Pick-Up

**Last Tuesday night of the month**  
Member with a van or truck needed to pick up and load the team of workers and gear from the Coop at 5:30 p.m. and drop them off at the local General Meeting venue (currently M.S. 51) and help unload. Then, be on call to return to venue for pick-up and loading of workers and gear between hours of 8:45-10 p.m., and drive back to Coop. You must be dependable, with good attendance. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, [adriana\\_becerra@psfc.coop](mailto: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).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

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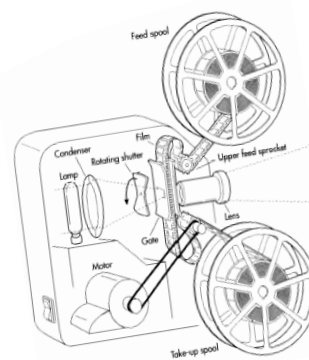
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### Math Tutor

I am a NYS-certified/NYC-licensed math teacher with 23 years experience. I provide clear, precise explanations to develop problem-solving skills, while building confidence and ease in the world of math. I have successfully tutored students for Regents, SAT, GRE, professional qualifying exams and all school levels. For remediation or enrichment, traditional or common-core, **Call David Cohen at (718) 857-5968.**

## ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?

**Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?**



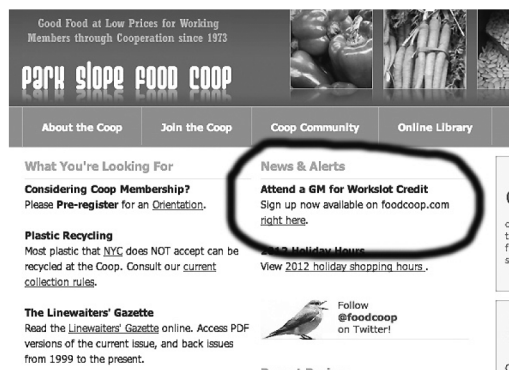
Then submit your film for possible inclusion in the Coop's Friday Film Night Screening Series.

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).**

**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**



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### WED, JUL 16

3:30 p.m. Fostering an appreciation of nature and emphasizing the value of play for ages five and older. Parks program leaders plan games, art projects etc. All supplies are provided. Free. Every Wednesday in Teardrop Park. Lower Manhattan. For info go to [www.bpcparks.org](http://www.bpcparks.org).

### MON, JUL 21

6:30 p.m. Sour Power: Probiotic Veggies for Vibrant Health! In this demo you will learn everything you need to know to confidently ferment vegetables at home. Caravan of Dreams, 405 E. Sixth St. F to Second Ave. Fee: \$25. Register at [www.bitly/sour-power07212014](http://www.bitly/sour-power07212014). More information contact: [angela@nourishingworks.com](mailto:angela@nourishingworks.com).

### FRI, AUG 1

8-11 p.m. FIRST FRIDAY SWING DANCE BEGINS! Flying Home and Arturo Perez present a new monthly swing dance night in Park Slope. Dance lessons with Arturo Perez followed by live '30s and '40s swing music from Flying Home! Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West. Info: [www.brooklynswingdance.com](http://www.brooklynswingdance.com).

## Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

### Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends.

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

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

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

Experience working in a grocery store, working with food, or working on a PSFC Food Processing squad is a plus.

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

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

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

**Wages:** \$26.24/hour.

**Benefits:**

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

\*Benefits with no payroll deduction.

### Prerequisite:

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

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

### How to Apply:

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

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



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

**Thanks for your cooperation,  
The Park Slope Food Coop**

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.**

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