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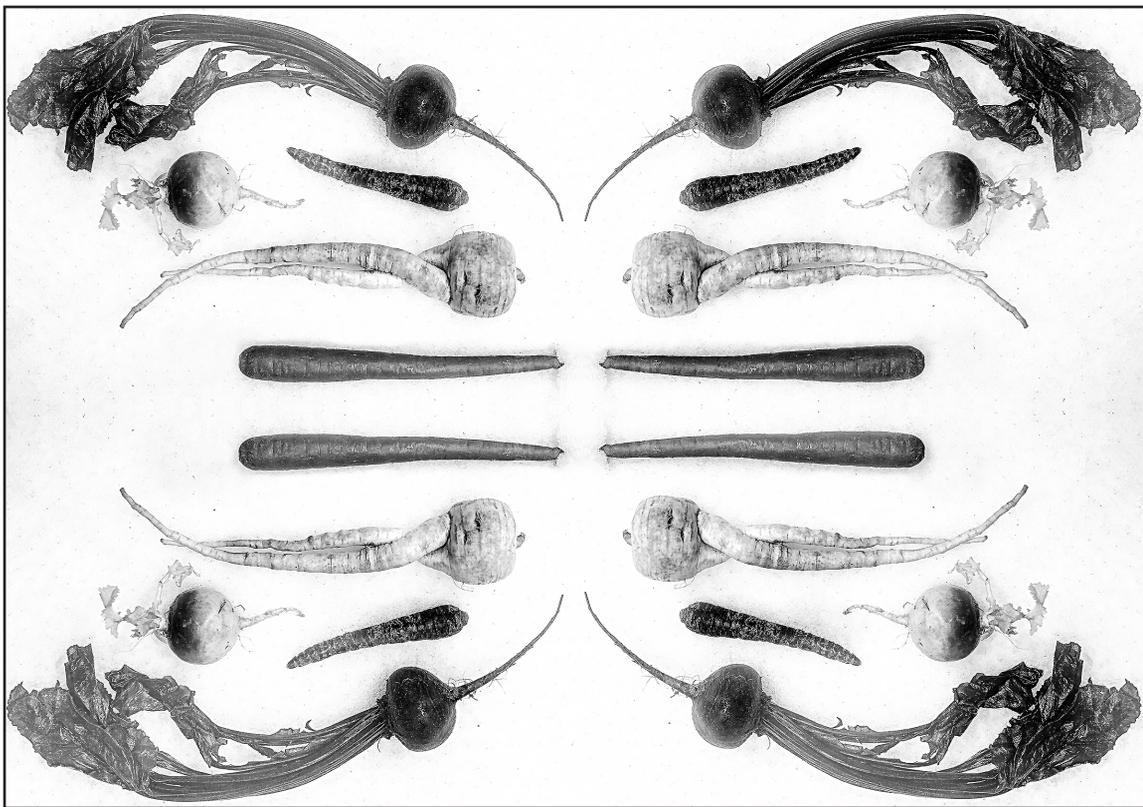


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Winter Produce

By Devin Harner

Most shoppers are aware that the produce that's hauled in from Mexico, Israel or the Netherlands during the winter months—be it bell peppers, zucchini or fresh cilantro—isn't necessarily going to be perfect, ripe or cheap. However, here's an interesting fact: Even during the winter over 20% of our produce is

local—and that's not just root vegetables.

"Now we can eat anything whenever we want it," said General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman. "We don't remember that there are seasons."

However, here's one reason why your imported winter produce might not meet your expectations: Despite advanc-

es in agriculture and transport, some fruits and vegetables, like arugula, for example, just don't travel well, or take to being hooked up to a hydroponic system and crammed into a greenhouse. And here's a reason why, despite technological advances, you can't get local produce year round: While greenhouses can be used to extend the growing season in the Northeast, we're still at the mercy of Mother Nature as far as sunlight and the temperature goes.

Zimmerman notes that we're at the height of storage season—where items were picked months in advance during the fall and stored to sell over the course of winter—which makes good, old-fashioned root vegetables like

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Plastic Bags Ban Comes Up Again At General Meeting

By Jaweed Kaleem

Should the Coop remove plastic roll bags from the shopping floor?

It's not the first time the controversial question has been proposed. Still, members of Environmental Committee stirred up extensive debate at the February 24 General Meeting during their latest discussion to eliminate the rolls of bags that are used for everything from produce to bulk food, and even securing the occasional leaky package of meat.

The item was last on the meeting agenda, but in the 30 minutes allotted for discussion, it was the most discussed item of the night. Committee members Sharon Goldzweig and Regina Weiss touted the environmental benefits of removing plastic bags from the store's ecosystem. Instead, they suggested, members could bring in reusable bags or containers of their own, or skip bags altogether for shoppers who use a bag to

store, for example, a single produce item.

The discussion was not up for vote at the meeting, but was instead a suggestion to bring the issue to a vote at a later time. But considering the strong response against the idea at the meeting, which took place at MS 51 at 350 Fifth Avenue, in Park Slope, the future may be bleak for those supporting a plastic-bagless Coop. Out of all topics on the agenda for which question and comments were allowed, the bag discussion garnered the most. And most were specifically against the idea to "permanently remove plastic bags from the shopping floor eight weeks from the date of the GM vote."

A handful of members suggested it was "too early" to be talking bags. A little over a year ago in February 2014, a similar discussion by the Environmental Committee to stop offering free plastic bags

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CORRECTION

"Do-It-Yourself Skincare" (*Linwaiters' Gazette*, February 19, 2015) mistakenly claimed that shea butter is not available at the Food Coop.

The Coop does indeed carry virgin shea butter, organic and non-organic, from the company *Now* which is in aisle 5A. We have carried shea butter for many years. We also have other shea butter blends available. Please respond to Theresa Gray or Karen Martin for any further information about shea butter and shea butter products.

—Theresa Gray, Receiving Coordinator, Health & Beauty Buyer

Next General Meeting on March 31

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The March General Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31, 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 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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Coop Event Highlights

- Fri, Mar 20 • **Film Night: 1964** 7:00 p.m.
- Thu, Apr 2 • **Food Class: Indian Flavors** 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Apr 13 • **Wordsprouts: New Poetry by Three Young Poets** 7:00 p.m.
- Sat-Sun • **Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen**
Apr 11-12 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

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



ILLUSTRATION BY DIANE MILLER

Winter Produce

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parsnips, beets and turnips some of the freshest, most cost-effective options available for getting your daily servings of fruits and vegetables.

Onions, potatoes, red and green cabbage and, of course, New York State apples are all local. Cameo, Candycrisp, Empire, Fuji, Honeycrisp, Pink Lady and Stayman Winesap apples all give us a chance to

take a break from citrus.

Some of the more exotic local produce offerings include: orange, purple and white carrots, celeriac, elephant garlic, Jerusalem artichokes, kohlrabi, rutabaga and black and watermelon radishes.

Our mushrooms are local, and they travel the same distance 52 weeks a year. Whether they're maitake, cremini, portobello, shiitake or white mushrooms, they're organi-

cally grown in America's mushroom capital: Kennett Square, in Chester County, PA. And they're just as fresh in March as they are in July. In fact, it's always mushroom season.

shiitake mushrooms



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Remember, like most commodities, produce pricing is pretty transparent: shipping, storage and production costs are passed on to the consumer, so eating local's good for your health, your carbon footprint and your wallet. That said, Produce Buyer Joe Szladek notes that hydroponic systems and greenhouses are water and power intensive. So perhaps Coop members should swap out those hothouse tomatoes from Long Island for produce like our grandparents ate—if they're concerned with conservation and resource stewardship (both issues central to the Coop's mission).

Eating local doesn't mean you have to forgo a green salad in the winter, though.

We're now stocking Gotham Greens' cupped iceberg lettuce, Boston lettuce and basil—all of which are grown hydroponically without pesticides on the roof of the Whole Foods at the corner of Third Street and Third Avenue, here in Brooklyn. However, if you're buying cupped lettuce to save prep time, be it from Gotham Greens or from Satur Farms (which is Long Island-based, but comes from Florida in the winter), then remember that in contrast to the trucked-in stuff from Earthbound and Taylor, their cupped lettuce is pre-washed, but not triple washed. It's pretty clean relative to lettuce grown in the dirt, but it should be rinsed and dried before serving.

The triple washing and drying process is tough on produce, and this, along with the sheer distance traveled, and the finicky weather, might account for the quality-control issues that we've been experiencing with cupped lettuce generally this winter. In the spring and summer the heat is also a contributing factor to packaged produce quality, or lack thereof. So, although it's a great time saver, and many Coop members use cupped lettuce many weeknights, a colander and a salad spinner are likely to yield the freshest, crispest greens, regardless of the season.

If all else fails, there's always the freezer. The Coop

members to help out local farmers.

According to Zimmerman, farmers sell off their top-grade produce in season when it's fresh. However, if they can freeze or process what they can't sell, and turn their grade-2 produce into things like spaghetti sauce and salsa, then they've found another revenue stream, which lets them keep farming.

"Some farms are only going to make it if they can find secondary uses for their food, said Zimmerman. "We can help our farmers' sustainability by buying the stuff that they process."

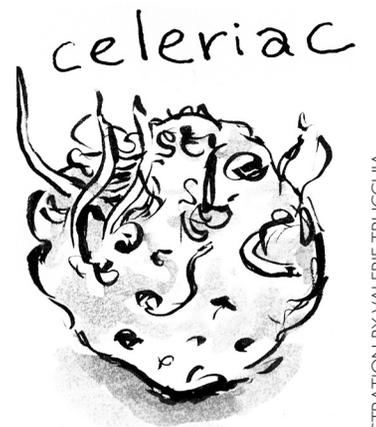


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Suggestions for Eating Locally and Seasonally

If you eat out around Brooklyn, then you'll notice that even places that aren't heavily handedly "farm to table" feature seasonal vegetables prominently. The ubiquitous watermelon and feta salads and gazpachos of summer make way for harvest salads that feature roasted vegetables, and, yes, kale, in the fall. But by this time of year, even the kale is trucked in from somewhere not local. So it's best to keep it simple, and to top your New York-grown greens with sliced local apples, roasted beets or parsnip, and maybe some marinated and broiled Chester County portobellos, and a more nutty or earthy cheese instead of feta. You can also forgo lemon juice and experiment with some of the sherry vinegars and balsamics that the Coop stocks,

orange, purple and white carrots

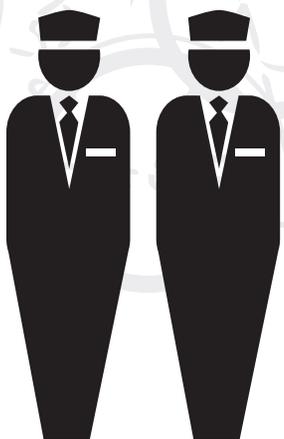


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DO YOU LOVE BIKES?

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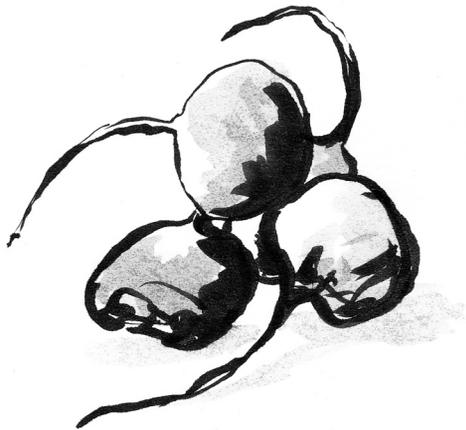


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loose chioggia,
gold and
red beets



or even with dried, powdered sumac, a Middle Eastern flowering plant that's fruit is used as a citrus substitute. Or try a Japanese-style dressing with steamed, pureed carrots, miso paste, white vinegar made from rice and sesame oil.

Shaved radishes and carrots also add depth and crunch to green salads when tomatoes aren't in season, or when you're keeping your eye on your carbon footprint.

The Japanese Macrobiotic diet, and Indian tradition of

some new life and lightness to your potatoes, try mashing them 50/50 with defrosted frozen cauliflower, and adding in a bit of butter or olive oil, sour cream, dry mustard, salt and pepper. If you want to stick to root vegetables and what's local—then you can mash your potatoes with parsnips or rutabagas instead.

The ugly, alien-looking celeriac root can be doused with lemon and pan-fried or braised like a chicken cutlet or pureed into a soup.

kale



Ayurveda, both encourage eating locally and seasonally, and consequently both traditions are ripe with seasonal options that aren't immediately obvious—if we're craving something more exotic than staples like roasted beets with olive oil and sea salt, mashed carrots and turnips or baked parsnip fries.

If you're tired of roasted beets, then consider juicing them fresh or making a local, early-spring borscht.

In some regards, the early spring is a tougher time for local produce than mid-winter because the spring crops aren't in yet, and the stuff that's been in storage is getting old.

So get your root vegetable and apples while they're still nice and crisp. And be on the lookout for early spring's bounty. ■

green and red
cabbage



The Coop stocks a large assortment of potatoes—from Yukon Golds and Russets to reds and fingerlings, and they're a winter staple. But by March they're carb heavy and monotonous, whether they're mashed, baked or fried. To add

Apples minimally treated

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Pinklady



honeycrisp



Fuji



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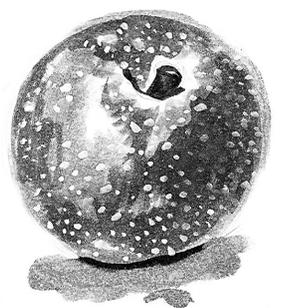
Stayman
Winesap



CandyCrisp



Asian Pears



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Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

Description:

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

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

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

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

Prerequisite:

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

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

How to Apply:

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

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

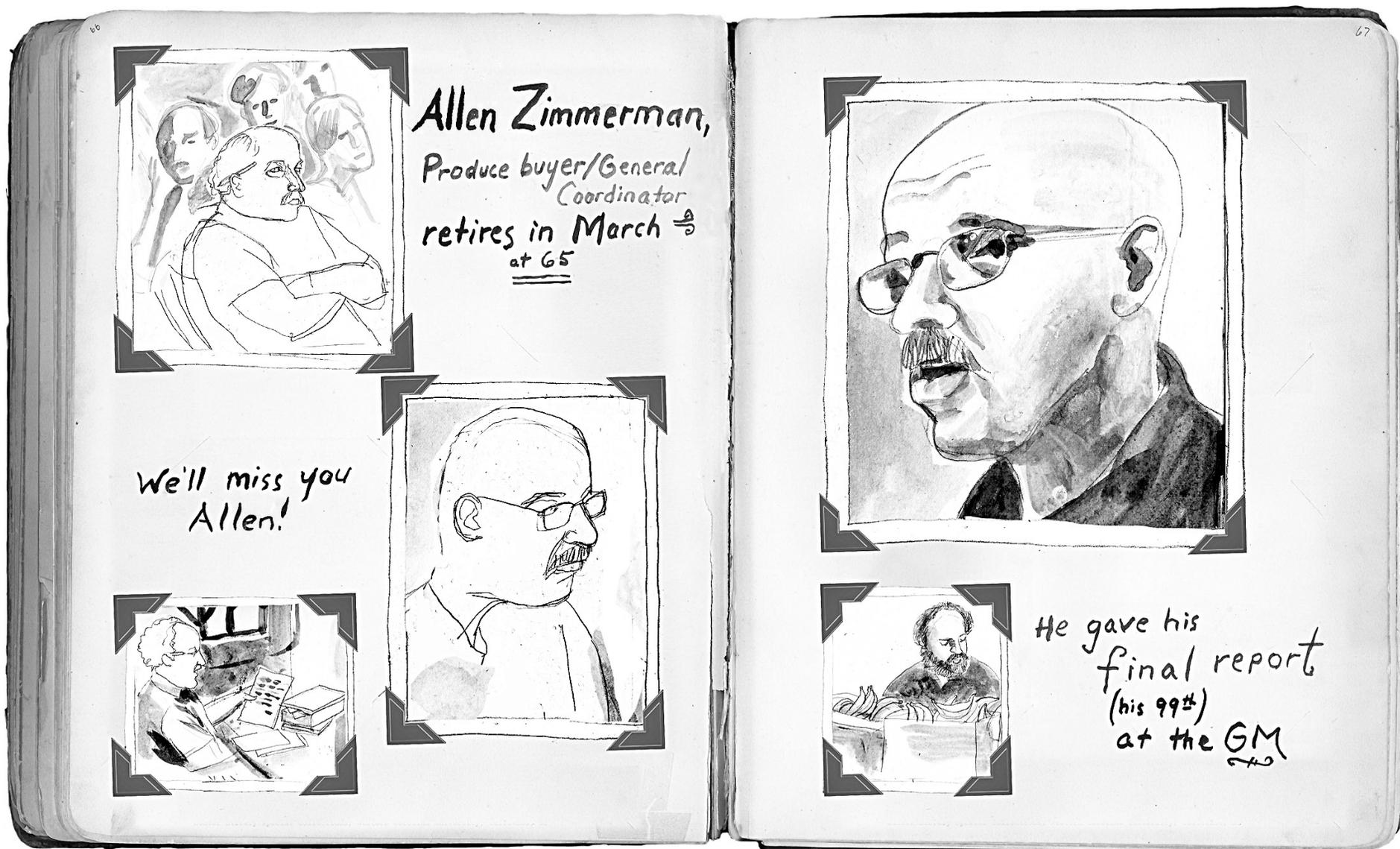


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General Meeting

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on the shopping floor and instead charge 20 cents per bag was voted down after months of debate and campaigns by pro- and anti-bag members.

To be sure, many Coop members cherish the environment and its environmentally friendly policies and food are among the reasons many members join.

Coop member Yael Yisrael said she would be open to the idea of reducing or eliminating plastic bags. "It's a good idea. However, we could explore the concept of people paying for

(bags). Seems people want them," she said. "Also, my family comes from the Caribbean. I remember we always brought bags to the market because we had to pay for them (at the store)."

Expanded Recycling

Plastic bags weren't the only environmental issue that got people talking at the General Meeting. Earlier, as the first meeting agenda item, committee member Rosemary Calderon gave a better-received update on the Coop's recent efforts at offering members a pilot program to recycle plastics that New York City currently does not recycle, but that are sold at

the store. These include plastic sandwich bags, salty snack bags, Brita water filter parts, cracker and cereal liner bags (including bulk food bags), energy bar wrappers, and toothpaste tubes. Calderon said the committee has partnered with TerraCycle for a successful, free program that allows members to drop off items on specified days and times.

"We sell a lot of plastic things at the Coop," said Calderon, who added that the first TerraCycle two-hour collection session on January 24 that the committee organized brought in five boxes worth of recyclable materials that

"would have gone into waste stream." Another two-hour collection was held on February 28.

While the current program is free, she said, TerraCycle also offers an expanded lineup of items, such as frozen fruit bags, that it recycles for a fee.

At a cost of around \$122 per filled box in the paid system, she estimated that members could fill up three or four 15 X15 X 42-inch boxes per month. Calderon informally polled attendees with a hand vote as to whether or not they were supportive

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Raffle winners will be announced at the April 28 General Meeting.

GOOD LUCK!

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of the free program, called "brigades." Most indicated that they were. In another informal vote on whether members would support a paid recycling program, there was a mixed reaction. She said the committee wanted members to vote on both the free and paid programs in the future.

A Second Coop?

Between the two environmental-related agenda items, Shopping Squad Leader Jonathan Farber proposed forming a study committee to look at the feasibility of opening a second Coop location. The Coop provides "good food. Our model is unique and successful, and who better to do the unique thing we have," said Farber. He said his idea would be to go beyond what the Coop currently does, which is to help new Coops launch by offering loans and its expertise.

The reaction to the idea varied. Some members, such as International Trade Education Squad member Susan Metz, said she wasn't "sure if it would be responsible" to open a second location without ensuring complete community involvement to make the new store successful, something she called a "big undertaking." "I think the expertise" and loans "we offer is a wonderful gift," she added.

General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman gave an impassioned speech about product in his last General Meeting presentation before his retirement in April.

A member of the loan committee added that it was "very hard to start a new coop" but that the committee was "looking forward" to Farber's ideas.

Farber said he was looking at the long run. "It'll take a few months to recruit members, then they'll have a finalized work plan, then we'll ask for a vote to see if we should form a committee." He said that if a committee formed, it would present its initial plans for a new store within roughly nine months.

Outside of the main meeting agenda, there were several other announcements made. General Coordinator and financial team member Mike Eakin presented the financial report for the 48 weeks ending on January 4. The Coop's gross margin was 17.02%, which he said was the "best it's ever been this late in the year." The Coop's expenses were at 18%, with the biggest expense being personnel. Expenses have "risen quite a lot in the last year" from the hiring of more staff, increases in overall wages and increases in health-benefit costs.

A Legend Retires

General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman gave an impassioned speech about produce in his last General Meeting presentation before his retirement in April. He pointed out a unique kind of plum, called lemon plum, that is only available at the Coop in February, and changes colors as it ripens, from green to yellow to orange to red. He also mentioned a series of challenges in obtaining fresh arugula because of the harsh winter. "Hopefully by spring organic arugula [will be] back," Zimmerman said.

He added that members have been asking him recently about a larger organic apple selection at the store. He has tried procuring a "few different kinds," and recently settled on the Lady Alice apple, which "people have called 'Honey Crisp for grownups.'" The apple was

so popular that "we sold out yesterday," he said.

General Coordinator Ann Herpel also made an announcement regarding checkout lines, reminding members that the four cashier stations closest to the exit door can check out items that need to be weighed. The "15 items or less" rule is also being eliminated for the express checkout area, with the new rule now being that shoppers can have as much as they can fit in one green basket when in the express line.

Metz, the member of the International Trade Education Squad, also gave a presentation on the squad's recent efforts. Much of its focus has been on opposing the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Metz said the squad had held a public education forum on the proposed TPP legislation, and has launched a blog: www.itesblog.tumblr.com/. ■

WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED:

- 1) Plastic sandwich bags and small plastic bulk bags (NOT large roll or shopping bags)
- 2) Baby food pouches & caps (any brand)
- 3) Cereal bag liners (plastic liners from cereal, crackers, bulk cereal bags, and similar liners)
- 4) Energy bar wrappers (any brand)
- 5) Toothpaste tubes & caps (any brand)
- 6) Brita water filters & components

NOTE: No need to clean, rinse, or remove stickers.

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The Environmental Committee is promoting a new partnership between the PSFC and **TerraCycle**, an innovative recycling company that transforms hard to recycle waste into new products- keeping more waste out of landfills.

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WHEN:
March 28th
2pm - 4pm

WHERE:
In front of the Coop
or inside if the
weather is frigid.



Park Slope Food Coop
environmental
committee

Meet the Animal Welfare Committee

By Lily Rothman

The six members of the Animal Welfare Committee, one of the Coop's newer committees, spend their shifts researching the ways that products sold at the Coop impact animals. That information is then turned into guides that are available in the aisles to help interested members make shopping decisions. Jesse Oldham ("J.O."), one of the committee's founding members, spoke to the *Linewaiters' Gazette* ("LWG") about what goes into starting a committee, what her committee is up to, and how members can get involved:

LWG: When did you start thinking about the animal welfare committee?

J.O.: It was a few years ago. There's a big process to getting a committee founded and up and running. I had initially emailed the environmental committee because their position statement has a part that includes

animals, and I thought maybe they were doing this work. They very kindly said, "We don't have the bandwidth to do this, but if you want to start your own committee just let us know and we'll help guide you." I didn't know if I was up for that at the time, but about a year and a half later I got an e-mail from the committee, c.c.'ing

someone I knew, actually, through the animal welfare world, who had emailed them with the same question and they said, "You both wanted an animal welfare committee. Do you guys want to get together and start one yourself?"

I started going through the process of filling out paperwork. It's actually a pretty good process because it makes you think carefully about what your purpose should be and how you want to serve the membership. Then you need to get your committee proposal on the GM agenda.

LWG: Was there a lot of debate at the GM?

J.O.: Not necessarily. We presented our proposal and made it very clear that this was a squad that would be providing information about products that are already in the Coop, as it relates to animal welfare. There were a lot of questions about what the range would be. For instance, with pet food, you're sort of once removed because we buy that from a distributor. But it's still meat, so how do we oversee that type of thing or research that type of thing? There were some questions in terms of general animal stuff: people really wanted us to host adoption events or do things like that that were out of the range of what we were initially thinking of. We took those

under consideration and documented them. Some other people there were concerned about why we weren't starting a labor committee, why would we have an animal-welfare committee first, and we just made it clear that that's where our backgrounds were. That was the original presentation.

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Then we were responsible for refining our position statement and getting on the agenda again for a vote. It took us almost six months, because they wanted to make sure there would be enough time for any questions and for a vote to be called and counted, so we got bumped a few times because there were other things on the docket before us. All told, that entire process took probably over a year, maybe more.

LWG: That's a long time for something that doesn't count as shift work.

J.O.: I put in a lot of time on the front end just because I felt like it was something that would serve the membership and it was one of those things that, as a member, I want-

ed. When I joined the Coop I realized I was definitely greenwashing myself as I was shopping. I'd been vegetarian or vegan since I was 16 and 21 and I'm 40 now, but I'd be picking up stuff and thinking, oh that's not tested on animals, the Coop sells it and we have that in our position statement. But we do sell some things that are tested on animals.

LWG: Can you explain the term "greenwashing"?

J.O.: It means that the marketing is claiming that it's sustainable or eco-friendly, but it's not necessarily. They say that about, like, the Clorox with the green label. Knowing that that was my experience, we thought that that would be a good committee to add, and the General Coordinators seemed to be really interested, because the buyers research the things the best that they can, but they don't have a way to communicate that to the members.

LWG: Have you learned anything surprising from your research?

J.O.: There are quite a few things that I hadn't considered or hadn't thought about in a long time. I knew that for eggs, for laying eggs they only need the hen, so what they end up doing with the male chicks—and this is in our egg guide—they sex them at birth and pull the male chicks out and the male chicks are killed.

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- An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (titles and subjects for earlier years are being added).

Many of the Gazette issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website. (Copies of these and additional issues are also available at Brooklyn's Central Library, located at Flatbush Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. on Grand Army Plaza.)

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We were trying to figure out how to describe the method of killing; that's one of the things we try to do, not to be macabre, but because some are considered a little more humane than others. But I don't think I remembered how completely brutal it was for chicks. I think Unilever is putting some funding toward being able to sex them while they're in the eggs. It's far off. It's not there yet, but it's one of those things that you run into when you start thinking about all the moving pieces for these animals that are involved in food products.

LWG: What are you guys working on next in the committee?

J.O.: We have currently a few guides out: we have an overview of animal testing, at the end of aisle five; we currently have a dairy guide, which is right next to the butter; and we have the egg guide. We also have a plant-milk guide. We're working on a chicken guide, and then next come beef and pork, and then after that we'll be in the process of keeping our guides updated. We're trying to do that on a quarterly basis.

We also have an eating vegan workshop that's coming up on March 31. People had initially told

us that they were interested in trying more plant-based meals but they weren't sure what was available at the Coop and what people liked. We figure we'll do that twice a year. We'll also do one in the future where we'll go through all the guides that we have, to give people a chance to sit down with them and ask questions.

LWG: Is encouraging people to eat vegetarian or vegan part of the mission of the committee?

J.O.: Honestly, most of the members are either vegetarian or vegan. We're hoping to promote larger diet diversity within the committee. We don't initiate one way or the other, but we do realize that if people are eating less animal that does cut down on the opportunities for mistreatment of animals, so we want to be able to support and encourage people if that's something they're interested in. That specifically came from a request from members. If members are interested in anything about animal welfare and the products that we carry, we're always willing to entertain suggestions. ■

More information about the Animal Welfare Committee is available at: www.psfcanimals.blogspot.com.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

Five of the six members of the Animal Welfare Committee, whose goal is to educate Coop members about how products sold at the Coop affect animals. Rear (left-right): Megan Sullivan, Deborah Diamant, Tamar Huberman; front (left-right): Jesse Oldham, Piper Hoffman.

Woven Words

Sometimes you can take two words, and "weave" them together by alternately combining letters to create a third word. For example, weaving SUNS and ORES yields SOURNESS:

$SUNS + ORES \Rightarrow S_0U_RN_E S_G \Rightarrow SOURNESS$

For each line below, weave two of the words from the list at the bottom to create a word that fits the clue and write it in the answer grid. The final answer will use the same letters circled from the previous answers.

CLUES

- Buddies
- Conspire
- Talkative birds
- Proven statements
- Rotten
- Expanded
- Weighing more
- Taught
- Noble title
- Feline attribute

ANSWERS

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WORDS TO WEAVE
 ALOE ART BLOND CLUE COLD CUTS EVE FINS FRIES HAIR
 HOES OLD ONES PIE PROS RED SHOE SOLD TERM URNS

Puzzle author: Lars Roe. For answers, see page 13.

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!
Blog: www.psfcanimals.blogspot.com
Twitter: @psfcanimals

Current Guides:
 Eggs (next to egg case)
 Milk (next to milk case)
 Animal Testing
 (aisle 5, closest to the back of the aisle)

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 through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

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

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

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

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

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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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Friday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.

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



PROSPECT CONCERTS



This! along with the rest of The Gregory Brothers.

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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

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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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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, MARCH 31**

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, APRIL 7

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the April 28 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

Apr. 2 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, March 23
Apr. 16 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, April 6

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Apr. 2 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, March 25
Apr. 16 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, April 8

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, March 31, 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.

• Squads eligible for credit:

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:

After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

• 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

mar 20
fri 7 pm

Film Night: 1964



1964 was the year the Beatles came to America, Cassius Clay became Muhammad Ali, and three civil rights workers were murdered in Mississippi. It was the year when Berkeley students rose up in protest, African Americans fought back against injustice in Harlem, and Barry Goldwater's conservative revolution took over the

Republican Party. In myriad ways, 1964 was the year when Americans faced choices: between the liberalism of Lyndon Johnson or Barry Goldwater's grassroots conservatism, between support or opposition to the civil rights movement, between an embrace of the emerging counterculture or a defense of traditional values. Editor and Coop member **Amy Foote** will be in attendance for a Q&A after the screening. Foote is a freelance editor based in Brooklyn. Her editing credits include *Mavis!* (premiering at SXSW in March 2015), HBO's *A Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt*; the Emmy-nominated, HBO documentary film *Finishing Heaven*; *The Least of These: Family Detention In America* (SXSW/Snag Films); and PBS Independent Lens' *For Once In My Life*, which won the Audience Award at SXSW, Sarasota, Nashville, and Port Townsend.

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

mar 20
fri 8 pm

Flying Home and Swing Dancing



Flying Home presents a tribute to Benny Goodman and Gene Krupa with an expanded ensemble for a special night of swing dancing! Performing swing hits of the '30s,

'40s, and '50s, Flying Home carries on the hot style and "light on their feet" approach to swing music made famous by the Goodman and Krupa Ensembles. Covering popular classics and lost gems of the early days of jazz, Flying Home explores the repertoire that made these two swing greats a musical force for more than 40 years. If you love swing, and love to dance, you won't want to miss it! There will also be free dance lessons with professional dance instructor Arturo Perez, who will be partnered by Carolynn Murphy.

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



mar 27
fri 7 pm

Cheese Class

We invite Coop members to learn more about the wonderful cheeses the Coop has to offer. **Amy Sisti-Baum** has made cheese everywhere from upstate New York to Tuscany, has been a fromager in NY's finest restaurants, has taught cheese appreciation classes worldwide and is now proud to represent Grafton Village Cheese Co., best known for their outstanding cheddars made by hand in Vermont. This workshop is brought to you by Coop member **Aaron Kirtz**, who has worked in the cheese industry since 2003, and sells cheese to the Coop via Forever Cheese. Aaron actually got his job through the Coop, where as a Food Processor he met many cheeses and then members of Forever Cheese, who hired him for a sales position.

mar 31
tue 7 pm

PSFC MAR 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: Presentation of Candidates for the Board of Directors Election (20 minutes)

Discussion: "Presentation by candidates for the Board of Directors followed by questions for the candidates." —mandated by the General Meeting

Item 2: Annual Disciplinary Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: Three current Disciplinary Committee members will stand for re-election. The Disciplinary Committee goes through an extensive interviewing process. There are no nominations from the floor.

—submitted by the Disciplinary Committee

Item 3: Proposed Bylaws Amendment to comply with changes to NYS law and to eliminate the current conflict between the Coop's Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation (20 minutes)

Proposal: To amend Article I of the Park Slope Food Coop Inc. as follows:

—submitted by General Coordinators

Current Bylaws Article I	Proposed Amended Bylaws Article I
Type of Cooperative	Type of Cooperative
The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall be a non-stock membership cooperative as defined in Article I section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law. The Not-For-Profit Corporation Law shall apply to the Park Slope Food Coop as described in Article I section 5 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law.	The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. is incorporated under the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law as a general non-stock cooperative corporation. Article I section 3 paragraph (d) of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law states "A cooperative corporation shall be classed as a non-profit corporation, since its primary object is not to make profits for itself as such, or to pay dividends on invested capital, but to provide service and means whereby its members may have the economic advantage of cooperative action...."

Item 4: Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas Project (20 minutes)

Discussion: Proposal for the Coop to get involved in the current movement against Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas Project, including writing to Governor Cuomo.

—submitted by Jessica Roff

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.

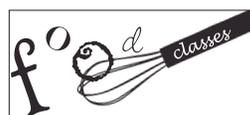
mar 31
tue 7:30 pm

Eating Vegan Workshop

Are you curious about a vegan diet? Wonder what the difference is between seitan and tempeh? If you have been thinking about going vegan, or just about working more fruits and vegetables into your meals, come to the Animal Welfare Committee's workshop. Piper Hoffman is a member of the Animal Welfare Committee.

apr 2
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Indian Flavors



This introduction to Indian flavors and techniques will include a discussion on the health-supportive properties of Indian cuisine. Inspired by friends who appreciated her cooking, **Chef Mukti Banerjee** started her business, Mukti's Kitchen, in order to share her knowledge and passion for Indian cooking. Her popular classes have been featured in *Edible*

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

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops. Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

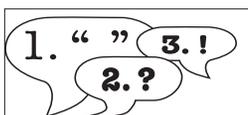
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Brooklyn. A native of Bengali, India, she learned her craft from her extended family including her mother, grandmother and aunts. Her focus is on the health-supportive properties of Indian spices such as fennel, cumin, ginger and saffron, to name a few. She will de-mystify the many seasonings used in Indian cuisine. She will provide information about the foundation of balancing flavors in her plant-based recipes. *Menu includes: chan dahl; mixed vegetable curry; vegetable pulao.* **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 March 19.**

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

apr 7
tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for future General Meetings. 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, April 28, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

apr 10
fri 7 pm

Wordsprouts: New Poetry by Three Young Poets



Suzanne Wise is the author of the chapbook *Talking Cure* (Red Glass Books) and the poetry collection *The Kingdom of the Subjunctive* (Alice James Books). Her poetry has also recently appeared in *The Awl*, *Bone Bouquet*, *Bomb Magazine*, *Five Quarterly*, *Ploughshares*,

and *Quaint*. **Abigail Welhouse** is the author of *Bad Baby* (dancing girl press, 2015). Her writing has appeared in *The Toast*, *The Morning News*, *The Rumpus*, and *Lyre Lyre*. She holds an MFA from the City College of New York, and sends Secret Poems at tinyletter.com/welhouse. **Pat Smith** was incarnated from hope, joy and confusion in France and raised beneath smokestacks in Ohio. His MFA is from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and his play *Driving Around the House*, produced around the U.S., is published by New Rivers Press. His poetry website is Not in the News Today.com. Pat has always had very vivid dreams and believes it means something, though it doesn't seem to pay very much. He works as a union benefits advisor and lives in Brooklyn.

Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

apr 11
sat 7–10 pm

What Feeds Love?



What feeds love? Do you know? Will you tell us? Is it food? Mood? Wine? Music? Let's explore... each other, at the Old Stone House, 336 Third St., in Park Slope. What is your most potent aphrodisiac (food or drink)? Bring it, bring the potion, we'll create the mood: romantic setting, live music to listen and waltz to featuring the

Rosinettes String Quartet. Shall we dance? A fireplace. Let's talk intimately. Let's make love—grow... What to bring to the party: you—dressed flirtatiously; food—lovingly prepared to excite the senses (this is a potluck event); drink—wine, beer, spirits to loosen...whatever. 21 and older please. Please RSVP to psfc.funsters@gmail.com and tell us your gender and what you will bring. There is space for only

50. First come... This is a singles event but couples may also attend. Brought to you by the PSFC's very own FUN Committee.

Event takes place at the Old Stone House, 336 Third St., Park Slope.

apr 11-12
sat-sun 9 am–7 pm

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street, is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of nonperishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider contributing nonperishable foods and commercially packaged foods; canned fish; canned fruits and vegetables; pasta sauce; pasta; pre-packaged rice; pre-packaged beans; canned beans; canned soups; Parmalat milk; dry milk; peanut butter; cooking oil; or boxed raisins. Give donations to the collection table outside the Coop.

apr 14
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: The Future of Food



The Future of Food has been a key tool in the American and international anti-GMO grassroots activist movements and played widely in the environmental and activist circuits since its release in 2004. Applauded by technology writers, food policy experts and environmental

activists, the film has been shown around the world. Genetic engineering of food crops is as controversial today as ever, as many of the large agro corporations that use this technology position themselves as the answer to the world food crisis and further consolidate the seed supply. *The Future of Food* will be co-presented with Food and Water Watch.

apr 17
fri 8 pm

Andrew Rose Gregory, Bev Grant



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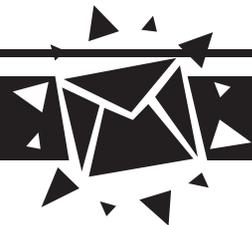
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apr 28 PSFC APRIL General Meeting

may 1 Film Night

may 3 Cohousing



A PLASTIC-BAG COMPROMISE

TO THE EDITOR,

Two proposals involving the use of plastic bags came before the February General Meeting: the first proposed that the Coop use a company called TerraCycle to recycle plastic the City does not accept—small plastic bags and wrappers, for example. The second was to once again consider banning plastic roll bags in the Coop. By a show of hands, there was near unanimous enthusiasm for the TerraCycle proposal, even with its fees of several hundred dollars a month. The second proposal, to ban roll bags, revived the old contentious debate, with one member noting appositely that a “ban,” while emotionally appealing, doesn’t really offer any practical solutions. Why not link these two proposals and re-present them as one: a small charge for roll bags, which would pay, like a carbon tax, for the TerraCycle program?

Ed Levy

QUESTION: WHEN DOES BICYCLE PARKING SEASON START AT PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP?

DEAR MEMBERS,

As of today, Monday 3/9/2015, approximately six bicycle racks were still obstructed by snow and ice (since at least 1/27/2015), with about 16 bicycles currently parked to them when I shopped this morning.

But by about, 2/26/2015, the pile of snow I had moved off

the bicycle racks on 2/17/2015, as part of my office shift, was moved away from the entrance of the Park Slope Food Coop, but no additional snow was removed from any of the bike racks, in fact MORE snow was thrown on the front bike racks around 3/5/2015, after our last snow storm.

Can anyone tell me if it is bike-parking season at the Park Slope Food Coop yet?

Stephen Arthur

A RATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO EXAMINING GMOS MEMBERS,

Responding to the February 5, 2015 letter in the *Gazette*, the Plow-to-Plate team claims to refute assertions that their films’ subject matter promotes “knee-jerk hysteria and non-critical thinking about GMOs,” but their very own actions and words suggest the opposite, scheduling a film for their next showing with the frightening title *Seeds of Death*. In the *Calendar of Events*, the team uses such hyperbolic language as “expose a fabric of lies ... threatening ... the safety and life of every species,” and “[reliance] upon GMOs will devastate the planet.”

The “Safe Food Committee Report,” in the March 5, 2015, *Gazette*, not only continues the use of such loaded language, but is also filled with factual errors.

It states that “Newer scientific studies have shown GMOs to be harmful to laboratory rats.” This paper has been

retracted by the journal “Food and Chemical Toxicology.” The study has been criticized by various regulatory authorities and scientists, with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) finding that “the study...is of insufficient scientific quality for safety assessments.” The issues with study are many, and too subtle and complex to be adequately summed up in a letter to the editor. See www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Séralini_affair for further details.

This raises concerns that the committee is either not competent to monitor the lat-

est reports on GMOs studies, or even worse, doesn’t care about the facts and is only promoting propaganda.

The report also claims that “GMOs are changing our genes.” This is nonsense. Like proteins to amino acids, DNA is broken down in the digestive tract into its smallest components, and a Noble prize in medicine awaits the discoverer of a mechanism that can move large molecules, like gene-length DNA fragments, into the bloodstream.

The report then conflates issues with DNA patents with

“crossing genes of one species with another.” No genes are ‘crossed’ in the creation of GMOs.

Does the *Gazette* not fact-check its articles?

The use and safety of GMOs, as well as emerging gene editing technologies like CRISPR/Cas, which may be capable of altering the genomes of entire populations, should be examined in a rational and scientific basis, not by using inflammatory language and reporting factual errors.

In cooperation,
Bruce Lokeinsky

BDS/MIDDLE EAST

BDS IS A CALL FOR CHANGE

MEMBERS:

The BDS initiative at the PSFC is a call for change to protect Palestinians from Israel’s policies for land expansion in Israel, East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. My letters to the editor are part of that initiative for the Coop to join the 21st century global movement to pressure Israel to change those policies, to bring its treatment of Palestinians in line with international norms.

Can it be surmised that the 132 members who want to “STOP BDS IN THE COOP,” (*Gazette*, 3/5), support Israel’s territorial expansion that threatens, at an accelerated pace, the lives of all Palestinians, their land and property, their education, their children...

An article, March 2015, In These Times, called “The Kids Aren’t All Right” by Beth Maschinot describes a recent public event in Chicago with Gerard Horton and Salwa Duaibis, co-founders of Military Court Watch (MCW). The event helped to kick off the No Way to Treat a Child Campaign sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace, the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends of Sabeel, and other U.S. groups working for Palestinian self-determination. Military

Court Watch is a group that monitors Israel’s detention of Palestinian children. MCW advocates for the rights of children caught up in the Israeli military detention system. Horton says human rights tend to go out the window after six months of any military occupation. This occupation has lasted 47 years, so Israel has had time to perfect it and it is described in the article.

In the same issue, three academics debate “Do Academic Boycotts Work.” Noam Chomsky, (a professor emeritus of linguistics at MIT, political commentator, social justice activist), commented: tactics such as boycotting products from the Occupied Palestinian Territories like SodaStream, help people understand what the issues are in the West Bank. The PSFC Mission Statement can accommodate that tactic: “We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others.” Hopefully, in 2015, the Coop members will vote to support the boycott of SodaStream.

You can read more at www.imemc.org (International Middle East Media Center).

Also noteworthy: www.imeu.net (Institute for Middle East Understanding).

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

LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop or on disk.

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the *Gazette* knows the identity of the writer, and therefore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would impose an unfair burden of embarrassment or difficulty. Such letters must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-cooperative language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, 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.

ADDITIONAL NEW POLICIES ON LETTERS AND MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

In the interest of promoting civil discourse and upholding the main purpose of letter and member submissions to the *Linewaiters’ Gazette*, the Editorial Board of the *Gazette* has created additional policies for “Letters to the Editor” and member submissions:

Letters and member submissions cannot contain gratuitous personalization—that is, needlessly identifying a Coop member and directing the substance of the letter/article to him or her, as in a polemical debate. Letters and articles should deal mainly with ideas and not persons. Letter/article writers will be asked to reword their submissions in accordance with this guideline.

Letters and member submissions must be mainly (that is 75% or more) original writing, and the opinion of the writer. Submissions that are essentially cut-and-paste, pass-along writing from other publications will be rejected, and the writer asked to re-submit with original writing.

Punctuation and Formatting Disclaimer:

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—The Editors, *Linewaiters’ Gazette*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

RECEIVING PRODUCE
Monday-Friday,
5 to 7:30 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2–20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs.



OFFICE SET-UP
Monday, Thursday,
6 to 8:30 a.m.

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

STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING
Monday, Wednesday,
6 to 8 a.m.

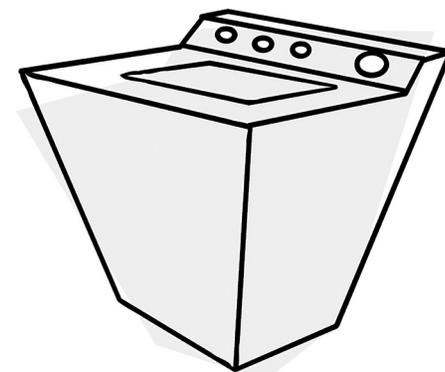
The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the checkout station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.



ENTRANCE DESK
Wednesday, Friday,
5:45 to 8 a.m.

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the Entrance desk in hours of the weekday before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, able to clearly convey information

about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. are not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only Entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.



LAUNDRY AND TOY CLEANING

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

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



BATHROOM CLEANING
Friday, 12 to 2 p.m.

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

GENERAL MEETING SET-UP

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

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.

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 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?

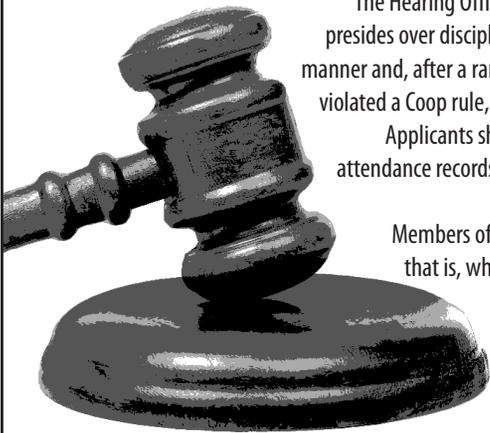
- Use the scannable Fund for New Coops donation cards available on the shopping floor
- Donate directly from the Coop's website, foodcoop.com. Follow the link for the Fund for New Coops and select the DONATE button
- Mail a check—made out to the Fund for New Food Coops—to:
FJC, 520 Eighth Ave., 20th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

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

Woven Words Solution

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HEARING OFFICER COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS



The Hearing Officer Committee is seeking two new members. The committee conducts and presides over disciplinary hearings, ensures that hearings proceed in an efficient and unbiased manner and, after a randomly selected Deciding Group has decided whether an accused member violated a Coop rule, determines what disciplinary action should be taken against the member. Applicants should be Coop members in good standing for at least two years, have good attendance records and preferably have judicial, arbitration, mediation or legal backgrounds.

Members of the committee meet and earn workslot credit on an as-needed basis only, that is, when hearings are required. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop workslots in good standing or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of the committee's work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

The committee seeks an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large. Those interested, please telephone **Marian Hertz** of the **Hearing Officer Committee** @ 212-440-2743 or e-mail at **Marian.Hertz@cna.com**.

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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CLASSIFIEDS

BED & BREAKFAST

HOUSE ON 3RD ST. B+B. Parlor floor thru apt. Sleeps 4. Wi-fi, kitchenette, deck, 12' ceilings, private bath. Visit our website, houseon3st.com, or call us, 718-788-7171. Enjoy modern comfort in true Park Slope style. Grandparents are our specialty!

Large sunny room with en suite bath, in home with old-fashioned charm and modern amenities. near Q, B, 3 trains. Call Margaret at 718-622-2897.

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 resi-

dent; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at www.tguccionelaw.com.

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.

NEED AN ELECTRICIAN Call Art Cabrera of Horizon, Est. 1983, original Coop member #225 and electrician. Residential specialist. Rewiring, new circuitry. Add a switch or rewire your whole home. Troubleshooting specialist, fans, low voltage, bells and rewiring light fixtures. Call 718-965-0327 or call 646-239-5197.

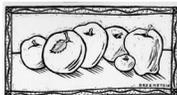
MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the food coop, so if you would like

a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.

HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS. Color high lights, low lights, hot oil treatments in the convenience of your home or mine. Adults \$35.00-\$40.00. Kids \$20.00-\$25.00. Call Leonora 718-857-2215.

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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.

FRI, MAR 27

4-5p.m. Free Story Time at the Brainy Academy of Park Slope located a few doors down from the coop. We host a free story time for children ages 1-6 every Friday. Open to everyone! Raising little book worms, one book at the time!

SAT, MAR 28

8 p.m. Brooklyn Women's Chorus At The Community Church of NY

Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35 St. For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation \$18, member \$10.

SUN, MAR 29

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players present: Susan Rotholz, flute; Eliot Bailen, cello; Margaret Kampmeier, piano at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library. 10 Grand Army Plaza BKLYN. Admission free.

TUE, APR 28

12 p.m. Label GMOs Now! Rally and Lobby Day in Albany. Speak out in support of legislation to label genetically engineered (GMO) foods in New York. Buses will be available from Manhattan. For more information, contact Eric Weltman with Food & Water Watch: eweltman@fwwatch.org.



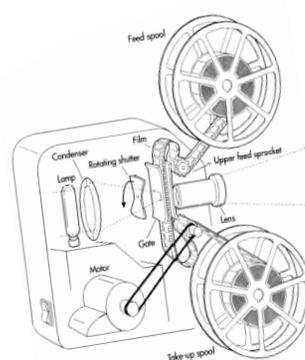
BROOKLYN FREE SCHOOL

is now accepting applications. Please register for enrollment tours through our site, brooklynfreeschool.org



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.

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Monique Bowen



With the support of the General Coordinators, I write to ask for your continued endorsement of my candidacy to the PSFC's Board of Directors. I have been pleased to serve the membership for the last three years, and I hope to continue to bring my extensive knowledge of the Coop, my expertise in close collaborations with individuals, families and groups, and my skills as a trained listen-

er and observer to good effect in this position. In addition to my current term on the Board, I have had many jobs at the Coop, including cashier, office worker, childcare worker, attendance recorder, and as a member of the Hearing Officers Committee.

My family have been Coop members since 2003, and our relationship to the Coop and its mission remains an important aspect of our lives in Brooklyn. In my life outside of the Coop, I have worked for more than twenty years at nonprofit and educational institutions in New York City and Connecticut. In more recent years, I earned post-graduate degrees in psychology, and have a great deal of experience working one on one and in groups to solve problems, to mediate conflicts, and to counsel others as they make important life and professional decisions. I take a calm, thoughtful, common-sense approach to most things, and I make an

effort to collaborate with others whenever possible. I continue to believe that I am well-suited to serve on the Board of Directors as I endeavor to 1) Be a reasonable person who listens well, 2) Be able to acknowledge the will of the membership without first prefacing my own opinions and perspectives, and 3) Be clear about the role of a Director at the Coop as voting to approve what the membership has decided, as opposed to what my own wishes might be. Moreover, I also understand that Board members must be able to discern when the advice of the membership on a particular issue might endanger the fiscal health or legal situation of the cooperative.

Thank you for taking the time to read my and other candidate statement(s), and I look forward to your ongoing support and your continued interest in the mission and business of the Coop. ■

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Thank you for your consideration. ■

Eunju Lee



I have been a member of the Park Slope Food Coop for 20 years and a member of the Coop's Board of Directors for the past three. Initially joining as an FTOP worker, I worked shifts in a variety of settings: shopping, receiving, childcare and the office. In 2000, I joined the staff of the

Coop as a Membership Coordinator. I worked in this position for seven years and when I resigned to work full-time as a hospice social worker, I joined the attendance and compost squads.

Three years ago, I came before you, the membership, to request your support for my candidacy as a Board

member. I thank you for that support and having granted me the opportunity to serve on our Coop's Board of Directors. Coming to the end of my term, I come before you again to request your support for a second term.

When I asked for your support three years ago, I articulated my desire to function as a conduit of diverse membership voices, to thoughtfully weigh differences, seeking cooperation and respectful dissent. I viewed my role as aiding in the articulation of circumspect and reasoned positions that ensure the Coop's sustainability in a manner that is consistent with its founding values. My first term as a Board member has provided me with ample opportunity to do just this and I have learned a few valuable things along the way.

First, I have learned the importance of an engaged and vocal membership in ensuring the continued vitality of the Coop. It seems trite, but whenever I am sitting in a general meeting, I am reminded of the old Dr. Seuss saying, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." And the Coop is filled with people who care an awful lot about creating a

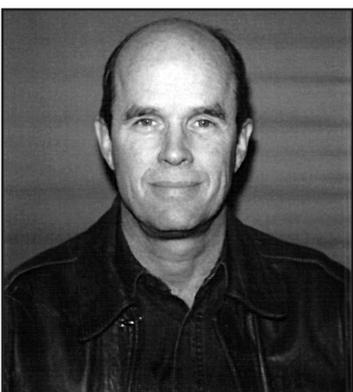
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Christopher McQuale



Shortly after my arrival here I spoke with a woman who told me that she had moved to Park Slope just to join the Coop, having fled from somewhere below the Mason-Dixon Line, which, I understand is the southern boundary for Coop membership, the Poconos

to the west, Montauk to the east, and to the north the rapidly receding glacier we can be thankful for leaving behind most of Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. And I was grateful to her because that has become the reason I now tell my friends why I moved here, even though I didn't know it at the time. But the day I walked in amongst you all to sign up for orientation, I felt like I had died and gone to heaven, or perhaps Valhalla would be more appropriate for the pagans and veteran heroes of times long forgotten.

So, what I bring to the Coop, whether I am elected to the Board or not, is fresh enthusiasm; and unfortunately not the longevity that most candidates have boasted in previous archival copies of this curious publication. Mine is a different but no less significant story of dedication, sacrifice, and renewal.

My interest in being considered for the Board of Directors is service oriented. Though new to PSFC,

I am not new to food coops, having been a member of the Huntington Food Coop in 1971, where I also helped establish an organic community garden, and the Queens Food Coop in 1973.

Truly, I have enjoyed and found board work for non-profits to be very rewarding. But that has been less from personal ambition and more because others I have worked with found the talents and skills I possess, coupled with the willingness to build consensus within a diverse community of independently minded individuals, and a sense of humor, all applicable to their common cause. It is up to you to decide whether the qualities presented below will be applicable and appreciated by the membership; one for all, and all for one.

I was the chairperson for the Board of Directors for the Charlottesville Waldorf School (CWS) for five years, while my sons were in attendance. It was at CWS that I learned the importance and challenges of consensus governance, a truly life-changing awareness. A chairperson under such circumstances is more of a facilitator than a decision maker: railroading simply slows things down. I also realized the importance of electing board members wisely, for their combined vision (non-pedagogical) and objectivity. Our responsibilities were for financial and legal matters, and during my tenure the school experienced their longest period of balanced budgets.

Since consulting firms and government tend to be hierarchical, management-wise, the benefits to the Coop from my 29 years as a professional environmental engineer (specializing in water resources), would tend to be more from budgetary planning, scheduling, and general technical expertise. In particular, this experi-

ence has included program and project management responsibilities that involve preparing technical scopes of work, cost estimates, schedules, and budgets for multimillion-dollar contracts providing a wide range of professional services to Federal and state governments and industries; negotiating contracts; developing work plans for multi-year projects and obtaining approvals from numerous regulatory agencies; coordinating with community organizations and other stakeholders; overseeing work, subcontractors, preparing status reports; and ensuring all work is completed on time. This type of work often resulted in my serving as an expert witness for the USDOJ, USDOT, and the DC Office of the Attorney General on technical/legal matters, and required a combination of technical and creative writing skills with public speaking thrown in for good measure.

On a more personal level, I have been an organic gardener and beekeeper since 1973. My mother and I ran a modest registered dairy goat operation and were founding members of the Long Island Dairy Goat Association, surreptitiously selling raw goat's milk to lactose-intolerant individuals, their children, and kindred health nuts. Before returning to college in the 80s to obtain a degree in environmental engineering and resource management from the University of Pennsylvania, I was a facility manager, composter, planter, salad chef, and janitor at a holistic nutritional facility, Hippocrates Health Institute, in Boston; an organic citrus farmer in south Florida; and helped raise my sons on a ten-acre homestead with dairy goats, chickens, an orchard, peafowl, in rural Virginia.

It would be an honor to serve our illustrious community. ■

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Susan Metz



An active Coop member since 1980, being involved in community is part of my identity. Raised in the Bronx, the only child of Jewish leftists, I worked with Bayard Rustin in the Youth Marches for Integrated Schools during the late 50s

and have continued participating in local initiatives for Peace, Racial Justice, Environmental Sustainability and in support of candidates for public office who present proposals for a more humane society. Without building a base, contesting state power can't bring the prosperity and liberty that we need and want. The Coop provides part of that base, outside of corporate hierarchical control. We are a community that is self-organized and independent, created to meet the needs of the members, where decisions can be made democratically. Defending that base and helping to build on it is why I am running for the Board.

I was a public high school English teacher for 27 years, prepared with an MA in Social Foundations of Education and (most of) an MFA in writing Poetry. Eight years before I retired in 1996 I founded the Human Services Academy at Prospect Heights High School. I was elected as UFT

(United Federation of Teachers) Chapter leader for eight years there. My main interest has always been in how we make decisions in groups and how we can engage each of our talents in that process.

My letters can be found in the archives of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. I am always calling for greater participation. I practice collective creation in Playback Theatre—an improvisational performance form based on enacting personal stories of members of the audience. Playback helped keep my imagination and my sense of humor fresh while institutionalized in the public school system, and also to keep me balanced during the struggles with powerful adversaries, as well as with allies convinced that answers are in ideology, rather than in the value of caring for each other and thinking about how we can improve our common condition.

I have been doing research on the community cultural centers in Cuba for 15 years while learning Spanish. As that project drew to a close, I took urban agriculture classes at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Growing my own salad is a joy. My worms are another pet.

My accomplishments at the Coop include, as part of a team of comrades, the creation of the Trade Education Squad which can make obvious the links between international trade and the causes we defend—food safety, sovereignty and security, animal rights and environmental sustainability, particularly the urgent need to slow and stop further climate change. (Please contact congress today and ask them to vote NO on Fast

Track). I initiated the campaign to remove bottled water. I helped write the Mission Statement. And it was the Tuesday, B4 shopping squad while I was squad leader (for 18 years) that first offered workslot credit for one of us to go to a GM. We used to send a squad member with the expectation that s/he would report back to our monthly squad meeting so we could follow what was going on in other parts of the organization.

After retiring from teaching, I did food processing on FTOP. When I began travelling, I served as loaned labor at the East New York Food Coop.

I understand that discussion will include disagreement. Controversy can be the basis of greater understanding and personal growth. I am still refining my skills at presenting my positions with passion and with an agnostic's sense that what will be will be. I believe in the collective action of workers in union. I believe that we can use our power as consumers in organized boycotts when we decide together to use that economic strength to influence policy. Above all, a transparent process and an open, honest and respectful debate are essential.

I will come to GMs, listen attentively and hold the continuity from one meeting to another. I am accessible, and look forward to conversation as we continue to share our work, build our culture and enrich our lives. I want to join the Board because my experience and my interest and my commitment to our Coop as part of the foundation for a just and productive society makes this the most meaningful thing I can do with this part of my life. ■

The Agenda Committee is urgently seeking new members!
Join the Committee and help set the monthly General Meeting agenda.

Requirements:

- ◆ Attend monthly Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Attend at least five General Meetings per year
- ◆ Have a cooperative spirit and willingness to work in a collaborative committee environment
- ◆ Be interested in the ongoing business of the Coop
- ◆ Have a good attendance record

If interested, contact Ann Herpel at 718-622-0560 or ann_herpel@psfc.coop.

The Committee will interview applicants before submitting candidates to the GM for election. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

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The Coop is looking for a member who is a lighting designer or an architect with lighting experience to work with the Energy Efficiency Committee to help improve the quality and energy efficiency of the lighting in the Coop.

If interested, or if you know someone who's interested, please contact the committee by going to the Contact Us page on [foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) — <http://www.foodcoop.com/?page=contact> — and select "Workslot Needs" from the "Person to Contact" dropdown menu.

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