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'Uncooperative Behavior' At the April General Meeting

By Lily Rothman

Open Forum a Preview of What Was to Come

It was not a surprise that a planned discussion of boycotting SodaStream products led to a contentious General Meeting in April, but few Coop members might have expected the degree of animosity displayed that night. The agenda item in question was a discussion point—not a proposal up for a vote—submitted by members Thomas Cox and Heather Tenzler, on behalf of a group that would urge the Coop to boycott the at-home soda-making products due to their being manufactured in the West Bank.

A Motion Raised Not to Discuss the SodaStream Agenda Item

Clues of what was to come emerged early in the evening, as the packed auditorium clearly included those who had come to support one side or the other in that debate. During the open forum portion of the night, a member attempted to make the point that the agenda item about SodaStream was moot; the point was ruled out of order

by the Chair and not appropriate for the open forum. During a committee presentation from the revolving loan committee, which involved the drawing of winners in a raffle meant to raise money for the Fund for New Food Coops, the fact that one of the prizes was a SodaStream machine raised

had come to the meeting to discuss the point deserved the time to do so.

When the group supporting the boycott finally got up to speak, only a few minutes went by before the GM was derailed. The group of presenters, who identified themselves as a diverse group of human rights activists, including Jewish and non-Jewish members alike,

had come prepared with a slideshow presentation of information about their arguments. When an uncaptioned slide depicting what appeared to be Israeli soldiers interacting with a Palestinian person was shown, members opposed to the boycott idea erupted with calls that the photo was an "unacceptable" piece of "propaganda" not relevant to the discussion.

General Meeting Disrupted

Soon, commotion on both sides had taken over the meeting, amid calls to take down the photo. Those opposed to the boycott discussion accused the presenting group of spreading lies. Those on the other side began a chant of "I want to

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Claudia Joseph in Annie's Garden and the Garden of Union, two community-operated public gardens on Union St. between Fourth and Fifth Avenues.

Garden of Union Blooms— And Seeks New Members— Near the Coop

By Jaweed Kaleem

On the site of a burned-down bakery just a few blocks from the Park Slope Food Coop on Union Street near Fourth Avenue, two lively urban organic gardens are bursting with colorful perennials after a frosty winter. There are carrots, beets, radish, spinach, pears and broccoli growing, too; a winding grape trellis over park benches; and picnic tables for lunch in a leafy, sun-dappled oasis

tucked into two plots nestled between brownstones, away from the bustling spring streets of Park Slope.

Truly a Neighborhood Plot

This is Annie's Garden and the Garden of Union, two community gardens—operated under one name as the Garden of Union—whose membership includes many Coop members, as well as other green-thumbed New

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Next General Meeting on May 26

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The May General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26, 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.

Coop Event Highlights

Thu, Jun 4 • Food Class:
Food Pharmacy and Tsubo Massage 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Jun 5 • Film Night: *American Fabulous* 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Jun 9 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Salmon Confidential 7:00 p.m.

Sat-Sun, • Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen
Jun 13-14 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

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

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know” and, later, “Make the presentation.” Several members who wanted the inciting photograph removed climbed on to the auditorium stage to block the projection; another member attempted to forcibly unplug the projector. Though some of the pro-boycott presenters seemed inclined to continue to speak without the slideshow, others wanted the right to give their presentation as planned.

As more and more members flooded to the front of the auditorium, either to attempt to help get the meeting back on track or to join one of the opposing sides, a voice could be heard: “This is starting to become emotionally violent.”

Repeatedly, members of the Coop’s Board stepped to the microphone to entreat meeting attendees to calm down and remind those disrupting the presentation that they were out of order. Board President Bill Penner briefly got the crowd to settle down while he spoke. “This issue has been peripherally discussed at the Coop for years. We need to be able to move through this,” he said. “The Coop needs to be able to deal with issues of difference between its members.” However, when he asked those present to allow the pro-boycott group to just move through their presentation, the response was immediate: “Not gonna happen,” yelled one of the anti-boycott members.

General Coordinator Joe Holtz also attempted to calm the crowd. “Democracy is a hard thing,” he said, wryly.

Another attempt to get the presentation started, after Holtz spoke, lasted mere seconds before the opposing

members were back on stage blocking the projection again, and at least one member called out from the audience that the pro-boycott group was anti-Semitic.

By the time the presentation was finally allowed to proceed—after reminders from Board members that the behavior on display was uncooperative, and furthermore that a threat against another member was grounds for losing one’s membership—much of the time allotted for the agenda item had already passed. However, the group was able to make its points. SodaStream, they argued, is benefitting from an oppressive regime and from high unemployment and lax labor regulations in West Bank settlements. Though SodaStream says it is moving its factory out of the West Bank, the anti-SodaStream presenters said that labor-rights violations will continue, and the new factory will displace Bedouin communities in the new location in Israel. The PSFC mission statement says that the Coop will avoid products that rely on exploitation and the Coop has a history of backing that up with boycotts of products like Coca-Cola. A SodaStream boycott, they said, would fit in with that history.

Following the presentation, Joe Holtz read aloud a letter he received from SodaStream in response to queries about the moving of the factory; the

company confirmed that the factory was moving. About a dozen members were then able to speak for and against the idea of the boycott: A member who is from Israel said that he felt that he was unfairly forced to defend his country every time he went to the Coop. Another member said that the divisiveness displayed at the meeting was an argument for the boycott. Another spoke for the environmental benefits of SodaStream. Another said that, though she grew up in Israel, she felt that knee-jerk reaction to the idea of the boycott was contributing to her decision to question her Zionism. Another said that the discussion was too political and should stay out of the Coop.

GM Votes Down a Discussion Extension

Though many more had lined up to comment for or against the discussion item, the meeting was already running late. When an extension for further discussion was proposed, GM attendees responded with a resounding “no,” and thus the conversation ended—for now.

Welcoming a New General Coordinator

But, for all the uncooperative behavior on display, the SodaStream debate did not mean the meeting was an unproductive one. General Coordinator Mike Eakin’s pre-

sentation of the Coop’s preliminary eight-week finances was full of positive news. A presentation from the Diversity and Equality Committee, about a new training program for squad leaders, to help them identify and root out unconscious bias, sparked a lively discussion about the bias-complaint review process. And the Personnel Committee was able to present a candidate, Joseph Szladek, to be hired as a new General Coordinator, following the retirement of Allen Zimmerman and Janet Schumacher. Szladek, who was

already working at the Coop as a produce buyer, noted that he had learned from “produce guru” Zimmerman. “It’s a beautiful thing that the members have so much input into how we purchase,” he told attendees, who voted to approve the committee’s choice. Later in the evening, the Board affirmed the hire.

Though it was easy to see why Holtz would have joked that the April GM was reason to doubt democracy’s effectiveness, it was also full of reminders that democracy has a good side too. ■

Crossword Puzzle

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- Across**

 - 1. Suffix with spy or web
 - 4. Fashionable, some say
 - 8. Joyful tunes
 - 14. Academic e-mail address ender
 - 15. “___ calling!”
 - 16. Eventually
 - 17. Mute
 - 19. Some rental trucks
 - 20. La Salle of “ER”
 - 21. Xbox alternative
 - 22. Try to whack
 - 23. Edit for TV, say
 - 25. Where baseball’s Yomiuri Giants play their home games
 - 28. More pallid
 - 30. LBJ’s antipoverty agcy.
 - 31. Huck’s raftmate
 - 32. “The Matrix” hero
 - 33. Letters on a perp’s record
 - 34. Montana and Namath
 - 35. Bandleader who signed teen singer Frank Sinatra in 1940
 - 38. Eyewear, in ads
 - 40. ___ school
 - 41. Pince-___
 - 42. Pitcher’s asset
 - 43. ___ Aviv
 - 44. Apple cofounders Jobs and Wozniak
 - 48. Maximum amount being paid
 - 52. “The secret of being ___ is to tell everything”: Voltaire
 - 53. Band
 - 54. Doves do it
 - 56. Caroline du Sud, e.g.
 - 57. How to make money “the old-fashioned way”
 - 59. Agenda exemplified by 17-, 25-, 35- and 48-Across
 - 61. Stop the flow of
 - 62. Send out
 - 63. Speed: Abbr.
 - 64. New Journalism pioneer Gay
 - 65. Salon tints
 - 66. Suffix with Taiwan
- Down**

 - 1. Peter with the 1986 #1 hit “Glory of Love”
 - 2. Flips over
 - 3. It lost to “Crash” for Best Picture
 - 4. Young chap
 - 5. Declare frankly
 - 6. Namely
 - 7. “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” composer Morricone
 - 8. One of two N.T. books
 - 9. “Moving on then ...”
 - 10. Overhauled
 - 11. The official anthem of the European Union
 - 12. Wyoming college town
 - 13. Digestive and respiratory, for two
 - 18. Semiannual event
 - 24. Swarm (with)
 - 26. Gorilla pioneering in sign language
 - 27. Pines (for)
 - 29. German commander at the invasion of Normandy
 - 33. Interject
 - 34. Feminist blog with the tagline “Celebrity, Sex, Fashion for Women. Without Airbrushing.”
 - 35. ___ lobe
 - 36. Hardly one’s inside voice
 - 37. ___ good example
 - 38. High school senior’s hurdle, redundantly
 - 39. How some wages are calculated
 - 43. Talking points
 - 45. Kind of candle
 - 46. Clears the board
 - 47. Agree out of court
 - 49. “Death Be Not Proud” poet
 - 50. Behaved
 - 51. Like limousines
 - 55. “Garfield and Friends” character
 - 58. “What ___?!”
 - 60. NFL extra periods

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 13.



WORD SPROUTS

THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP'S READING SERIES

Are you a writer?

Do you want FTOP credit?

Wordsprouts, the Food Coop's reading series, is looking for you, for its monthly events in the second-floor meeting room.

Please contact the organizers at wordsproutspsf@gmail.com.

Spring Cleaning

By Devin Harner

Baking soda and vinegar aren't just for old-fashioned chocolate cakes, or elementary school science project volcanoes. They're how Coop members clean their homes.

Vinegar, Scouring Powder and a Little Elbow Grease

Long-time member Anthony Sepulveda cleans everything with Bon Ami, diluted apple cider vinegar and elbow grease, but he vacuums religiously first with a Eureka HEPA vacuum. that he found on the street and repaired. He's seen the other products that the Coop carries while waiting in line to check out, but comments, "I'm going to look into them more, but I'm broke, so I make my own," said Sepulveda.

Amre Klimchak, who's been a member for nine years, uses Seventh Generation All Purpose Cleaner and Disinfectant Cleaner in her bathroom and Bon Ami. Maria Treglia prefers vinegar and baking soda, and on her furniture uses the oil soaps that we stock. Jesse Rosenfeld, who's been a member since 2004, is also a proponent of vinegar and baking soda, but buys Seventh Generation dish soap.

Bonnie Loewenstein used to make her own cleaning products, but lately uses Seventh Generation, although she's not the biggest fan of it. And she notes that she's skeptical of seemingly natural products that are sometimes heavily perfumed and smell synthetic.

But if you're interested in diverging from the nontoxic combo of baking soda, vinegar and Bon Ami while tackling spring cleaning or the everyday dirt and grime that comes with city living, here's a brief overview of some of the many eco-friendly products we stock and what they're good for.

The Pros and Cons of Dr. Bronner's

Most members probably know Dr. Bronner's pure castile soap for its natural vegetable base, old-school hippy-friendly scents and myriad uses still touted in impossibly small print on the bottles' labels. Although it's good for many things in a pinch, while camping or picnicking in

Prospect Park, it's not the best everyday cleaner or dish soap, because the very thing that make it good for your skin—its vitamin E and vegetable oil content—makes it prone to leaving a residue that can be tough to rinse away, whether being used for household cleaning or laundry.

Dr. Bronner's makes another product, Sal Suds, that's better suited for all-purpose cleaning, and that, while all natural and vegetable-based, appeals to our nostalgic longing for the Pine-Sol scent of our youth. Sal Suds uses balsam and fir oil along with concentrated and highly sudsing plant-based soaps and surfactants. It's excellent for cutting grease and for giving your home a nontoxic, yet definitively clean scent.

Bon Ami, diluted apple cider vinegar and elbow grease...

If you don't have a dishwasher, Sal Suds is great for everyday dish doing when highly diluted. Use it too concentrated, though, and the suds become hard to rinse away. Less dilute, or full strength, it's wonderful for cleaning grease and food stains and odors from reusable Tupperware-style food

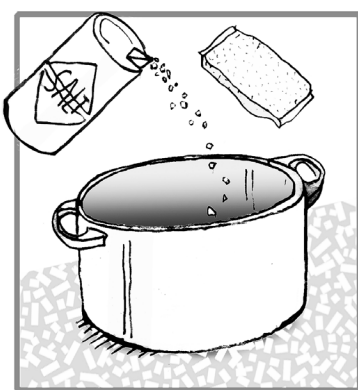
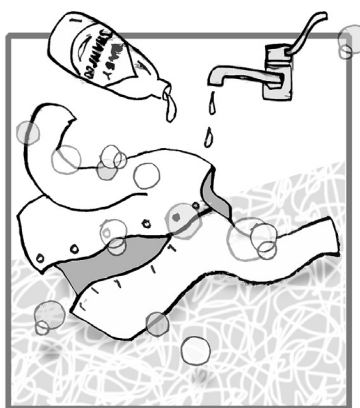
vessel with enough water to cover the mess and leave it to soak overnight.

Bronner's recommends Sal Suds for everyday cleaning, diluted 1½ teaspoons to a gallon of water, and while it's great for deep cleaning truly dirty nonporous surfaces at this ratio, you may have to rinse and rinse and rinse to clear away the suds. For everyday light-duty cleaning, the Coop stocks easier options, although they may not smell quite as good or clean as deeply.

Other Clean-up Options

Biokleen's full-strength Bac-Out Stain and Odor Remover is great for freshening up your laundry, including getting that funky smell out of gym or yoga clothes. The bottle label notes that Bac-Out is good for kid and pet-related stains and odors. But it's also a highly effective general-purpose surface cleaner that doesn't need to be rinsed if used sparingly, or diluted, and it has a clean lime scent. Note that a similar product is available as a bathroom cleaner spray in prediluted form, but it smells needlessly perfumey and isn't as cost effective.

My unofficial poll of Coop members pointed to Seventh Generation as a favored cleaning line. We stock both



containers and other plastics. Sal Suds also excels at breaking down baked-on grease and food residue on pots and pans. Just put a squirt of it in the offending

their All-Purpose Natural Cleaner and Disinfecting Multi-Surface Cleaner, which has a germ and virus killing additive, thymol, that's derived from thyme. It's the



PHOTOS BY CAROLINE MARDOK

same stuff in the hand sanitizer at the checkouts.

We also carry Ecover's All Purpose Cleaner. It doesn't come in a spray bottle and it has to be mixed at home. But it doesn't have to be rinsed once diluted, and its lemon scent is pretty benign. It's also economical since it comes concentrated.

Natural Cleaning Tips

Hand wash your expensive cashmere and wool in water with a few drops of natural baby shampoo like Avalon Organics or California Baby added. Rinse in a basin of clean water. Then wrap in towels to absorb excess moisture and block dry.

Course salt and a Scotch-Brite Dobie nonscratch scouring pad are great for getting food stains off enameled cast iron (like Le Creuset) and for cleaning ceramic mugs and coffee and tea pots. Wet the surface enough to make it damp but not soaked, and pour on enough salt to make a paste; rub gently. For tough stains, use dish soap instead of water.

Although the Coop stocks natural tub and tile cleaners that are intended for regular use and purport to cut soap scum and prevent mildew, for a lot of New Yorkers with windowless bathrooms, moldy and mildewed grout is a problem. None of the aforementioned products tend to work well, and commercial cleaners are toxic. What works best is nonchlorine bleach (the Coop stocks Seventh Generation's), which is just plain old hydrogen peroxide and water. Dilute as indicated on the bottle,

spray on tile and grout, let sit for a few minutes and then scrub with a stiff-bristled nylon brush. Finally, rinse well with a sponge and clean water. Wear old clothes and rubber gloves, though, because while it's marketed as a green alternative to chlorine bleach, and nontoxic, hydrogen peroxide is a strong base that's highly corrosive. It should not be mixed with other cleaning products. Scrubbing is not the best for grout, though, so don't do it too often. And if your grout is cracked and crumbling, then you should re-grout, because no amount of cleaning product, natural or otherwise, is going to make it look nice once its integrity is compromised.

When cleaning urethane wood floors, it's best to avoid soap, water and harsh detergents (and particularly oil soaps). Vacuum first, then dust with a microfiber-type product. Finally, damp mop with an almost dry mop and a solution of one teaspoon of distilled white vinegar in a gallon of water. Use distilled white vinegar because apple cider vinegar is more expensive, contains sediment and residue and will make your house smell like a tossed salad. If you live in an older building, and your floors are original, and varnished, then you may want to stick to vacuuming and dusting. Avoid all of the product types mentioned above—natural or not—and stick to a solvent-based cleaner, or ask a professional for cleaning advice because wood and water don't mix, and they REALLY don't mix without a urethane barrier. ■

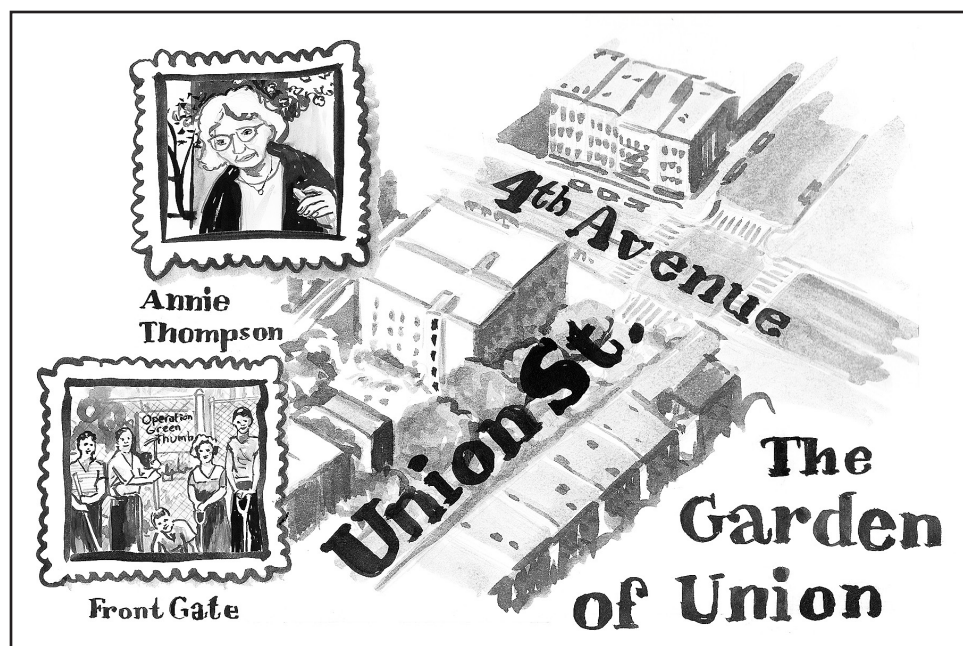


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Garden of Union, then and now.

Garden of Union

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Yorkers hailing from Howard Beach to Sunset Park.

"We're one of the largest composters around," says 10-year garden member and current treasurer Claudia Joseph, speaking of the garden's partnership with the Coop in which garden members process more than 12 tons of the Coop's food waste each year via their large on-site composting system. The compost is used almost entirely on the two plots, with any extra going toward other local sites operated by garden volunteers.

Much of the food, grown on raised beds to avoid any soil contamination (not uncommon in New York City), is free for the taking—for members. With about 125 members total, but only 15 active gardeners who regularly take care of the grounds and fewer who attend the gardening community's monthly decision-making meetings, Joseph, who is also a Coop member, says the group is actively seeking newcomers.

A Place for All Gardeners

"It's really one of the most beautiful gardening communities in New York," says Joseph, who moved to New York in 2001 after years of living in California and soon joined the garden because she missed the community-oriented spirit of farming and permaculture communities in northern and southern California. Before becoming a New Yorker, Joseph had gardened at the Oakland Botanical Demonstration Gardens, was a permaculture teacher at Merritt College, and she lived on a farm north of Los Angeles.

But the combination of urban life in a walkable

area—Joseph lives near the Old Stone House in Park Slope, where she also maintains the gardens—and having access to land where she and others can cultivate organic foods, flowers, trees and other plants is why she calls the gardens one of the "gems of New York."

The chance to have close-by mentoring from expert gardeners is what attracted Sarah Madole, who lives across from the garden on Union Street, to come to the grounds in late April for an orientation session.

"We only grow food that can be easily shared."

—Claudia Joseph

"I recently moved to the area, and I have this great outdoor space in the back, but I'm not sure how to best take care of it," said Madole, a professor at Borough of Manhattan Community College. "It's rare to get to have an outdoor space of your own or your neighborhood's to use in New York, and I wanted to take advantage of the chance."

To join the nearly quarter-acre garden, members have to fill out an application, available at www.thegardenofunion.com, pay a \$25 fee and attend an orientation to learn the rules and history of the community, as well as find out what jobs are available.

That history includes the story of one-time neighborhood resident Annie Thompson, who founded the original garden at 634-36 Union Street in the mid-1970s and officially began operating it in 1979. Coop members helped Thompson clear rubble from two demolished buildings to start cultivating the garden, where food was grown to support the nearby CHIPS

food kitchen. Annie's Garden, a smaller plot that's narrow and long compared to the much larger main garden, opened in 1987. Currently, both are part of the NYC Parks' GreenThumb system, which includes more than 600 gardens in the five boroughs.

Volunteers Are Welcome

Unlike many New York City community gardens, where members have to sign up for specific work slots in order to have their own plots, the Garden of Union is open to an unlimited amount of members and none are tied to work a specific kind of job. The needs of the garden and what is grown changes and depends not only on the season and availability of crops but on member input at monthly meetings.

"Because of our community-gardening focus, we only grow food that can be easily shared, so we don't grow things like melons, for example," Joseph says. Instead, there are greens such as chard, collard and kale, and herbs like basil, cilantro and dill.

"We only have weekend

hours right now," when the garden gate is unlocked and open to anybody, says Joseph, "and they are volunteer dependent." Currently, those hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. Later in the spring and summer, the garden will also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, since it is a CSA distribution site.

"We need people to [volunteer to] keep the gate open," she added, explaining that a member has to be present whenever the gate is unlocked to make sure the garden is being taken care of. "Please do join."

More Information on the Garden of Union

Website: www.thegardenofunion.com

Location: Union Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, Brooklyn

E-mail: uniongarden@gmail.com

Open: Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday CSA hours to be announced soon. ■

Read more about urban organic gardening: www.urbanorganicgardener.com



Can't Join a Garden? Tips for Growing Herbs, Vegetables in Pots on Your Patio or Roof

Even if you have a yard in New York, many experts recommend not growing food in it until you get your soil tested. Cornell University has a guide to contaminants in New York City soil as well as information on testing: www.cwmi.css.cornell.edu/healthysouils.htm. In the meantime, potted gardening is a safe route.

—Use plastic or clay pots from any local hardware or gardening store.

—Make sure to buy bags of gardening dirt that's a good match for the kind of plants you intend to grow, or use compost. No need to pay more than a few dollars per bag.

—For novices it's easiest to grow with starter plants instead of seeds. The Coop sells a variety of herbs, including basil, which is an easy plant to cultivate. In addition to basil, other herbs, such as mint, cilantro and parsley, will thrive in pots during the spring and summer. Some vegetables and fruits can be easily grown in pots, including tomatoes and certain peppers.

—Make sure to gently loosen the roots before planting, and do not press the dirt too hard, as it needs to be airy to breathe.

—Follow instructions for required watering, sun and shade. Every plant is different! So is every New York outdoor space. Experiment with what grows best, consider your tastes and interests as well as your schedule. Some plants require more care, while others require less.

—With the right care and setting, a lot of what can be grown in a garden can be grown in pots, just on a smaller scale.

MEMBER SUBMISSION

Reduce, Reuse and Reap the Rewards At the Park Slope Stop 'N' Swap

By Kathleen Crosby

With spring cleaning season upon us, local non-profit GrowNYC is hosting one of its popular Stop 'N' Swap events in Brooklyn on May 16 at the Old Stone House in Park Slope, giving Brooklyn residents an opportunity to support community and clean out their closets the environmentally friendly way.

Stop 'N' Swap is one way to reduce waste and promote reuse in NYC. New York City wastes 11,500 tons a day, a large portion of which is perfectly reusable. By participating in community swaps, New Yorkers simultaneously reduce their contribution to landfills and prevent the waste that comes from the production, packaging and transportation required to get new things. Stop 'N' Swaps have developed a regular following among thrifty and environmentally conscious New Yorkers.

In response to increasing demand for the events, GrowNYC has set a goal of hosting one Stop 'N' Swap in each of the city's 59 community districts each year.

"Brooklyn communities are some of the most enthusiastic participants in Stop 'N' Swaps. We look forward to seeing familiar faces at our swap event, as well as seeing the joy of first-timers seeing their goods go to new homes, or taking home useful items at no cost," said David Hurd, the Director of GrowNYC's Office of Recycling Outreach and Education.

How it works: Stop 'N' Swaps invite the public to bring clean, portable, reusable items to share with those who can use them. No one is required to bring something to take something—you can simply show up with a bag and see what's free for the taking. Books, toys, fashionable clothing, housewares and electronics are just some of the offerings. Anything left-over at the end of the day is donated or recycled. Furniture and other large items are not accepted at the swap.

"Stop 'N' Swaps are a resource for all New Yorkers. Residents come out in large numbers to give away what they don't need and find some really useful items for them-

selves, all without paying. And we are keeping perfectly good items out of the landfill, which is where so many things unfortunately end up," said GrowNYC Executive Director Marcel Van Ooyen. "The added benefit is neighbor meeting neighbor, and a community being strengthened."

WHAT: Free Stop 'N' Swap Community Reuse Event

WHEN: Saturday, May 16, 12-3 p.m.

WHERE: Old Stone House, Fifth Ave. between Third & Fourth Streets, Park Slope, Brooklyn.

Check www.grownyc.org/swap for information on upcoming Stop 'N' Swaps around the city. ■

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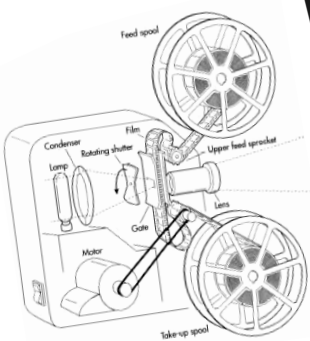
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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, letters and committee reports from members that follow the published guidelines and policies. The following is a summary—please see the detailed guidelines for each type of submission on the Coop website: www.foodcoop.com.

All submissions must include author's name, phone number and e-mail address, conform to the following guidelines and to the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies. Editors will reject letters, articles and reports that do not follow the guidelines or policies. Submission deadlines appear each edition in the Coop Calendar section.

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

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they follow the published guidelines and policies.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. A Voluntary Article is held to a higher standard than a letter and must meet at least the following criteria: A Voluntary Article must analyze the topic it is discussing; it must present accurate, verifiable corroboration for factual assertions; it can criticize but not attack Coop practices and personnel; if critical it must present positive solutions; it cannot be solely or mainly opinion. It must strive to make a positive contribution to the understanding of the reader on a topic. If a submitted Voluntary Article is substantially opinion, it must be re-submitted, under 500 words, as a Letter to the Editor, possibly to a future issue. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses, those of family and friends of members, solely expressions of opinion or that do not follow the guidelines and policies.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words. Reports must follow the published guidelines and policies.

LETTERS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS SUBMISSION POLICIES

Letters must be the opinion of the letter-writer and can contain no more than 25% non-original writing.

All submissions must be written by the writer. Letters or articles that are form letters, chain letters, template letters or letters prepared by someone other than the submitting member will be rejected.

Letters, articles and reports must adhere to the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies. They cannot be hateful, needlessly inflammatory, discriminatory libelous, personal attacks or make unsubstantiated claims or accusations or be contrary to the values of the Coop as expressed in our mission statement.

All submissions must be legible, intelligible, civil, well and concisely written with accurate, attributed, easily verifiable statements of facts separated from opinions.

Letter and article writers are limited to one letter or article per issue.

Letter and article writers cannot write gratuitous serial submissions. Editors may reject submissions to consecutive editions of the *Gazette* on the same topic by the same writer.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: All submissions will be reviewed and, if necessary, edited or rejected by the editor. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any questions or proposed editorial changes. Writers must be available to editors to confer about their submissions. If a writer does not respond to requests for editorial changes, the editor may make the changes without conferring with the writer, or reject the submission. If agreement between the writer and the editor about changes does not occur after a first revision, the editor may reject the submission, and the writer may revise and resubmit for a future issue.

FAIRNESS, ANONYMITY AND RESPECT POLICIES

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

Fairness

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 unnecessary, not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions. The *Gazette* will not publish gratuitous personalization. That is, no unnecessary naming of Coop members in polemical letters and articles. Writers must address ideas not persons.
3. Submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals, necessary to make the point of the submission and within the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies 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.

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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.

Respect

Submissions to the *Gazette* must not be hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needlessly provocative. They may not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions.

The *Gazette* is a collaboration among Coop members. When submitting, please consider the impact of your words on the writers, editors and production staff who use our limited workslot time to try to produce an informative and cooperative publication that reflects the values of our Coop community.

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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!

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

YOU 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 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

The fourth FRIDAY of the month at 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, MAY 26

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JULY 7

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for a future General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

May 28 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 18
June 11 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 1

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

May 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 20
June 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 3

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 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 pro-cessed 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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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

may 15
fri 7 pmPassive House and a
Democratic Workplace Economy

Presented as part of the PSFC's ongoing commitment to cooperation among cooperatives. With looming ecological collapse and an unsustainable economic system, solutions that inspire corrective action are rare and should be cooperatively shared and spread. This talk will be about how a company converted to a worker cooperative as well as maintained their mission to construct Passive House level buildings. A question-and-answer session after the talk will encourage questions related to a more detailed understanding of both Passive House construction and the Worker Cooperative democratic structure. The talk will be geared toward building owners, business owners, entrepreneurs, architects, builders, and environmentalists. **Jeremy Shannon** is an architect/builder and CEO of the design-build company Build with Prospect, Inc., a worker cooperative devoted to sustainable low-energy construction.

may 15
fri 8 pm

Samba!



Groove to the music of women rockin' the house with the pulsing sounds of Carnaval! Members of Paprika and Batala join forces to celebrate the lilting melodies of

Bossa Nova, the heart-thumping rhythms of Samba and the dare-you-to-stay-seated sway of Samba Reggae. The space will be set up for dancing and grooving, to have everyone moving to the national rhythms of Brazil. Beckoned back for the third year in a row, your power-bateria for the evening is: **Robin Burdulis, Terry Dame, Viva DeConcini, Dawn Drake, Simone Matthews, Deinya Phenix, Anne Pope, Vanessa Roe and Michelle Williams.** 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.

may 17
sun 12 pm

Women & Finance

Women worry about financial security. Stop feeling intimidated by the jargon or overwhelmed by the subject matter. Get the information and guidance you need. Discussion will include managing debt, building savings, and protecting against risk and unexpected events. Presenter **Mary Blanchett** makes it easy by sharing information to help you understand your current financial standing and your future financial needs. During this educational workshop for women, expect: to understand your current financial situation and future financial needs; to be empowered to make informed financial decisions to protect your financial future. All attendees receive a complimentary workbook that will reinforce what you've learned and keep you focused to reach your goals. Long-time Coop member Blanchett is a financial service professional with New York Life Insurance and NYLIFE Securities LLC. She helps her clients with tax-free retirement options, reducing vulnerability and starting estate planning.

may 26
tue 7 pm

PSFC MAY General Meeting



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

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

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: Revolving Loan Committee Election (25 minutes)

Election: One current committee member will stand for re-election.

—submitted by the Revolving Loan Committee

Item 2: Agenda Committee Election (25 minutes)

Election: Two candidates will be presented for election to the Agenda Committee. The candidates will serve two-year terms. The Agenda Committee goes through an extensive interviewing process. There are no nominations from the floor.

—submitted by the Agenda Committee

Item 3: TerraCycle-PSFC Partnership for Recycling (40 minutes)

Proposal: The Coop will initiate a minimum of two collection work shifts of three members each per month, under special designation of the Environmental Issues Committee, and in free partnership with TerraCycle, for a variety of recyclables currently not accepted by NYC.

—submitted by Rosemary Calderon

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.

jun 4
thu 7:30 pmFood Class: Food Pharmacy
and Tsubo Massage

Some simple ingredients in your kitchen help you treat minor ailments. In this class you will learn how some food preparations can strengthen your immune system. You also will learn massage techniques for your digestive system. Chef **Hideyo Yamada** was born and raised

in Tokyo, where she was trained as a sushi chef. She has also worked as a Japanese chef and a pastry chef in New York City. She graduated from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition and Natural Gourmet Institute. Currently, she is working as a chef instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute. She is also working as a private chef and a health coach. She specializes in cooking vegan, gluten-free and refined sugar-free food. She also specializes in cooking a wide variety of fish and in finding new and healthier ways to prepare seafood. Menu includes: ume-syo-bancha (helps to recover from fatigue, stomach trouble); brown rice and sea vegetable mix sushi; scallion with miso (helps digestive system) strawberry kanten jelly.

ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by May 21.

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

jun 5
fri 7 pm

Film Night: American Fabulous



From the roomy back seat of a vintage Cadillac, the captivating storyteller Jeffrey Strouth spontaneously recounts the adventures of his wild and creative life in his unique style, weaving a lurid tale filled with hilarious characters of every sort, run-ins with the law and with society in general.

He proudly defies his underclass status in an often heartless society, all the while never quite concealing the enduring human tenderness beneath the stylish veneer of an unapologetic young gay man who lived his life to the fullest. The film was given an astonishing A-rating by *Entertainment Weekly*. *American Fabulous* director, **Reno Dakota** (a PSFC member since 2005), is currently in post-production on

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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Damnation, a short film starring Oscar-winner Melissa Leo and Tony-winner Stephen Spinella. Reno's work as an historic decor stylist has been featured in *The New York Times*. He was a noted nightclub theme decorator in the '80s at Area and Limelight. Ohioan by birth, he is a resident of Bed-Stuy and Chatham, NY.

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

jun 6
sat 12 pm

Qi Gong

Get in touch with your inner dragon, tiger or bear at this fun and relaxing workshop. We will focus on our breath while performing gentle movement and stretches. No experience necessary. **Ann Reibel-Coyne** is a NYS-licensed acupuncturist and a Coop member. She is currently practicing acupuncture at "Shambhala Yoga and Dance" and teaching Qi Gong in Prospect Park.

jun 7
sun 12 pm

Alternatives to Boycotting

How many narratives are there in the Israel-Palestine conflict? One above all? Two competing ones? How about five narratives? How about one hundred? If you've always felt that "pro" or "anti" positions only put us at odds, and that angry resolutions help no one, you should come and bring your alternative solutions for peace in the Middle East and for our beautiful Coop. This will NOT be a debate on the pros and cons of boycotting. It will be a place for New Narratives. The conversation is changing. Finally! **Jesse Rosenfeld** is a Coop member since 2004, secretary for the General Meeting, and is helping to bring a new brand of Palestinian olive oil to our shelves. He believes in empowerment, not boycotts.

jun 9
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Salmon Confidential



Salmon Confidential is about the Canadian government's cover up over what is killing wild salmon. When biologist Alexandra Morton discovers British Columbia's salmon are testing positive for dangerous viruses, a chain of events is set off to suppress the findings. Tracking viruses,

Morton moves from courtrooms, to remote rivers, to Vancouver's grocery stores and sushi restaurants. The film documents Morton's journey to overcome government and industry roadblocks and sheds light on critical information. It provides fascinating insights into the inner workings of government agencies as well as rare footage of the bureaucrats managing the safety of the food supply.

See upcoming events, past reviews and a comprehensive list of films shown at www.plowtoplatefilms.com which can now also be reached via a link on the Park Slope Food Coop's home page at www.foodcoop.com.

jun 13-14
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.

jun 14
sun 12 pm

Unhooking Shame from Pain

Pain often triggers shame and aggression toward oneself, as if being in pain was a personal failure. Why can't I get better? Why can't I do the things I used to do? If the root of the word "healing" is to make whole again, shame divides us and pits us against our own body. Over time, we might even feel a sense of isolation from others, or overwhelmed by emotions triggered by our pain. In this workshop, you'll find that being in pain doesn't have to mean being ashamed or feeling unworthy. You will learn a process for lightening the sense of shame and developing a wholesome relationship with your body. By treating our situation and ourselves with honesty and compassion, we can discover new possibilities for recovery and healing. Coop member **Dan Cayer** is a teacher and writer committed to helping others change habitual patterns, find freedom from pain, and create a sane relationship with their own body.

jun 30
tue 6:45 pm

College Admissions 101

Get your children into their first-choice college. Are you or your child stressed about applying to college? Want to know what goes into writing a winning college essay? If you've been wondering what you can do now to make things easier when application time comes, come to this free workshop. Time for Q&A afterward, and additional resources will be provided. **Steve Schwartz** is a professional college admission counselor in Park Slope with more than a decade of experience. He also writes the popular *Get Into College* blog and is a Coop member.

jun 30
tue 7 pm

PSFC JUN Annual and 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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still to come

jul 3 Film Night

jul 14 Safe Food Committee Film Night

jul 7 Agenda Committee Meeting

jul 19 Alternatives to Boycotting

jul 12 How Money Works

jul 28 It's Your Funeral

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



BOARD CANDIDACY CONCERNS AND A REPLY

DEAR MEMBERS:

At the March general meeting, candidates for the Board of Directors were given the opportunity to clarify their positions on various questions. When asked by Joe Holtz when might they ever vote against the wishes of the GM membership, Susan Metz' answer was: "Honestly, I can't answer that question." Yet the other candidates did answer that age-old question. Honestly, and at length. (In a nutshell, they would do so only if lands the Coop in legal hot water.) This gave me pause and I immediately wondered under what circumstances Ms. Metz would vote against membership wishes, and why she simply couldn't answer a direct question?

The answer became clearer when she was asked by a different member, "You say in your statement that the Coop can use its consumer power to organize boycotts. Other than Israel what else are you thinking of boycotting?" Her answer was, "Nothing that I can think of." This answer was as disturbing as it was evasive, strongly indicating to me that she would abuse the position of a Director to encourage boycotts solely against Israel. Ms. Metz is as aware as anyone else that the Board of Directors only acts as a de facto rubber stamp for the wishes of the membership at the end of every meeting and does not engage in political advocacy as a body. Yet this is a role Ms. Metz, in my opinion, evidently intends to change for the sake of her own personal activism. Her apparent scorn for the very institution that she would represent would only harm the vitality of our cooperative, and we need candidates like Monique Bowen and Eunju Lee who exemplify the concept of working together. (No intended disrespect to Christopher McQuale whom I only know through his candidate statement and have not encountered before the March meeting.)

So, if Susan Metz were to ever vote against the decision of the general meeting, acting outside the mandate of her elected position, would it be under the concern of protecting the Coop from a vote that could land us in legal

jeopardy? No, instead I feel she has revealed through her veiled and confusing statements that she is a stealth candidate for BDS, a cause the Coop has officially rejected.

I encourage membership to show up on June 30 to the General Meeting, or fill out your proxy ballots that will arrive in the mail, and vote YES only for candidates who demonstrably work in the Coop's best interests. And remember, it's equally important to vote NO for anyone who indicates otherwise.

Jesse Rosenfeld

SUSAN METZ'S REPLY TO JESSE ROSENFELD'S LETTER

DEAR MEMBERS:

Four letters in the *Gazette* linked my position on BDS with my ability to serve on the Board. I'll respond.

Strikes by workers and boycotts by consumers are effective tools for influencing policy of a private enterprise and/or a government. Every situation is unique. Without a lot of context, it would be dishonest to predict whether any particular action is wise. Process is the key. Without open debate and enough unity in deciding, collective action doesn't succeed.

Time constraints at a GM will limit the depth of response. Twenty minutes were allocated for all four candidates at the March GM. I answered the questions as fully as I felt appropriate under those constraints.

As a member, I regularly attend General Meetings and participate in discussions. I write letters. I wrote one during the first long debate in support of BDS. I spoke in support of boycotting SodaStream at the April GM. The disruption of the meeting prevented my considering the reasons not to support.

I will never "rubber stamp" anything. I think for myself.

"Scorn for the institution" or being a "stealth candidate for BDS" can be easily disproved by reviewing my letters and the Coop work I have done: on writing the Mission Statement, taking bottled water off the shelves, forming the International Trade Education Squad (ITES). My behavior at meetings conforms with civil expectations. True, I am occasionally impulsive.

The tone of these four letters is hostile. I do not take that hostility personally. The writers are apparently narrowly focused on one issue and cannot imagine that my perspective is much broader. My recent work has been to prevent Congress passing a series of treaties (including the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), which would redefine world governance and make = policy for the world economy. The ITES took 18 months to form, including many GM discussions. ITES functions to inform members because the corporate media colludes with silence.

I defend the Coop with all my capacity, and I will always encourage participation.

Susan Metz

WRITING IN THE STRONGEST-POSSIBLE TERMS

DEAR MEMBERS:

I am writing in the strongest-possible terms as a Coop member and long-term Park Slope resident against the candidacy of Ms. Susan Metz for a place on the Board. Ms. Metz has stated that she is pro-BDS several times in her letters:

Linewaiters' Gazette: 6/17/10
"The Board of Brooklyn For Peace voted to support the BDS campaign. BDS is the way people can create a policy different from the US government."

Linewaiters' Gazette: 7/28/11
"We have an opportunity and a responsibility to hold a referendum about joining BDS."

Linewaiters' Gazette: 2/9/12
"We who call for BDS defend Israel."

And finally, since she is forthright in her candidacy statement that she is for consumer boycotts (and really, what other boycott are we talking about here?), I feel this is an absolutely inappropriate position for a potential board member to have. Members of the Board of the Park Slope Food Coop sit in an important position and are responsible for maintaining inclusiveness and cooperation and in doing so, facilitate the smooth functioning of the organization.

The BDS issue has and continues to be inflammatory, extremely contentious and anathema to the very sense of cooperation and inclusiveness that we are seeking to achieve as members. I therefore believe that Ms. Metz's position on BDS effectively disqualifies her from consideration for this position.

Sincerely,
Saul D. Raw

THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE!

TO MY FELLOW COOP MEMBERS:

I was one of the presenters at last Tuesday's GM in favor of deshelling Soda-Stream. I'm sure a lot of people will be writing in and talking about that meeting, but I just have a couple of things that I hope can be heard at this point. One is that real democracy is messy and divisive and hard. Because of that, it is absolutely imperative for a functioning democracy to ensure cooperation, respect and an atmosphere that is free of intimidation. If our Coop is to survive as a democratic institution we must ensure that behaviors which contribute to mob rule and which are inherently uncooperative and undemocratic must be clearly and unequivocally condemned by Coop leadership. The other thing I wanted to say is, you folks who tried to prevent me and my friends from presenting an international human rights issue (that happens to be supported by major human rights organizations all over the world) really scared me. You were unfair, and rude, and you made me very, very angry. And guess what? I still understand your pain and your passion. I will continue to advocate within the Coop for human rights for the Palestinian people—and for us all.

Carol Wald

REFUSING TO WHITEWASH SODASTREAM AND ISRAEL'S ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS (HTTP://HUFF.TO/1PPQNPZ)

TO THE EDITOR:

I was one of six SodaStream boycott presenters at

April's GM. I was nervous as I remembered our group's BDS referendum vote in 2012. Anti-BDSers shouted me down as I stated that 1,400 Palestinians were massacred in Operation Cast Lead, including 350 children. At this past April GM, things quickly dissolved into a more hostile/toxic environment as anti-BDSers escalated their intimidation tactics to not only shut down our SodaStream discussion but also the Coop's democratic process. Pandemonium ruled as the Board of Directors and GM moderators went largely ignored.

Some anti-boycotters went ballistic over our PowerPoint presentation: photos of Israeli military detaining Palestinians, checkpoints, home demolitions (<http://bit.ly/1KOnK01>) and illegal settlements (including the one SodaStream operates and profits from). SodaStream's factory is located in Ma'ale Adumim, an illegal West Bank settlement, which dislocated Palestinian families upon its creation. "It is impossible to ignore the Israeli system of unlawful discrimination, land confiscation, natural resource theft, and forced displacement of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, where SodaStream is located," said Human Rights Watch (January 2014, *Newsweek*). These practices are far more disturbing than photos documenting these acts.

Since when did drinking soda trump human, economic and labor rights? Does the Coop want to remain complicit in whitewashing SodaStream? It appears so since we continue to stock SodaStream and other Israeli-settlement products.

SodaStream's relocation of its manufacturing plant to Lehavim Junction involves more dispossession—now of Palestinian Bedouins from their land. The area—Lehavim Junction—has been the target of home demolitions by Israel for at least the past four and a half years (<http://bit.ly/1AVAL09>). SodaStream's Lehavim factory will require Bedouin women (mostly mothers) to regularly work 12-hour shifts at the factory's whim (<http://bit.ly/1EjHfs7>). SodaStream can get away with these labor conditions because Palestinian workers can't boycott from within because they're a vulnerable labor force.

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

These are the facts that some anti-boycotters didn't want the April GM to hear; so other members won't know why SodaStream is problematic and boycotted by international, national and Israeli human-rights organizations. As a woman of color, I felt unsafe as white anti-BDSers became confrontational and the Board of Directors and moderators did nothing to remove/suspend them. Maybe it's time for the Coop leadership to wise up and institute a Coop-wide ballot so ALL 16,000 Coop members can vote—not just those who pack the GM. We'd ALL have privacy without being bullied by anti-boycotters who vividly illustrated that respectful discussions aren't possible—even with the Board of Directors, GM moderators and about 300 members and staff in attendance. Isn't that more democratic anyway?

Demand the Coop abide by its mission statement to be an ethical neighbor and not carry products that exploit people. Demand disciplinary action be taken against those who disrupted the meeting, trying to deny those members attending the right to know about SodaStream's unethical practices. Demand racial and food justice. Vote to boycott SodaStream.

Hima B.

<https://psfcbds.wordpress.com/>

THE APRIL GM, AND HOW TO DO BETTER

DEAR MEMBERS:

Appreciating that the relevant committees attempted to exercise their responsibilities, nonetheless the April GM devolved into chaos. Here's why, with constructive suggestions for future remedy. THE AGENDA COMMITTEE (AC) made an error of judgment by scheduling a discussion about boycotting SodaStream in the "Occupied Palestinian Territories" (aka "disputed territories"). It was well known by all relevant parties that the factory in question was closing one week from the meeting (relayed from SodaStream by Coop management). Therefore the discussion revolved around a moot point, offering only a third forum (2011, 2012) to make controversial claims, already refuted for six years at the Coop. SUGGESTION:

The AC should exercise its responsibility to disallow a discussion/proposal based on an obsolete premise, in this instance that there would be a factory to boycott.

THE CHAIR COMMITTEE, with the task of making split-second parliamentary decisions, unfortunately lost control of the proceedings, not their fault alone given that all factions contributed to the ensuing chaos.

During the Open Forum an attempt to query the AC about the legitimacy of the discussion was ruled out of order despite meeting the relevant guideline providing "the opportunity for members to briefly submit general and specific questions regarding the operation of the Coop."¹ SUGGESTION: Future meetings would benefit from a reading of the brief guideline by the Chair prior to the Open Forum.

A later parliamentary attempt to question the discussion's validity (Objection to Consideration of a Question), was similarly rejected by the Chair. SUGGESTION: In future the Chair might inform members about how to exercise their parliamentary rights², (among other ways, by making a motion) detailed on handouts (easily overlooked among so many), which might also be projected above the stage.²

Although the discussion was submitted by two individuals, the Chair allowed six presenters, providing a disproportionate time advantage. Irrelevant and out-of-context images of Israeli military were displayed, predictably provoking a call for removal. The Chair repeatedly directed the projectionist to desist, but he ultimately ceded control when she refused, resulting in a lengthy period of disorder. SUGGESTION: In future the Chair should suspend the discussion until compliance with an order is achieved or remind members of their right to make a motion, followed by a discussion and vote, in this instance, to remove the images.

After the six-person presentation, the Chair directed alternating one minute pro and con responses, providing no reasonable opportunity for serious debate of the highly contentious material presented. SUGGESTION: For debates on such complex and

controversial topics, a more equitable format should be developed, allowing an equivalent counter-presentation by informed opposition parties, prior to the alternating, inadequate one-minute, pro and con responses.

GOING FORWARD: we collectively—members, management, committees, and the Board of Directors—all need to reconsider allowing enduring divisiveness so far outside the boundaries of inclusiveness, courtesy, sensitivity and respect for the dignitary rights of all groups within our community, assuring harmony and cohesion above disruptive partisan politics only tangentially relevant to the Coop.

¹<http://www.foodcoop.com/files/GM-101p1.pdf>

²<http://www.foodcoop.com/files/GM-101p2.pdf>

Sylvia Lowenthal

NO PROTOCOL TO DEAL WITH DISRUPTIVE MEMBERS?

DEAR MEMBERS:

I need to register my shock and dismay at the chaos that ensued when those in favor of the SodaStream boycott presented their agenda item. Is it really possible after all these years that we don't have a protocol in place to deal with disruptive members? As people with authority (formal, in terms of running the meeting, and/or informal, in terms of having earned the trust of the membership over the years), you had a responsibility to

ensure order, which you did not meet. We're all people, fallible and prone to be overwhelmed, but I invite you to think about and account for why you failed to handle the situation and caused us to lose considerable meeting time.

I am aware that some may think the boycott is "bad" for the Coop because it is divisive, and Tuesday night's meeting is proof.

But the fact is that neither the boycott nor the request to discuss it causes chaos. People do.

To quote the late, great historian Howard Zinn: "You can't be neutral on a moving train." The movement for BDS is growing and will continue to grow. Permitting chaos to reign and allowing those who disrupted the GM to get away with their behavior prevents democratic discussion and abets the disruptors.

I was especially disappointed that Joe Holtz, who so many of us respect and who was present at the meeting, did not do more to staunchly defend the need for respectful and democratic conversation, regardless of what he may personally believe about the boycott.

Lana Povitz

WE MUST NOT RUSH TO TAKE ACTION

DEAR MEMBERS:

I attended the April 28 General Meeting and left very upset by the emotional responses on both sides of

the boycott SodaStream discussion. Initially I joined the Coop for the great cheese selection. That was long ago and simpler times. We must not rush to take action that will limit options and impose our collective will on others. The SodaStream company has demonstrated a willingness to work with the international community by relocating their factory out of disputed territory. Why not encourage them to further these accommodations to ensure Palestinians can continue to have options for job opportunities to feed their families? This is more aligned with the Coop philosophy of giving individual members the freedom to make informed choices.

Sybil Graziano

INTENT ON PREVENTING OPEN DISCUSSION

TO THE EDITOR:

A fraction of those attending the April General Meeting were so intent on preventing an open discussion of the proposal to boycott SodaStream products that they hijacked the meeting.

They effectively prevented the pro-boycott members from making their presentation. Whenever the anti-boycott fraction disagreed with someone the Chair had recognized, they shouted so long and so loud that the person who had the floor could not continue. They tried to tamper with the a/v equipment to disrupt the recognized

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presentation. All through the meeting they blocked the aisles in the auditorium despite the announcement that this was a violation of the fire code. They harangued and launched personal verbal attacks on people in the audience with whom they disagreed. Several times they marched up on the stage in an effort to halt the meeting.

We are appalled by this outrageous disruptive behavior. These people were contemptuous of both the democratic process and their fellow Coop members. We were also dismayed that the Chair of the meeting allowed this to continue for nearly an hour. In the future those who disrupt Coop meetings must be removed and disciplined. Otherwise we encourage such disruptions to continue.

Gary Goff and Martha Cameron

DISRUPTION AT THE APRIL GM

DEAR MEMBERS:

We have a community-based process in place based on mutual respect, and we “govern” ourselves. I hope the members who disrespected that by trying to block discussion at our meeting are brought before the Disciplinary Committee and suspended from membership.

*In cooperation,
Lisa Guido*

PROPOSAL TO END THE BDS AND ANTI-BDS CONFLICT

DEAR MEMBERS:

The April 28, 2015 meeting was a travesty. While the issue at hand was a boycott of SodaStream, the BDS presented its usual rhet-

oric and an inflammatory PowerPoint presentation. Unfortunately, a few people opposed to the BDS presentation interfered with the meeting process; concerned over what they considered confrontational pictures in the presentation.

This proposal is more than just a compromise; it is new road. At the Park Slope Food Coop we can reset the tone and end both the BDS campaign within the Coop and hopefully the backlash from its campaign, which is harming the Coop.

The Proposal: Create a special end cap or other area where Israeli and Palestinian products can be placed for sale side by side as a paradigm to symbolize our collective desire to end the conflict, in the Middle East and in our Coop. In the PSFC, we will make this symbolic action as a means to end the damaging effect this issue has had on the Coop and many members; and replace it with a gesture of civility.

*Offered in the Hope of Peace,
Rodger Parsons*

BOYCOTT SODASTREAM

DEAR MEMBERS:

“We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others.” That’s a nifty mission statement, a real humdinger—but shouldn’t it be revised to reflect our actual behavior? I offer the following proviso—“unless a majority of our membership sides with the oppressor.”

Boycott.
SodaStream.
Now.

Daniel Riccuito

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

DEAR EDITOR:

It has come to my attention that the April General Meeting was noisily disrupted by members who opposed a proposal by the Coop’s Boycott Divest Sanction campaign to boycott SodaStream products. SodaStream is an Israeli company that has operated in the occupied territories. My concern here is less the proposal itself than the subversion of the Coop’s democratic process. It is fine to campaign

in support or against a given proposal. It is fine to stage a demonstration at a General Meeting. But it is not acceptable to hold the floor or verbally abuse fellow Coop members for 45 minutes in hopes of blocking a discussion. It is my hope that the Coop’s Disciplinary Committee will act to ensure that this kind of disruption does not happen again.

*In solidarity,
Joe Smith*

PROTECT OUR COOP TO THE EDITOR:

It is my understanding that at the last General Meeting a group of members disrupted the meeting, shutting it down for over 30 minutes: expressing their contempt for the meeting, the Chair, other members, meeting procedures, the Coop itself!

It is important that our leaders take appropriate action to protect our Coop.

Surely, corporate interests would be pleased to see contempt for cooperative relations poison the most successful food coop in the country.

Elizabeth Shanklin

RESPONSE TO BIKE VALET LETTER

DEAR CHRIS MCNALLY [LINEWAITERS’ GAZETTE, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, APRIL 30, 2015]:

Last year we expanded Bike Valet from the original Sunday-only service to include two shifts on Saturday. Adding more shifts on the weekend requires an exponential increase in member labor to staff the Bike Valet tent. As it stands, we still have many shift openings for the hours Bike Valet currently operates. Our priority is to provide service when the permanent racks are fullest, and this tends to be when the Coop is most crowded. We appreciate your thoughtful letter and are so glad you find the service useful. The Shop & Cycle Committee will continue to evaluate its Bike Valet service and will try to expand as we are able.

*Yours in cooperation,
Ginger Jung
Staff Liaison to the Shop & Cycle Committee*

PLASTIC BAGS IN THE COOP

DEAR MEMBERS:

In light of the reoccurring vote on whether to keep or dispense with plastic bags, I wanted to offer the following idea. Why don’t we make it even easier to switch to non-plastic bags on a voluntary basis and through education. How about an article that goes over all the products that we carry that are worthy substitutes? How about placing them in a visible place with signage that points them out.

How about having some kind of plastic bag advisory that goes in the *Gazette* every month so you know you can pick it up to refer to it and people will be reminded. It could be regarded as an on-going service announcement.

Or something like that!

Just an idea . . .

Good morning!

Have a wonderful day.

Arnold Hammerschlag

GOTHAM GREENS’ PACKAGING

DEAR MEMBERS:

Thanks to Brian Dentz for his story on Gotham Greens (*Linewaiters’ Gazette*, “Really Local Greens,” April 30, 2015), but why no discussion of this operation’s plastic packaging (most of which will probably not be recycled into anything)? Since the Gowanus Gotham Greens is so close to the Coop (less than a 15-minute walk), could the Coop purchase the company’s produce without this disposable packaging, possibly in reusable crates or boxes? (The Coop’s conventional growers don’t individually wrap their heads of lettuce in plastic.) One of the primary benefits of buying from local and regional purveyors is the radical reduction in packaging waste (whether recyclable or not) and in the use of fossil fuels used to make that packaging.

Elizabeth Royte

BILINGUAL PSFC

DEAR MEMBERS:

Has the Coop ever considered having more arrangements for Spanish speakers (e.g., Spanish website translation, *Gazette* in Spanish, Spanish interpretation at the General Meeting)?

Arsenia Reilly

THE GAZETTE INDEXES

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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.)

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.

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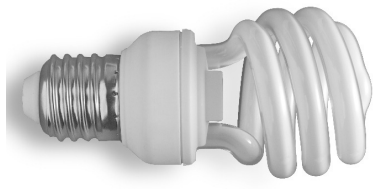
8 p.m. *MUSICAL ECOLOGIES POP-UP EVENT* Admission by contribution (\$10 suggested) BETH O’BRIEN & CRAIG SHEP-

ARD; On Foot: Brooklyn Book Release Party, The Old Stone House at Washington Park, Third St. and Fifth Ave. Park Slope, Brooklyn.

SUN, MAY 31

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Prerequisite:

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

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

How to Apply:

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

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

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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. ■

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

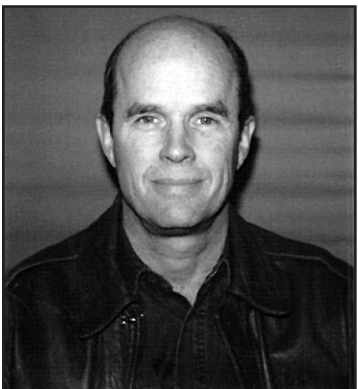
community that values social responsibility and justice.

Second, I have learned that the practice of democracy can be messy. The GMs are forums that accept, absorb, and contain diverse voices and opinions. Sometimes this means that we must muddle through a bedlam of rancor and conflict in parsing out the merits and faults of a particular position. Through this sometimes painful process, we affirm our common commitment to a decision-making process that trusts in the wisdom of a crowd.

Finally, I have learned that the Coop is indeed a unique place worth sustaining and nurturing. The Coop membership has ceaselessly embraced the challenges of change necessary to keep evolving and improving. In my 20-year membership history, I have witnessed many of these changes. In my three years as a Board member, I have been privileged to claim agency among them. I am grateful for this opportunity and request your support as I seek to continue to serve on the Board of Directors. I am also grateful to the General Coordinators who have endorsed my candidacy and hope I will have yours.

Thank you for your consideration. ■

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 work-slot 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. ■

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**.