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Childcare at the Coop



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By Brian Dentz

Childcare at the Park Slope Food Coop is “not a daycare center” according to Membership Coordinator Annette Laskaris, the staffer who oversees the childcare service at the Coop.

“Our main concern is that our kids are safe while they are there,” Laskaris explained. The childcare workers are not trained in child development or early education; they are trained to adhere to the Coop childcare rules pertaining to kids and parents, explained Laskaris.

Since childcare is not licensed and insured as a daycare center, many laws that apply to schools and daycare centers don’t apply to the Coop childcare. This includes rules regarding children being vaccinated.

With so much importance placed on the safety of the children while in childcare, one might ask what dangers have befallen our organic offspring? “Biting is the most frequent incident,” reports Laskaris. Other past incidents include children falling and

needing stitches. But these are unusual incidents.

The origin of childcare goes back to an earlier era of the Park Slope Food Coop, when the shopping floor was considered dangerous for children because of how cramped and crowded it was. It was not safe for parents to bring their children with them while working their shift on the shopping floor. So a childcare room was organized. Some might argue that while space in the Coop has expanded over time, the hazards for children on the shopping floor remain the same.

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To be a childcare worker, a Coop member must complete the hour-and-a-half training, which is held every two weeks. All the rules and procedures pertaining to childcare are spelled out in the childcare training manual, which is the 10 commandments for childcare workers. It consists of 27 rules and procedures on eight pages. Included are practical matters

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The Greening of Maureen O'Brien

By Pat Smith

All Coop members have some familiarity with compost—it’s got something to do with the slimy buckets in the produce aisle, right? And maybe you put your kitchen scraps on the street in the bins the City has distributed. If you’re lucky enough to have a garden plot, you know the end product, compost or humus, is black gold as fertilizer. But living among us are certain people whose involvement with compost is so surpassing they may be considered nothing less than bodhisattvas of composting. Maureen O'Brien, Compost Squad member and a Coop compost coordinator at the 6/15 Green community garden in Park Slope, is one of those people—a master composter and composting teacher, par excellence.



PHOTO BY INGSU LIU

Compost Squad Leader Maureen O'Brien. She's a Brooklyn Botanic Garden administrator and member of the 6/15 Green Community Garden in the South Slope, which has just constructed new composting bins.

It Began at the Backyard Bin

Maureen was introduced to composting as a child in Glenolden, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. “I was very fortunate to have

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Annual & General Meeting on June 30

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The June Annual & General Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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

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Shopping hours:
6 am - 7:30 pm

Childcare

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such as rule number 13, how to properly sign in children. Then there is number 17, “no jumping” (this applies to the children). Other fundamental rules state that parents can leave children for a maximum of four hours and must remain in the confines of the Coop. “You cannot step foot outside the building,” emphasizes Laskaris. If a diaper needs changing, the child’s guardian is paged and must return to childcare to take care of their child’s needs.

Other rules include the prohibition of electronics for both children and the childcare workers. Childcare workers are expected to limit their use of cell phones and keep their attention on the children under their care. The childcare room is located on the second floor to the left as one walks out of the elevator. To enter, one passes through a locked door with a large window, and upon entering must show photo identification prior to dropping off a child. Photo identification is also needed to pick up. The room itself is bright and

cheerful, with one wall covered with children’s drawings and another wall of shelves filled with books and toys. The childcare space has a dedicated bathroom and changing facility. On one recent evening, Maria Goldstein was working her shift in childcare while children played with the abundance of toys spread out on the floor. Asked why she chose childcare as her Coop shift, Goldstein explained that because she has a nursing baby, “it’s the only shift that works for me...it’s very convenient.” When describing what she likes about the work, Goldstein reflected, “children have a positive energy.” Laskaris emphasizes that even nursing mothers who bring their children to their shift maintain primary responsibility for watching all children. To do otherwise would be to violate the spirit of the Coop and diminish safety during that shift. Coop members are in fact given 12 months off from their shift per newborn (to be split between parents, if applicable or desired), so there are not often many young babies left in

childcare for more than a short period to let a parent shop. But the rules do permit children, from newborns to 12 years old to spend up to four hours at a time in childcare. Karen Berckmann, who has worked in childcare off and on since her five-year-old son was born, said she enjoys the shift and likes “to see what other children are doing.” Berckmann, who works in the financial services industry during the day, said she also likes how different her shift is to her day job. “It’s a shift of mental energy,” she said as a small boy sat on the toilet with the bathroom door open. Describing the hardest part of the job, Berckmann commented, “when there are a lot of children, it can be very intense.” At times it has been a challenge to ensure that parents adhere to the rules, Laskaris commented. “Childcare is not guaranteed,” she said. “It can be full and children must be turned away, [although] it does not happen often.” Priority is given to children of parents doing their shift over shopping parents. The number of children in

childcare is strictly limited to five children per childcare worker. When there are two workers in the room, 10 kids are allowed. If there are three workers present, the maximum children permitted are 12. Workers have the discretion to limit capacity further depending on other factors. In the past, snacks given to children included water, bagels and apples. Because of the danger of having a knife present to cut the fruit, apples were taken off the menu. So now it’s just bagels and water for the hungry little mouths. One of the important daily routines, which happen at the end of each day in childcare, is the cleaning and disinfecting of toys by a maintenance worker. After a Coop member has enough childcare shifts under their belt, they can become a childcare shift coordinator. This shift includes showing up each week at the start of a weekly childcare shift and making sure that everything is correct, all shift workers are present, bagels and water are ready, and toys are clean. This weekly work lasts about 20 minutes. ■

Crossword Puzzle

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Across
1. “Tootsie” Oscar nominee
5. Stupefy
9. Educated guesses: Abbr.
13. Only country whose capital starts with “Q”: Abbr.
14. School recalled in Orwell’s “Such, Such Were the Joys”
15. Hidden store
16. Give a Kennedy a French kiss?
18. Milo of “The Verdict”
19. Mercedes models
20. 1974 Sutherland/Gould spoof
21. Harps (on)
22. R&B singer with the hit “It’s All About Me”
23. “Live ____” (Taco Bell slogan)
24. Energy
25. Music genre
26. Battle cry
28. An Op-Ed piece written in defense of management, presumably?
30. Snookums
31. Nader’s 2000 running mate
32. One who takes a scalpel to a common cereal ingredient?
36. It comes with all the bells and whistles
37. Prego competitor
40. What a person is in after making a surprising discovery?
43. Rifles with tiny shots
45. Course listing
46. “Viva ____ Vegas!”
47. Hosp. designation
48. Freelancer’s encl.
49. Delights
51. High point
52. Airport alternative to JFK or LGA
53. Students take them in class
54. Words after a digression (or, with the exception of this answer’s final letter, a remark on this puzzle’s completed grid)
56. Wintry temps
57. Throng

Down
1. Bristles
2. Devoted follower
3. Keeps charging shots, say
4. Cleaning cloth
5. “Quantum Healing” author Chopra
6. Firm group: Abbr.
7. Actresses Saldana and Kazan
8. Finish
9. Alloy
10. Haul (around)
11. 1991 Geena Davis title role
12. Add zest to
15. Cattle drive participant
17. “Semper Fidelis” org.
21. Fix, as a computer program
24. Tony Gwynn, throughout his career
27. Rich tapestry
28. Cum ____
29. Corp. shake-up
31. Exams with analytical reasoning parts: Abbr.
33. Naive
34. Big tournaments for university teams, informally
35. Sicken
38. Chews on, as a bone
39. They get you in
40. Not against trying
41. Like many Madonnas
42. Gave a keynote, say
43. Gets on
44. Overdo it in the sun
47. Caterpillar rival
50. Hamiltons
51. “What a relief!”
54. “Huh?”
55. Looking sickly

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 11.

YEEEEEOOOOWWW!!!

NO OPEN-TOED SHOES WHILE DOING YOUR WORK SHIFT

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

Thanks for your cooperation,
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Maureen O'Brien

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parents, grandparents and neighbors who all gardened," she said. "I learned a lot from them. They had 'Victory Gardens' during WWII; my mom and her grandfather from Ireland had theirs at a community garden near their home. They raised mostly vegetables and some ornamental plants and, of course, they composted. One of my chores was to take kitchen scraps out to the compost slop heap in our backyard. I didn't really like it that much. I used a big long stick to flip up the lid. There were bees and maggots all around it; it was pretty disgusting. But we grew many of the vegetables that we ate, and every Thanksgiving we used to take pride in having green beans that we grew that year."

Maureen's composting destiny was delayed when she left home for college. "I was a fine arts major—graphic design and photography," she said. "Once I decided to be an artist and move to New York, I thought I was pretty much done with gardening. I had house plants; I would draw plants, but I wasn't really thinking that I would farm or anything like that." She began working as a graphic designer, but the urge to garden was still in her. "I moved to a place in Williamsburg that had a backyard, and I thought I was going to raise all my own food," she said. "The first year I had 120 tomato plants in a yard that was so shady you could hardly grow a fern. But I did start composting. I took a worm bin class from Sherry Showell [now the Coop's Compost Squad Leader] when she worked at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. That was my first re-entry into the wonders of gardening and composting,

and I was so fulfilled by that, it kind of got me hooked."

Discovering the Community

What drew Maureen from Williamsburg to Park Slope? The Coop, of course. "I had heard about the Coop, about cooperative banking and things like that and it seemed so neighborhood-y," she said. But in the Slope she didn't have a garden. "So my initial, maybe naïve, idea was to replace my backyard by joining the community garden at 6/15 Green. But I learned that you don't just pay your dues and get a garden plot; it's about so much more: community building, democracy and peaceful coexistence. As I got



ILLUSTRATION BY PAUL BUCKLEY

deeper into it, I wanted to be able to teach composting, so I took a certification class at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and I became a master composter. That was a big step."

What started as a gardening passion became an educational mission for Maureen. "I taught members of 6/15 Green about composting. I was a block association president, and I was teaching my neighbors about greening. I was entering The Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest. And I took a trainers course in urban farming from Just Food (www.justfood.org) where you learn popular education techniques for adult learning.

I also learned how to teach integrative pest management and intensive food growing."

"In 2003 I applied for a Waste Prevention Community Coordinator's grant from the Department of Sanitation, to create pilot programs for increasing capacity. 6/15 Green got the grant, and in addition to compost bin builds and teaching, we did pilots of clothing and electronics recycling that were models for the programs now in place at farmers' markets in Park Slope."

"Now in my job at Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Green-Bridge program, I work in the neighborhoods of Brooklyn, teaching workshops about sustainable horticulture, and encouraging community building. I feel I learned a lot about that at 6/15 Green and at the Coop, with our model of justice, empowerment, listening to the wants and needs of a group of collaborators, and having that inform the decision-making."

The Gardens and The Coop

Maureen recently guided the installation of beautiful new composting bins at 6/15 Green. "Around twenty years ago, we built a wooden, three-bin system, retrofitted it and kept it going as long as we could, but it was really worn out; we needed to replace it," she said. "For several years the New York City Compost Project hosted by Brooklyn Botanic Garden has been helping community gardens increase their composting capacity by supporting bin builds, supplying materials and part of the labor. At 6/15 Green we've been a demonstration site for the program since it started. Often master composter classes, whether they're from Manhattan,



PHOTO BY INGSU LIU

6/15 Green (www.615green.org) in the summer sunlight.

Brooklyn or Queens, will come to tour our site. We're an unusual model, since we accept donations from garden members, our neighbors in the general public, and we're also partners with the Coop."

A little background on the Coop's partnerships with community gardens: There are Compost Squad haulers, usually teams of two, who pick up the buckets of food scraps from the Coop, take them to the gardens, process the scraps and bring the buckets back. Some of the gardens, but not all, have Compost Squad "turners," who rotate the compost pile to aerate it weekly. There are also squad members who collect untreated sawdust and wood shavings from Brooklyn carpentry shops and deliver them to the gardens.

"The partnership with the Coop is fantastic," Maureen said. "Having wood shavings delivered as a Coop work shift has been gigantic for the success of our compost. It gives us a supply of browns year-round. In the past we mostly used leaves collected in the fall, but the bags were unsightly and created an ideal rat habitat."

Get Yourself Greener

Maureen admits that she is "crazy for compost." What should you do if you want to go compost crazy, too? "Read about compost, certainly, and take classes at Brooklyn Botanic Garden," she said. "Master Composting is an immersive certification class, but there are single evening classes in things like composting with worms, and composting with bins. You can become a compost member at many community gardens. You can also contact the NYC Compost Project hosted by Brooklyn Botanic Garden. They have a great website at www.bbg.org/gardening/composting. There's a great book called *Teaming with Microbes* [by Jeff Lowenfels and Wayne Lewis] that talks about compost and soil microbes and the whole web of life that supports the trees and plants that give us beauty and oxygen and food. Without the symbiotic relationship between microbes and plants we couldn't actually sustain ourselves. Food couldn't even be produced without the web of compost and soil." ■

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

TPP Is Heating Up

By Willy Naess, ITES

The fight over TPP is intensifying! On June 12, the House of Representatives refused to grant Obama Trade Promotion Authority, a legislative maneuver also called Fast Track. Fast Track would limit Congressional debate on TPP and prevent lawmakers from making amendments to the final TPP agreement. TPP is already being negotiated behind closed doors, and Fast Track would make these negotiations even less transparent.

If you're new to TPP, the

Trans-Pacific Partnership is a free trade deal among 12 nations that has been in the works for the past decade. Although it is being negotiated in secret, leaks suggest that TPP will continue many of the job-killing trends that began with its predecessor, NAFTA. Senator Alan Grayson (D-FL), an outspoken opponent of TPP, argues that by helping send jobs overseas, "free-trade" agreements like NAFTA and TPP are actually creating "fake trade." "Today," he says, "we're creating millions—no, tens of millions—of jobs in other coun-

tries with our purchasing power, while we're losing millions of jobs here in America because people in other countries are buying their own goods and services rather than ours." Grayson points out that these countries are using their wealth to buy up American assets, one-seventh of which are now owned by foreigners.

Perhaps the most discouraging aspect of TPP is its provisions on investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), which allow a corporation to sue a sovereign nation if that nation's regulatory laws are hurting corporate profits. If the corpo-

ration wins, the government must change its regulations or pay fines. These lawsuits would be judged by international arbitrators and would overrule a country's own laws. Joseph Stiglitz, former Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, warns that "the real intent of these provisions is to impede health, environmental, safety, and, yes, even financial regulations meant to protect America's own economy and citizens." Poorer countries that are unable to afford expensive arbitration could see their regulations substantially eroded.

If passed, TPP will involve

over forty percent of the world's economy. In the name of democracy, the Coop's International Trade Education Squad encourages people to oppose any measures that limit discussion and debate on such a massive deal. A re-vote on Fast Track is expected in the House during the week of June 15. Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and tell your Congressional leaders to vote NO on Fast Track. For more information about TPP and to view the Grayson and Stiglitz texts mentioned above, visit the ITES Blog at <https://coopites.wordpress.com/author/coopites>. ■

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

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

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Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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TUE, JULY 7
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the July 28 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
July 9 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 29
July 23 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, July 13

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
July 9 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, July 1
July 23 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, July 15

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 on foodcoop.com and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

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

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods. We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture.

We respect the environment. We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment.

We are committed to diversity and equality. We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store.

We welcome all who respect these values.

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

jun 26
fri 6:30 pm

ITES Public Forum

During the protests in Seattle against the World Trade Organization's free trade plans in 1999, many cameras were running. A team at IndyMedia edited the footage and created, *This is What Democracy Looks Like* (2000, 68 minutes), a documentary that "like the protests, makes art out of action" (*Village Voice*). Screening begins at 6:45 p.m. Update on Fast Track and free trade and then discussion will follow, organized by the International Trade Education Squad.

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



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. ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:

Item 1: Presentation of Audited Financial Statement

Report & Vote: The Coop's outside auditor, Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, will present the audited financial statement for the year ended February 1, 2015. Following the presentation, members will have the opportunity to pose questions to the auditor. Members will then vote whether to accept the audited statement.

Item 2: Board of Directors Election

Election: Two three-year terms are open. The candidates will make a brief presentation to the meeting prior to the vote.

Item 3: Approval of Bylaw Amendment

Proposal: To affirmatively approve the Article I Bylaw Amendment of the Park Slope Food Coop Inc. that went into effect on March 31, 2015, as follows:

Prior Bylaws Article I	Amended Bylaws Article I as of March 31, 2015
Type of Cooperative The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall be a non-stock membership cooperative as defined in Article I section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law. The Not-For-Profit Corporation Law shall apply to the Park Slope Food Coop as described in Article I section 5 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law.	Type of Cooperative The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. is incorporated under the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law as a general non-stock cooperative corporation. Article I section 3 paragraph (d) of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law states "A cooperative corporation shall be classed as a non-profit corporation, since its primary object is not to make profits for itself as such, or to pay dividends on invested capital, but to provide service and means whereby its members may have the economic advantage of cooperative action....."

III. GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:

Item 1: Renewing the Services of the Auditor

Proposal: To retain the services of Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, to perform an audit of the Coop for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2016.

—submitted by the General Coordinators

Item 2: Election of Officers

Election: Following the election of members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, the General Meeting must elect officers of the corporation—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be, at the time of election, members of the Board of Directors. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer can be elected from the membership at large. Candidates for Secretary and Treasurer can be nominated from the floor.

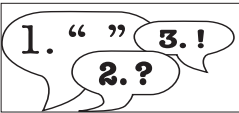
IV. Board of Directors Meeting

V. Wrap-Up. Includes member sign-in for workslot credit.

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jul 7
tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



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jul 11
sat 12 pm

Nutrition Response Testing

If my test results are all normal, then why do I feel so bad? Fatigued? Trouble losing weight? Always cold? Sinus problems? Join us for a discussion of common thyroid symptoms and why conventional testing/treatment isn't always the answer. Nutrition Response Testing is a unique system of analyzing the body for nutritional deficiencies and designing the precise nutritional correction. We can be successful identifying the root cause of your symptoms when others have failed. Come find out how! **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope. She is also a long-time Coop member.

jul 12
sun 12 pm

How Money Works

The three root causes of the financial problems most families face are: failure to plan; being uninformed; and misinformation. This informative seminar will discuss the following issues: the Rule of 72; paying off your debt; credit card traps; how your life insurance policy works. These topics, once understood and applied, can have an impact on your personal finances. **Deborah Mack** is a Coop member and an independent representative with Primerica Financial Services, Inc. She empowers you to save money, get out of debt and strive for financial independence by educating you with financial concepts.

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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jul 14
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Weight of the Nation Part III



Children in Crisis. Childhood obesity is much more than a cosmetic concern. The health consequences of childhood obesity include greater risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma and other illnesses. Experts fear this may be the first generation of American children who will have a shorter life expectancy than their parents. The good news is that there are resources available for parents who want to help their kids. The bad news is that there are many barriers to achieving these goals and many parents don't recognize the serious health issues and the help their children need to overcome the obstacles.

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.

jul 19
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.

jul 28
tue 7 pm

It's Your Funeral

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

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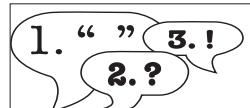
PSFC JUL General Meeting



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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tue 8 pm

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aug 7
fri 7 pm

Film Night



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

aug 11
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film to be announced.
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aug 25
tue 7 pm

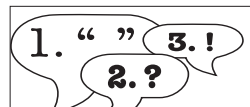
PSFC AUG General Meeting



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sep 1
tue 8 pm

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sep 4 Film Night

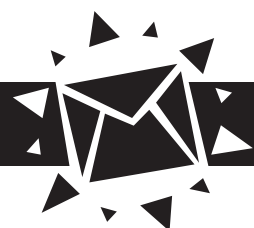
sep 8 Safe Food Committee Film Night

sep 11 Wordsprouts

sep 13 Alternatives to Boycotting

sep 26 Money Madness

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ARBITRARY CENSORSHIP BY AN EDITOR

TO THE MEMBERS,

Having broken none of the increasingly restrictive *Gazette* Guidelines, my last submission was rejected on the following grounds:

(1) While the word “propaganda” has appeared in letters more than 60 times, including in the title of my previously published letter, its use as an adjective in objecting to “propagandistic photographs”, was considered unacceptably “provocative” and “disrespectful”. (At this juncture, editorial staff no longer even bothers to preserve an appearance of consistency in judgments.)

(2) Specific examples (with references provided) included in my letter to illustrate a point were deemed “painting with a broad brush, deviating from commentary on the matter at hand,” my point being that contrary to accusations of anti-BDS members having “pre-planned” their protest, it is in fact anti-Israel activists who frequently pre-plan disruptions of Israeli events. (Note that past accusations of ethnic cleansing, rape of Palestinian women, murder of Palestinian children, and apartheid were apparently considered un-provocative and respectful, and painted with a narrow brush.)

(3) Expressing my objection to the “bigotry” of a self-identified “person of

color” who wrote that she felt unsafe due to confrontational behavior of anti-BDS “white people,” the editor responded “How can you call a ‘person of color’ bigoted if that’s how she felt?” (This implies that David Duke should not be considered a racist when making demonstrably racist remarks because, after all, that’s how he felt at the time of making said remarks).

(4) My objection to a disrespectful ageist remark in a previous letter that ridiculed “grey-haired elders jumping up and down on stage, screaming at lung’s-pitch” was disqualified on grounds that the remark was “taken out of context” (and notice my considering the remarks ageist, which is how I “felt” at the time—and still do—does not, unlike the remark discussed in #3 above, get me any special dispensation).

These are the criticisms of an overzealous English teacher, not an editor enforcing newsletter guidelines.

And that’s how I feel.

Sylvia Lowenthal

ENOUGH ALREADY! TO THE COOP LEADERSHIP, EDITORS AND MEMBERS,

GM Chair David Moss began the last GM stating that he would like to supercede the scheduled agenda with an “emergency” proposal for a moratorium on BDS topics at GMs. (His request was

based on the Coop’s Guide to Annual and General Meetings, section 4f pertaining to introducing unscheduled “emergency” items. See Eric Rosenbaums’s account of the last GM, June 11 *Gazette*, page 1.)

After a discussion and vote about meeting protocols, the request was rejected. (I suspect that he might have gotten the same response if he had smelled smoke and tried to supercede the planned agenda by yelling, “Fire!”)

The proposal he wanted to move forward is indeed an effort to address an emergency. In an article in the last *Gazette* General Coordinator Joe Holtz expressed his concern that BDS issues were putting into question PSFC’s “sustainability” in terms of finances, discord, divisiveness and disorderly conduct. He could have added that an Israel boycott (which BDS is aiming for) could place PSFC in legal jeopardy (i.e., facing a lawsuit) based on the New York State Human Rights Law. Nor did he mention that the negative publicity and resultant reputation that the Coop has already begun to generate can only grow.

The proposal he intended to make at the May GM was to avoid the potential rancor and exorbitant cost of another large and highly publicized meeting. As an alternative, he proposed attaching an opinion poll to election ballots to solicit member advice about a two-year moratorium at General Meetings on issues pertaining to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and BDS.

To the PSFC leadership: you typically consult members about Coop issues and decisions, but as managers and directors of a non-profit cooperative corporation, you are not legally required to do so.

The Coop is now threatened at least financially and morally. Your function and responsibility is to serve the welfare of the Coop. How about exercising your right to take a stand and *stop any further BDS discussion in GMs and the Gazette*? You don’t need any ballots to do this. When PSFC’s founder and Director expresses grave concerns about the Coop’s “sustainability” (which clearly tells us that we have an urgent situation), it’s surely time to act. Please!

Ruth Bolletino

ALARMED AT EFFORTS TO SQUELCH DEBATE

DEAR EDITOR,

After reading Joe Holtz’s piece entitled “Our Coop’s Sustainability,” I am disappointed, angry and alarmed at the General Coordinators’ efforts to squelch debate on BDS-related matters. Joe says that the Coordinators never framed their proposal as an “emergency” measure. Nonetheless, the fact that they tried to use their special powers “for the good of the corporation,” instead of taking the normal route to placing an item on the agenda, clearly signals that they view the re-emergence of vigorous discussion about Palestine, Israel and boycotts as a threat requiring suspension of established democratic procedure—in effect, an emergency. While offering no evidence (not even a claim) that the Coop’s bottom line has suffered because of BDS-related tensions, Joe premises his argument on the notion that further discussion along these lines will present an existential threat to our beloved organization. He thereby tries to justify the General Coordinators’ flagrant attack on democratic process by passing it off as a piece of simple common sense. (Do you care about our sustainability? Then drop this BDS stuff! And if you won’t, you must be anti-Coop!) I fully understand—and to some extent share—concerns about the strains that ongoing engagement with this issue may create for the Coop. However, it’s a big leap from acknowledging concerns to embracing Joe’s doomsday scenario.

Joe says the proposed ballot was designed to be “neutral,” but the text mandated that even if we voted to allow ongoing discussion of BDS, there would be another up-or-down membership vote on suppression after a two-year period! In effect, this would have put the discussion of boycotts under a perpetual cloud of suspicion. How is that neutral? Wouldn’t it actually set a terrible precedent, suggesting our democratic process can be derailed whenever the General Coordinators label an issue problematic? The claim of neutrality for the accompanying letter is even more ridiculous. Shamefully, the letter argues for the suppression of debate on the grounds that some anti-BDS campaigners disrupted a presentation on a proposed

SodaStream boycott at the April GM. The General Coordinators feel perfectly comfortable rewarding the disruptors and muzzling those who adhered to our established process. Joe says the Coordinators’ proposal was timed in hopes of including the referendum ballot in an imminent membership mailing. How on earth could it be appropriate to make a snap decision on such a key matter as whether to hold the proposed referendum? At the very least, wouldn’t decency require that members receive advance notice that such a controversial proposal was coming before the GM?

For the record, I support a Coop-wide referendum on BDS, wishing to see us uphold our mission statement’s pledge to shun “products that depend on the exploitation of others.” However, my stated objections to Joe’s piece are valid regardless of one’s position on Palestine and Israel. His stance offers grave cause for concern to all who value the PSFC’s commitment to cooperative dialogue and democratic governance.

*Sincerely,
Jan Clausen*

WHAT’S THE DEAL WITH BUNCHES OF KALE?

TO THE EDITOR,

I have a suggestion for an article. I don’t live near, or get to, the Coop that often, so if this has already been done... my apologies. Here’s the idea:

I just bought two bunches of lacinato kale, \$1.97 each. Out of curiosity, I weighed them when I got home: one was 15.5 oz., the other 10.2 oz. This seems weird, but then: I have NO idea of how these things are done. Is it by weight? Is there another factor? Maybe I got a great deal; maybe I got... not a great deal. I bet others would be interested in understanding this too... that’s my idea.

Ruth Klein

Coordinator’s response: The sizes of bunches of Lacinato Kale, like bunches of other types of produce, will vary from farm to farm—and may even vary in size when from the same farm. Before they temporarily disbanded, Finger Lakes Organic Growers Cooperative asked all of their farms to make bunches that were

Boycott Policy History

Passed at the April 1987 General Meeting:

The Coop will apply the following guidelines to determine whether the Coop will join a boycott:

1. Is there either . . .
 - a. An effective local organizing effort in support of the boycott?
 - b. An effective national campaign in support of the boycott?
2. Is this an item that would upset a significant number of Coop members if stocked?
3. The boycott proposal must be published in the *Linewaiters’ Gazette* in the month before it is discussed at the General Meeting.

Passed at the July 1987 General Meeting:

The October General Meeting is designated for annual re-evaluation of all boycotts except those passed within six months prior to the GM, which will continue. This will be the first agenda item of each October GM. Each boycott must be represented at the October GM by a designated advocate.

Recent Practice:

- The Coop sends a letter to the organization supporting the boycott.
- The Coop sends a letter to the institutions being boycotted.

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12 oz in size. We don't know if they're weighing each individual bunch or not (we'll ask), but we do expect a slight variety in bunch weights. Lacinato Kale typically comes in cases of 24 and we do look to see that we're getting the 18 lbs of Kale that the Coop is paying for—24 bunches x 12 oz equals 18 lbs. It's currently local season for Lacinato Kale and we're receiving it from a number of different regional farms or coops, including Lancaster, Hepworth and Grindstone Farm. Again, there may be some slight variation in bunch sizing, especially among the local farmers that we purchase from. Overall though, if the standard bunch size is 12 oz, your average bunch size of 12.85 oz comes out to be more than that—so you made out pretty well!

Joe Szladek

PRO-COOP: EMPOWERING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. NO BOYCOTTING NECESSARY

TO THE EDITOR,

On Friday June 5 and 13 I stood outside the Coop for three hours with a placard. I was promoting a new Palestinian Olive Oil I helped to bring to our shelves and announcing, "Empowerment of people without boycotting. That's pro-Coop!"

Recognizing that I am anti-boycott while remaining pro-empowerment of Palestinians, the vocal response was overwhelmingly positive with smiles and thumbs-up's. When people stopped to chat, I said that we have alternatives, that boycotting Israel has helped/solved nothing, that a pro or anti boycotting argument is only dividing our cooperative. They nodded in agreement, relieved and thankful for my pointing out a different way.

Since I have begun this effort, PSFC has sold close to four cases of Al'Ard Palestinian 750 ml Organic Extra Virgin Olive oil, one case of 250 ml Extra Virgin olive oil and one case of 500 ml extra virgin olive oil. The best parts of my shift were watching people wave Al'Ard Olive Oil at me as they left the Coop. That's likely dozens of additional anti-boycott votes in the future. I sincerely thanked them for

building something positive.

Even when a few people disagreed with my position the conversations were polite and relaxed. Some people said, "But the conversation around boycotting is an important one to have." I said it's never been a discussion, only a vicious slander-fest, and its importance has vanished since Ithaca's GreenStar Food Coop rejected BDS on grounds of potentially attracting a lawsuit for violating NYS Human Rights law.

Again, it was respectful conversation all around, but I was aghast when one man—who shared up-front his pro-BDS stance with me—said that a lawsuit would be a small price to pay. I'm not sure he understands who will pay that price (or what it would actually purchase) so I say to him: Sir, you risk nothing. It is the Coop who will pay while you walk away safe and sound. That's unacceptable and irresponsible to the rest of us.

People, what I'm advocating is not radical or new. The Coop suffers from no moral lapses, only from moralizers who distract from all the good we do every day. PSFC has empowered Peruvian coffee growers, African chocolate producers and Fair Trade organizations worldwide without demonizing anyone. Hundreds of similar examples abound on the shelves. The Coop can choose this path of simply doing the right thing without fanfare, or we can march towards uncertain, damaging and expensive legal territory for the sake of symbolic gestures that were rejected out of hand three years ago at our General Meeting in Brooklyn Tech.

Final note: the "Go f--- yourself" woman returned. My biggest fan. This time she didn't care that kids were around when she screamed it. I just laughed at her hatred.

Please think Pro-Coop! The conversation is changing! Finally!

Jesse Rosenfeld

EDITORS, WHERE'S THE EVIDENCE?

DEAR EDITORS,

I am pleased the *Gazette* has instituted more stringent guidelines on letters concerning BDS and the Middle East. In the May 28 issue, there were two letters stating

that the verbal protests at the April GM that disrupted the BDS presentation were organized and planned. Specifically, the *Gazette* published: "a small group of disruptors well organized, with an agenda try to intimidate the presenters and censure what we are allowed to see and hear." And "intentional disruptive behavior during our meetings" and "This small group had obviously come with a game plan."

This is a very serious charge. So, I would like the editors of that issue to share the evidence provided to them showing that this was the case, and not a spontaneous reaction to photographs displayed without context and unrelated to SodaStream's operations, in a presentation rife with false, unsupported or misleading statements.

Also, I would like to know what is the *Gazette's* criteria for considering an internet source reliable. On what basis are *Electronic Intifada* and *Middle East Monitor* considered credible? Please provide a list of accepted websites and other sources.

Thank you,
Barbara Mazor

"IS THAT THE POLITICAL ONE?"

TO THE EDITOR,

I have enjoyed the privileges of the Coop for some years now.

I also enjoy sharing herbal and nutritional small-talk while I'm there with other members. My husband and I have made some friends there, as well. All in all, we do enjoy shopping there, seeing the new products, and buying what we need.

What I want to say is that I had an experience and I wanted to share it as well as comment.

I was recently out and I met someone new. We talked about nutrition, herbs, etc. When she asked me where I get my non-chemical/natural cleansers, I told her "I get them where I get most of my health promoting products... at the Park Slope Food Coop. She looked at me for a second and then said: "Is that the political one? I think I've heard of it."

That shocked me. I only responded what the location was, and that we belong to it. I appreciate so much at our Coop...the many people who share positive energy, the values of eating and living

healthy on a small and large scale (because we all know that what we do on an individual basis, can affect others, and the world).

I was not happy that our Coop was known to someone in this way, and with some of the positive input from certain members, I hope that this will not continue.

I also want to say that words should be used to help and not for the opposite. A certain group of our members felt that another group of people yelled and disrupted our General Meeting in April (because they felt that the situation was being misrepresented and mishandled unfairly) should get some consequence, and I feel hurt about that. Isn't it possible if we search ourselves, that we misunderstand intentions?

Being that this IS a FOOD/health Coop, we are not designed as a political body, how do we really know what the dynamics were, really?

Any comments are appreciated, I only want that this can lead to a positive outcome. That IS the goal here.

While I know that I could say more, I would say that more is less, and less is more. I have decency, truth and honesty in mind, and I think we all need to have that as our value.

Much to say, but sending positive energy to everyone and I look forward to sharing my newest herbal findings with everyone.

Etta C. Brummel

WE VOTED "NO"— LET'S MOVE ON

TO THE EDITOR,

It is time to end the discussions about BDS at the Coop. This issue has been debated for a number of years, and it must stop. We have voted "no" as a community two years ago. The continuing discussion is damaging the spirit of cooperation at the Coop. It's time to agree to disagree, and move on with our operations. I urge the board of directors to vote to end this discussion.

Thank you,
Naftali Hanau

STOP WASTING TIME AND LET'S COOPERATE

DEAR MEMBERS,

After attending the April

2015 General Meeting—it is clear that BDS is not just anti-SodaStream, but apparently anti-Israel and their continued activities within the Coop, while of great benefit to the BDS, can serve to unravel our incredible institution. No need to look much further than the April 2015 General Meeting when a BDS activist became irate that a Coop fund-raiser offered a SodaStream as a prize for raffle winners. Instead of appreciating that the Coop's merchants (including SodaStream) donate their goods to be used as gifts in a Coop fund-raiser (which is used to finance other coops), a BDS supporter instead became incensed.

Despite SodaStream moving out of the West Bank and moving to an area in southern Israel, BDS was still calling for our Coop to boycott SodaStream without strong justification. During their presentation they showed slides of Palestinians at Israeli checkpoints and Israeli Bedouins suffering from environmental justice issues. Although BDS never even showed any linkage between checkpoints, environmental justice issues and SodaStream, they chose to show these slides anyway. BDS also raised an issue about 60 Palestinian workers getting fired for striking when served insufficient amounts of food after the end of Ramadan fast day. BDS failed to mention that this strike and event took place during the Gaza war, when tensions between Israelis and Palestinians were running high. Could not this insufficient food supply been addressed in a simple conversation with facility managers without the need for a strike?

In the issue of SodaStream, BDS should have dropped its boycott request and declared victory at the SodaStream's move out of the West Bank. BDS incorrectly called the Bedouins "Palestinian Bedouins" and worked to lump them in the same category as Palestinians. Bedouins, unlike Palestinians and Israeli Arabs, serve in the Israel Army and have also been the victims of rocket attacks from Gaza. BDS did not mention that the new facility may actually help Bedouins and residents of the south where jobs are not as easy to come by.

Let's be clear, SodaStream has moved out of the West

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Bank so this agenda item was a waste of time from the beginning. It looked like punishment rather than activism. I want my Coop to stand for something better; like cooperation, like empowering a group of people without needing to demonize another. I didn't hear any of that in the SodaStream agenda item at all. It's true that there are concerns about environmental justice with respect to Bedouins, but let's help with that instead of bashing SodaStream (which has nothing to do with these EJ issues pertaining to Bedouins). SodaStream products reduce the use of single use plastic bottles and their continued production does help to reduce plastic usage.

Also, one of the people that spoke in support of BDS, Susan Metz, is pro-boycott and running for Board of Directors, I don't think it's a good idea for a pro BDS person to be on the Board.

Murray Lantner

COORDINATOR'S VOICES MATTER

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, folks, speak up. What do you say? I'm so dismayed reading Joe Holtz's letter in the last *Gazette* about the last GM. So, I say "yes" to grassroots polling about whether there should be ongoing GM debate about the Israel Palestinian issue. A paper ballot, as suggested, is a pain in the neck and expensive—but democratic. All the Coordinators were asking was permission to ask. Not for a boycott, but just to do some reality checking about whether the majority supports a tabling of a clearly divisive issue in one forum, not a gag order, just at the GM.

In regard to the health and well-being of the Coop, and the Coordinators weighing

in, I'd say that their opinions matter—a LOT. Some of these folks, including Joe, have made the Coop their life's work. This place is more art than science; there's no textbook. That it still exists, a relic from a very different Park Slope of the 1970s, is testimony to their talent, caring, and stewardship. As a 25-year member, sure, I've helped build the place, too. But do the math—one shift every four weeks means you've still spent less than 1000 hours in 25 years, about a half year of 40-hour work weeks. We are not all equal contributors to the Coop. To those who say, "hey these are just hired staff," I'd reply that they have provided amazing leadership, mostly unacknowledged. I'd take it seriously when the Coordinators say that any issue is tearing at the community's fabric.

And they're right: you cannot take the Coop for granted. It's common—unlike in the 70s—to want pesticide-free, organic, humanely-raised products. When the express aisle side of the Coop was bought, there was serious discussion about financial viability: would we survive in the case of a drop in membership? Expansion was successful. But we are not the only game in town anymore. The Berlin Wall fell, too.

There's been rancor over decisions in the past, about meat and beer and conveyor belts and credit versus debit cards. But the way the BDS initiative has played out has been abrasive beyond anything I remember. People at GM meetings get angry at each other, swear at each other and cast aspersions on those who disagree. There's no apparent consensus in the *Gazette* letters, or the meetings. We seem polarized. But are we? Who knows? So many members haven't been heard, at least since the last "no" vote

a few years back at the big Brooklyn Tech meeting.

So yes, what a refreshing idea. Let's vote. I'd like to see whether the Coop membership agrees or disagrees about this boycott issue continuing to absorb such time and energy, and generate such heat, at the GMs. As I understand it, the proposed ballot asks whether members support a two-year hiatus in GM conversations about boycotting Soda Stream. If you want to vote, well, speak up.

Ellen Freudenheim

ENOUGH'S ENOUGH

DEAR GAZETTE:

Let's back up a second and provide a little context for the many PSFC members who haven't been around for the last few years and don't know the history of this rancorous and ill-willed BDS fight. The BDS "controversy" had already been tearing the Coop apart for years when in 2012 the whole issue of a boycott was put to a vote of the Coop membership and it lost. Please read this again. It lost. 2,000 Coop members attended a meeting (an expensive and time-consuming meeting) at Brooklyn Tech and a vote was taken. A democratic vote. The boycott people lost. Period. Full stop.

But they persist. Filling the Coop newspaper with talk of "suppression," "hierarchical corporate capitalism," and "heroic and revolutionary intention" is not constructive but simply serves to cover the main point—the Coop has already voted.

Rather than go on and on as the BDSers do, I will simply speak the facts. The vote was taken years ago. The boycotters lost. Time to move on. If they don't want to buy Israeli products, that's their individual "heroic and revolutionary" choice. My advice: Buy the Palestinian olive oil if it soothes your psyche. That will do the people you maintain you are supporting more good than your ranting and rhetoric.

Meanwhile, for the newer members, welcome to the Park Slope Food Coop. I, like many of the long-time members and Coordinators I've spoken with, am sorry that this institution, of which I've been a member for decades, is being torn asunder by a small group that wishes to argue for the sake of

arguing. But at least you know the facts. We voted. They lost. Let's move on.

Enough's enough.

Daniel P. Wiener

END BDS

HELLO,

I would like to address what I perceive as a frightening situation at the Coop. I am born and raised in West Germany living in the U.S. for the last seven years. My wife is a descendant of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. I feel a responsibility to call out the kind of wholesale finger-pointing that can lead to mass-scale tragedy. I am seeing it now, and I want to urge those with the authority to do so—which includes all of us as members—to keep politics out of the Coop. I hope that any further discussion of a boycott of Israeli products will be eliminated from the Coop, because it is disgraceful.

Respectfully,
Ulrich Gradinger

ONE MEMBER'S VIEW ON THE COOP'S BOYCOTT HISTORY

DEAR GAZETTE:

I joined the Coop in 1981. I'd like to set the record straight on our history vis a vis boycotts.

We are now faced with a coalition that appears to seek to derail the Coop as an institution that uses our collective power to express and support our values, as expressed in our Mission Statement. That Statement was developed after careful feedback and thought on the part of members, and encompasses as core values democratic process, human rights, egalitarianism, and respect for the environment.

Implicit in these values is an opposition to militarism and warfare waged with our tax dollars.

The Coop was never just "about food." We have participated in 11 boycotts since 1973, when we supported the boycott of non-UFW grapes to protest the terrible working conditions endured by farmworkers, and the boycott of Apartheid South Africa, which engaged in substantial trade with Israel. In 1994, we voted to boycott all Coop products from of Colorado, after it passed an anti-gay

ordinance. We voted to boycott all Coca Cola products, including Odwalla products, due to working conditions, and the assassination of labor organizers in Colombia. Since 2010, the PSFC has boycotted Flaum Appetizing Products, a kosher producer (1).

Yet most of this history was absent from General Coordinator Joe Holtz's full-page editorial prior to the 2012 BDS vote, which urged members to "Vote Coop," and maintained that there was no precedent for the Coop boycotting an entire country.

Last summer, the world witnessed Israel's bombing of Gaza, one of the most densely populated places on earth, and home to approximately 1.8 million Palestinians, whose borders are sealed and patrolled by IDF soldiers. Palestinians have no standing army, no navy, and no air force.

In contrast, Israel's army, navy, and air force benefit from \$3.5 billion in annual US aid (2).

Operation Protective Edge left 2,312 Palestinians dead, including 1,492 civilians, of whom four were children killed by an Israeli warship in full view of journalists (3), over 11,000 wounded, with 9,465 homes totally destroyed, and 100,000 left homeless (4). Official estimates are that it will take 20 years to rebuild Gaza (5). The justification for these casualties was the kidnapping and death of three Israeli teenagers.

I urge members to vote human rights. Vote your conscience, and Vote Coop by supporting the boycott of Soda Stream.

Cooperatively yours,
Carol Lipton

(1) <http://wagingnonviolence.org/feature/progressive-except-on-palestine/>
<http://observer.com/2011/08/in-defense-of-the-park-slope-food-co-ops-israel-boycott/>

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(3) www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jul/16/witness-gaza-shelling-first-hand-account

(4) Amira Hass, Ha'aretz, March 27, 2015, "UN report: 2014 saw the most Palestinians killed by Israel's military since '67"

(5) www.timesofisrael.com/housing-group-estimates-20-years-to-rebuild-gaza/

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SAT, JUN 27

11 a.m. Brooklyn Peace & Justice Fair! Art, games, kids' activities, music, dance, theater, yoga, meditation, puppets, poetry, button making, know your rights training. Where: Cuyler Gore Park (in Fort Greene) Fulton St. and Carlton Ave. Free Info: peacefair@brooklynpeace.org.

SUN, JUN 28

2 p.m. The Battery Park City Parks Conservancy is excited to announce a special Walk & Talk:

History of Pier A! People of all ages are welcome to enjoy a free tour and discussion of the recently restored Pier A in Battery Park NY, NY. For more info visit www.bpcparks.org/event/pier-a-tour/.

WED, JUL 8

7 p.m. The Taming of the Shrew in Teardrop Park performed by the New York Classical Theater in Battery Park City. More performances on July 10, 11 and 12. For more info: bpcparks.org.

FRI, JUL 17

7:30 p.m. One night only special concert with James Reams and the Barnstormers. Nationally known bluegrass band. First Unitarian Church at 50 Monroe Pl. Brooklyn. Tickets available through brownpapertickets.com.



THE GAZETTE INDEXES

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- An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
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Coop Job Opening / Early Mornings: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work at 5 a.m. or 6 a.m., five days per week including Saturdays and Sundays.

The early morning and weekend Receiving/Stocking Coordinators oversee the deliveries of fresh produce, inspect for high quality and ensure its longevity through proper rotation and placement in and out of coolers. These Receiving Coordinators also supervise produce processing, ensure that PLUs are active and UPCs scan, coordinate with compost and soup kitchen squads, restock and maintain the produce aisle.

All Receiving/Stocking Coordinators ensure the smooth functioning of the Coop. They generate work for members, answer members' questions and support squads to ensure that the Coop is well-stocked.

We are looking for an early-riser who wants a high-energy job. You must be able to repeatedly lift up to 50 lbs. and work for hours in walk-in coolers.

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

Applicants must have an excellent spatial sense, great people and communication skills, as well as patience. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, have the ability to prioritize tasks, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, and pay attention to several things at once. Comfort with math, computers and experience working in a grocery store is a plus.

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

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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 two early-morning Receiving shifts in the Produce basement and two early-morning Receiving shifts in the Produce Aisle. 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 "Produce Receiving Coordinator" in the subject field. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of your application. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis until the position has been filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

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

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

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STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 to 8 a.m.

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

OFFICE SET-UP

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

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

ENTRANCE DESK

Wednesday, 5:45 to 8:00 a.m.

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the Entrance desk in hours of the week-day before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. is not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only Entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

GENERAL MEETING SET-UP

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

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

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