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GM 10 8/25/15: A Proposed Ban on New GMO Foods



By Alison Rose Levy

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The August 25, 2015 General Meeting was opened and chaired by Josef Szende.

The Open Forum began the agenda. Susan Metz, co-leader of the International Trade Education Squad (ITES) raised questions about an item from the previous GM: the proposal for the Coop to join the National Cooperative Grocers. Metz pointed out that often items are presented for discussion at the Gener-

al Meeting, and then voted on at a subsequent meeting; and also asked whether proposals introduced by the General Coordinators follow a different procedure, because the discussion and vote occurred at the same meeting.

Jan Clausen, who works on the shopping squad reported that at the prior GM she had learned about the new Linewaiters' Gazette's hiatus from printing letters about the BDS issue. Clausen said that she wrote a letter on this new hiatus, but the letter was rejected because of its BDS content. Referring to the hiatus, she noted that, "we are disallowed from discussing policy change at the Gazette." She urged that the Coop membership "needs to get accountability from the Gazette."

Secretary Jesse Rosenfeld next responded to Clausen by thanking her "for talking about the *Gazette*. I can sum it up in one word—censorship."

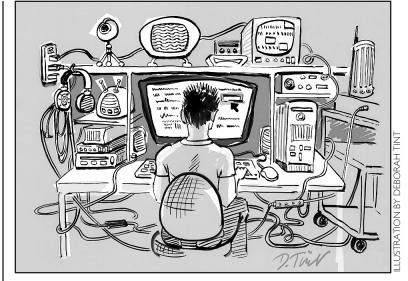
General Coordinator Jessica Robinson responded to the question about the vote to join the National Cooperative Grocers. Prior discussion in advance of a vote is "not required for every item," she said. "There is not a different path for GC proposals. But the decision about how to respond to timely GC requests is up to the Agenda Committee."

Agenda Committee member Susan Sternberg confirmed that there is always the same process and that the Agenda Committee has discretion, especially for timely proposals.

Coordinator Reports

Since the meeting was held the final week in August and many people were on vacation, Jessica Robinson announced

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Coop Technology: An Interview with IT Coordinator Gerald Barker

By Frank Haberle

s the Coop has grown and evolved in recent years, so has its demand for the high-quality technology needed to keep its systems running faster and better. The Coop has three full-time IT Coordinators who plan and develop new technologies, while ensuring that existing systems operate at full capacity. The Gazette interviewed lead IT Coordinator Gerald Barker to learn more about the role of the IT team.

Gazette: What is your back-

ground? What has brought you into this line of work?

GB: My degree is in physics. I studied theoretical physics at San Francisco State University, Harvard, University of Texas at Austin and University of Chicago, specializing in Relativity and Field Theory. I used computers in school to calculate the behavior of space-time during black hole and naked singularity creation. At some point I needed more income, so I got a job using computers.

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Next General Meeting on September 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The September General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

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

Thur, Oct 1 • Food Class:

A Day In The Plant-Based Life 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Oct 2 • Film Night:

The Ultimate Wish 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Oct 9 • Wordsprouts:

The Human Side of the Immigration Crisis 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Oct 13 • Safe Food Committee Film Night: Weight of the Nation, Part IV 7:00 p.m.

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

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GM Meeting

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that there would be "no financial or produce report" at this meeting. One up side of this more quiet time of year, she noted, is that at other times, "spots in the new member orientation get taken up in minutes." Late summer is a time when people can more readily get into the orientation.

Robinson also mentioned that there is "high absenteeism" in September and October, times when the Coop gets busy. "The weekend after Labor Day is the busiest of the year." She urged members to sign up for FTOP shifts or do their makeups in the early morning at 5:30 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., or at 3:30 p.m. in Shopping, as well as Friday or Saturday night at 6 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. in Receiving, when there is need for more workers.

Committee Reports

Susan Metz of the ITES gave an update on the trade treaties, reporting that two weeks prior, negotiations on the TPP had broken down with many issues left unresolved, including those related to Japanese cars, and the dairy industry in New Zealand and Canada. Coop members can learn more about upcoming public forums at the ITES blog at Coopites.wordpress.com.

Sam Marks, who is an elected member of the Coop Revolving Loan Committee, reported that the Coop made a \$10K loan to the Greene Hill Food Co-op and he welcomed members to shop at Greene Hill. The Greene Hill Food Co-op is located on Putnam Ave. near Grand St. and has accorded PSFC members shopping privileges.

WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED:

Toothpaste tubes, any brand and size

Baby food pouches and caps (any brand)

bars—no other wrappers please;

Brita filter-related items

SHOPPING BAGS)

(any brand)

Energy bar wrappers (any brand but only energy

Brita filters (other filter brands okay) plus other

Plastic food storage zip lock bags (any size), plastic cling

wrap, and small bulk bags (NO PLASTIC ROLL BAGS OR

Cereal bag and cracker bag liners or bulk cereal bags

(toothbrushes OK too)

Agenda Item 1

Marian Hertz, an FTOP worker who also serves on the Hearing Officer Committee, discussed the work of that committee, as the prelude to proposing a new member. After running an ad in the Gazette and interviewing many people, the Hearing Officer Committee selected Catherine McCaw, a lawyer working as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's office. McCaw told members that, "I enjoy the work, and my job will give me some perspective" on the issues that come before the committee. McCaw's participation was passed by a majority via a vote of hands.

Agenda Item 2: **Discussion of "No New" GMO Products**

GMO Shelf Labeling Committee members, Greg Todd, Nancy Siesel and Kathy Price raised a discussion item that had previously been presented in January 2014 to ban new products with ingredients that are at risk of being GMOs. The Coop currently buys some products with GMO ingredients. The GMO Shelf Labeling Committee labels products which are assured to be GMO-free. The rationale for the proposal is that some products contain certain specific ingredients, such as non-organic soy, corn, canola and beet sugar, which are known to often come from common GMO crops. However, not all Coop suppliers of products containing these ingredients may know (or disclose) whether or not their ingredients are in fact GMO varieties. If the nature of suspect ingredients cannot be ascertained from the supplier, the proposed rule would ban new products. (Old ones would be considered "grandfathered.")

People seeking to limit consumption of GMO foods base their concern on both the increased use of pesticides these crops engender, as well as uncertainties over the health and environmental risks of genetic modification. With 26 countries banning GMOs, and another 60 countries placing "significant restrictions" on them, according to Todd's research, there are also concerns over GMO resistant weeds, as well as the pollution and environmental damage wrought by GMO agriculture. Whole Foods will label all GMO ingredients by 2018.

Todd cited three respected groceries and coops who have undertaken this type of ban and who would be willing to guide the Coop in how to manage it: Toronto's Big Carrot Food Coop, Berkeley Natural Grocery, and Jimbo. The Non-GMO Project will also provide technical assistance to the Coop staff in this transition, if approved by a vote at a GM (to be held at a later date). With a July vote in the U.S. House to pass HR 1499, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015, also dubbed the DARK Act (Deny Americans the Right to Know) which would overturn states' rights to label GMOs, the committee urges that passing this proposal would be an important step for the Coop. "Glyphosate [the predominant chemical used in the Roundup pesticide deployed in GMO agriculture | has been called a likely carcinogen," said Nancy Siesel. "This is not something that is good for the environment or should be in the Coop."

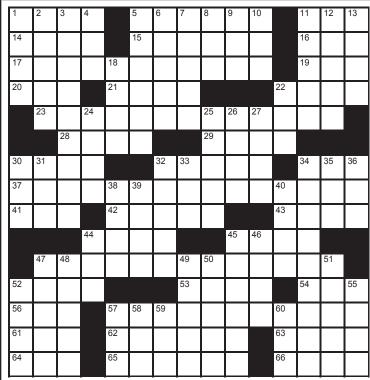
Members wanted to know how many new GMO products are introduced each year, and how long it would take to vet products. Others questioned the need for a special vetting process. Todd responded that the Coop labeling process identified 450 products that contained at risk ingredients. "We asked them if the questionable ingredient was indeed GMO. After sending three letters, we got a 5% response rate," he reported. "It's 'don't ask, don't tell.''

GC Jessica Robinson

asked the committee to provide more information as to how this new policy would be implemented and what would be entailed in terms of additional staff and time. She also wondered how the new rule, if adopted, would apply to holiday food products.

The committee would like to bring in someone from Big Carrot to meet with staff and determine how the process would work. ■

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Jul. 4 events
- 5. Scarlett O'Hara and others
- Cable channel since 1981
- 14. Promises to pay
- 15. London insurance giant 16. Palindromic girl's name
- 17. Hit a famous microbiologist in the head with a baseball pitch?
- 19. LIII + LIII
- 20. "It's ch-ch-chilly!"
- 21. Have to pick
- 22. Burrito alternative
- 23. Wallop someone who likes to put on
- airs? 28. Some reef dwellers
- 29. Diabolical
- 30. Banks on a runway
- 32. Actor Robert of "The 39 Steps"
- 34. Stephen Colbert's network, as of 2015
- 37. Traveling nighttime vigil?
- 41. Adams of "American Hustle'
- 42. Shaggy locks
- 43. "Roll in ze hay" enthusiast in "Young
- Frankenstein"
- 44. "Aaay!" sayer of TV, with "the"
- 45. Forever and ever
- 47. What someone averse to lip-puckering
- might cry when handed a pickle?
- 52. TomKat's kid 53. Mineralogist with a scale
- 54. Was up
- 56. Piece in the Middle East?
- 57. "Correctamundo!" (or a hint to solving
- 17-, 23-, 37- and 47-Across)
- 61. "Yo mama's so poor, she can't even pay attention," e.g.
- 62. Pertaining to a son or daughter
- 63. Floor 64. Witness
- 65. "The Andy Griffith Show" costar
- 66. In the mail

Down

- 1. Lettuce variety
- 2. One side of an 1899-1902 war
- 3. Like some reports
- 4. ID thief's target
- 5. Valuable (and valueless) Scrabble tiles
- the Cow (Borden symbol)
- 7. Bunch of, casually
- 8. Grease dissolver
- 9. Follower of brown. or rice.
- 10. Belarus, until 1991: Abbr. 11. Asian gambling mecca
- 12. '80s-'90s entertainment combo
- 13. Sony laptop line
- 18. Beach toy
- 24. Word on American Library Association posters
- 25. Remains undecided
- 26. Elliptical 27. Online destination
- Carter III" (bestselling album 30.
- of 2008)
- _ Kippur 31.
- 32. Tony of "Taxi"
- 33. Unified
- 34. Government building
- 35. Creepy-crawly
- 36. Relative of Mme.
- 38. Mine, to Monet
- 39. Doesn't have what it takes 40. Two-time All-Star Martinez
- 44 Memo-heading initials
- 45. Antiknock fluids ____buco 46.
- ___ Q" (1968 hit) 47.
- 48. Issue (from)
- 49. "Somebody shot me!"
- 50. Absent from
- 51. Any "Breaking Bad" showing, now
- 52. Brewskis 55. Impression
- 57. Subj. of the 2006 film "Bobby"
- 58. "There's no _____ 'team'''
 59. Mop & ____ (floor cleaner)
 60. Navy ship letters
- Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 6.

or inside during inclement weather **PSFC / TerraCycle Recycling Collections**

WHERE: Outside in front of the Coop

WHEN: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm - 6pm

4th Saturday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

The vote is in and members at the May GM unanimously voted to create work shifts to collect a variety of hard-to-recycle packaging in partnership with TerraCycle.

Save up your eligible waste for upcoming collection dates.

QUESTIONS: ecokvetch@yahoo.com

LEARN MORE: www.terracycle.com

Note: Presort and separate items by category. No need to clean or remove labels. Do not bring items other than those listed here.

Biking to Shop: Easier Said Than Done

By Ed Levy

Since the bicycle's invention about 200 years ago (its exact origins are shrouded in grease), a lot has been said and written about the human-powered, pedal-driven vehicle that inspires so much affection. H.G. Wells once quipped, "When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race." Mechanophiliacs have praised the bike as the most efficient machine ever created.

Rack Issues

All the bike racks along the curb belong to the city. Some of these racks, however, are in our expanded loading zone, and get hit from time to time by delivery trucks. At times, the drivers of these behemoths don't even know they have damaged the bike racks, and drive off—although legally, anyone who damages city property is responsible for reporting it to the police. According to the DOT, it is expensive to repair



Coop cyclists bring their shopping home in backpacks, saddlebags, panniers, wedge packs, rack trunks and even beat-up milk crates.

And Mark Twain once famously remarked, "Get a bicycle. You will not regret it—if you live."

But perhaps the most apt quip about bikes for our purpose here is Flann O'Brien's: "Why should anyone steal a watch when he could steal a bicycle?"

Indeed. That is the problem with bikes. As easy as it is to hop on a bike and ride off, with just your own legs propelling you smoothly through streets clogged with traffic, that's how easy it is for someone else to do so, too—on your beloved cycle. And that is why many shoppers who have discovered the pleasure of cycling to the Coop and transporting their purchases home in saddlebags, panniers, wedge packs, rack trunks or a beat-up milk crate bolted to a tubular rack are interested in the bike parking situation around the store.

racks that are bent over, pried out of the sidewalk or mangled by their encounters with a semi, and we are in danger of losing the racks in front of the store altogether if the hit-and-run situation persists. Coop Membership Coordinator Ginger Jung told the Gazette that we are now writing our suppliers and asking them to tell their drivers to be mindful of the racks.

Ginger said that the DOT is sympathetic to our need for more bike parking on Union Street and will have their engineers look into the matter. But there are a number of obstacles, including the loading zone, the firehouse, active driveways, hydrants and the intense interest of Union Street residents in preserving parking spots for cars. Additional racks could theoretically be placed across the street from the store, but it



This abandoned bicycle has been chained to the bike racks for years.

is feared that would result in a lot of jaywalking across Union, a busy two-way thoroughfare that is arterial to Grand Army Plaza, and lead to mishaps and accidents.

Valet Parking

The valet bike parking on weekend afternoons is very popular with members, and Sarah Nicole Phillips of the Shop and Cycle Committee said the committee is thrilled that it gets many requests to expand the service. But there are several obstacles to doing so. One is that it is very labor intensive. When you factor in the number of people needed to set up and take down the temporary racks and tent that shelters the workers and cycles for two shifts per weekend day, and plug that in to our four-week rotation schedule, it comes out to 64 people. That is a lot of member labor, and it has to come from somewhere.

Another barrier to expansion, according to Sarah, is the lack of sidewalk space during weekdays when deliveries are made. "Monday through Friday," she said "the sidewalk adjacent to our loading zone is a hive of activity with near constant unloading that requires sidewalk space.

St. Francis Xavier Racks

There is a string of bike racks along the yellow wall in front of the St. Francis Xavier's schoolyard, immediately to the west of the store. The Coop purchased, installed and maintains these racks with the school's permission. Currently, there is at least one rusted abandoned bicycle that has been chained there for years, its tires flat, waiting patiently for its owner to return with the groceries and free it from captivity. The Coop now intends to remove abandoned bikes from the St. Xavier racks first after tagging them with a notice for several weeks.

A "dream come true" for the Shop and Cycle Committee would be to have access to the St. Xavier playground when it's not in use. Access through the existing small door in the wall would simplify security, and reduce the number of members required to staff it. The playground would essentially turn into a vast bicycle parking lot. Sarah said she remembers the committee discussing this option when the committee was formed, but for some reason she can't recall why it did not materialize. She said she would bring



Some of the Union Street bike racks have been hit by the delivery trucks.

the idea up with the committee's Coordinator liaison to see if conditions have changed.

Bike Corrals

The Shop and Cycle Committee met with the DOT several years ago to discuss the possibility of having a bike corral installed near the Coop. Bike corrals are rows of racks installed in the street instead of on the sidewalk, sometimes set off by planters. "This design," according to the DOT, "is a good solution for places where demand for bicycle parking outstrips the available sidewalk." The problem on Union Street of road, and would require community board approval. A bike corral would take away one parking space at a minimum.

Coop member Stephen Arthur, a self-described highuse cyclist, would like to see the bike parking improved. He notes that snow sometimes piled up on the racks last winter and at times completely buried them. And the ice underneath the St. Xavier racks was not removed, making it impossible to use them if you're juggling locks and carrying groceries. The bike situation, he said, doesn't fit his image of a high-functioning community.



Valet bike parking on weekend afternoons is very popular with members.

is again the limited number of options. At the time the bike corral program was in its infancy and it was deciding where to place them, Union Street was unfortunately felt to be too narrow for a corral. But the corrals have since become more common (Rosewater, the restaurant on Union Street just below Sixth Avenue, now has one). The Coop's loading zone precludes a corral, but one of our neighbors on Union Street could request one and seek community board approval for it.

The Shop and Cycle Committee would love to have a bike corral adjacent to our loading zone, but it would have to be requested by the owner of the property along that stretch

Registering Your Bike

The 78th Police Precinct on Sixth Avenue between Dean and Bergen will register your bike free of charge under the Operation ID-Bicycle Registration Program. Just go there with your bike new or old, and see the fit-looking Crime Prevention Officer. He'll note the serial number, put a sticker on the bike, and photograph you with your bike. The sticker functions as a sort of tattoo—if anyone tries to remove it, it leaves an indelible imprint on the frame. Next time you see your stolen bike on Craigslist you can bring a police officer with you when you go to buy it back. ■

Coop Technology

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I worked in Battle Creek, MI and Omaha, NE before coming to work at Bellcore in Piscataway, NJ. Since the late '80s I have worked with banks and brokerages, primarily as a technological consultant (programming, architecture and project management). I managed my own company, developing system administration and programmer tools for the OpenVMS operating system.

Gazette: How long have you been working at the Coop? What is your specific role/ area of expertise?

GB: I have been working at the Coop for 6.5 years. I am, as of November 2014, the IT lead, responsible for the overall direction and work done by IT. As a member of IT my main responsibilities are maintaining, enhancing and re-engineering (i.e., replacing) the current desktop applications (Membership and Inventory Ordering). I also manage the 45+ Mac workstations and provide user support. I am a server-side Java developer and system architect.

Gazette: What are the current IT staff roles? How do they work with other coordinators and squad members?

GB: We currently have three members of Coop Technology, including myself. The others are Ithran Einhorn and John McNally. Ithran has been with the Coop the longest, almost 13 years. He is the most knowledgeable staff member, having worked with many aspects of the Coop systems and applications. His primary responsibility is the software and hardware maintenance of the Store system (the register computers, debit readers, etc. and the application software running on the servers that orchestrate buying of merchandise) and the development of the

new business applications. Ithran is an expert Java developer for both the server and client-sides.

John is the newest member of the staff. He is responsible for managing the server environment, including 50+ virtual servers, 20+ network devices and multiple connections to the Internet. John is an expert system and network engineer, with many years of experience across multiple technologies.

We all contribute to the architectural designs of our systems and software. We act as backups for each other and provide support to staff and members. As a group, we are on call 24/7, responding to problems that significantly affect the operation of our business.

Coop Technology interacts directly with all staff members. We help staff to use applications (e.g., Microsoft Word, Excel, Membership, etc.). We fix hardware and

software configuration issues. With staff and management we identify new features needed by the business and implement those features using the best technologies. We share application testing and work on support issues together. There is a mostly seamless interaction between Coop Technology and staff at all levels. The environment is such that anybody can talk directly to anyone else, regardless of job level.

Gazette: How does the Coop structure compare to other work environments?

GB: The Coop structure is unique in my experience. It is essentially a three-tier system; there are the General Coordinators (management), regular Coordinators (workers), and Information Technology (technology workers). Within each tier, the salaries are identical; there is no direct financial motivation for doing outstanding work, so you want to hire people who are self-motivated and can produce good work, but you want to have people who put the concerns of the Coop above their own interests.

As I mentioned above, the Coop has a very simple structure. Communication, at least for technical matters, is very open. In other environments I've worked in, be it engineering or financial, project work was decided by some business group and the requirements were handed down to technology to implement. At the Coop, technology has a much larger role in deciding what needs to be done; primary because we are part of the business group and we have the subject matter knowledge to contribute in this way.

There is one big critical difference that separates the Coop from other environments. The Coop does not have a support layer between the software developers and desktops/users. I like doing support and helping people, but serious software development requires single-minded focus. It is not good to have an event-driven model. A good software developer spends most of their time sitting at their desk programming and thinking. A good system/network administrator, which is by the way usually two different jobs, works on the network interfaces and servers and is not also responsible for handling end-user requests or fixing MS Excel problems. We don't have staff dedicated to desktop and application support

and application acceptance testing. Consequently, that work is done almost entirely by the software developers or administration staff and it greatly impacts new system development.

Gazette: What is the most exciting technology project currently underway at the Coop? What is in our plans for the future?

GB: I find the development of the new business applications the most exciting work; it is a chance to re-write and change the business applications using a newer, more forward-looking technology. It will be exciting to help the Coop move forward. However, members probably find other things exciting. Everyone gets excited when the Store, Inventory Ordering or Membership systems stop working. They don't appreciate the complexity of these systems and the Coop's dependency on such systems. If any of these systems stopped working for any length of time, the Coop would struggle, and if the systems were out too long the Coop would be hard-pressed to survive as an organization.

People get excited about things they don't expect to see. Given this fact, the website is probably the most exciting (and most frustrating) for us. We still plan on having a new Coop website, but we are only in the planning stage at this point.

Gazette: What's the biggest technology challenge we face and how can we answer it?

GB: The biggest challenge we have is moving off the old systems and applications and preparing the Coop for the next 10-15 years. Replacing an old system with a new one requires a tremendous amount of time, careful planning and testing. When a brand new system is put in place, there is generally less dependency on the software, problems are expected, and there is a phase where the system is allowed to grow up. When a new system replaces an existing system, the new system needs to function near 100% as well as the system it is replacing on day one. The expectation is that the end-users can only see the new system as an improvement, which it is often not during the early days.

It is essential that the Coop invest in moving off the early 1990s business application technology that has served us well, but will not be able to continue to do so for the next 10–15 years. ■



NOTICE TO COOP MEMBER/OWNERS

INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION WHEN? REQUIRED GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2015

The Members of the Board of Directors have received written notification from Zoey Laskaris that she will resign her seat on the Board of Directors as of the end of the day on August 31, 2015. Our Bylaws state "In the case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, there shall be an election held at a regular Board of Directors meeting to fill the vacancy. Such meeting shall be held no less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The Board may hold the vacancy open to be filled at the next Annual Meeting provided that the vacancy is created with less than six months remaining before the Annual Meeting and provided there is only one vacancy. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only until the next Annual Meeting, at which meeting the membership shall elect a Director to serve for the balance of the term."

Therefore the required date for the election is Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Furthermore the Bylaws state that "The ballot used for the Directors election shall provide for voting 'yes' or 'no' or 'abstain' for each candidate. Any candidate who receives more 'no' votes than 'yes' votes is deemed ineligible for election."

If you're interested in running for this Board opening, come to the October 27, 2015 General Meeting and nominate yourself from the floor. Please be prepared to say a few words about yourself and your interest in joining the Board of Directors.

MEMBER SUBMISSION

Global Crisis, Local Action: 350Brooklyn's September 27 Climate Change Teach-In

By Mimi Bluestone

How is climate change hurting the world's most vulnerable people?

What new fossil fuel projects are developers planning for the New York

How can divesting fossil fuel holdings from public pension funds help loosen oil and gas companies' grip on political power?

What can we in Brooklyn do about a crisis that threatens the health, safety and survival of people around the globe?

On Sunday, September 27, 350Brooklyn, the local affiliate of the international climate change campaign 350.org, will present "Act Locally to Solve the Climate Crisis," a panel discussion followed by break-out groups. This will be a teachin event at Camp Friendship, located at 339 Eighth St. in Park Slope (near Sixth Ave.) from 4 to 6 p.m.

New York State Assembly member Felix Ortiz, Green Education and Legal Fund President Mark Dunlea, Sane Energy Project co-directors Kim Fraczek and Patrick Robbins, and seminary student Rosina Pohlmann will talk about how to combat climate change through action at the city and state level.

Following these speakers, Brooklynites will be able to take part in break-out groups with climate-concerned neighbors and help move our city and state toward a low-carbon, clean-energy and fossil fuel-free future.

Climate change can be tough to conceptualize. It can seem distant—affecting some other part of the world—or far off in time—a murky future phenomenon. But it's here, and it's now. 2015 is on track to be the hottest year on record.

Yet even though we know it's happening, climate change can seem hard to tackle because we all rely on fossil fuels, those bad actors responsible for heat-trapping emissions. Aren't we all to blame? Despite the fact that we depend on coal, oil and gas today, we can help create solutions for the near future that turn off those fossil fuels and turn on clean energy solutions.

That may sound abstract. But there are concrete actions that can get us to that goal. Assembly member Felix Ortiz, who represents Red Hook and Sunset Park, is sponsoring legislation that would require New York state to divest fossil fuel holdings from state employee pension funds, freeing up funds for investment in clean energy. Ortiz is also sponsoring a carbon tax bill in Albany. At the

350Brooklyn teach-in he'll explain how Brooklynites can support this important legislation.

Rosina Pohlmann, a Methodist seminary student, has already helped convince the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in Manhattan to divest fossil fuels from its investment holdings. Given the exposure of the world's poorest people to its ravages, Pohlmann says, climate change raises the most basic issues of conscience for people of good will, religious or not. She will discuss moral dimensions of the crisis.

Sane Energy Project co-directors Kim Fraczek and Patrick Robbins will unravel the web of new fossil fuel infrastructure that developers are spinning over our region. They'll describe their group's work opposing fracking, shale gas and

other fossil fuel projects in our state and city.

Wind, water and solar energy resources, together with improved energy efficiency, can replace all that fossil fuel infrastructure with clean energy by 2030, according to a study by Stanford University engineering professor Mark Z. Jacobson. Mark Dunlea, president of the Green Education and Legal Fund, will explain how New York state can flip the switch to clean energy sources over the next 15 years.

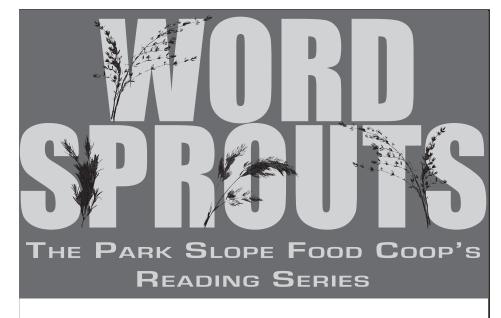
350Brooklyn's September 27 teach-in is part of a season of actions leading up to UN-sponsored climate talks in Paris starting in late November. For more information on these events and how to participate, visit http://350brooklyn.org. And if you can't make it on September 27, you can still join 350Brooklyn at its bi-weekly Tuesday evening meetings in Gowanus. Information about the meetings is on the website.

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

Requirements:

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

If interested, contact Ann Herpel at 718-622-0560 or ann_herpel@psfc.coop. The Committee will interview applicants before submitting candidates to the GM for election. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.



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 wordsproutspsfc@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD

Nothing Fair About "Free Trade" Agreements

By Dan Wiley with Willy Naess for the ITES

" ree Trade" sounds good. Who can be against free? But there is little free or fair about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a "free trade" agreement being negotiated by the U.S. and 11 other countries. This was the topic of discussion among elected officials, advocates and the concerned at the August 20 Town Meeting on TPP. The event, held at the Park Slope United Methodist Church (PSUMC), was organized by the Coop's International Trade Education Squad as well as Brooklyn For Peace and the PSUMC Justice Committee.

Representatives from a variety of advocacy groups showed how such international trade agreements undermine governmental

regulations that protect the environment, food safety and security, and good jobs at home. Joel Kupferman of the National Lawyers Guild explained how the agreements undermine corrective government controls through a mechanism called Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS). ISDS empowers corporations to sue national governments when they believe that government regulations are costing them profit. These regulations include environmental controls to reduce global warming and human rights controls to enforce fair labor prac-

With the exception of Representative Gregory Meeks of Queens, every NYC Congress member

voted against fast-tracking the TPP earlier this summer. Some of these representatives were in attendance on Thursday night. Congresswoman Yvette Clarke explained that she and her colleagues opposed Fast Track because it would not allow proper review of the TPP, an agreement that could hurt jobs and the environment. The TPP would benefit multinational corporations, not the people, Clarke argued, and corporations are not people. Although Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez could not attend the meeting, Community Coordinator Dan Wiley read a statement outlining how trade agreements from NAFTA to the present have weakened workers' rights, cost us

jobs, stripped away environmental safeguards, and undermined consumer protections. They have continued to undercut our nation's small businesses, which have been locked out of the negotiating process. Also speaking were State Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon and State Senators Velmanette Montgomery and Jesse Hamilton. Hamilton announced that he is circulating a letter, to be signed by New York State legislators, requesting that the NYS Congressional Delegation vote No on TPP on the grounds that ISDS undermines national and state sovereignty. The Coop's International Trade Education Squad (ITES) will continue to follow and publicize the outcome of this campaign.

Dave Lippman, troubadour of the 99%, regaled the crowd with a bilingual sing-a-long on the perils of "La Dictadura Corporativa"—"Monsanto is not the cure." Other activists also took the floor. Brooklyn For Peace asserted that free trade agreements like TPP were actually military agreements that promote the development of army and naval bases and reinforce Yankee imperialism. TradeJustice Metro NYC gave examples of how some of the 12 TPP nations, including Vietnam and Malaysia, have horrendous labor abuses and human trafficking that approaches slavery.

There were two speakers who discussed issues that are of particular interest to many members of the Coop. Eric Weltman of Food and Water Watch New York explained that the already lax regulations on food imports will be become even weaker if TPP is passed. Stephanie Low of the Sierra Club warned that the agreement's ISDS rules would spell the end of New York state's fracking ban. Stephanie explained that a Canadian mining company, incorporated in the U.S., is currently using the ISDS provisions in NAFTA to sue Quebec over its fracking ban. David Lippman and his guitar reminded us: TPP is "NAFTA en esteroidesino te olvides!"

Susan Metz of the ITES, who moderated the event, wrapped up the night by pointing out the lack of transparency in TPP's drafting process. Only one chapter has been leaked, so there is a lot we don't know about TPP. Should a trade agreement pass Congress, there would be 30 chapters to review in 60 days. If that happens, she argued, we must be ready to make sure that TPP is subject to a democratic review.

The ITES is doing its part to provide the public with information and news about this important agreement. The squad will hold its next forum on TPP on Friday, September 25. Mark your calendar! ■

Special Ordering Temporarily Suspended



We will NOT be taking special orders until Thu 09/24/2015

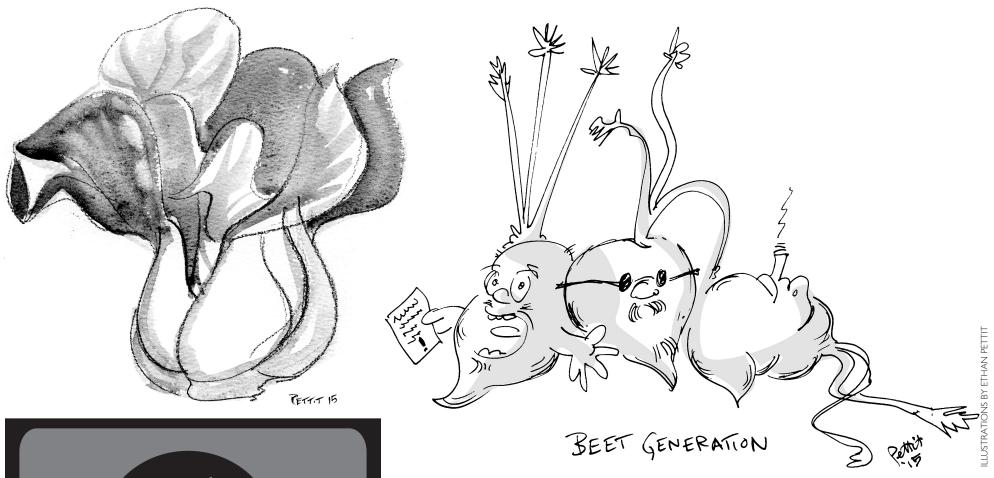
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the environmental committee blog

Tip of the MONTH!

Try Non-Toxic Cleaning Products

Combine baking soda and vinegar for kitchen and bathroom cleaning. Vinegar alone is great for cleaning glass windows and mirrors, as well as for getting cat odors out of fabric, wood floors or anything else. Go online for tons of tips on cheap, non-toxic cleaning.

Learn more at: ecokvetch.blogspot.com

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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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.

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Friday, October 16, 8:00 p.m.

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



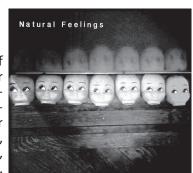
PROSPECT CONCERTS



Brooklyn Bluegrass Cooperative features Jordan Shapiro on guitar, Jonah Bruno on banjo, Alex Kramer on fiddle, and Jim Whitney on upright bass. The band was organically grown in local concrete and reared on a diet of free-range vegetables and pro-biotic algae supplements. Come hear their stirring renditions of old-time fiddle tunes, murder ballads, train-wreck lullabies, prison songs, and tales of tragic heartbreak and love gone wrong, performed on analog acoustic instruments carved from sustain-

ably harvested lumber.

Natural Feelings draws from the sounds and rhythms of nature, the psychedelic '70s and the alternate reality of our dreamworlds. The group was inspired by Brazilian composer and multi-instrumentalist Hermeto Pascoal and percussionist Airto Moreira's collaboration and reinterprets their music in a strange, fun, danceable manner. Karlie Bruce, vocals; Sean Moran, guitar; Mariel Berger, piano; Rene Hart, bass; Brian Adler, drums; and Matt Kilmer, percussion.



www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts

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

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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 The Paid-In-Full receipt MUST 2. Returns must be handled

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM? No, we do not "exchange" items. You must return the merchandise

and re-purchase what you need.

RETURNABLE

RETURNABLE ONLY IF SPOILED BEFORE

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RETURNABLE

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CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce* Cheese* Books

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Meat & Fish

Sushi

Bulk* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk) Seasonal Holiday Items Special Orders

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Refrigerated Goods (not listed above) Frozen Goods

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

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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COPCALENDAR

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, SEPTEMBER 29

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, OCTOBER 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the October 27 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

October 1 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, September 21 12:00 p.m., Mon, October 5 October 15 issue:

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

October 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, September 23 October 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, October 7

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-forworkslot-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.

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, September 29, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each

Location

St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President Street, between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

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.

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calendar of events

sat 12 pm

Help Your Kids Grow From Challenges

In this short workshop, we'll delve into the psychology of attention and resilience, as well as learning a few simple tools for helping kids—and adults overcome and grow from challenges. Supported by scientific research, these methods have been shown to improve focus, emotional regulation, and pattern recognition skills. You'll also leave with some practical tips for implementing these simple and effective techniques in daily life. Presented by Coop member David Wolovsky. David is a teacher, educational innovator, and certified Positive Psychology Practitioner.

Be-Friending Your Inner Critic

Nonviolent/compassionate communication for greater self-empathy, understanding, and connection. Are you your own best friend—or your worst enemy? Come learn some simple and powerful tools to transform negative self-talk and demands into greater awareness, self-compassion, action and choice. Transform those nasty inner critics into advocates! **Dian Killian**, PhD, has been a Coop member for 15 years and is a Certified Trainer with the international Center for Nonviolent Communication, director of Work Collaboratively, LLC, and co-author of the popular book, Connecting across Differences as well as Urban Empathy, that features a story set in the Coop!

sep 25 fri 6:30 pm

ITES Public Forum: Analyzing the Text of the TPP

Guest experts will concentrate on the sections about campaigns in which the Coop participates: country of origin and GMO labeling; buy local and buy America; and no to fracking. As well as aspects which affect us all: extention of pharmacuetical patents and Internet access and U.S. jobs; and especially the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) which invites investors to sue a government that regulates corporate behavior to protect human rights or labor rights, the environment. Our blog, CoopITES.wordpress.com has articles to prepare for the discussion. Non-members are most welcome. And please join us at a community forum with CD 9 Representative Yvette Clarke and others scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 19, at the Park Slope United Methodist Church. Check the blog to confirm the day and time.

sep 26

Anger Management 101

Are you or someone you know suddenly angry with loved ones or someone at work? Never knowing when the anger will explode? Have other people told you or someone you know they are ready to leave because of your anger? Anger is a common emotion that when used correctly can clear the air of misunderstanding, change wrongs to rights and improve relationships both home and work. This hour will be devoted to: 1. Understanding the nature of anger. 2. Learning about the latest neuroscience about anger. 3. Knowing the triggers that set off anger. 4. How manage those triggers. Coop member Raymond Reichenberg is a Certified Anger Management Association Specialist and New York State-Licensed Psychoanalyst. He has been doing therapy for 30 years and the last 10 years doing anger management presentation in the NYC area.

sep 26

Money Madness

Are you blocked when it comes to dealing with money? Either clueless or unable to take the actions you know you need to take? If so you are not at all alone. In this session we will talk about the different ways people think about money, how that affects their behavior and better ways of coping. You will leave with clarity about your next steps and how to get help taking them.

Arthur Goodman is a financial planner and longtime member of the Food Coop. He is very interested in behavioral finance and how our culture and experience affect how we think and act about our money.

sep 29 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.

PSFC SEPT 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: St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

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

Item 1: Annual Hearing Administration Committee Election (15 minutes) **Election:** Three current committee members will stand for re-election. Hearing Administrators work on an FTOP basis when needed and serve three-year terms.

— submitted by the Hearing Administration Committee

Item 2: Coop's Standards for Purchasing Seafood (45 minutes) **Discussion:** Discussion of the Coop's standards and practices for purchasing seafood (smoked, frozen, canned, sushi, pet food) and specifically discuss the canned Bumble Bee brand tuna that we buy. —submitted by Yello Goller

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.

oct 1 thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: A Day In the **Plant-Based Life**

Eating a more plant-based diet might feel scary, overwhelming and dull. Chef



Talia Pollock will show you quick, easy, healthy and every-day plant-based diet essentials, from easy-to-customize morning chia bowls, to a mid-morning smoothie snack, the pesto-ist lunches you'll be excited to break up your work day with, a 3:00 slump-saving snack

and a perfectly plant-based filling dinner. She might even throw in a guiltfree fully plant-based dessert to die for (and not stress over). This class will use fully vegan and gluten-free ingredients, all that are available at the Food Coop. Pollock is a plant-based chef, healthy-eating expert, speaker, blogger and YouTube video maker. After spending a few years in the NYC comedy circuit (that's right, she's a former stand-up comedian!), she decided that she couldn't ignore her passion for eating plants and went through the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute. After graduating, in an effort to combine both her love for healthy eating and healthy laughing, she founded Partyinmyplants.com, a business whose sole mission is to help others take the HELL out of HELLthy eating, which she does by blogging, speaking and making funny YouTube cooking videos. Menu includes: two types of chia

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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breakfast bowls; powerhouse mid-morning portable protein smoothie; pesto quinoa salad with a multitude of fix-ins; nut butter snack trio; overly stuffed sweet potatoes; banana ice cream, done your way.

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 September 17.

Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Olivia Roszkowski.

oct 2

Film Night: The Ultimate Wish



The Ultimate Wish focuses on the moving testimony of Nagasaki survivors and Fukushima evacuees. Their stories are interlaced with experts illuminating the largely unrecognized connection between nuclear weapons and nuclear power. Archival footage, some of it disturbing, puts their comments in riveting context. The documen-

tary raises profound questions about war, technological failure, radioactive contamination, proliferation, the courage to survive and the importance of taking action to prevent future nuclear disasters. Director Kathleen Sullivan, PhD, has been engaged in the nuclear issue for more than 25 years, and has worked internationally as an educator for disarmament, and an education consultant to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. In 2005, she produced her first film with Bob Richter, a feature documentary about survivors from Nagasaki entitled The Last Atomic Bomb. Currently, Kathleen is the Program Director for Hibakusha Stories, an arts-based initiative that has brought atomic-bomb survivors into New York City High Schools to share their testimonies with more than 30,000 students over the last eight years.

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

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Female Health

PMS? Painful periods? Skipping periods? Fibroids? Infertility? Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)? Menopausal symptoms? Looking for a natural solution? Nutrition Response Testing is a non-invasive way of analyzing the body to determine the root cause of symptoms. We'll discuss some of the major causes of hormonal imbalance and how a custom-designed nutrition program can help return you to optimum health. 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 longtime Coop member.

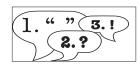
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| Food Drive to Benefit sat-sun 9 am-7 pm CHIPS Soup Kitchen

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.

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Agenda Committee Meeting



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

General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School. 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

Wordsprouts: The Human Side of the Immigration Crisis



Dr. Partha Banerjee will read his from his memoir manuscript, "Have You Ever Been on Two Sides of the Globe, Exactly at the Same Time?," from his poetry, as well as perform the songs of Rabindranath Tagore, the noted Bengali poet and polymath. "When the entire world is going through a largely unreported,

unexplained crisis on human migration," Dr. Banerjee said, "I keep wondering how to throw light on life, plight, poetry and music of a new American immigrant. Can I help us to understand what humanity is all about? Is this only about our politics marred with xenophobia and bigotry, or is it also about love, care, respect, equality, and justice for all—values that once made America America?" Dr. Baneriee writes in Bengali, the language of Tagore, the filmmaker Satyajit Ray and the economist Amartya Sen, and he writes in English—language that he says he was literally afraid to speak before he came to America from Calcutta as a foreign student. "Is this journey translatable? Does today's America really get it?" Baneriee wonders. Baneriee grew up in a poor, upper caste family in Calcutta, and taught in a remote village in Bengal's mangrove delta. He did his Ph.D. in biology from Southern Illinois, and then quit science to do a graduate degree in journalism from Columbia University. His grassroots activism against post-9/11 hate crimes on immigrants got noted by *The New York Times* and other media, and later he was picked up by a large labor union as their educator, where he has been for almost a decade. Partha's passion is writing, art, music and activism (and Indian cooking). He uses his words to promote equality and social justice. His memoir is lush with poetry and descriptions of life's joys, sorrows, wins and losses.

Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspsfc@gmail.com.

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Weight of the Nation, Part IV



Weight of the Nation, Part IV: Challenges. Obesity is a very serious medical condition. It's a contributing factor in the death and disability of too many of our neighbors, friends and family members, and its societal costs are astronomical. Although overall obesity prevalence rates

appear to be leveling off, approximately one-third of adults are overweight or obese—still far too many. The battle against obesity will eventually be won—not by a "silver bullet" but by combined and diverse efforts, from building new parks to operating healthy food trucks, opening new grocery stores and other healthy food outlets to planting community gardens and everything in between. 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.

oct 16 Prospect Concert Series

oct 27 PSFC OCTOBER General Meeting

oct 18

Basics of Solar Electric Energy

And When I Die

oct 24

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A NORMAL GAZETTE-**UNFETTERED AND FREE**

DEAR EDITOR,

As a new member in 2011, I was so excited to read the Gazette hoping it would help me understand and navigate this elusive institution. I had so many questions as to how everything worked. Instead, I was totally turned off and confused as to all of the negative energy that radiated from issue after issue. I can only imagine that many of the newcomers to the Coop since then have felt the same way. I am at the Coop often and never do I see anyone in line reading the Linewaiters' Gazette. I have so much enjoyed the last few issues of the Gazette, unfettered and free. It feels so normal, healthy and positive to have a newsletter like any other coop's newsletter across the country. The following is a list of suggestions of columns that could be included in the Gazette. There could be several series that run every week.

VENDORS: There are enough local and even non-local vendors where a different vendor could be featured every other week.

ASK THE BUYER: People can write in different questions and a buyer could answer the questions, and we can all learn something.

MEET AN EMPLOY-EE: The Coop has over 50 employees. Learn what everyone does.

LIST OF FREQUENTLY PAGED ITEMS: Every issue should feature the location for frequently paged items, to help out shoppers.

SUGGESTIONS: Answers to the suggestions that people write in the suggestion book located where the shopping squad leader is.

MEET A MEMBER: A member could be featured in an interview every issue.

MEMBERSHIP RULES: A different membership rule could be delineated in every issue as a reminder to us all of how things work.

GOVERNANCE: A different bylaw or governance fact or issue could be highlighted every issue to educate us all on how the system works.

PRODUCE: A list of produce coming into season and going out of season.

KIDS CORNER: Featuring a Coop kid's artwork or poem.

OVERHEARD AT THE COOP: Members submit funny things they overheard people say here.

These suggestions are close to home and would help fill in gaps in our collective knowledge. The possibilities of uplifting, interesting topics are as endless and as diverse as our membership. I know I myself would eagerly anticipate each issue.

> Thank you, Jessa Fisher

GAZETTE EDITORIAL POLICY QUESTIONED

TO THE EDITOR:

The Gazette's current editorial process creates serious problems for editors and contributors alike. The editors complain of the burden involved in vetting letters and other submissions about controversial topics, discussing proposed changes with authors, and fielding inquiries from unhappy members (like me) whose material was rejected or censored. In recent weeks, I've spoken with several people who share my experience of having had material refused, or delayed so long that it lost relevance, or put through a tortuous revision process, although we did our best to adhere to published guidelines.

While frustration with the Gazette's editorial policies has simmered for years, matters have reached a new and alarming pitch with the editors' recent decision to exclude submissions that address specific topics.

(In order not to trigger the prohibition on reference to these topics, I will not mention them here, but interested members can read the new policy under the heading "Announcement" on p. 10 of the Sept. 3 Gazette.) We are told this prohibition is temporary, until a new policy is arrived at, but temporary or not, it amounts to censorship. That should be a matter of serious concern to all who acknowledge the Gazette's importance as both our "newspaper of record" and our foremost vehicle (along with the GM) for the membership to discuss and debate important matters.

I do not believe the Gazette should exclude any topic that members wish to discuss. Even more fundamentally, however, the current practice of creating editorial policies on an ad hoc basis and without accountability to the membership is miserably inadequate to the requirements of a member-run, democratically governed Coop. For Coop democracy to work, members must be able to debate their views openly, based on standards that all have agreed to. Whatever the pressures on the Gazette's editors (and obviously these are real, involving both editors' time and the emotional intensity of discussion), it is unacceptable that this small group should decide for the rest of us that certain subject matters, or even certain tones (e.g. "uncooperative" language), need to be censored. While creating a host of other problems, censorship sends the destructive message that our organization is too weak to work through our disagreements in a mature, forthright fashion

The Gazette's editors have promised to unveil a new editorial policy in the near future. In order to avoid a further escalation of mistrust on the part of would-be contributors, with its potential to increase the editors' frustrations as well, any such policy must be developed in dialogue with the membership, not unilaterally. At a minimum, the following conditions need to be fulfilled: (1) develop the proposal collaboratively, with formal opportunities for member feedback to shape the text; (2) assure that development occurs in a non-coercive atmosphere, i.e. the Gazette must be censorship-free while the process goes forward; (3) present the eventual proposal to the GM with ample time for members to inform themselves and thoroughly discuss the proposal prior to a vote.

> Sincerely, Jan Clausen

GAZETTE PUBLISHING GUIDELINES

TO THE EDITOR:

Let's get staff, member contributors and interested members together to update and refine guidelines for publication in the Gazette.

The Gazette is our media for sharing information. The Gazette is a forum for discussing policy and planning. The Gazette is our public presentation, and it is our journal of record. To serve individual members and our community, we can work together through collegial consultation to revise the Gazette guidelines so they are clear and fair—Gazette guidelines that members who want to contribute and editors doing their workslots agree upon and can implement.

An editor announced at the July GM that restrictions are being imposed on what will be published. She announced a unilateral change to the guidelines passed by a GM in 2012. Hurt feelings, anger and intensified adversarial friction are the result.

After years of writing letters regularly, one of my letters was rejected. Dialog is being cut off. I am not allowed to respond to a letter, actually to a series of letters, in which I am named and criticized. By whose authority?

Does this or does this not amount to a group taking control of our principle media of communication and our journal of record permitting some comments and prohibiting others? To what extent is assuming that authority a way of taking sides on a controversial issue? Several maneuvers have been aimed at shutting down debate—disrupting a GM, proposing a referendum to prohibit the topic being discussed, and now censoring member contributions to the Gazette.

Rochdale Society in England, established 1844, is credited with forming the guiding principles of the modern cooperative movement based on 7 principles:

- 1-Voluntary and open membership
- 2-Democratic member control
- 3-Member economic participation
- 4-Autonomy and Indepen-
- 5-Education, Training and Information
- 6-Cooperation among cooperatives

Look at our mission statement too.

This is our Coop. We make policy decisions together. The Gazette is ours. We will vote on issues of policy at our Coop.

Censorship of the Gazette is a mistake, dangerous and wrong. A detailed plan for a inclusive process to revise Gazette guidelines has been submitted to the Agenda Committee for discussion at an upcoming GM. Let's work through accepted past policy & practice to solve our problems and vote to make policy and to plan the future of our collective. Let's defend, protect and ensure Democratic member control of our media and of our Coop.

Susan Metz

SAFEGUARDING THE DEMOCRATIC **PROCESS IN BYLAWS AND AT GM**

MEMBERS:

Referencing the letter to the editor, August 20, 2015: "Clarification of Provision for Majority Voting in Coop Bylaws" by Joe Holtz, General Coordinator. Joe Holtz, as the most senior Coordinator is the ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

I will address two points made in the "Explanation:"

(1) Joe Holtz: "To sum up, procedures for the formulation of advice to the Board have nothing to do with the reference in the bylaws to majority voting. The Board ... whether they get advice from a minority, a simple majority or a super majority at the General Meeting ..."

These statements appear at odds with the Bylaws, Article VI, Meetings, #4: "Except

ANNOUNCEMENT

The printing of Letters and Articles relating to BDS and anti-BDS subjects will be suspended to allow the Gazette staff to devise and propose a fair and comprehensive editorial policy regarding the management of controversial issues. The suspension will be lifted if a topic appearing on the GM Agenda warrants it to allow discussion before and after the GM presentation. This suspension is regarded as temporary until such time as a new editorial policy is in place.

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as otherwise provided all matters shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting." The discussion item on Boycotts at the May GM, proposed that future boycotts garner 75 percent of all votes cast. This anti-democratic proposal is attempting to undermine the majority rule in the Bylaws above.

(2) Joe Holtz: "But the Board could vote without the members expressing advice through a General Meeting vote" and, as an example, refers to the Board's approval of the Minutes.

The Minutes, an administrative function of the Secretary, outline the proceedings of the Board of Directors' monthly meeting. With respect to substantive matters, the Bylaws state in Article VI, Meetings, #2: "The membership shall be given notice of each such meeting prior to such meeting. The directors shall inform those members who shall be present of the nature of the business to come before the directors and receive the advice of the members on such matters."

On the Coop website under General Meeting is the statement: "... our Board's role doesn't overshadow or replace the member initiative, discussion and decision-making that is the purpose of the GM."

Note regarding July GM: A too lengthy presentation of the discussion item on Boycotts prevented a full discussion of the topic by members. Only a few males were called up to speak. The overall effect is to undermine democracy at the GM. I call upon the Chair to maintain the democratic process and practice at future GMs. Thank you.

> Mary Buchwald PSFC members for BDS www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

ON SUPER MAJORITY

TO THE EDITOR:

In a letter in the August 20 issue, I argued that Jesse Rosenfeld's proposal to require a super majority for approval of boycotts would violate the majority vote provision in the Coop's bylaws. Responding in the same issue, Joe Holtz offered a "clarification" that should not go unanswered. According to Joe, the provision, which is found in Article VI, subsection 4, of the bylaws, does not apply to the General Meeting (GM), but rather is limited to "meetings of the membership" and of the Board of Direc-

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tors. Interestingly, although Joe reproduced the full text of Article VI, he never addressed the language of the relevant provision. Instead, he argued that the provision does not apply to the GM because the GM "has no power to make decisions for the Coop." The GM's only function is to advise the Board of Directors, which is legally authorized to make those decisions. Accordingly, Joe concluded, the members are at liberty to "make rules on how they want the Board to interpret advice in the future"—but the Board would not be under any legal obligation to abide by such

Joe's analysis is at odds with the broad language of the majority vote provision, and it gives the false impression that the change proposed by Jesse Rosenfeld would be inconsequential. The provision states simply that, "[e]xcept as otherwise provided, all matters shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting." It is open-ended, with nothing stated or implied that limits its applicability to voting by the Board and "meetings of the membership." Significant in this regard is the acknowledgment in subsection Article VI, subsection 2, that the GM's advice to the Board may be expressed through a vote. Such a vote is a decision on the issue at hand, albeit legally only a decision on advising the directors, and there is no good reason why the majority vote provision in the bylaws should not apply.

Moreover, as David Barouh pointed out in his letter in the September 3 Gazette, despite the Board's status as the body legally authorized to make decisions for the Coop, the GM has always been our "true... governing body"; the directors, as a matter of policy and practice, adopt the "advice" of the GM as determined by majority vote. The only exception, referenced by both Joe and David, was in 1996, and that assertion of Board independence was widely condemned. Thus, what Joe referred to as the Board's "great record of making excellent decisions" consists precisely in its deferring to the will of the GM majority. Under these circumstances, to hold that the GM is not constrained by the majority vote provision of the bylaws would be problematic. According to Joe's analysis, there is no limit to the size of the super majority that the GM, by a bare majority vote, could put in place to address any number of issues that we cannot currently anticipate.

Winston McIntosh

LOCAL MEAT

TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

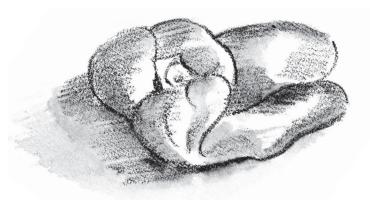
In the article "Slaughterhouse Shortage" by Kama Einhorn [September 3, 2015 issue it is written that: All farmers must use USDA-approved slaughterhouses. Farmers cannot legally sell meat unless it has been "harvested" at an approved "processing plant" (otherwise they can only eat it themselves or give it away).

This is incorrect. The use of a USDA-approved slaughterhouse is only required for the inter-state sale of meat. Meat sold intra-state does not have to be processed at a USDA-approved slaughterhouse.

Stop by the Greenmarket. You can find chickens that the farmers slaughtered themselves.

Don Wiss

Editor's Note: According to the Cornell University website, all beef, pork and lamb intended for retail sale must be slaughtered at a USDAapproved facility. However, farmers can kill up to 1,000 chickens or 250 turkeys without going to a USDAapproved slaughterhouse.







Did you know that the Coop has an Animal Welfare Committee? We do... and we're looking for new members. We are looking for applicants with design, publicity, branding, or investigative journalism skills. We meet monthly at the Coop (Mondays, C week, 7-8:30 p.m.).

Check out our blog for more information on the committee and the online application.

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We strive to reflect the diversity of the PSFC, including dietary diversity (omnivores, vegetarians, and vegans are equally welcome!).



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BONUS PUZZLE!

Sudoku

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

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 16.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SAT, SEP 19

8 p.m. GATHERING TIME: This head-turning folk-rock harmony trio is getting "a beehive-full of buzz" on the Northeast folk scene. At People's Voice Cafe, Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist, 40 E 35th St. Info call 212-787-3903 peoplesvoicecafe.org.

SUN, SEP 20

2 p.m. Preserving the Harvest: How to Make Sauerkraut and Fermented Veggies. In this hands-on class, you will learn everything you need to know to confidently ferment vegetables at home. The Commons, 388 Atlantic

Ave., Boreum Hill. Fee: \$45 plus a \$10 materials fee. Register at www.bit.ly/preserveharvestly.

SAT, SEP 26

12:30 p.m. Park Slope Bluegrass, Old Time Jamboree: Concerts, Workshop and more. At the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. 53 PPW Brooklyn NY. Info at www.jamesreams.com.

TUE, SEP 29

5:30 p.m. At the Old Stone House. World-class forage authority, author, and PSFC member, Leda Meredith offers a garden walk in Washington Park, a talk and book signing for

three of her books: Northeast Forage, Preserving Everything and The Locavore's Handbook. \$20 suggested donation; information you will use for a lifetime. Fifth Ave. @ Third St. To preregister, contact www.theoldstonehouse.org; info: theoldstonehouse.org.

SUN, OCT 4

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players present: Tara O'Connor, flute; Randall Ellis, oboe; Alan R. Kay, clarinet; David Jolley, horn; Frank Morelli, bassoon at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library. 10 Grand Army Plaza BKLYN. Admission Free.

FOOD COOP ICE CREAM



rooklyn Bell ice cream held a contest in June at Bthe Park Slope Food Coop. The challenge was to imagine a recipe for a new flavor, exclusively for the Food Coop. We asked members for their ideas.

We received more than 100 entries from members, and Jana Cunningham's flavor won out. It's coffee ice cream with chocolate-covered coffee-bean chips and a hint of maple. It's called "On Alert!" (get it?) and is on sale now in our ice cream cooler. Thanks to everyone who entered. Try it!

Interested in Engaging Coop Work? Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

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Communication • Problem solving • Conflict resolution Dealing with difficult situations and people Investigation • Writing • Research

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- Discussing policy issues related to the Committee's work
- Investigating allegations of uncooperative behavior by members and engaging in problem solving
- Daily email contact with the committee members to discuss cases
- Participating in mediation, disciplinary hearings, and other conflict resolution methods

REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for this position, any candidate must:

- · Be a member for at least a year
- Have a good attendance record
- · Possess the ability to work on a team
- Have good writing skills
- Have computer proficiency (excel, word, email)—this is essential
- Attend evening meetings every six weeks

We work on average six hours per month, more than the required work shift hours. You will be credited and your hours will be banked for future use.

We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. We are seeking a candidate pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

Karen: 718.208.7897 or foodcoopdc@gmail.com

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To Apply

Please send a letter of application and two writing samples at least 800 words long (one sample must be a reported interview, not a Q&A) to annette_laskaris@psfc.coop. Your letter should state your qualifications, your Coop history, relevant experience and why you would like to report for the Coop. Your application will be acknowledged and forwarded to the coordinating editors, Joan Minieri and Erik Lewis.

Seeking Diversity on the Gazette Staff

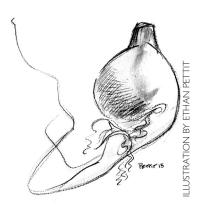
The *Gazette* is looking for qualified reporters. We are interested in using this opportunity to diversify our staff. We believe that we can enrich the quality of the Gazette and serve the membership better with a reporting and editing staff that more closely resembles the mix of Coop members.

If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the Linewaiters'

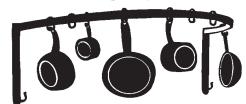
Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at lenneufeld@ verizon.net, to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

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

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



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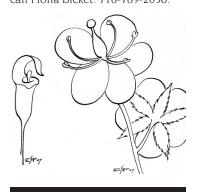
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EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES 🚖



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

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

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

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

CHECK PROCESSING Tuesday, 6 to 8:45 p.m.

Member needed to collate and organize vouchers from check run. Attention to detail, accuracy and good attendance a must. Member must be in good standing and a commitment of 6 months required. Please speak to Renee St Furcy at 718-622-0560 or contact her at renee stfurcy@psfc.coop before signing up for this shift.

ENTRANCE DESK Friday, 5:45 to 8:00 a.m.

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

STORE EQUIPMENT **CLEANING** Monday, Friday, 6 to 8 a.m.

This job involves meticulous deep cleaning of the store's checkout equipment & furniture. Workers are required to read & follow detailed instructions for cleaning the scales, printers, & monitors as well as cleaning the furniture & organizing checkout worker's tools & supplies. Must arrive on time at 6AM. Please report to Cynthia Pennycooke on your first work shift

RECEIVING MAINTENANCE Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to do various light maintenance tasks throughout the Coop . You will work under the supervision of a staff person. Must be willing to clean, sort returned bottles, work in the backyard organizing, lifting up to 25 lbs.

BATHROOM CLEANING Friday, 12 to 2 p.m.

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

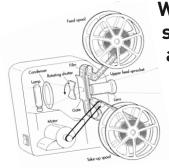
LAUNDRY AND TOY CLEANING Saturday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE - TERRACYCLE Wednesday, 3:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Enthusiastic, dedicated workers needed to join our Terracycle Collection Squad. At least 6 months of Coop Membership required prior to signing up. Must be reliable and willing to work outside in front of the Coop during all seasons. Workers will be trained to sort though acceptable used product packaging for purposes of Up-cycling into new products via TerraCycle. Please contact Membership Coordinator Cynthia Pennycooke via phone, Monday -Friday, 8 AM to 12:30 PM, or via e-mail at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop, prior to being assigned to this shift.

ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?



Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?

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

If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes for details at gabrielrhodes@me.com.

Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle									
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THANK YOU!

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

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