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TerraCycle Brigades Bring Upcycling to the Coop

By Hayley Gorenberg

For some, the Park Slope Food Coop's bring-your-own-bag, compost-what-we-can, only-cardboard-egg-crates approach smacks of the utmost environmental responsibility. But for Environmental Committee member Rosemary Calderon, the contrast with her former home, Seattle, was a "rude awakening." She explained, "Seattle is hyper in terms of composting and recycling. It's so impressive. It's like a zero-waste city."

So soon after Calderon, who appears as an extra on *Orange Is the New Black* and *Madame Secretary*, joined the Coop's Environmental Committee about two years ago, she set about creating a Terra Cycle partnership. Starting this summer, Coop members (and anyone from the community who happens by during the shift) began recycling far more than what standard city bins accept.

TerraCycle is a highly awarded, international up-cycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products that would otherwise be destined for landfills, explains Calderon. TerraCycle repurposes the



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Rosemary Calderon, Environmental Committee member, found that our recycling effort falls short.

material into innovative products, with a goal of driving increased environmental awareness and action.

The company was helpful and easy to navigate, and with enthusiastic PSFC staff support, the Environmental Committee organized three preliminary TerraCycle collections in January, February and March of this year to create awareness among Coop members. Then the committee presented its TerraCycle proposal to the General Membership. Twice monthly, starting in late July, the collections became regular work shifts.

Calderon led organization of "brigades" to collect baby food pouches and caps, cereal and cracker box liners, energy bar wrappers and toothpaste tubes. The experiment took off. After a few sessions, the brigades had collected 3,543 bags and containers for the Glad® Food Storage Brigade, 346 containers through the Baby Food Pouch Brigade sponsored by Earth's Best®, 3,525 wrappers through the Energy Bar Wrapper Brigade® sponsored by Clif Bar®. The shifts amassed 72 pesky-to-recycle Brita products through the Brita® Bri-

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TerraCycle recycling collection. Left to right, Environmental Committee members Kerill Wilson, Linda Marsanico and Lisa Berger.

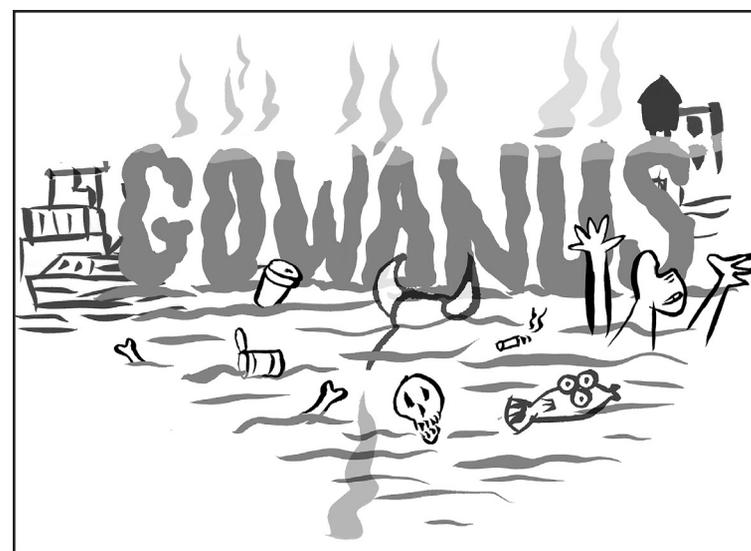


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PSFC Author Explores the Gowanus Canal

By Taigi Smith

When he's not working his Receiving shift at the Park Slope Food Coop or editing articles for *Time Out New York*, Brooklyn-based author Joseph Alexiou can be spotted around town waxing poetic about his favorite body of water: the Gowanus Canal. Alexiou spent several years researching the federally recognized superfund site, and this month, NYU Press will publish Alexiou's latest tome, *Gowanus: Brooklyn's Curious Canal*. Here, Alexiou answers the *Gazette's* questions about his definitive history of the infamous waterway.

Taigi Smith: You've been working on your book, *Gowanus: Brooklyn's Curious*

Canal, for a very long time. Why was it important to you to document the history of the Gowanus Canal?

Joseph Alexiou: I've been working on *Gowanus* since 2011, so four years. It became important to me because I lived next to it for the first five years I lived in the city. After hearing, and eventually writing, stories about the real estate and environmental issues in the neighborhood, it became clear to me that there was no one consistent record of how the canal became the way it is. Lots of stories were spread across the community, and it seemed like the perfect "New Yorky" kind of story to tell.

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Next General Meeting on October 27

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The October General Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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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.

TerraCycle

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gade,[®] and pulled in 222 cereal bags through the MOM Brands[®] Cereal Bag Brigade. On the toothpaste-tube front, the Tom's of Maine Natural Care Brigade[®] turned in 183 packaging products, and the Colgate Oral Care Brigade[®] had 20 tubes.

Grand total for the summer kickoff stands at 4,607 TerraCycle points, which converts to \$46.07 to be donated to a nonprofit organization or school of our choice. As Calderon explained when proposing the TerraCycle partnership, the Park Slope Food Coop "would direct any funds raised to nonprofit projects/organizations currently supported by the Coop: the soup kitchen, environmental efforts and supporting the establishment of more food coops." Calderon says, "This is totally free, we get money back donated to nonprofits; it's a real win-win."

Notably, while TerraCycle requires sorting, it doesn't require clean packaging. "It can be as drippy and as dirty as you want, as long as you're collecting it," Calderon says. The squads download free shipping labels from the TerraCycle website and ship Coop contributions with no poundage limit. "The more you have, the better for them!"

The Environmental Committee raised the profile of the shifts through Facebook, Twitter and its mailing list. The team is seeking additional workers to fill slots, and the Facebook feed provides updates on the shift's progress, as well as notes about fracking and other environment-focused shopping news.



TerraCycle collects difficult-to-recycle items such as baby food pouches, bread bags, fruit bags, vegetable bags and more.

Future Upcycling

Future brigades-in-waiting include snack bag brigades that would be sponsored by Frito-Lay[®] and The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.

The Coop incurs no fees to participate in any of the current brigades, but Calderon's growth vision includes a fee-based plastics collection shift as "phase two." She laments, "Everything is wrapped in plastic, and you can't do anything with that except toss it." If the Coop addressed this type of plastic packaging, "then I'd feel like we were really doing something that was much harder to do and not very accessible to do."

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TerraCycle also provides an opportunity to collect waste beyond its designated free brigades. The company

offers a zero-waste program that allows for a far broader collection of materials, charging fees ranging from \$50 to \$125 per box, depending on the size of the box. The Environmental Committee has focused on the zero-waste program for plastic packaging. The plastic packaging program would collect all types of soft plastic packaging—for example, plastic vegetable and fruit bags, bread and muffin bags, salad bags, large bulk roll bags.

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If launched, the plastic packaging zero-waste participation effort would involve a small fee from contributors. Over the summer, TerraCycle shift members informally queried participants about the fees. They found a high willingness



ILLUSTRATION BY ROD MORRISON

among participants to pay a small individual fee to do the right thing with these plastic items, says Calderon.

The Environmental Committee pointed out that members benefit from the collections through a sense of well-being they get from keeping more waste out of landfills and reducing the Coop's carbon footprint. The effort is "such a rewarding experience, I can't tell you!" enthused Calderon. Throughout the launch, "Progress was clear, and it was marching forward, and now it's happening. It's really cool. I love it!" she adds.

More on TerraCycle

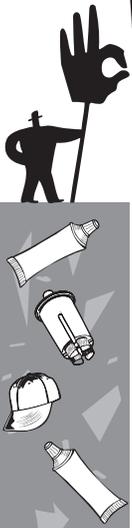
According to TerraCycle, its expansion in 2013 to Australia and New Zealand brought participation to a total of 20 countries. A U.S.-based Cigarette

Waste Brigade[®] won awards from private sources and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and then launched overseas in France, Germany and Nordic countries. Founder Tom Szaky was named one of the Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneurs of the Year.

The year prior, TerraCycle reported millions of participants worldwide, 2.5 billion pieces of waste diverted from landfills and contributions of \$6 million to schools and charities. The company also won several major awards including the UN Leader of Social Change Award. ■

For more information on the TerraCycle brigades at the Coop, members can e-mail the Environmental Committee at ecokvetch@yahoo.com. For additional background on TerraCycle, visit www.terracycle.com.

RECYCLE GALORE!



WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED:

- Toothpaste tubes, any brand and size (toothbrushes OK too)
- Baby food pouches and caps (any brand)
- Energy bar wrappers (any brand but only energy bars—no other wrappers please)
- Brita filters (other filter brands okay) plus other Brita filter-related items
- Plastic food storage zip lock bags (any size), plastic cling wrap, and small bulk bags (NO PLASTIC ROLL BAGS OR SHOPPING BAGS)
- Cereal bag and cracker bag liners or bulk cereal bags (any brand)



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

WHERE: Outside in front of the Coop or inside during inclement weather

PSFC / TerraCycle Recycling Collections

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.

Shelly Weiss Looks Back on the Coop's Early Days

By Mark Fass

Shelly Weiss remembers joining the Coop in 1974. She recently described the Coop's changes over the past four decades in an email conversation with Gazette reporter Mark Fass. Here is her account.

The Coop was a very different experience when I started. In no way was it the seven-days-a-week, hours-stretching-from-early-morning-until-evening Coop that we've come to know over the last several decades. The number of days per week it was open was extremely limited. And the store was about one-third the width of the current building, and only the second floor at that. I vaguely remember a pre-order system, and you were confined to purchase what you had pre-ordered—you couldn't survey the produce and make choices on the spot outside of the categories of food that you had ordered.

So, before the adjacent two buildings were purchased, just imagine a long line forming outside in the cold, with members waiting to ascend a flight of steps to a really funky space called the Mongoose Community Center. Low-slung, primitive slanted shelves held boxes of fruits and vegetables. There were two very old refrigerators in the front with padlocks bolted on their doors. The

Mongoose had been a gathering space for political meetings, folk concerts and most importantly, the organizing base for feminist politics ignited by the "green sneaker rapist," who was terrorizing local women. There was a comingling of feminists, both lesbian and straight, that spawned neighborhood organizations including the New York Women's School, Brooklyn Women's Martial Arts and relationships that survive to this day. Those relationships defined an early demographic of Coop members who, as they built a feminist movement in the neighborhood, also saw the Coop as a tool for building a progressive community of men and women and a love of the neighborhood.

New Products—Including the 'Phenomenon' of Cheese

As the Coop grew, so did its product line, and I took great pride in working cheese. I built friendships with co-workers, and I'll never forget the monthly fun I had with Bruce Sheets. But don't think of the cheese section in the very organized way you might experience it now, with cheeses stacked in familiar rows, all alphabetically organized. Cheese was more like a phenomenon back then.

People hustled over to the cheese section and wrote their orders, which were then custom cut to size, and then picked up as they headed to the checkout line. We would set out samples, which made cheese the place to be and highly interactive. I think Trader Joe's plugged into our model, and I sure wish the present Coop would do some tastings to introduce new products. The Coop has always been distinct to me as a place where such conversations about the products, recipes, our families, our lives, happen at checkout. Nowhere else on the planet are folks so engaged in other people's purchases.

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Today, I paid a shiva call to a Coop friend who also had been a member of my synagogue, Kolot Chayeinu. She remembered an experience with me, when I switched to entry door person. It seems that I found a single glove with a leopard print. She will never forget my announcement, which went like this, "Is there anybody in aisle two who lost a single lesbian glove"... and then me cracking up. There she was mourning the loss of her brother-in-law, only to get a moment's reprieve by a story that could only happen in the Park Slope Food Coop.



Shelly Weiss

The More Things Change...

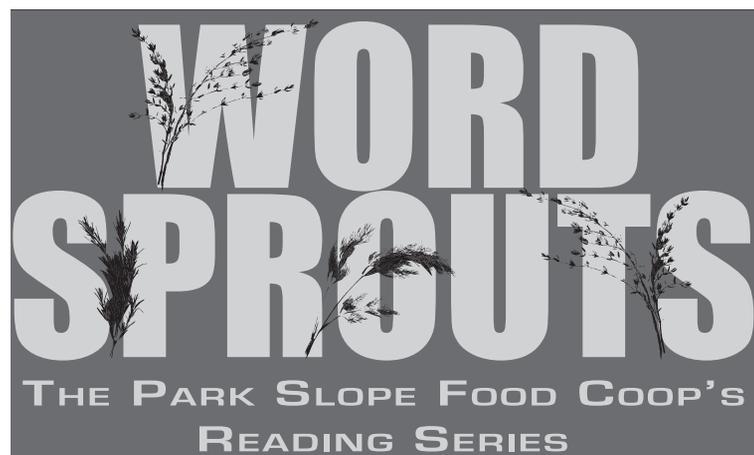
The main complaints in the 1970s centered on the limited number of products that were available, people's desire that they wouldn't also need to shop at Key Food for household items, and the need for more checkout counters, as the line would snake out of control. There was no express line, and coming to the Coop could never be casual to pick up a few items. It was an investment in time, which was made really bearable as it was the place to run into so many folks you knew. The most long-standing complaint that I can remember is the double make-up requirement if someone misses their shift and doesn't find a replacement. We all yearned for squad leaders who would

be merciful if they saw you to be highly responsible and called to notify of a last-minute emergency.

The Roots of the Coop's Diversity

The Coop, rooted in Park Slope, has always been dominated by an ethos of inclusion and political action. As one ascended the steps to the Coop floor, on one side were hung posters about upcoming movement events. When apartheid ruled with an iron fist in South Africa, South African products were banned. Chilean grapes were banned during Pinochet's rule, and Nestle products were banned when they were promoting infant formula rather than breastfeeding. I'm not sure

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**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 wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

NOTICE TO COOP MEMBER/OWNERS

REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 27 GENERAL MEETING

The Members of the Board of Directors have received written notification from Zoey Laskaris and Monique Bowen that they are resigning their seats on the Board of Directors. Zoey Laskaris' resignation was effective on August 31, 2015; and Monique Bowen's resignation was effective on September 24, 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, "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."

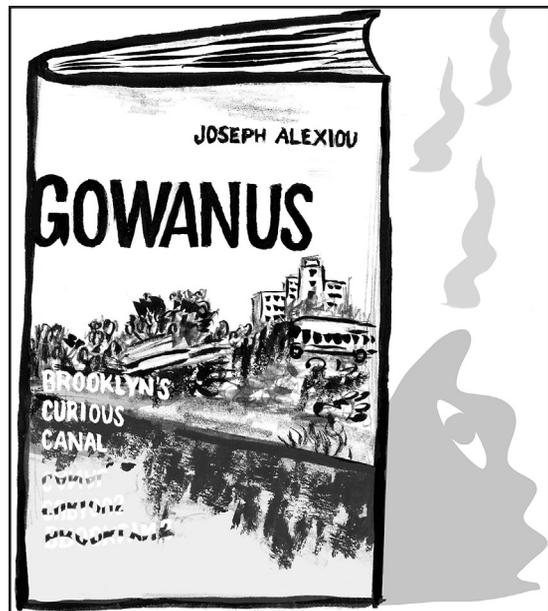
If you're interested in running for one of these Board positions, come to the October 27, 2015, General Meeting and nominate yourself from the floor. Please be prepared to say a few words about yourself and your interest in joining the Board of Directors.

Gowanus Canal

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TS: I'm sure I'm not the only person who has seen it a hundred times, yet knows nothing about it. How did the canal get its name?

JA: Nobody knows for sure! There is an apocryphal



story about it being named after a man named Gouwane, a sachem, or chief, of a local tribe of Lenape natives. There's no proof of any of this—we have translations of the original Dutch land patents of the purchase of lands around the Gowanus from the Natives.

None of them were named Gouwane. In the Lenape language (which is called Munsee), there's a word like Gowanus that means "brier patch" or "sleeping area."

TS: Most people think of the Gowanus Canal as a murky, dirty, environmental disaster. Set

the record straight about the Gowanus Canal. What is it and where did it come from?

Brooklyn as we know it might not have looked the way it does, or developed in the manner that it did, if there hadn't been an arm of the sea reaching into the heart of this once independent city.

JA: The Gowanus Canal is a former industrial waterway that was one of the most important and highly trafficked in the entire country, from the 1870s until the 1930s, approximately. Before that it was a naturally occurring tidal estuary, surrounded by a square mile of marshlands, freshwater streams and brackish ponds.

TS: Tell me the most interesting thing you learned about the Gowanus Canal

while writing your book.

JA: No pressure there! Obviously there are too many interesting things for me to pick one. But I will say that I learned that Brooklyn as we know it might not have looked the way it does, or developed in the manner that it did, if there hadn't been an arm of the sea reaching into the heart of this once independent city.

TS: What is the biggest myth surrounding the canal? Is it really the environmental hazard most of us believe it to be?

JA: The biggest myth surrounding the canal is that it was a dangerous area because of Italian gangs during the 20th century. The canal area was a dangerous and rough and tumble place well before that time! The first gangs were Irish, and they were around since the mid 19th-century.

And yes, the canal is a toxic waste site of huge proportions. It's also the dumping site of the compiled sewage of 100,000 New Yorkers. Anybody who knowingly goes swimming in the Gowanus while wearing anything less than a protective Hazmat suit is, by definition, an idiot.

TS: Why is the canal so important to Brooklyn's history?

JA: The body of water itself predates the arrival of European colonists, and its presence has been recorded and incorporated into the decision making of every step of Brooklyn's growth as a municipality.

TS: Coop members love a good story. Can you tell us a funny story about the Gowanus Canal?

JA: Sure. In the late 19th century there was a young factory worker named Rose who operated a jute mill at President and Bond streets. At some point a rumor spread through the neighborhood that she had gone missing, and that her body had washed up in the canal. A couple of beggar-types arrived at Ms. Rose's residence to inform her mother that her daughter's body was lying on the second street dock—this rather confused Ms. Rose's mother, because young Rose was upstairs ironing at the time the information was delivered. Then half the neighborhood arrived to pay their condolences, included the priest at Mary Star of the Sea on Court Street.

A reporter managed



Joseph Alexiou

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to escort Ms. Rose back to the Planet Mills for her afternoon shift, where she declared that she believed the rumor had spread because of an unrelated local tragedy involving some dead cats.

After he inquired how this could be, Rose explained that she had made a dress with a distinctive print that people recognized around town; later on, some cruel person drowned some kittens in the canal using a sack made of the same material.

"The people around here are terrible gossips," Rose explained.

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TS: Where will the Canal be in 20 years? Will it be developed or beautified? What does the future of the canal look like?

JA: Everyone always asks this question. At best I'm an amateur historian, not the Nostradamus of South Brooklyn. The canal will undoubtedly be cleaner in 20 years, and more development will happen. The question is, will it be beautiful, to-scale development that preserves the unique character of Gowanus? Or will it be the same kind of piecemeal, overdeveloped garbage the city is bent on approving because they think it brings tax revenue? Talk about fiscally irresponsible decisions. What I've learned mostly is that Brooklyn is experiencing the same land speculation craziness that it did during the Gilded Age, and the city's officials are making practically the same mistakes. ■

Crossword Puzzle

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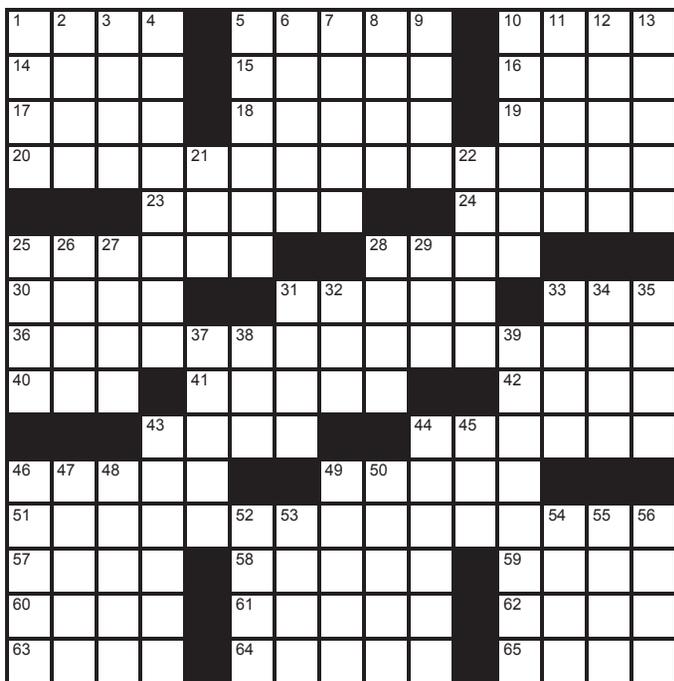
- 1. "Beowulf," e.g.
- 5. Marlon Brando's hometown
- 10. Agreement
- 14. Showroom model
- 15. Vapors
- 16. Decree
- 17. "Let's Make a ___!"
- 18. Act like a coquette
- 19. What the cat replaced, in Monopoly
- 20. Aisle #3 item that's baked
- 23. Works as an usher
- 24. British ___
- 25. Not straight
- 28. Rage
- 30. Pakistani language
- 31. What hominy comes from
- 33. Legal org.
- 36. Aisle #3 item that's fermented
- 40. Bonobo, e.g.
- 41. Ruckus
- 42. Kings or Celtics, e.g.
- 43. Hose problem
- 44. With bitterness
- 46. Fools
- 49. Official language of an African enclave nation
- 51. Aisle #3 item that's frozen
- 57. Guinness's logo
- 58. Smidgen
- 59. "Iliad" figure
- 60. Brink
- 61. Nepali, e.g.
- 62. London museum
- 63. Whitetails and chital

- 64. 1965 march beginning
- 65. Baseball stats

Down

- 1. Old Icelandic literary work
- 2. Rind
- 3. Muslim leader
- 4. Statue of Liberty poem "The New ___"
- 5. Time of poor performance
- 6. Swindle
- 7. Arab chieftains
- 8. Something to eat, or praise
- 9. Italian wine area
- 10. Particular
- 11. Acoustic
- 12. Copy

- 13. Simple shelters
- 21. After expenses
- 22. FDNY sound
- 25. Large brass instrument
- 26. Sandwich alternative
- 27. Inactive
- 28. Ken Burns documentary "Central Park ___"
- 29. Compact weapon
- 31. California politician Harvey ___
- 32. Half of a Big Slick, in Texas Hold 'Em
- 33. Elderly
- 34. Jezebel's idol
- 35. Major employer
- 37. Awry
- 38. Chess pieces
- 39. Make pale, as a plant
- 43. Tim Howard, e.g.
- 44. Goddess of wisdom
- 45. T'ai ___
- 46. Longed (for)
- 47. Trees give it
- 48. Twilled fabric
- 49. Creeper
- 50. Philosopher William of ___
- 52. J.F.K. postings
- 53. Gaelic tongue
- 54. Slightly open
- 55. Facts and figures
- 56. Cancels



Puzzle author: Lars Roe. For answers, see page 7.

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series: *Weight of Nation Part IV: Challenges*

By Adam Rabiner,
Safe Food Committee

HBO's *Weight of the Nation Part IV: Challenges* concludes the Plow-to-Plate movie series' examination of the obesity epidemic in the United States. While earlier parts focused on *Consequences*, *Choices*, and *Children in Crisis*, the concluding episode serves as a kind of coda for the whole series, summarizing and distilling the major themes.

Some of the overweight interviewees from Parts I-III appear with very brief testimonials (as well as expert talking head, Janet Poppendieck, Ph.D., sociologist at Hunter College, CUNY, and a former member of the Safe Food Committee) but the last chapter endeavors to provide the Big Picture and macro challenges and solutions rather than dwell on personal experiences.

One only needs to look around to see that people are heavier now than they've ever been. But if your eyes don't convince you *Weight of the Nation* provides a heavy menu of dire facts and statistics: obesity is a significant risk factor in five of the ten leading causes of death (heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease); obesity has increased from about 15% of the population in 1960 to about 35% today; 36% of Americans have cardiovascular disease and 25% have excess fat on the liver, etcetera, ad nauseum, etc.

What makes *Challenges* not so depressing, in fact, somewhat optimistic, is that, like its predecessors, it does not dwell on the problem but

rather people and communities that are rising to the formidable challenges.

The Nabholz Construction Company, one of the largest employers in Arkansas, with over one thousand employees, realized that its very profitability and sustainability as a company was threatened by escalating health care costs (it is estimated that obesity costs American businesses northward of \$70 billion each year). Confronted with this problem, the company instituted a health screening and wellness program. They found that most of its workforce weighed over two hundred pounds and suffered from a long list of health problems including hypertension and high blood sugars levels. A wellness counselor provided advice about eating well and getting exercise. One worker started jogging on the company treadmill, tightened his belt several notches, and proudly proclaimed that getting fit again was the best thing he ever did. Other workers were equally inspired. Nabholz estimates that improved health is saving the company \$600,000 annually.

Others rising to the challenge include a collection of Hispanic mothers who worked with Latino Health Access to raise \$3.5 million and get a land owner in Santa Ana County, California to donate a vacant lot for a playground. The larger challenge, which took seven long years, was getting the city's permits and permission to build.

Also profiled was the forward looking mayor of Nashville, Tennessee, Karl Dean,

who won \$7.5 of a \$300 million nationwide grant from the Centers for Disease Control to combat obesity through building sidewalks, bike lanes, and parks. Leading by example, he kicked off a weekly "Walk 100 Miles with the Mayor" challenging his constituents, young and old and everyone in between, to take a series of strolls with him. Many took him up, some of whom, as hard as this is to believe to us New Yorkers, never walked anywhere before.

In fact, everywhere around the country people and institutions are beginning to meet the challenge—from Nashville's fire department, which now includes fresh salads along with barbecue in their weekly menu planning, to edible school yards, mobile farmer's markets, and walking school buses. Around the nation, in East Nashville; Glendale, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Denver, Colorado; Bronx, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; Berkeley, California, and West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, solutions are emerging, from small Green Carts to large farmers' collectives and supermarkets locating in food deserts.

The nation has finally looked down at the scary numbers on the scale, come out of denial, and grown to recognize the problem and do something about it. Indeed, recent figures show that for the first time in fifty years, the rate of obesity is slowing. The fight is far from over, but it appears that at long last, many Americans are wising up and squarely facing this enormous challenge. ■

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.

Weight of the Nation Part IV: Challenges will be presented on Tuesday, October 13, 7 p.m. at the Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

EXPERIENCED REPORTERS Please Apply



Workslot Description

We have four distinct *Linewaiters' Gazette* teams—each producing an issue every eight weeks. You will develop and produce an article about the Coop in cooperation with your team's editor every eight weeks.

For More Information

If you would like to speak to an editor or another reporter to learn more about the job, please contact Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office or e-mail her at annette_laskaris@psfc.coop.

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.

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.

WEEKEND BIKE VALET PARKING

Saturdays (April 4 to Nov 21) 1 to 5 pm
Sundays (April 5 to Nov 22) 3:30 to 7:30 pm

Leave your bike, stroller, scooter, or cart while you work or shop. No locks, no worries, no theft!

Operates rain or shine. Look for us by the yellow wall under the green tent.

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Shelly Weiss

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how it happened, but the Coop became a place where Rastafarians, queers and gender nonconforming people and Hasidic and Orthodox Jews could somehow find common cause. It's been a place where I can bond over time with another worker over the work, and then challenge the homophobia that makes her dismiss the reality that as a queer mom I've been doing a heckuva job. It's certainly more diverse, and reflects the world we want to build fueled by friendliness, collaboration and trust, but I know that many people of color have experienced micro-aggressions from white members.

**Early Coop checkout.****The Introduction of Technology**

Imagine a Coop where adding machines were used, with no database of thousands of items, where check-out and payment had to be done separately. There were no computers to track inventory, let alone workslots and assignments. While one might today see a long line and retreat from any hope of a quick shop, the slowness of shopping experience, with hand-inputting and few checkout counters, somehow was survivable because the Coop was truly the place to be, to run into neighborhood buds and catch up.

On Being a Member for Four Decades

My membership hasn't

been fully continuous. After having my first child in 1986 and no longer being in control of my time, I ran up a slew of makeups that I couldn't quite ever fulfill. I took an amnesty of one year and was grateful for that flexibility.

The main complaints in the 1970s centered on the limited number of products that were available.

I must admit that at times I stray. I do yearn for the chopped liver at Fairway, and that range of sweets and jalapeno jelly at Trader Joe's. There are times as I age when I've been injured or ill and the experience of schlepping is too hard, so I've succumbed to delivery from Steve's on 9th St. I've often yearned for the Coop to have a van and workslots that might do delivery. I also wish that when the building was designed there was a small space for a coffee bar so you could comfortably schmooze, as the social aspect is so much of what makes it unlike shopping anywhere else.

Two years ago when I had open heart surgery, I couldn't ask people to do a full Coop shop for me, but it was so meaningful to me when people brought me five items when they came to visit while I was recuperating at home. I simply love the Coop, and

**Early canned-goods shelves.**

can't imagine my life without it. I get tremendous satisfaction when I see my fridge and cupboards bursting with the aliveness of the vibrant products that say, "Enjoy life, invent new healthy meals, the Park Slope Food Coop is in the house."

On Working on the Brooklyn Food Conference

Back in 2012, I literally had no idea what food justice meant, but my engagement was ignited by the force of long-time Coop member Nancy Romer who headed the Brooklyn Food Conference. She garnered support from the Coop in securing the possibility of workslot exchanges for a huge force of folks to put on a conference where

800 people were hoped for and 3,000+ people actually attended. While I brought my social media skills imported from my work running OUT-media, I never imagined that my preoccupation with how the land is treated, animals are treated, would be finally turned to, and ultimately, supplanted by my concern with how workers are treated who plant, pick, prepare and serve food.

A New Card Every Six Years

If I show up at the Coop without my membership card, I usually say first, "promise me you won't laugh." Then I say "1478H." "H" represents my card being lost in seven rounds of laundry agitation over the years. ■

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT**The Coop's Impact on the TPP Debate Across New York State**

By Raul Rothblatt

A few months ago, the Coop's International Trade Education Squad (ITES) gathered signatures to push the New York City Council to pass a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)-free zone. And guess what? We succeeded. NYC passed the TPP-free bill proposed by Council Member Helen Rosenthal. This might be a symbolic effort, but it shows that there is organized opposition to TPP.

The squad on international trade has been hard at work, and the results are exciting. We recently had a forum with congressional representatives and other elected officials addressing the challenges of Trans Pacific Partnership. The goal of our International Trade Education Squad has been to discuss trade issues with Coop members, but the results have spread to areas

that we did not expect.

We are now leading a new initiative that has not been tried in any other state. Several cities have established TPP-free zones, including New York City. But there have been no state-level attempts to retain local control over local laws. Now, with the lead of our local State Senator Jesse Hamilton, we are working on organizing State Senators across New York to oppose TPP.

In early 2014, many Assembly members signed on to a letter to New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman opposing Fast Track, which was the effort to cram through the TPP debate without debate. Lead by Assembly Members Michelle Schimel and Brian Kavanaugh, many representatives did sign on, and consequently Schneiderman published a letter agreeing with their main

point: TPP would undermine many local laws protecting the environment, labor and consumers. The Coop's local representative Joan Millman did sign at the time, and her successor Jo Anne Simon has expressed support for the letter as well. She also showed up at our forum.

Some Coop members have been following TPP, and many other have never heard of it. But state legislators typically focus on state-level issues. Most have no idea that an international trade agreement will impact their district's commerce and residents. We can change that.

In April 2015, Attorney General Schneiderman wrote in Politico:

Under TPP, certain foreign targets of enforcement actions, unable to prevail in domestic courts, could take their cases to TPP's dispute resolution tribunals. Unbound by an established

body of law or precedent, the tribunals would be able to simply sidestep domestic courts. And decisions by these tribunals cannot be appealed.

We agree. We fear that the ISDS will subject New York to the authority of judicial forums unaccountable to United States or New York State court review. Moreover, the Regulatory Coherence Chapter of the TPP requires that each country create a new domestic bureaucratic structure to conform ("harmonize") all their agency and department regulations to a corporate-friendly, national regulatory framework. TPP proposes a Regulatory Council that would sit above the U.S. Congress. Thus, in signing TPP, the U.S. President and Congress would be agreeing to abide by decisions made by this newly appointed supranational body. It would be

unaccountable to our democratically elected representatives in local and state government and can override local and state laws that protect communities, their residents and the local environment.

The job of our state lawmakers is to represent their constituents, and to pass laws. We will take the lead on holding them to their responsibilities. Luckily, we have a local State Senator who hired a Coop member—yours truly—so that the Coop priorities can become state priorities.

We have been in touch with Nancy Price, co-chair of the national Alliance for Democracy. In her efforts, if we can get New York State to sign on as opponents of TPP, "It would be a game changer." We're doing what we can to save consumer protection, labor laws and the New York ban on fracking. ■

MEMBER SUBMISSION

A Look at the *Gazette's* New Policies

By David Barouh

The *Linewaiters' Gazette's* editors have instituted submission guidelines as of 4/30/2015, and have banned BDS letters since 7/23/2015. While some have called for a ban, such actions beg questions about free speech and about the editors' self-assumed power over the self-expression of other Coop members.

The editors say the ban is temporary, pending new guidelines, but the process has dragged on while rejections have skyrocketed, not only for BDS letters, but for writing critical of the *Gazette* itself, and possibly other writings we're unaware of.

The Policies

The new submission guidelines occupy a 4-inch column of small print spanning the entire page—double previous versions. Added to—and now leading—the proscribed list of “racist, sexist, and otherwise discriminatory” writing is “hateful,” the signature epithet used by one faction in the *Gazette's* dueling letters.

Also added are “inflammatory or needlessly provocative,” multiple other reasons for rejections, and warnings and provisos about what you can't—and what you must—include. Variations of all these reasons for rejection appear multiple times.

Another passage states: “If agreement between the writer and the editor about changes does not occur...the editor may reject the submission.” This means total editor control—no writer recourse. And it means the editors have unilaterally scrapped the guidelines passed by the GM in 2014. All in all, it's not a fun read.

Some Backstory

The *Gazette* was always understood to be a free press and independent, i.e., not under management control. The 10/16/1977 GM Resolution codified that understanding, mandating that editors get the writer's permission to edit content.

Coinciding with the advent of the all-professional editorial staff in the 1980s, the editors no longer submitted proposed policies to the General Meeting. Rather, policies were announced, suggesting a far broader defi-

inition of “independence,” as if the *Gazette's* editors were the paper's private owners.

By at least the 1990s, editors were routinely cutting content from member submissions without contacting the writers, based not on established criteria, but on those of the individual editor. This practice was not announced. Attention would be called to it occasionally by outraged members, but nothing was done until a critical 8/25/2009 GM discussion, where much vocal dissatisfaction persuaded the editors to institute “consultation” with writers about “proposed changes.” That improved matters, but the editors' assumption of absolute control was maintained. Eventually, under pressure from still more criticism, they included a review process in guidelines they presented to the 4/29/2014 GM (the first such action in three decades). It was not an independent review, however, being carried out by other *Gazette* editors.

But they seemed to begrudge even that provision, never including it in their published guidelines. Now the editors have scrapped it altogether, and are stating their control openly and nakedly.

What's Missing

The guidelines contain no rules governing Management and reporters. Internal memos from the 1990s outline reporter guidelines, but they seem to be observed loosely at best. Two reporter articles in the 2/21/2013 *Gazette* featured descriptions of member “types” so scathing that they'd surely have been rejected were they member submissions. The guidelines thus suggest an implicit class consciousness and distrust of regular members.

The editors maintain that their policies are meant to keep dialogue civil. But these policies, given their crude repetitions and the frustration and resentment they've engendered, seem uncivil, a naked assertion of power virtually inviting individual editors to exercise control according to personal prejudices and partisan politics. The editors themselves may ultimately regret and finally resent how censorious they've become.

Rational Guidelines

Buried among the guidelines is this directive:

“A Voluntary Article must [“should” works better] analyze the topic it is discussing; it must present accurate, ver-

ifiable corroboration for factual assertions...It must strive to make a positive contribution to the understanding of the reader on a topic.”

And this from the Respect Policy:

“Submissions...may not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions.”

These passages sum up what the editors say is their goal—civility—without the intimidating tone and repetitive reasons for rejection.

Submissions policies control how members express themselves in the *Gazette*. Handing over such control to what must seem like a bureaucratic elite is an action not in keeping with cooperatives—especially ours. Such actions undermine the very processes by which the Coop became the phenomenon it is. Such policies, if any, are the province, not of the editors nor of Management, but of the entire membership—as represented by the General Meeting. ■

Interested in Engaging Coop Work? Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

SKILLS NEEDED

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

OUR WORK INCLUDES

- Applying Coop rules and regulations
- 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.

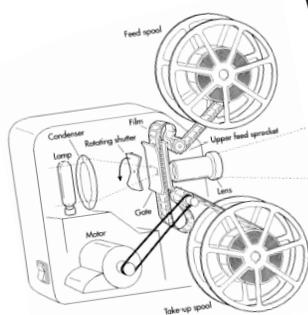
We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. **We are seeking a candidate pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.**

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Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

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.

Crossword Answers

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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish letters, articles or reports that are hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needlessly provocative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LETTERS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS SUBMISSION POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAIRNESS, ANONYMITY AND RESPECT POLICIES

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

Fairness

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are unnecessary, not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions. The *Gazette* will not publish gratuitous personalization. That is, no unnecessary naming of Coop members in polemical letters and articles. Writers must address ideas not persons.

3. Submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals, necessary to make the point of the submission and within the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

Anonymity

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

Respect

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

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

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

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

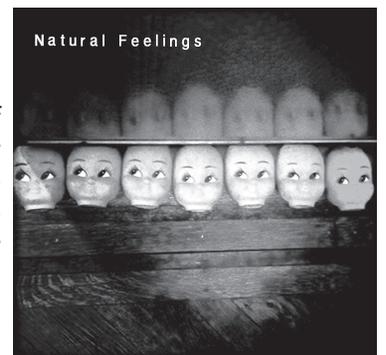


PROSPECT CONCERTS



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 sustainably 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 Airtó 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

RETURN POLICY

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FOOD COOP

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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER
RETURNABLE

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

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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WELCOME!

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

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COOP CALENDAR**New Member Orientations**

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV**Inside the Park Slope Food Coop**

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, OCTOBER 6**

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the October 27 General Meeting.

TUE, OCTOBER 27

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

October 15 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, October 5
October 29 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, October 19

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

October 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, October 7
October 29 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, October 21

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, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

To be announced.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators

• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.) The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Squads eligible for credit:

Shopping, Receiving/Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the *entire* meeting.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement.

We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods. We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture.

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

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

We welcome all who respect these values.

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

oct 1

thu 7:30 pm



Olivia Roszkowski, Coordinator

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-ish 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 guilt-free 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 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

fri 7 pm

**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 documentary 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.

oct 3

sat 12 pm

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 long-time Coop member.

oct 3-4

sat-sun 9 am-7 pm

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

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

oct 6

tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting

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

General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 7 p.m., at a location to be announced.

oct 9

fri 7 pm

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. Banerjee 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?" Banerjee wonders. Banerjee 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, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

oct 13

tue 7 pm

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

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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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
fri 8 pm

Brooklyn Bluegrass Cooperative; Natural Feelings



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 sustainably 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 Airtó 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.

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



school and with homework? Would you like to see your child have time to play, go to activities and be happy and successful? There are many programs out there, special schools for correcting learning difficulties. The uniqueness of the Gems of Excellence—one of the programs of Geotran—is that it provides rapid changes, rapid results. The Gems of Excellence program works on brain level and allows communication between the left and the right brain through the corpus callosum. It is amazing how fast results come in for children especially. Would you like to find out how dyslexia, and other learning problems can affect your whole life as an adult? Would you like to know why did you make one wrong decision after another? The answer is simple. Come and experience the Gems of Excellence first hand through a Miracle Integration, which will be demonstrated by **Marija Santo-Sarnyai**, Geotran practitioner, teacher and owner of Shine Naturally. Allow the miracles in your life!

oct 27
tue 7 pm

PSFC OCT General Meeting



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

Meeting location to be announced.

oct 27
tue 7:30 pm

And When I Die: The Musical!

Hesitating over end-of-life decisions? You're not alone—but don't die wondering! Learn about advance directives, funeral consumer choices and your next steps at this unique seminar-in-song. Ample time for Q&A and follow-up resources provided. The only requirement is the willingness to accept that you will not live forever in your current form. Coop member, chaplain and end-of-life sustainability activist **Regina Sandler-Phillips** is the founder of a Park Slope-based natural burial cooperative, which includes many other Coop members among its 70+ volunteers. Regina's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, and in the books *Parting Ways* (2011) and *Saying Goodbye to Someone You Love* (2010).

oct 18
sun 12 pm

Basics of Solar Electric Energy

This workshop will cover basic solar electricity, how it works, what it can do, how you can use it, and how to estimate its cost. **Tracy Fitz** founded City Solar in 2004. She teaches workshops in renewable alternative energy and creates solar electric energy installations in community gardens and other spaces too. She is a LEED (Leader in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional by the US Green Buildings Council. Tracy has been a member of the Coop since 1975, with a couple of pauses, and is a licensed acupuncturist.

oct 24
sat 2 pm

Learning Problems of Children and Adults

Dyslexia, mid-line movement, ADD, ADHD, autism, etc., are not IQ-related issues. Usually, children and adults with learning problems have a high IQ. How frustrating that must be, to spend hours instead of minutes grasping something. Are you a parent that keeps watching your child struggle in

oct 30
fri 7 pm

It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, biodegradable caskets and urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love. Plus, this month only, Pan De Muerto (Day of the Dead bread) will be served to everyone in attendance!

still to come

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Reap the Riches of Essential Oils

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Film Night

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Agenda Committee Meeting

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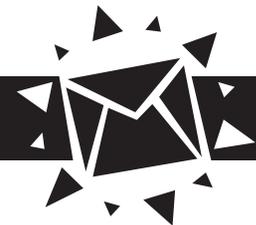
Fertility Prep

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Food Class: Veggie Burgers

nov 7

Nonviolent/Compassionate Communication



THANK YOU COORDINATORS

TO THE EDITORS:

We hear a lot about Coordinators and the criticism that's been associated with decisions and actions they take (e.g. refusal of the General Coordinators to endorse an independent audit committee for the Coop).

This author has also been at times at the forefront of critics. This letter is here to also highlight the care and attention that many of our paid employees have, day in and day out, for our Coop.

Examples abound and are all over—from “lost and found,” to addressing special personal circumstances, to deep knowledge on the inner working of our store.

I'd like to pause and say thank you for our dedicated coordinators (you know who you are!) from me and my friends at the Coop.

*Cooperatively,
Yigal Rechtman*

COOP MANNERS AND CELL PHONE USE

TO THE EDITORS:

Twice in the past two weeks I've been served on the shopping floor by individuals who chose to carry on personal cell phone conversations while handling my transactions: once at checkout and once at the cashier desk. Because I prefer not to be responsible as a shopper, to negotiate worker discipline matters, in each case I went to the squad leader (after I finished checking out/paying) and simply, quietly stated that I preferred not to be serviced by a worker who was talking on a cell phone and asked that squad leader to speak to the worker and remind the worker of what I thought was a general Coop rule—no cell

phones while working.

In the first instance, both squad leader and the check-out person were immediately receptive, responsive and appropriately apologetic.

In the second instance—Sunday (9/6) around 10 a.m.—the squad leader took obvious umbrage with my request. She challenged me and asked had there been an issue. I said, no issue per se, just that I prefer a more cooperative interaction at the cashier desk; I like to feel like a person, not a post. I also indicated that in my experience most professional retail establishments prohibit workers who are involved in direct customer interface from using cell phones while on the job. And, I thought it was a Coop rule not to talk on a cell phone while working these details.

The Sunday morning stand-in squad leader was clearly agitated by my request. Although she followed me out and continued to question me directly in front of the cashier who was still talking on her cell phone, she chose not to say anything to that cashier. Instead she resorted to taking an offensive stance, perfunctorily indicating she knew of no such rule but grudgingly would pass my comments along.

If there is no such rule, I strongly recommend one be implemented. It would go a long way to make the shopping experience more pleasant and I dare say more efficient. Coop Manners: Members Dish . . . (Linewaiters' Gazette 9/3/15)—indeed!

For the record, I am a long time member (1979—present) and have worked each and all of these positions—cashier, checkout and squad leader. I am well aware of the challenges these positions involve: those challenges are only exacerbated with cell phone interference.

Dolores Brandon

HELP THE COOP CUT LOSSES

TO THE EDITORS:

The Fund for New Food Coops spends a lot of time thinking about how we can help new coops control loss—loss of labor, loss because things break, are stolen, spoil or loss because of human error. These are important concerns for our Coop too, and all of them occur. I am writing to encourage all of us to help the Coop especially with human error. In the last couple of days I have noticed products that were grossly mis-priced. In one case the listed price was way too much, in another it was way too little. In both cases the listed price was a simple mistake that was easy to fix, which is exactly what staff did when I asked about the prices. We all can help the Coop by letting staff know when a price seems way off. Sure, I could just go ahead and buy the new ice cream for \$.85, but the Coop would lose nearly \$7.00 if I did—and in the end that is a loss for all of us.

*In cooperation,
Rachel Porter*

USING MEMBER LABOR IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING NEW GAZETTE GUIDELINES

TO THE EDITORS:

Constant honest reflection is necessary for relationships to flourish. Admitting a problem is

not criticizing. Assume each does the best s/he can. Let's look to reforming structures to make the Coop more efficient and effective and improve our experience as workers and shoppers and also as owners.

We are a buyer's club, a consumer cooperative having problems making decisions about what to buy/sell. Ethical issues of exploitation of others and our resources enters into our debates and our decisions. Note the Mission Statement. Shutting down debate, denial, will never solve a problem nor resolve a controversy.

#2 of the Rochdale Guidelines for Coops is “Democratic Member Control.” Democracy requires that we inform ourselves and debate and that we vote. To create precise language for a controversial item that will be presented for a vote takes work. To ensure that the vote is transparent, orderly, free and fair takes work. Intellectual work is work. Planning is work.

Paid employees have full assignments running the store. This work is not their job. It is ours. An impressive source of energy, creativity and expertise is available: MEMBER LABOR.

Preparing and attending a meeting to consult and create new guidelines for the Gazette is not now an explicit part of anyone's assignment—not for pay nor for member work credit. (Nor is anyone responsible for the work of setting up the vote on the controver-

sial issue of buying/selling an item that a significant number of members find objectionable for ethical reasons.)

Developing and passing clear, effective guidelines for the Gazette—our media of communication and our journal of record—will take hours and hours of work. The editors already have full assignments. Developing guidelines for the Gazette is work of value to our community—value equal to putting products on shelves or looking after kids.

Very important is to know how much member labor is now available and how it is being used. By my broad innumerate calculation . . . at \$15 an hour the value of member labor is near \$600,000. per month. Please check the figures.

Editors should get FTOP credit for the hours they put in preparing new guidelines and also for attending additional meetings. Interested members should get FTOP for participating in meetings to refine the new guidelines the editors propose. We have the computer capacity to assign FTOP credit for work we decide at a GM is of value.

Facing a problem in our governance system and suggesting a solution towards democratic rather than bureaucratic governance can be the responsibility of a Board member. Implementing this transition is possible, feasible and necessary if we are to continue to aspire to Rochdale principle #2—Democratic Member Control.

Susan Metz

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. ■

DO YOU WORK IN VIDEO POST-PRODUCTION?

Do you want FTOP credit? The Video Squad is seeking professionals in graphics, online editing and sound mixing to work on Avid-edited short videos. Topics include training and Coop history.



Please respond with details on areas of expertise no later than October 8.

Interested workers should contact psfcvideo@gmail.com

A NORMAL GAZETTE

TO THE EDITORS:

Regarding Jessa Fisher's Letter to the Editor published on 09/17/15, I thought her suggestions were excellent and heartily second the idea of those columns. I would add a column or two per issue from one of the many committees that we have. Each could describe what they do and how they do, ongoing projects etc.

Sincerely,
Stewart Pravda

ALTERNATIVES TO BOYCOTTING MEETING SUMMARY

DEAR MEMBERS:

Our third "Alternatives to Boycotting" meeting met on September 13 at noon in the PSFC common room. Our meetings take a "Pro-Coop" stance, which means empowering people without punishing or boycotting anyone. We can take an alternative path, and empower the politically underrepresented through the Coop by purchasing their goods. We do it with small farms in upstate NY, coffee growers in Peru, and chocolate producers in Africa without criticizing Cuomo, the Peruvian Government, or the Nigerian Government. The amount of products we buy without fanfare grossly outweighs anything we boycott. So, arguing the merits or demerits of boycotting is now out. In fact, boycotting anyone should be the very last step the Coop considers to support the politically underrepresented.

We discussed the details of an upcoming public luncheon where people would bring foods from around the world. We hope that each dish would be brought from a representative of that locale. We could also bring speakers who are involved in empowering the under-represented. And why not search out other food coops in Brooklyn and get them involved?

Another alternative to boycotting we floated would be if the Coop adopted a family affected by the Syrian refugee crisis. We

discussed that if each person at the Coop contributed one dollar, that would be 16,500 dollars to help them settle. 16,500 people empowering the politically under-represented without needing to demonize anyone would definitely be Pro-Coop. We acknowledged that for this to be done under the auspices of PSFC, it would need to have a General Meeting hearing and vote, and that perhaps a more informal approach would be better since time is so urgent.

We also floated the question, "Can the Coop do more to help the homeless?" We discussed how PSFC contributes resources to CHIPS soup kitchen, but whether or not there wasn't something else that could be done given the likelihood of many Coop members involved in human services.

We also discussed if there weren't ways to find Yazidi products for the Coop since there is now a community in Nebraska. If anyone reading this letter has more information on this community and if they produce items for sale, please let us know.

Finally, Al' Ard Palestinian Olive Oil is on the shelves again. It is EU certified organic, Fair Trade olive oil sourced from Nablus in the West Bank. Palestinians are being financially and politically empowered as an alternative to simply boycotting someone. Please look for Al' Ard Palestinian Olive Oil in our olive oil section.

The next meeting for "Alternatives to Boycotting" is November 8, and then January 3, 2016, in the PSFC common room at noon. Please stand with us as PRO-COOP!

The conversation is changing. Finally!

Jesse Rosenfeld



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Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

Description:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wages: \$26.24/hour.

Benefits:

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

Prerequisite:

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

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

How to Apply:

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

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

★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

RECEIVING PRODUCE

Monday–Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.

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

VITAMIN-SHELF STRAIGHTENER

Monday–Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, 3:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:00-8:45 p.m. (flexible, other times possible)

Looking for people with attention to detail to spend their whole shift straightening the Vitamin and Supplement aisle in preparation for the Sunday night inventory squad. Do you stand in line looking across the aisle wistfully just wishing you could put things neatly in a row? Then this job is for you! In turn, it will help you to learn the whole aisle inside out, and what products we sell. Seeking long-term commitment to the Supplement aisle and to Sunday afternoons. Please call or email Jessa Fisher at jessa_fisher@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE – TERRACYCLE

Wednesday, 3:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Enthusiastic, dedicated workers needed to join our TerraCycle Collection Squad. At least six 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 through acceptable used product packaging for purposes of Up-cycling into new products via TerraCycle. Please contact Membership Coordinator Cynthia Pennycooke via phone, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or via e-mail at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop, prior to being assigned to this shift.

OFFICE SET-UP

Monday, Wednesday, 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. Mem-

ber must be in good standing and a commitment of six 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.

INVOICE SCANNING

Sunday Daytime Flexible

This job entails scanning and naming about 125-175 documents per week. This is a task-and detail-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. As training will be necessary, a six-month commitment is required.

STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING

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

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

BATHROOM CLEANING

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12 to 2:00 p.m.

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

GENERAL MEETING SET-UP

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SAT, OCT 3

10 a.m. at the Old Stone House & Washington Park, Permaculture SKILL SHARE Festival: Teaching, Demonstrations, Hands-On Learning, Garden walks & tours, Herbal Salves, Tinctures & Soaps, Dutch Oven Baking, Folk Songs, KIDS ZONE, Halloween Costume Swap, BK350, Gowanus Conservancy, Artichoke Dance Co., Natural Plant Dyes, Pollinators & their Plants, Forage tours & more. Contact permie@earthlink.net Info: www.permaculture-exchange.org.

SAT, OCT 3

8 p.m. Andy Cohen (Golden Age Blues and Gospel) and The Piedmont Bluz Acoustic Duo (Country Blues with a bit of story telling) At People's Voice Cafe, Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist, 40 E 35th St. Info: call 212-787-3903 or peoplesvoicecafe.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.

THU, OCT 15

7 p.m. Book Launch Party, *The Laws of Cooking...And How to Break Them*, by Justin Warner at the POWERHOUSE Arena; 37 Main St. Bklyn For info call 718-666-3049. RSVP: rsvp@powerhousearena.com.

To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, display ads at \$30. (Classified ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

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

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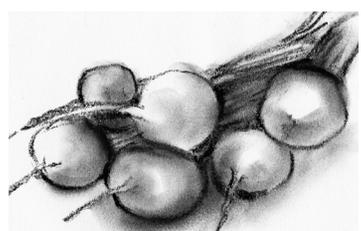
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Classified advertising in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* is available only to Coop members. Publication does not imply endorsement by the Coop.

Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com

Coop Job Opening: Mac Workstation Admin, Support and Testing Engineer

Description:

The Park Slope Food Coop has an immediate opening for a Mac Workstation Admin, Support and Test Engineer. This is a salaried position. You will be joining our staff of two Java developers and a network/system administrator. While we have a team-first, cooperative environment, you must be self-motivated and able to work independently. The position requires an individual who is flexible to learn new technologies and has strong interpersonal skills.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Administrative support for our Mac environment.
- First-level support for staff and member workstation and application issues.
- Primary hardware/software support for peripherals, such as printers, workstations, registers, scales etc.
- Perform pre-release application testing for our in-house applications.
- Document procedures to share your knowledge and responsibilities with other team members.
- Provides backup for other technology staff members when they are not available.
- Working hours start between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., Monday-Friday.
- 24x7 emergency support, shared with other team members.

Requirements:

Required Experience

- Must have a BA/BS in computer science/engineering or equivalent experience.
- Must have experience in a desktop and application support role.

Required Skills

- Ability to methodically test applications from a user's perspective.
- Ability to organize and methodically work through problems and project work.
- Ability and strong desire to learn new technologies.
- Ability to write clear and concise documentation to be used by other staff members.
- Have good mechanical ability and experience working with computers, printers etc.
- Strong interpersonal skills as you will support both members and staff.

Desirable Skills

- Basic proficiency in a scripting language, such as Applescript, Bash, Python, Perl.
- Basic knowledge of and troubleshooting skills for desktop hardware and peripherals.
- Have performed major Apple System upgrades.
- Very knowledgeable about Apple system operational procedures (system upgrades, System Preferences setting, Mac administration tool usage, etc.).
- Basic knowledge of SQL.
- Knowledge of application testing methodology and automated testing concepts/frameworks.

Our Environment

- Retail business hardware (register terminals, pinpads, debit readers, scales, scanners, security system, etc.).
- 50+ Mac workstations/minis/laptops.
- 20+ Linux point-of-sale (POS) terminals.
- 10+ printers/copy machines.
- Heterogeneous server environment (Linux, Mac, Windows).
- Microsoft Word, Excel, Adobe products, Zimbra email, CrashPlan backups, Confluence Wiki.
- In-house developed applications for inventory ordering and control, membership management, and store transaction processing.

Employment & Benefit Details:

- Work week: 40 hours
 - Salary: \$89,897.99 per year
 - Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
 - Paid Vacation: 5 weeks per year
 - Paid Health and Personal Time: 11 days per year
 - Health Insurance*
 - Dental and Vision Plan*
 - Pension Plan*
 - Life Insurance*
 - 401(k) Plan
 - TransitChek Program
 - Flexible Spending Account
- *Benefits with no payroll deduction

Application & Hiring Process:

Please email a cover letter with your resumé to hc-programmer@psfc.coop. All members who submit both a cover letter and resumé will receive a response. Please do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of your application.

Prerequisite:

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

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

DO YOU KNOW GOOGLE DRIVE, DOCS, AND SHEETS?



Are you interested in ways to collaborate online, store and retrieve information, and help others?

The Coop's Maintenance and Repair squad is looking for members to help us better use Google Drive and other collaboration tools, and do admin and data-entry tasks as their FTOP.



If this sounds exciting to you and you would like to do this as an FTOP shift, please contact Daniel Kohn at daniel_kohn@psfc.coop.

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FOOD COOP

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.

www.psfcanimals.blogspot.com

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

3D COOP

Do you know Sketchup?

The Coop's Maintenance and Repair squad is looking for members proficient in Sketchup to help us build a **3D model** of the Coop. We also want to explore integrating that model into ways in which we store and retrieve data at the Coop, primarily about the physical plant, but also about things and tasks associated with those areas.

If this sounds exciting to you and you would like to do this as an FTOP shift, please contact Daniel Kohn at daniel_kohn@psfc.coop.

Sketchup

Knowledge of 3D Design and Architectural Planning

Interest in Systems and Data Archiving

Detail-Oriented, Self-Driven, Creative

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