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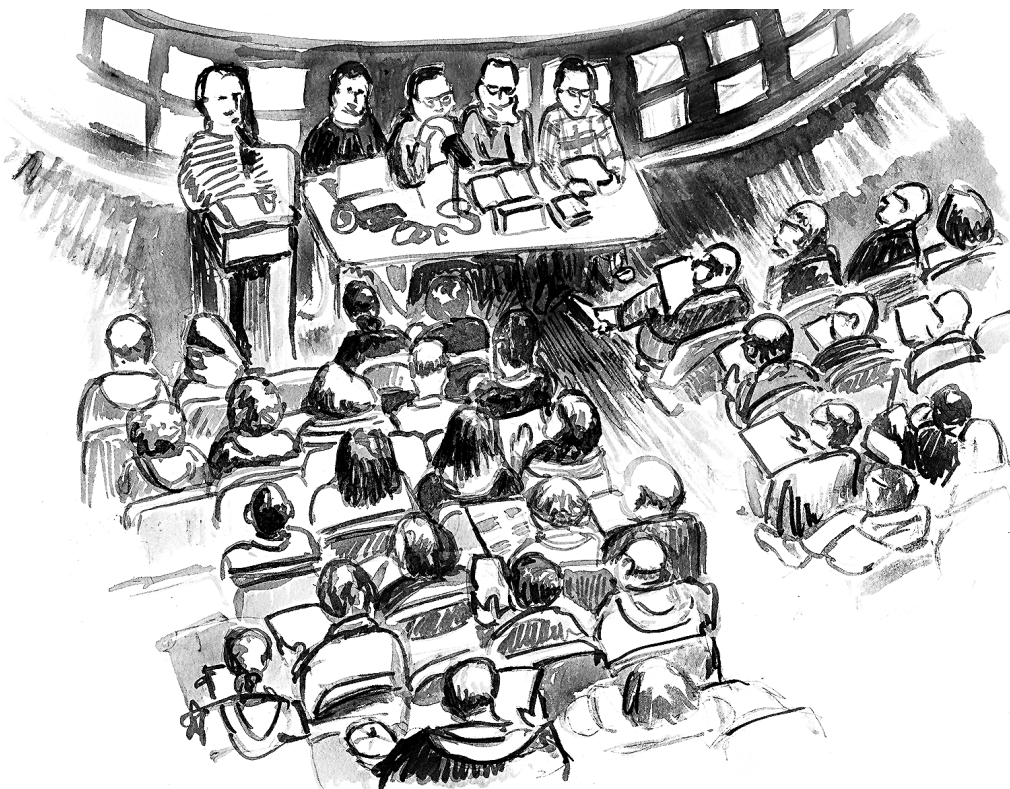


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March 29 GM Report

By Lily Rothman

In almost any other election it would be an odd promise from a candidate: to do little. But at the March General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop, it was a frequent refrain from the candidates for the Board of Directors, whose introduc-

tory speeches made up a highlight of the GM.

Meet the PSFC Board Candidates

The candidates took advantage of the opportunity to introduce themselves to members, with Rachel Asher, Imani Q'ryn, Jesse Rosen-

feld and Allen Zimmerman discussing their pasts at the Coop and why they were interested in serving on the Board of Directors. The fifth candidate, Carl Arnold, was absent for health reasons, but his candidacy statement was read to attendees. It can be found on page 15 of this issue along with statements by each of the other candidates.

Their backgrounds represent a wide range: Arnold's statement spoke to what he has observed at meetings as a member of the Chair Committee; Asher spoke of her professional experience in public policy and her desire to bring new faces to the Coop's leadership; Q'ryn spoke of her appreciation of the dynamic she has observed in the decade-plus

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Coop Event Highlights

Thu, May 5 • Food Class:
A Taste From North Germany 7:30 p.m.

Fri, May 6 • Film Night 7:00 p.m.

Tue, May 10 • Plow-to-Plate Film:
Eat: The Story of Food 7:00 p.m.

Fri, May 13 • Wordsprouts:
Friday Night with the Monday Writers 7:00 p.m.

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

Farming Looks to the Sky

By Rene Brinkley

“We moved to Park Slope because we wanted to be part of the Coop,” Nicole Baum of Gotham Greens explained. “It mirrored ways we used to get produce when we lived in Italy. We were used to going to farmers and getting our produce fresh.” Baum is serious about food. She married a chef, once led international food tours around Italy and hosted exclusive pop-up dinner parties for almost a year. For her, access to fresh produce is just as important as

access to fresh air. Baum’s passion for food has grown to encompass a passion for her neighborhood. She lives in Brooklyn. “I grow produce in my backyard but I don’t really have a green thumb.” She shops in Brooklyn. “After yoga in the morning, I pop over to the Coop and grab lunch for the day. I also chat with my team and check on the produce and see that it’s there fresh.” She works in Brooklyn. “I used to work in private equity but it wasn’t feeding my soul. Now I love what I do.”

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PHOTO BY CAROLINE MARDOK

Nicole Baum of Gotham Greens.

Next General Meeting on April 26

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The April General Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.**

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

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GM Report

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during which she has already served on the Board; Rosenfeld spoke of being “pro-Coop”; and Zimmerman spoke of his four decades spent with the Coop. But on one point, all of the candidates were essentially in agreement, and it was a point that—while largely confined to discussion of the democratic process of the Coop—gets at the controversy that has roiled the Coop in recent months. In their own ways and to their own degrees, each candidate for a position on the Board emphasized her or his respect for the advice of the members. Though the Coop is legally required to be governed by the Board, the Board takes the advice of the General Meeting on all votes—and it was clear from the March meeting that potential Board of Directors members intend to

translate advice into action by voting however the GM votes. For example, though Zimmerman stressed the need for the Board to protect the Coop from any decisions that might be legally or economically problematic, he said that in all his years at the Coop there hasn’t been one time he wouldn’t have affirmed the decision expressed by the GM. In the question-and-answer portion of the evening, O’ryn stressed that she would not put her own opinion into play—“When we start having opinions, your rights go out the window,” she said—and Asher said that, even in the case of a disrupted meeting, she would rather recommend a do-over than vote against the wishes of the GM. To an observer unfamiliar with what has passed at recent General Meetings, this point might have seemed semantic or irrelevant. Why this fear of an activist board?

Though the topic was only expressly mentioned a few times—for example, in a question over what the candidates thought about mailing ballots on the question of whether the Coop should continue to carry SodaStream products—the ongoing fight over the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) issue was playing out even here. As Coop members have gone to battle with one another over whether the PSFC should stock products from Israel, the democratic process of the Coop’s governance has been disrupted or called into question. General Meetings have sometimes become the site of bitter ideological disputes, and currently much of that passion is focused on the logistics of the how and whether a vote on a boycott would even happen. In such a climate, the normally passive position of the Board is itself called into question, as those who love the Coop seek a way forward that does not compromise the PSFC’s democratic principles. Though there was no vote on the candidates at the March meeting, the opportunity for each to be introduced—and the points they stressed in their statements as well as their answers to questions—made it clear they know that members are thinking hard about the Coop’s governing process. (The actual voting on these candidates will take place at the June 28 General Meeting. Members may also vote by proxy ballots. These ballots will be mailed out the end of May.) During the Open Forum portion of the evening, Board of Directors member Eunju Lee spoke movingly of how the Coop has in the past been a place of sanctuary for her—

especially at a time when the world does not always feel safe for women of color—and how sad she is that, given that life is short, that feeling can be jeopardized by disputes within the membership. But, while that governing process may seem besieged, the March General Meeting offered proof that it remains a high standard in the world of coops. Also during the Open Forum session, Allen Zimmerman reported on his having represented the PSFC at a cooperatives conference in Montreal. The other attendees, he said, “loved our model” and were eager to use the Coop’s experience to make their own cooperatives better. And, sure enough, he was followed directly by an introduction from a new member—very new: she had just arrived in New York the day before and had become a member that very day—who had come not just to be a part of the community, but also to learn more about how the Coop works, in order to use that knowledge to complete her master’s thesis. what ends up on the Coop shelves. A “know your farmers” meet-and-greet series will welcome representatives from Hepworth Farms, Gotham Greens and the Lancaster Farm Cooperative. The Coop’s new stock of fresh fish will now include the first farmed salmon to ever get a stamp of approval from the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The Chair Committee asked for input from other members on whether GM presentation time allotments should be more limited. Committee reports from the Animal Welfare Committee, International Trade Education Squad and Loan Committee made clear that those groups, like so many others, are working hard to expand the Coop’s reach beyond the bounds of Union Street. And the agenda item on which a vote was actually held—elections to fill four seats on the Disciplinary Committee, which works to ensure the Coop’s “ethical and moral health,” as the committee’s representatives phrased it—went off essentially without a hitch. Though the committee reported that the number of disciplinary hearings they need to hold has gone up, the four pre-vetted candidates (including two who currently serve on the committee) were approved by a vote of the members present. And, though the committee was questioned about their procedures, the representatives present were able to explain the committee’s process and proceed without any of the derailing that can happen when tempers are high at a General Meeting. The Board of Directors, in a demonstration of the very process so much discussed earlier in the meeting, affirmed the membership’s decision. ■

The Board takes the advice of the General Meeting on all votes.

Getting It Done at the GM

THE GAZETTE INDEXES
If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the Linewaiters' Gazette...
Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at lenneufeld@verizon.net, to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:
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• An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (titles and subjects for earlier years are being added).
Many of the Gazette issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website. (Copies of these and additional issues are also available at Brooklyn's Central Library, located at Flatbush Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. on Grand Army Plaza.)


Sudoku

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

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Puzzle author: Abdul Powell. For answers, see page 12.

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.

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

Farming

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Chickens in the City

Urban agriculture comes to life in many ways. It includes chicken laying eggs in city backyards and vacant lots transformed into vegetable plots. When coffee shops, hipster bars and trendy restaurants are just a few blocks up the street from a storefront slaughterhouse—looking at you T&S live poultry on Clason Avenue—that's urban agriculture. Several studies have demonstrated numerous benefits of city farming, including health and social pluses such as food security and education; economic bonuses, including local job opportunities; and ecological benefits such as soil preservation and conservatism. The most common form of urban agriculture in the United States is community gardens, where a group of people collectively garden a single plot of land. At the other end of the spectrum are commercial farms that aim to make a profit by bringing local produce to the community at scale.

Obsessed with Fresh

One of the latest innovations in urban agriculture to creatively deal with a scarcity of land can be found by looking up. Urban farmers are converting unused rooftop space into fields of greens. Traditionally used as research facilities, urban farm entrepreneurs have taken rooftop agriculture and turned it into a commercial enterprise. Gotham Greens is one of the innovators. "In NYC a lot of the year-round produce comes from California, Mexico and as far away as Israel. By the time it gets to NYC, it's at least a week old and has changed hands half a dozen times," explains Baum, Gotham Greens marketing and partnerships manager. The founders of the company saw an opportunity to reduce the food miles associated with fresh produce in NYC. In 2011 they built the first commercial-scale rooftop greenhouse in the U.S. "At Gotham Greens, we're growing our leafy greens and herbs in sterile, rooftop greenhouses right here in NYC. This means we can literally harvest our produce before breakfast so customers can get it by lunch," Baum, who admits to being obsessed with fresh, beams with pride.

Cloud Farming

One visit to a rooftop greenhouse farm and you realize that being on the roof



Gotham Greens rooftop greenhouse.



Close-up of Gotham vegetables.



Close-up of AeroFarms beds.



Detail of AeroFarms beds.

isn't the only thing different about this kind of farm. If you envision farmers digging in the dirt and toiling on the land—think again. Instead of soil, produce is grown with water infused with essential elements and nutrients. "Our hydroponic growing practices are extremely water efficient, using one-tenth the amount of water used in traditional soil-based practices with 20 times the yield," Baum continues. "To put that in perspective, our half-acre rooftop farm on top of Whole Foods Market in Brooklyn actually produces that of a 10-acre soil-based farm."

Farming several stories in the air does come with engineering, construction and architecture challenges. Nevertheless, the business model is finding success. Gotham Greens, which farms highly perishable pesticide-free produce, currently operates four facilities across New York and Chicago. Baum says this is just the beginning. "We want to be a local produce brand on a national scale." Gotham Greens

has a diverse group of buyers, which includes major supermarket chains and the Park Slope Food Coop. "We have been carrying Gotham Greens for little over a year," says Coop produce buyer Ana Gallo. "During the winter months we were having a hard time getting salad [greens]. We looked around and came across Gotham Greens and really liked their products. Being local was a HUGE point."

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Vertical Ambitions

As urban farmers search the city landscape, they've discovered another underutilized piece of real estate—abandoned buildings. A small but growing trend in the urban agriculture movement is called vertical farming, where vegetables are stacked on top of each other in multistory buildings. While the concept has been

around for several years, it has recently become economically viable as technology has reduced costs and the demand for local food has continued to skyrocket. AeroFarms, one of the pioneers in this category, is set to open the world's largest vertical farm later this year in a former steel mill in Newark, NJ. The 69,000-square-foot space is projected to grow two million pounds of leafy greens a year. Marc Oshima, chief marketing officer of AeroFarms, says now is the time for vertical farming. "Our resources are challenged. Every day we see headlines about a drought, El Niño or some other natural disaster. It's either too much water or too little water. Now more than ever how our food is grown is taxing the system. Vertical farming is a great way to address the macro issues we are seeing."

No Sun Needed

A vertical farm can be very hard to find because it's often tucked inside an old building. AeroFarms currently has a com-

mercial farm in downtown Newark in what was once a former paintball and laser tag facility. Step inside to see a farm with a futuristic high-tech feel that has cameras, lights and a lot of green-vegetable-growing action. Cameras and sensors are used to monitor the plant environment. The LED lights are the main energy source, replacing the sun. The growing action, which takes place year round, can be seen as tray upon tray of short leafy greens are stacked 20 feet high, almost reaching the ceiling. The greens are cultivated without soil. Instead, the plants' roots are suspended in air and then sprayed with nutrients. "This is a way of growing produce that uses 95% less water, zero pesticides, uses less than 1% of the land required by conventional growing and offers 75 times greater productivity per square foot," explained Oshima. Vertical farming's biggest challenge and main criticism is high energy consumption. As a result, several companies are trying to integrate renewable energy systems into production. Despite the challenges, Oshima is convinced a new agricultural paradigm is necessary to feed the world's growing population. He believes vertical farming is part of this new way. "We are on a mission to grow safe, nutritious and delicious food, by building responsible farms around the world and enabling local production at scale."

Growing with a Cause

While urban farm entrepreneurs are in the business of growing local produce to make a profit, money is not the only motivating factor. Gotham Greens donates 600 seedlings a week to schools and local gardens, and they support nutrition programs through City Harvest. AeroFarms has been involved with the Newark public school system for five years. The company set up a vertical farm inside the Phillip's Academy cafeteria, and students get hands-on experience cultivating the crops in this charter school. So while urban agriculture won't solve the world's food problems, it is a solution with potentially significant and lasting social impact. City farms are not only a local source of fresh produce, they are also educating community members, improving food security, and redefining the relationship between people, food and urban space. ■

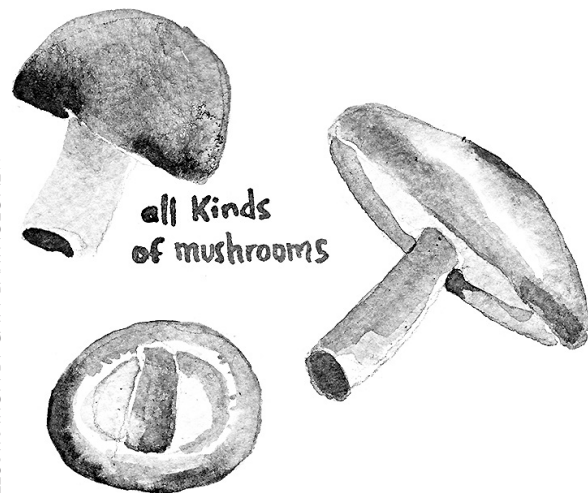
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Spring into Health



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ILLUSTRATION BY CATY BARTHOLOMEW



Clockwise from top left: Frederica Lewis holding kale and cilantro; Yael holding tomatoes; Stefania Vasquenz purchased basil, parsley and asparagus; Jake Bloomfield at the checkout counter.

By Thom Blaylock

Spring is starting to win its fight against winter and that means we are going to be eating tastier, less expensive produce grown around the corner instead of around the world.

Arugula, asparagus and spinach are on their way. Prepare to forget all of those mediocre salads you ate in February. It is time for your mouth to remember the bitter earthiness of a perfect spring green. Not as sweet as the stuff of summer, but more complicated—more delicious.

Nonscientific Polling of Coop Members

A few members were thinking specifically about the better food we are starting to eat, with the availability of spring greens. “I’ve been eating so much bread,” Kara H. told me, “I’m just going to eat more produce. Nothing really specific, though, I just buy what looks good.” Her basket had an Ugli fruit, radishes and a plastic bag of arugula.

Kiyomi Troemner, an architect, told me she wanted a lot less processed food after the winter. “I want to get back to cooking vegetable-centric meals,” she commented. “Greens, fiddleheads, green onions,” she paused, then said, “spring is great, but summer is my favorite: watermelon, squash, zucchini, cherries.”

Kiyomi and Kara were the exceptions. Most people were like the man who told me he wanted to lose 20 pounds by June for swimsuit season, so he was cutting back on sugar.

Spring as Annotated by a Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach

So I got back in touch with a personal trainer, Debra Duby, who had been so prescient last December when I wrote about resolutions. She had said that in her line of work one really takes New Year’s resolutions seriously. Which was surprising, and with spring squarely in sight, I followed up with her. “I think what I meant by

that was that nobody really storms the beaches after New Year’s,” she said, referring to resolutions about food and fitness. “When the weather changes, and we get a few spring days and people realize they won’t be wearing a down coat the rest of their lives, that is when they start getting serious about making healthier choices.” She stood in her small galley kitchen chopping fresh cucumber. “Also, the food is so much better in the spring”—she slid the cucumber into her blender and added a little salt—“not after New Year’s!”

“People realize they won’t be wearing a down coat the rest of their lives.”

Debra was making a raw sauce or salad dressing that did not have a particular name. “I get calls from new clients starting in the early spring who are kind of panicked. They think they want to be lighter on the scale, but that isn’t what they really

want.” She scooped a ripe avocado from its skin and added it to the blender, then squeezed juice from a lemon and added a few tablespoons of Greek yogurt.

“Most just want to tone up and fit in their clothes better and feel their bodies operating more optimally. Weight is pretty tangential to all of that.” She blended the ingredients and dipped a lightly roasted asparagus stalk in it for me to taste. It was tangy and creamy and super-fresh-feeling on my tongue. Delicious. “I guess you can call it cucumber avocado dressing,” she said, but neither of us really liked that as a name of a dish.

Debra coaches people in fitness and nutrition as well as in the art of achieving the right goals. “I hate hearing people say that something is a good food or a bad food,” she said. “It’s not about morality. It’s all just food. Some is more nutritious, some less. But when we start thinking in terms of good and bad, we will start to see our body

and health in the same good/bad way, which is very counterproductive.”

Spring: A Chance to Reconsider Choices

Much of what Debra does is try to help people rethink their ideas about food and nutrition and the body. “Spring kind of reboots the year, and it is a perfect time to make some changes and start getting healthy.” Debra pulled a tray of cherry tomatoes from the oven and served them on a plate for us to nibble. “Mostly because the food is so tasty, and it is easier and cheaper to prepare delicious, nutrient-rich foods.”

But a healthier diet is more complicated than trading in Twinkies for cucumbers. “You have to address the underlying stuff,” Debra said. “For instance, what does satisfied mean? I had a client who was poor as a child. He never had enough. His parents stretched everything and the whole family knew it.

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Will the Future of the Coop Lead to a Second Location?

By the General Coordinators

What is our vision of the Food Coop's future? What issues or concerns should be motivating our Coop community as we look to the future? Can we support an additional location and expand our unique and powerful model of cooperation? How would a second location serve our existing and growing membership? Can our present facility continue to be improved to meet growing demand, shopping volume and member needs? What needs, problems or opportunities would a second location address?

A big part of the Coop's success over the past 40-plus years has been knowing when and how to expand our operations, encourage growth of the membership and increase the physical size of the Coop. What does success look like for the next 40 years? It is essential for any organization to look at its future and be concerned about sustainability into the next generations. To figure out what we want our future to look like, the larger Coop community must go through a rigorous process of self-examination, including studying our strengths and weaknesses, prioritizing our needs and evaluating our options. As part of our internal staff long-term planning process, the General Coordinators (GCs) have been discussing various scenarios for the Coop's future, including a second location.

We've gotten far enough down that path ourselves to be convinced that convening a study committee of members and staff is the necessary next step.

In February 2015, the General Meeting discussed the idea of forming a committee to study the feasibility of a second location. Shopping Squad Leader Jonathan Farber presented this agenda item. Building on that discussion and our own internal conversations, the General Coordinators and Jonathan will be jointly submitting an agenda proposal asking the GM to approve the formation of a Second Location Study Committee.

Our proposal will recommend that the committee be composed of nine elected members plus up to four GCs. Members interested in serving on the committee should have significant professional experience in commercial real estate, finance, community organizing, business planning, sustainability or construction planning and management. All participants must also share a concern for the Coop's sustainability and foundational values. The committee would report to a future GM and depending upon its recommendations, further action from future GMs could be required. We envision that the process of setting up the committee could take several months; the work of the committee could take up to 18 months;

and if the committee's recommendation is to open a second location, that project could take an additional four to five years. During that time, the Coop would of course continue to improve the facilities and operations at our current location.

As a result of our own internal planning process, we formulated the following reasons to consider a second location:

- **Cooperation as a Goal:** At the beginning of the Coop, our founders were very aware that American society did not encourage the formation of cooperatives. They were excited about having more cooperation, not just in their own lives, but also in the lives of other New Yorkers and in our society generally. The GCs continue to believe that cooperation, as a foundational principle for organizing a business enterprise, is a model worthy of expansion.

- **Spreading our Member-Labor Model:** Our Coop founders needed quality food at prices they could afford. But they also started the Coop not just for themselves, but because they wanted others to share in the self-help idea of working together to improve their lives. We have built a strong Coop whose foundation is our member-owner, work participation structure. We believe we have an obligation to share our culture and knowledge, espe-

cially because the vast majority of food coops in the U.S. do not have a member-owner labor requirement. Starting a branch of our Coop may be the most effective way to spread our model.

- **Walking the "Support Your Local Farmer" Walk:**

Our Coop has a strong commitment to supporting local farmers and farm producers. We have been walking the "local food system" walk for a long time, making a real difference in the lives of many local farmers and the sustainability of their farms. If we were to expand our operations to another location, we could vastly increase our purchasing from local farms and increase our already meaningful impact on our local food economy.

- **Increasing the Reach of our Alternative Practices:**

Our business practices reflect our Coop values: transparency in pricing; telling the truth about the food we sell; democratic participation of member-owners; building an alternative to mega-corporations; being a good employer; regular, comprehensive financial reporting; care for the community. If we double our size, we will be making more visible the many good things that we do.

The GCs are also aware of the challenges inherent in expanding our operation to include a second location. Some challenges we have identified are:

- Is there enough demand to warrant opening another location equal to or larger in size than our current one?

- Can we find a location that meets all the core requirements as defined by the study committee?

- Can we predict with a high degree of confidence that the project will be financially sustainable?

- Can we organize a membership drive that will result in a sufficient number of members to support the new location?

- How do we scale up our membership, inventory and point-of-sale systems to serve two locations?

- Would members reignite our dormant member loan program in sufficient numbers to support an expansion project?

We are not advocating for a second location; instead, we are advocating for a robust, inclusive process of planning for our Coop's future. Our goal is to see a GM vote in the near future committing Coop resources to studying the issue of a second location.

If you feel you have the professional qualifications to be considered for participation on the study committee, please write to Futureofcoopstudy@psfc.coop stating your interest and relevant experience. ■

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

By Susan Metz, International Trade Education Squad

The International Trade Education Squad (ITES) informs Coop members about how international trade impacts formation of policy about food safety, security and sovereignty, human rights and labor rights and animal rights as well as fracking and environmental protection and confronting climate change—issues that affect us directly and in which the Coop community has become involved.

The squad was formed in September 2014 to oppose Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) aka “Fast Track” legislation aimed to advance the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) free-trade agreement (FTA) quickly through the U.S. Congress. As the major media ignored the TPP, we began to study and share what we learned through Coop channels. We studied leaks from those close to the secret negotiations and precedent from previous FTAs like the North Atlantic FTA (NAFTA) and Central America FTA (CAFTA) and a whole series of bilateral agreements. On the blog, CoopITES.wordpress.com, we post articles and links to reliable information.

Fast Track squeaked

through Congress in June 2015 after months of complicated negotiations. In October the full 30 chapters of text written in esoteric legalese became available to the press and the public. President Obama signed it, and he sent the agreement to Congress for one yes or no vote.

Opposition to making laws via this huge trade agreement (negotiated in secret by trade ministers from 12 Pacific-rim nations with 600 corporate advisors) continues to grow. The New York City Council declared us “TPP Free” last April, as did 45 other municipalities. Over 1,500 labor, environmental, faith, family farm and consumer organizations “united in the pursuit of social and environmental justice in trade policy” formed the Citizens Trade Campaign, and sent a strong letter to Congress members calling on them to vote no on TPP. Nineteen of the 27 New York State representatives signed a letter to President Obama dated March 23 saying they would vote no. During February, 25,000 rallied in Auckland against New Zealand signing the agreement. Many, many thousands took to the streets in Latin America, led by farmers and indige-

nous communities, student federations, public health workers and labor unions, notably in Lima, Peru, and Santiago de Chile and even in Brazil and Argentina, countries not involved in TPP.

Supporters have not brought up TPP in Congress because they do not have the votes to pass it. The “lame duck” session (after the November 8 election and before the new Congress convenes in January) offers to supporters a unique opportunity. Congress members from the previous session, including those defeated or retiring, could vote on the enormous trade agreement that would transform laws in 12 nations in order to protect corporate investors.

Here are the positions of the presidential primary candidates. The Coop does not endorse any candidate.

Donald TRUMP

Tweeted: “The incompetence of our current administration is beyond comprehension. TPP is a terrible deal.” And “I’m renegotiating all of our deals, the big trade deals that we’re doing so badly on.” A radio ad in May 2015: “Trans-Pacific Partnership and Fast Track are a bad, bad deal for

American businesses, for workers, for taxpayers. It’s a huge set of hand-outs for a few insiders that don’t even care about our great, great America. Congress has to stand up and defeat this raw power grab. With the dismal Obama track record, why should a Republican Congress give him more power and gut the Constitution to do it? It’s just crazy.”

Senator CRUZ

Jon Greenberg wrote on *PolitiFact*, March 10, 2016: “Cruz first . . . spoke positively about the concept of the trade deal. He described how it could bring millions of customers to American business owners . . . When the treaty moved from being a concept to actual text, Cruz opposed it. Cruz explained that he had learned new details of the TPP that smacked of a back-room deal and he would have no part of it.”

Governor KASICH

During the fourth Republican primary debate on November 10, 2015, the governor said, “The TPP.. is critical to us, not only for economic reasons and for jobs, because there are so many people who are connected to getting jobs because of trade, but it

allows us to create not only economy alliances, but also potentially strategic alliances against the Chinese. They are not our enemy, but they are certainly not our friend.”

Secretary CLINTON

In November 2012, during a speech at Techport, Australia: “This TPP sets the gold standard in trade agreements to open, free, transparent, fair trade, the kind of environment that has the rule of law and a level playing field. And when negotiated, this agreement will cover 40 percent of the world’s total trade and build in strong protections for workers and the environment.”

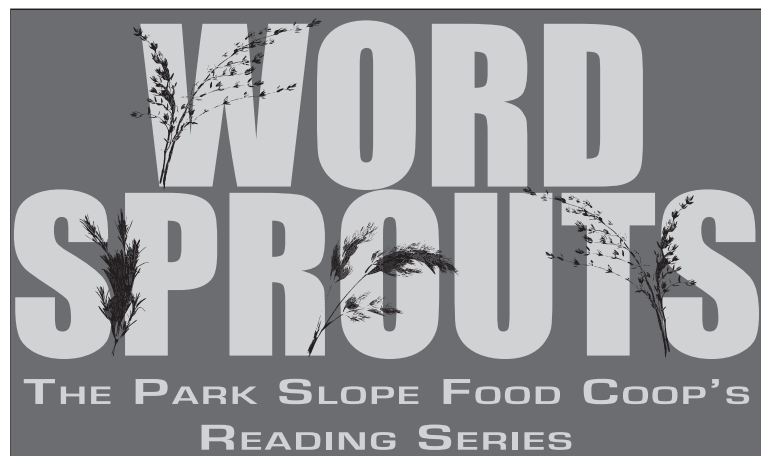
During the first Democratic debate on October 13, 2015: “I did say, when I was Secretary of State, three years ago, that I hoped it would be the gold standard. It was just finally negotiated last week, and in looking at it, it didn’t meet my standards. My standards for more new, good jobs for Americans, for raising wages for Americans. And I want to make sure that I can look into the eyes of any middle-class American and say, ‘this will help raise your wages.’ And I concluded I could not.”

Senator SANDERS

On May 8, 2015, criticizing a speech by President Obama: “The President at Nike headquarters told us that every trade union in America is wrong, that progressives working for years for working families are wrong and that corporate America, the pharmaceutical industry and Wall Street are right. I respectfully disagree. This trade agreement would continue the process by which we have been shipping good-paying American jobs to low-wage countries overseas and continue the race to the bottom for American workers.”

A tweet on October 5, 2015: “Wall St and big corporations have won again. In the senate, I will do all that I can to defeat the TPP agreement.”

The New York State primary is Tuesday, April 19. Include consideration of these positions as you decide on your vote. And check the CoopITES.wordpress.com for updates and activities. ■



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 wordsproutspsc@gmail.com.

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.

Spring

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"Now he's a big success, lots of money and his concept of enough is being so full that he can hardly walk after a meal. It is more than portion control. It is changing his perceptions of the experience of his own body. This, not that, is what satiated feels like."

production can be: "When it doesn't rain enough or when a family of woodchucks

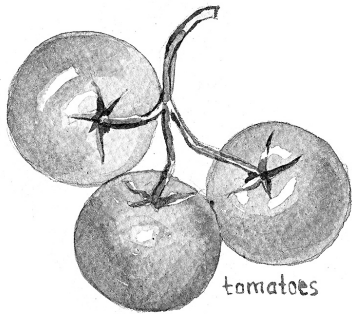


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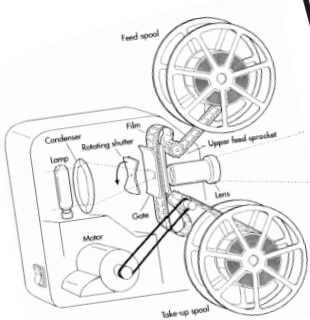
Debra grew up helping her father in a garden that produced enough food for the two to sell their harvest to local delis and restaurants during the spring and summer. "It was an organic garden before that was so important to people. He used marigolds to keep pests away and planted complimentary veggies next to each other." Debra does not garden herself, but the lessons of how food is made and how delicious fresh can be stayed with her. Also, how tenuous food

moves into your yard, it's a real bummer. You know the food is not going to be as tasty because of it."

Debra packed me up a tin of her sauce and a plate of pancakes that she said was a foolproof healthy dinner for my two toddlers at home. "I call them muscle cakes. It is hard to get kids to eat nutritious foods sometimes," she said. "These 'pancakes,' they have a ton of protein, are easy to make and I haven't met a kid that doesn't love them." ■



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.

Debra's Creamy Avocado Cucumber Dressing

This is good on salad or as a dip.

Blend the following ingredients:

- 1 avocado
- 1 small peeled cucumber
- juice of one lemon
- 2 Tbsp. Greek yogurt
- 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. fresh dill weed
- salt to taste

Debra's Muscle Cakes

Good for breakfast and for picky kids.

Blend all the ingredients and allow the mix to stand for five to ten minutes.

Then pan cook as you would traditional pancakes.

- 1 cup instant or rolled oats
- 1 cup ricotta cheese or whipped cottage cheese
- 1-2 Tbsp. cinnamon
- 4 Tbsp. maple syrup
- splash vanilla extract
- 5 eggs

Recipes are courtesy of Debra Duby. Her website is soulsaladltd.com; her e-mail is Debra@soulsaladltd.com.

Coop Job Opening: Receiving Coordinator Evenings/Weekends

Description:

All Receiving Coordinators ensure the smooth functioning of the Coop.

- Facilitate and supervise continual stocking of the store
- Train working members how to stock and complete projects
- Communicate with Squad Leaders and squads about priorities
- Sustain knowledge about products and inventory
- Answer members' questions
- Respond to physical plant and refrigeration issues

Evening/Weekend Receiving Coordinators are generalists who work with members to maintain and restock all aisles including produce. They also oversee late deliveries, inspect for dates/quality, and support the Receiving and Food Processing squads.

The ideal candidate will:

- enjoy working with people and crowds
- be an excellent team player with strong communication skills
- have ability to teach, explain procedures, give feedback
- be able to evaluate Coop needs, prioritize tasks and delegate work
- be comfortable with computers (Macs preferred)
- experience working in a grocery store is a plus

Hours: 38 hours. 5 days per week including both Saturdays and Sundays.

Wages: \$26.61/hour

Benefits: A generous package including but not limited to: 3 weeks vacation, 11 Health/Personal days, health insurance, and a pension plan.

Requirements:

Candidates must be current members of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

Applicants must be prepared to work during holidays, the Coop's busiest times.

Applicants must be able to:

- lift up to 50 pounds
- reach, crouch, bend, stand, climb stairs and work for hours in walk-in coolers and freezers
- work with and around common allergens including nuts and dust
- work in noisy, hectic surroundings

How to Apply:

We strongly encourage candidates to work one Saturday or Sunday afternoon Receiving shift. Please introduce yourself as an applicant to one of the Receiving Coordinators.

Attach resume and cover letter as a single document at the link below:

<http://bit.do/coopweekendreceiving>

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of application via email. Do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of application. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until position is 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.

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215, 718-622-0560. 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.

For topics that generate a large number of submissions (letters or Member Articles) serially and continuously over an extended period of time, the *Gazette* will not necessarily publish all submissions, but the editors will use their editorial discretion to select a small number of submissions (whether letters or Member Articles) from each side as representative of that viewpoint of the issue. The selected submissions will also adhere to the current guidelines of civil discourse and should serve to advance the discussion in new ways.

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.

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, May 20, 8:00 p.m.

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



PROSPECT CONCERTS



Jenny Hill and Groove Garden. Led by saxophonist/composer Jenny Hill, Groove Garden presents a rich sampling of jazz, South American grooves and the funky side of Brooklyn. They will be performing music that they recorded in Brazil last summer. Musicians include: vocalist Debbie Deane, Stefan Bauer on vibes, Todd Isler on drums and hand percussion, Jim Whitney on bass, plus special guests. Bill Milkowski of *Jazz Times* calls her “an accomplished composer-arranger and first-rate soloist, with some bold playing on tenor, soprano and flute. Highly recommended.”

Guitarist **Tomas Rodriguez** has been praised as “playing guitar with a passionate originality, with an individual touch, drawing from the musical heart of the Latin world.” The folk and classical traditions of Spain and South America are richly evident in Rodriguez’ playing, but he transmutes them into a sound clearly, fervently his own. His original compositions and his collaborations with leading musicians in New York City’s world-music scene create an engaging groove, touching harmonies and a mesmerizing exploration of the guitar’s rich background in the music of the Americas, Europe and Africa. Joining Tomas will be Stefan Bauer on vibes, Todd Isler on drums and Barry Kornhauser on cello.



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



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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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, APRIL 26

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, MAY 3

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the May 31 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Apr 28 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, April 18
May 12 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 2

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Apr 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, April 20
May 12 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 4

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, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board on foodcoop.com 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.) • 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 on foodcoop.com and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) • 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 or sign-up at foodcoop.com. 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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calendar of events

apr 15
fri 7 pm

Where Is the Trans-Pacific Partnership Now?

What role does the largest ever "Free Trade Agreement" play in this election? What has been the popular response to the release of the full text? The TPP, negotiated in secret over six years by trade representatives from 12 Pacific-rim countries with 600 corporate advisors, would become law in all those countries. Neither Congress members nor journalists had access to the text until it was finally released in the fall. The treaty would prevent government regulation of food inspection and labeling as well as fracking, among other provisions. Congress may vote only Yes or No on the entire package of 30 chapters. Other questions? Bring them to a panel discussion among experts and activists organized by the ITES. Presented by the International Trade Education Squad.

apr 15
fri 8 pm

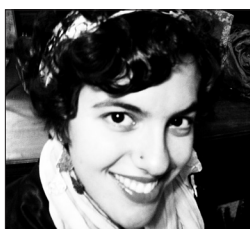
Diana Yourke; DK and the Joy Machine



Diana Yourke is a Park Slope, Brooklyn, gal, born and raised and proud to still call it her home! Largely influenced by classic jazz vocalists like Ella

Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, she loves to share her passion for singing classic jazz standards. She holds a degree in Vocal Performance from Ithaca College and is a Certified Movement Analyst through the Laban Institute for Movement Studies. She currently works as a teacher of dance and music in NYC public schools and provides private voice lessons. Channeling a combination of Patti Smith and Lucinda Williams, **DK and the Joy Machine** is a Brooklyn-based, singer-songwriter and award-winning mountain dulcimer virtuoso who brings the humble dulcimer into the big city. Her new album *Shy One* has been lauded by *Curve* magazine, *Alt-Country Forum*, and other blogs as, "rootsy Americana that directly touches the heart" with songs that are "quirky and smart with sultry vocals and intricate dulcimer playing."

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.



apr 16
sat 2 pm

Meet Your Farmer: Amy Hepworth

Our first guest for our new monthly series is Amy Hepworth from Hepworth Farms, who was just named Farmer of the Year by Cornell Alliance for Science. In 1982, Amy took the reins of Hepworth Farms, a nearly 200-year-old apple farm in New York's Hudson Valley, and changed everything. Crop diversification was only part of a larger transition to sustainability. Today, Hepworth Farms has 250 acres of land, yielding more than 400 varieties of organic vegetables. This two-hour event series brings smart, incredibly hard-working farmers to you. They will answer your questions and share with us the passion for their farms, growing practices and future plans.

apr 20
wed 7 pm

Learn About Cheese At the Coop

Cheese education at the Coop continues with another tasting session led by Coop member and American Cheese Society Certified Cheese Professional **Elena Santogade**. Join us as we taste through a different regional selection this month; learn about the history, geography and cheesemaking practices from around the world. Santogade will lead the tasting and offer guidelines for pairings and for designing cheese tastings of your own.

apr 23
sat 12 pm

Left Brain, Right Brain, Whole Brain?

Do you analyze things and people? Do you pay attention to details? Do you like to accumulate data? Would you describe yourself as intellectual? On the other hand...Do you have the ability to see the big picture? Do you often go by your gut feeling? Do you think you are creative? Would you describe yourself as spiritual? How do we achieve balance and harmony in life? How do we come to the right decisions? Where are all those ideas, creativity, solutions coming from? What is it that we can do so they come easy? **Marija Santo-Sarnyai** is a CNHP and Geotran Healer and Teacher with 15 years experience. Marija is going to demonstrate Geotran as the language of all possibilities based on ancient healing methods and recent scientific findings. Geotran clears past negative experiences and integrates future goals, creating new pathways in the brain for health, happiness and success.

apr 26
tue 7 pm

PSFC APR General Meeting



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

between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

Meeting location: St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: TerraCycle Fee-based, Zero Waste Plastic Packaging Collection Bin (30 minutes)

Proposal: Vote for a year long trial of the TerraCycle Zero Waste Plastic Packaging bin collection. Cost not to exceed \$5000. Budget allows for 24 bins, 2 per month. If approved, start date is Summer 2016. —submitted by Rosemary Calderon

Item 2: Readmittance of Housemates of Expelled Members (20 minutes)

Discussion: The Coordinators are directed to describe and publicize the procedures and acceptable methods of proof for the readmittance of ex-housemates of members who were expelled from the Coop. —submitted by Deb Kapell

Item 3: Formation of "Second Location Study Committee" (40 minutes)

Discussion: To establish a committee of members and General Coordinators to evaluate the possibility of a second location for the Coop. The committee shall be designated the "Second Location Study Committee." The committee will be composed of nine members plus up to four General Coordinators. Members will be elected and receive work slot credit for the work they perform. The Committee will publish its recommendations for a future GM to consider.

—submitted by the General Coordinators and Jonathan Farber

V. Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

apr 26
tue 7:30 pm

Fundamentals of Ayurveda & Eating

For your mind-body constitution and chakras. Ayurveda is a wellness system, with origins in India, and dates back thousands of years to the Vedas. In this workshop, we will explore basic concepts of Ayurveda including the pancha mahabhutas (the five primal elements) and how they manifest in our physical bodies and mind. We will discuss eating for your specific mind-body constitution (dosha) and how foods can be utilized to restore balance in your mind,

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

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body and spirit. And we will also discuss the energetics of food, “intuitive” eating, healthy vs. bad food cravings and the concept of “prana” and “sattva” as it relates to food. We will also briefly discuss the seven main chakras and eating in a manner to unblock or pacify the chakras. Coop member **Neelam Singh** is an Ayurvedic Health Counselor with Prithvi Mata, LLC, and is a current member of the National Ayurvedic Medical Association (“NAMA”).

apr 30
sat 12 pm

Gut Health

Disease begins in the colon. Hippocrates knew about the importance of a healthy digestive tract; modern research is beginning to help us understand just how right he was! Join us for a look at the microbiome—the trillions of microorganisms that make up our gut—and why a healthy gut equals a healthy body, mind and spirit. Learn about foods and supplements that contribute to gut health and how and why everyday stresses can destroy the delicate balance of intestinal bacteria. Coop member **Diane Paxton, MS, LAc**, has been a colon hydrotherapist and digestive health specialist for more than 25 years. She is a licensed acupuncturist, advanced Nutrition Response Testing practitioner and the founder of Inner Fire Integrative Health.

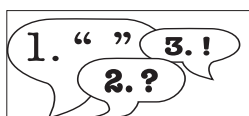
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Displacement of Bedouin Palestinians in Israel

What is SodaStream’s role? The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement has forced SodaStream to move their production facilities from the Occupied West Bank to the Northern Naqab (Negev) region. SodaStream says it’s an improvement to move its facilities from occupied territory to Israel-proper, but how much of a difference does it make? Coop members **Naomi Brussel** and **Rebecca Manski** will discuss the issues related to the international boycott of SodaStream’s water carbonation products. Brussel, of Park Slope Food Coop Members for BDS, has been a member of the Coop since 1985. She is a retired social worker and a long-time political activist, focussing in the past several years on issues related to Palestine liberation. Manski lived in Jerusalem until the age of five, at which time her family moved to a hub of the cooperative movement, Madison, WI. She returned to Israel in 2003, and worked for five years in various non-profits, including an environmental justice organization focused on the Negev Desert and the unrecognized Bedouin villages.

may 3
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 May General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

may 5
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: A Taste From North Germany



Out of the many distinct regional cuisines of Germany, the traditional meals from the northern region are a puzzling combination of savory and fruity ingredients,

cherished or loathed and known as “Brooken Sööt” (broken sweet). This demonstration will explore three family recipes based on the regional preference for sweet-savory flavors. Pirco Wolfframm grew up in Lübeck, Germany, a small, UNESCO World Heritage town close to the Baltic Sea. Only when moving to Frankfurt to pursue her studies, did she realize how “exotic” the dishes accompanying her upbringing were to others. She is a trained designer and design professor and currently a student of Arts and Cultural Management. Her interest in growing food and cooking started when spending time with her grandparents during school holidays and continued along the places she traveled to or called home. *Menu includes: sour soup (hamburger saure suppe); herring in yogurt; curry rice.*

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 April 21.

Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Olivia Roszkowski. To inquire about leading a Food Class, contact Olivia Roszkowski at parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com.

may 6
fri 7 pm

Film Night



Film to be announced.

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

may 7
sat 4 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. Cunningham is a NY-licensed funeral director and editor of TheInspiredFuneral.com.

may 10
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Eat: The Story of Food



Food. It’s driven nearly everything we’ve ever done as a species, and yet it’s the most overlooked aspect of human history. In the beginning, our hunger drove us to hunt. Then, it led us to plant and settle, resulting in civilization. We conquered the land, and we went out into the ocean and the larger world. We filled our bellies, but it still wasn’t enough. We searched for flavor and convenience, adapting science and technology. Humanity’s appetite has shaped our history and altered the planet and future. This series is the epic story behind food and how it made us “us.”

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.

still to come

may 13 Wordsprouts

may 14 Reclaim Your Health

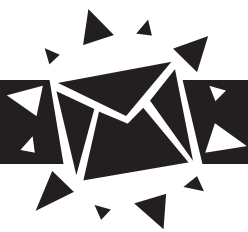
may 15 Today’s Birds & Bees

may 18 Cheese Class

may 20 Prospect Concert Series

may 21 Women & Finance

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



"A CONVERSATION WITH CARL ARNOLD," LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE, MARCH 3, 2016

DEAR MEMBERS:

I disagree with the following points made by Mr. Arnold in the article referenced above.

He stated that the vote in 2012 at Brooklyn Tech where 60% of the voters rejected a referendum on BDS "put a monkey wrench into the wheels of democracy." Later he states that the anti-BDS "didn't let it [the referendum] happen back in 2012. So there is a real issue of democracy here."

The date, time, location and agenda of the GM is not a secret. It is well known by members that the only way to vote is to attend. No one has shown any evidence that more pro-BDS people were unable to attend than anti-BDS people.

After years of discussion we finally had a chance to vote on BDS. Did the members want a referendum (a paper ballot mailed to every member) on the BDS issue? As we don't put all issues out to referendum as a matter of course, we need vote on it when properly raised.

The members voted and as noted the referendum was soundly defeated in a democratic vote. There is nothing undemocratic about voting no to this referendum.

As a walker, I get to talk to a good number of people. It may surprise the partisans on both sides of this issue, but year after year I find that many people know little to nothing about this issue. My theory is that most of the 16,000 members come to the Coop to shop and do their work shift. They may not read the *Gazette* and don't attend GMs. This would tie into my understanding that only 10-12% of the 16,000 annual ballots mailed to members in order to vote for the Board are returned.

I believe that the members care about the Coop but it is at the level of "good food, good prices." Ensuring

that the Coop is on a secure financial footing. That is their right in a democracy. It is also the members' right to vote down issues they disagree with. Something that has been done twice in regards to BDS-related subjects over a 7-plus-year period. By the same 60% majority.

*In Cooperation,
Stewart Pravda*

CARL ARNOLD RESPONDS TO STEWART PRAVDA

TO THE EDITOR:

I agree with most of Stewart Pravda's general points, especially when he says that "It is . . . the members' right to vote down issues they disagree with."

What he doesn't seem to grasp is shown by his assertion that "after years of discussion we finally had a chance to vote on BDS."

That is specifically what was not voted on and not defeated in March 2012. What was defeated was the opportunity for the Coop membership as a whole to weigh in on BDS, hence my remark that democracy was ill-served by anti-BDS people not allowing a Coop-wide vote.

Further, it is my belief that, had the referendum been held, it would have been defeated by the same 60-40 ratio seen by several votes. If that had happened, I suspect strongly that the issue would have been laid to rest.

As untidy as it may be, we need to trust our Coop democracy.

Carl Arnold

MY VISION FOR THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

DEAR MEMBERS:

The Coop is what we collectively make of it. So it can be easy to forget how far-reaching our actions as individual members can also be.

I have become attached to the Coop for many reasons, one of these being that the Coop is a place where our

individual actions do indeed make a difference. There are not many arenas in life where that is possible, so why not take advantage of this one? As a squad leader, I have endeavored to put forth my best self, knowing that my decisions and ways of dealing with people ultimately impact much more than just the members of the squad. People I have worked with for years have no idea as to what my views are on anything, because it just never seemed fitting to bring these up. Whether I am out of sorts or feeling buoyant, I have done my best to give the workers a consistent experience. While I could debate with them about the election or international affairs, I have always thought I could create much more good will by directing people efficiently and with civility, so that the work gets accomplished and everyone stands the chance of going home a minute or two before the shift ends.

In the last couple of years, it has become evident that some members hold a radically different view of what it means to be a Coop member.

To some, the Coop is an ideological battleground, a theater of permanent warfare. The cringe-inducing closings in their regular letters to the *Gazette* ("In cooperation") seem anything but a reminder to be respectful; they are, rather, a taunt to their adversaries.

The Coop can and should insert itself into the public arena, when it is the democratically decided will of the membership. To this end, a referendum to boycott Israeli products was proposed to the membership a few years ago.

The boycott was rejected, however, and this was disappointing to some, understandably. Yet to some members, the Coop did not just fail to deliver the result they had wished for—in rejecting the boycott, the Coop has shown itself to be tainted by ideological impurity. No amount of disruption and vitriol will be sufficient until the hated Israeli CO2 canisters are banished from the shelves. There will never be a letter to the *Gazette* long enough or full of enough invective, so long as the Coop persists in its moral error.

In the meantime, I will continue to view the Coop as a place where small acts of civility will eventually add up to some kind of greater whole. As embarrassing as I find the behavior I have just described, I will take comfort knowing that it in no way represents me or the vast majority of fellow members and paid staff who, as I know from experience, share my vision for the Park Slope Food Coop.

Dan Schorr

TPP AND CLIMATE CHANGE

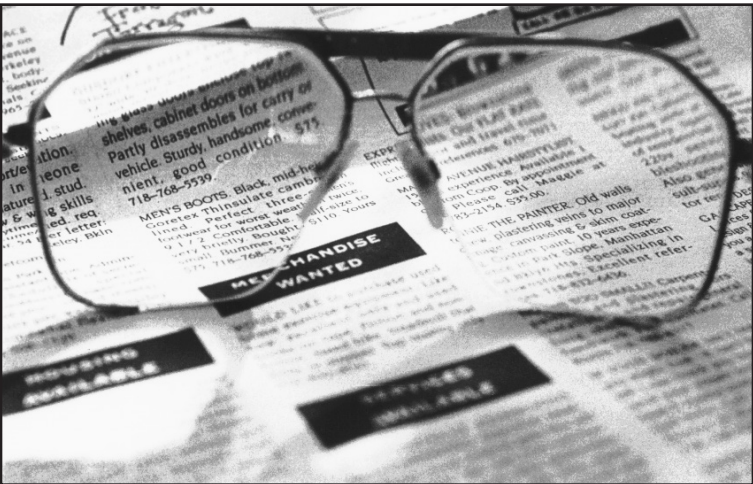
DEAR EDITOR:

It's disappointing how national leaders are not taking climate change seriously enough in their design of global trade deals ("The Trans-Pacific Partnership Will Worsen the Effect of Climate Change," March 16, 2016).

Unfortunately, the Trans-Pacific Partnership has already become law

and the U.S. cannot renege on this deal without damaging our credibility in the world, but the U.S. can still be a better global leader in addressing climate change by doing more at home. If the U.S. puts more effort in reducing its own emissions, it can offset the expected increase in carbon emissions from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. National leaders like President Obama, Senator Charles Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand should support more bills that do exactly that. One bill is the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act, which would expand energy efficiency to all sectors of the economy, from schools and homes to commercial buildings, industry and manufacturing and consequently reduce our carbon emissions. We need to repair the damage that we have done and continue to do.

*Thanks,
Dawit Habtemariam*



Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

9	4	8	6	3	7	5	2	1
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Applicants should be detail-oriented,
comfortable working by e-mail and telephone;
they should be Coop members for at least one year and
have excellent attendance records.

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The nature of this work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects
the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested should e-mail the HAC at psfhac@gmail.com.

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WELCOME!

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

Peter Ackoff	Sara Brooks	Emma Cott	Nora Fried	Alexandra Hitchcock	Tori Lewis	Anne Munger	Penelope Santana	Marie Stolz
Mubeen Ahmed	Allie Brown	Cara Crapella	Shaina Frimerman	Julian Hitchcock	Jody Myrum	Jody Myrum	Cortes	Hannah Stower
Sofiya Akilova	Andrew Brown	Jacqueline Curran	Lauren Fryan	Daniela Hochfellner	Laura Nadolski	Adrienne Santiago	Adrienne Santiago	Lauren Struck
Mecca Ali	Josh Brown	Katie Danho	Amelie Gaulier-Brody	Jennifer Horng	Tomas Brahlin Nazal	Natasha Santos	Natasha Santos	Sreedevi
Anna Allen	Kristine Brown	Jared Danziger	Lauren Gerndt	Sandy Lin	Paredes	Jennifer Sarathy	Jennifer Sarathy	Swaminathan
Keith Almon	Rebekah Brown	Andrew Dash	Kathleen Gittens-	Tea Lindeburg	Nanda Neng	Vinay Sarathy	Vinay Sarathy	Negar Taymoorzadeh
Dana Amaya	Patricia Browne	Lucia De La Mora	Baptiste	Thomas Lueck	Alex Ngo	Neha Sareen	Neha Sareen	Robert Thompson
Andrew Aprile	Derek Buckner	Colunga	Marina Gluckman	Sarah Maccabee	Heidi North	Carrie Sartor	Carrie Sartor	Patrick Thrasher
Thomas Arant	Joanna Buckner	Louisa deButts	Nell Gluckman	Mary MacDougall	Katelin O'Brien	Lilli Schestag	Lilli Schestag	Julia Torres
Camille Arner	Will Burgess	Audrey Deluc	Juliana Gobel	Ashely Malin	Larry O'Connor	Chloe Schklowsky	Chloe Schklowsky	Katherine Trezza
John Arner	Albert Cahn	Steve Dempsey	Carsten Grabow	Kathleen Malloy	Marie Onaga	Thelma Sena	Thelma Sena	Zora Tucker
Demet Arpacik	Daniel Calderon	Terry diPaolo	Amelia Gray	Simone Mangano	Sergio Padilla	Segbedzi	Segbedzi	Norma Uriguen
Samantha Azaria	Sarah Cantler	Jia Doughman	Cleo Gray	Leif Mangelsen	Ghan Patel	Alex Seife	Alex Seife	Bethany Vaughan
Daniel Ballesteros	Ashton Cantzlaar	Andrea Dresbach	Eva Green	Matthew Marr	Alain Pinseau	Arielle Seligson	Arielle Seligson	Matthew Vaughan
Anna Baraness	Phillipa Cantzlaar	Martin Dubreuil	Irene Green	Meredith Martin	Andrew Pontano	Britta Sembach	Britta Sembach	Odalys Villanueva
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Nirith Ben-Horin	John Chandler	Kate Ehrlich	Dawit Habtemariam	Aaron McClure	Emily Pugh	Maleia Shelflin	Maleia Shelflin	Andre Wellington
John Bischoff	Kristen Chappa	Gabriel Ellison-	Chris Hale-Smith	Robert McDonald	Baruch Rachamim	Melissa Shetler	Melissa Shetler	Courtney Wen
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Theresa Bone	Henry Choi	Pepper Fajans	Alexander Harvey	Iraida Kriegsmann	Laura Robson	Samantha Sizemore	Samantha Sizemore	Robert Winn
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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.

THU, APR 14

8:00 p.m. Book Launch Party: *Somethingtofoodabout* by Questlove and Ben Greenman at the POWERHOUSE Arena, 37 Main St. Bklyn NY. For Info: 718-666-3049, RSVP appreciated: rsvp@powehousearena.com.

SAT, APR 16

8 p.m. Second Annual Ray Korona Song Night. At the Peoples' Voice Cafe. Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist, 40 E.35th St. N.Y. Info Call: 212-787-3903 or peoplesvoicecafe.org. \$18 general/\$10 for subscribers.

SUN, APR 17

5:30 p.m. The Prom you always wanted, a Cocktail & Dance Party to benefit the Center for Anti-Violence Education. Bowery Hotel at 335 Bowery NY. For more info go to CAENY.ORG/Prom.

MON, APR 18

7 p.m. FREE LECTURE by Dr. Vogelsberger, German MD presenting a simple approach to spiritual healing of illness and will share documented healing reports verified by independent physicians of presumed incurable illnesses. At SUNY College of Optometry, 33W 42nd St., NYC. RSVP 212-714-5379 or brunogroeningny@gmail.com.

FRI, APR 22

10 a.m. Join us this Earth Day for the screening of *Seeds of Change*. Cary Fowler races against time to protect the global food supply. Screening at Ross Hall, NY Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx. Info nybg.org/earth-day2016 or call 718-817-8747.

THU, MAY 5

7:30 p.m. Free Film Screening: *The Central Park 5*. Followed by discussion with award-winning film makers Sarah Burns and David McMahon. Join PSUMC's continuing discussion on dismantling racism as we present this important film and meet the film makers. PSUMC Sixth Ave. and Eighth St.

SUN, MAY 22

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players presents: Paul Brantley, composer The Horszowski Trio; Jesse Mills, violin; Rieko Aizawa, piano; Raman Ramakrishnan, cello with Alex Sopp, flute, at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library. 10 Grand Army Plaza BKLYN. Admission free.

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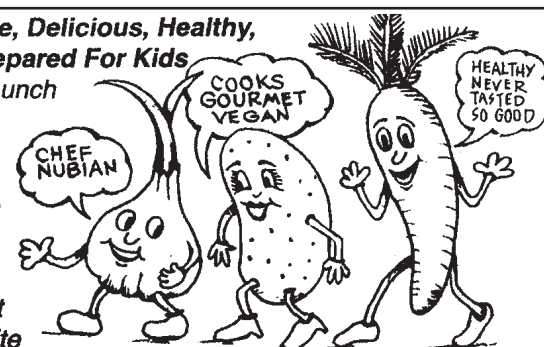
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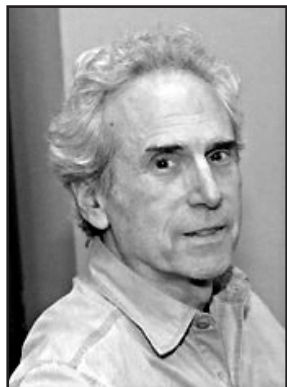
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Carl Arnold

There may be something afoot in the Coop, so I'm running for an open position on the Coop's Board of Directors.

For 45 years the Coop has prided itself on operating democratically. I've been attending General Meetings since about 1990. It was understood then—as

now—that the Board of Directors is a requirement under New York State Cooperative Corporations Law. Thus it has been made clear at most meetings that the Coop Board, a technical/legal necessity, always listens to the advice of the membership.

That is, except in the case of some egregious legal lapse. But the GM—the membership—has never descended to that level.

There was one time, however, when three Directors did not accept the advice of the membership at a GM (October 1996) and all hell broke loose. The offending three were eventually voted out and the proposal they nixed eventually passed—after many months of energy spent and much unpleasant recrimination. But we got through it because of our tradition of democracy.

Since that time, during every single election for new and incumbent directors, virtually every candidate has articulated an automatic respect for the advice of the membership. The GCs supported, conspicuously and

correctly, only those who made such a pledge. Only those who made this pledge have been elected.

This is the foundation of Park Slope Food Coop democracy—the members attending a GM vote on an issue and the Board of Directors accepts the advice of the membership. The only exception I know of was mentioned above and has never been repeated—because we cherish our democracy.

It has served us well. There have been several highly contentious issues in the past: whether or not to stock alcohol or meat, or to buy another building. Some of these issues dragged on for months or years. But we always ended up voting. Once we, the membership, voted, the issue was laid to rest and we moved on.

So it should be with BDS and the next installment of the plastic bag issue. Necessary caveat: As a long-time member of the Chair Committee that runs the Annual Meeting and the monthly GMs, I have never taken a public stand on BDS and don't intend to. What I'm saying here relates to Coop democracy only.

So what may be afoot? There have been remarks recently, at the January GM—that the advice of the membership is “merely” that—advice, and in the Jan 7 *Linewaiters' Gazette*:

- the “[GM] is a board meeting to which members are invited . . . legally the advice is non-binding”
- “Legally, it's the board vote that hires”
- “The GCs report . . . to the board about legal, operational and sustainability matters”
- “Symbolically, the GM participants hold a lot of weight but legally they don't.”

Symbolically? While most of this is technically true, why this shift in emphasis? Why now?

The “symbolic” part is untrue. Evidencing this is part of the statement that each chair reads at the beginning of every GM:

Because we're a corporation, we are legally run by a board of directors, so this meeting, like all General Meetings, is also a board meeting. According to our bylaws, the board must receive the advice of members on all the issues that come before it. Our votes are that advice, and at the end of the meeting you'll see the directors vote. This is how we combine the corporate legal structure with our tradition of democracy.

This chair committee statement was written with the involvement of the GCs. The shifting-emphasis comments above strangely and uncharacteristically imply that the Board of Directors may want to alter the position it's held since the Coop's inception and take on a more activist role. If this is true, it would fly in the face of the Coop's foundational decision-making process.

I'm dead against any such possible move. While respecting the necessity of New York State's legal requirements, I will, if elected, work to absolutely maintain the primacy of the membership as the decision-making body of the Coop.

So here I am, saying the same thing as GCs and candidates before me, hoping that there is not some behind-the-scenes plan to alter what has allowed our Coop to grow from strength to strength. Please use your vote to continue to support our Coop democracy. ■



Rachel Asher

I am writing to announce my interest in a position on the Board of Directors at the Park Slope Food Coop. Raised by a Food Coop founder and worker, I grew up appreciating the importance of having access to affordable, locally farmed products and working with a community

towards a common vision. I'm proud to continue that legacy as a Coop member on the TerraCycle Squad. As your board member, I will listen to and respect the interests of the membership while protecting the Coop's mission.

I also hope to be a voice for the next generation of Coop leadership as we look toward the future. As a 31-year-old grant writer at The Legal Aid Society, I am particularly sensitive to the needs of younger and low-income members who are experiencing the economic strains of finding affordable housing while facing stagnant wages and an unrelenting cost

of living. More than ever before, we need access to the Coop's high-quality food and sense of community. I hope, during my tenure, to be a voice for members who are not always heard—those of us who work multiple jobs, live with roommates out of necessity, or have new ideas to improve the Coop and make it more accessible and friendly to future members and leaders. Let's quickly find solutions to move past old debates, and start envisioning the Coop's future together.

Rachel lives in Park Slope with her girlfriend Erica, also on TerraCycle, and their rescue dog Charlie. ■



Imani O'ryn

I joined the Coop about 20 years ago when I started eating all organic foods and being healthier. I could not afford not to join. I have gotten back so much more than great food at great prices. I've gotten a community of people that care about so many different issues and ideals.

In January of 2001 I attended my first General Meeting and sixth month later I joined the Chair Committee. The Chair Committee is the team of people responsible for the smooth facilitating of the meeting. The General Meeting was fascinating to me. It is the governing body of the Coop. This is where policies are set and decisions are made as to what direction we will go as a Coop. All any of us have to do to weigh in on these matters is show up and our voice can be heard. I loved that. It seemed so easy and accessible. I wanted to encourage diversity in the meetings and thought that me being on the Committee might inspire others to feel welcome to participate.

In 2005 I ran for the Board and was elected. At the time I was very inspired by the Gandhi quote, “Be the Change you want to see in the World.” I wanted to see more diver-

sity and more peace and harmony and I felt that even though I was scared I should do it.

Our Board of Directors is not a typical Board. It was required by law that the Coop have a Board of Directors and it have the powers of a Board. As a Cooperative we liked our form of town hall type government, we liked that every member has a say, we liked and wanted to continue that we get to run our Coop the way we see fit. So the Coop's attorney at that time came up with that we could add that the Board would take the advice of the members on all subjects. Most of the Board Members that we've had since the Board was instituted have accepted this. There has only been one time, back in the '90s that Board members voted against what the members wanted. Eventually the ones that had personal opinions differing from the majority of the membership and voted them were voted out.

I take the mandate to trust the membership and take their advice as almost a sacred duty. I think it's key. It's not my opinion, or my position on an issue that is important but it is vital that I respect and trust the voice of the membership. What do you say? What do you think?

At the writing of this letter I have no idea how many people will be running for the three available positions or who they are so my comments are not referring to anyone in particular. At the last election there were many candidates and many questions to do with people opin-

ion on particular issues or candidates that had platforms of what they'd do as Board Members. I admired the time and preparation that many of these people took to do this but it is not what our Board does. If one has an agenda, or strong political opinions of which direction we should go as a Coop than this Board is not the place for them. It would be better for this person to join a Committee or stay in the membership and be able to bring discussions and proposals to the General Meeting.

The purpose of the Park Slope Food Coop Board is to be a safeguard for the voice of our membership. We are fulfilling the legal requirements and holding sacred our right as a Coop to govern ourselves the way we see fit and we must have Board Members who hold this dear and whose number one priority is to the members and our general meeting. Of course as Board Members we have a fiduciary responsibility to insure that the Coop is not breaking any laws and would not vote for something that is against the law. I trust the membership and do not believe that you would vote for something that is against the law either.

This last year of being on the board has been the most intense and challenging I've seen so far. I'm concerned that it is more important than ever to vote for Board Members that really understand and respect our form of governance. Please vote for me. Thank you. ■

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Jesse Rosenfeld



My name is Jesse Rosenfeld and I am running for the Board of Directors.

A member since 2004, I have worked as cashier, 2nd floor guest registration, cheese and olive bagger, FTOP stock boy, and babysitter. My paid profession is that of a tech trainer and graphic designer.

I love it here. I meet people here I wouldn't usually encounter and discuss

things I wouldn't have ever known about. I spend a lot of time here, just as a shopper alone. I like being part of an organization that is a standard-bearer for food and environmental justice. The Coop is my community because I see you all everyday on my way to and from work. I have demonstrably worked for our cooperative spirit where everyone gives their efforts towards the benefit of shared success.

My present workslot is Secretary for the PSFC, taking the minutes at every General Meeting. I have grown to appreciate the meetings as one special set of gears in our enterprise, and want them to run as efficiently as possible. Six months ago I also earned your trust to join the Board of Directors as an interim member, and so I am run-

ning again. I still run on a platform of focusing on operations, because I see the Coop as a business first. As such, the Board is obligated to remain alert to the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the Coop rather than maintain advocacy for any particular issue(s).

When the Board of Directors vote, I will always base my decision to the best of my ability on criteria that have been voiced by all present board members

Will a proposal ratified by the General Meeting put the financial and legal health of the Coop at risk?

Does the proposal violate the spirit and letter of the Coop's own by-laws or NYS articles of incorporation, and our own mission statement?

Thank you and I look forward to your vote. ■

Allen Zimmerman



I have been a member of the Park Slope Food Coop for nearly 40 years. My retirement from the position of General Coordinator and Produce Buyer marked the end of 28 years of employment at the Coop and of 50 years of employment altogether. Although I am happy that I have retired I do intend to stay quite involved.

I became a member briefly in the early '70s for about half a year, then left and rejoined in 1975. I attended a meeting of Coop members who had come together to find ways to raise funds to pay the rent for the still struggling Coop. I joined the fund raising committee and remained on until I was hired by the Coop in 1988. I have attended about 400 General Meetings and chaired a majority of them for about a decade. I have served on the Board of Directors and served as various officers as needed. I have been

very involved in many areas of Coop development. I attended most of the Coordinating Meetings, which served to support and plan for the General Meetings in the late '70s. I was involved with the formation of the Organic Committee which helped the Coop when it started to carry organic produce. I helped create and then served on the Personnel Committee. I coauthored our General Meeting's version of Rules of Order, and worked with the team that recently revised it. I was very involved in our renovations and expansions and other projects too numerous to mention.

When I was hired in 1988 our staff grew from three to four. I was responsible for a great deal of buying, supervision of deliveries, some minor bookkeeping, participation in our management team. I most enjoyed apprenticing with Joe Holtz, our first produce buyer. When the staff needed Joe to take on the responsibility of General Manager, I became our produce buyer. I enjoyed supervising and training a growing produce staff and especially enjoyed working with countless members before the crack of dawn.

I have always loved the Park Slope Food Coop and believe in the General Meeting. I have always appreciated the face to face interaction. I remember many

instances where I came to a meeting to support or advocate for a position and had my mind changed by a single differing voice. I don't want to give up on our meeting style and the opportunity to persuade or be persuaded in real time. I am willing to learn about alternatives or innovations that allow more inclusion, without sacrificing active give and take.

For most of my adult life I have loved, served, supported, promoted and defended the Park Slope Food Coop. I will continue to do so. I have never been a rubber stamp for the General Coordinators, even when I was one. I recently opposed the coordinators' "emergency" proposal concerning boycotts. As a board member I have always voted to support the decisions of the members at every General Meeting. I support the Rochdale Principles of Cooperation. I support our Mission Statement and more importantly to me, the mission that we had long before we had a statement. I hope that I have earned your trust and that you will support my candidacy for the Board of Directors as have the General Coordinators who have endorsed me. Thank you for reading my statement. "Good food at an affordable price for working members through cooperation." ■



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.

PARM SQUAD

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
Various Times**

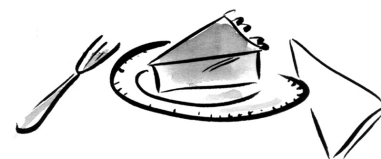
This shift requires extensive training with a member of the paid staff, and therefore requires a six-month commitment. You must have good attendance to join this squad and must be a member for at least six months. As a member of the PARM Squad, you'll prepare designated cheeses for sale. You should be fit enough to cooperate with other members to lift a 90 pound wheel of parmesan. Involves also cutting hard cheese, moving in and out of the cooler. All members of the squad must follow the hygiene and safety guidelines as stipulated in the Food Processing manual. Please provide your e-mail address to be added to

the shift-swapping contact list. Interested members must speak to Britt before joining this squad: britt_henriksson@psfc.coop.

OFFICE SET-UP

**Monday, Thursday, Friday,
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.



STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING

**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 workers' tools and supplies. Must arrive on time at 6 a.m. Please report to Cynthia Pennycooke on your first work shift.

GENERAL MEETING SET-UP

**Tuesday,
6:30 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.