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The Board Candidates Talk to the Gazette

By Ed Levy

Linewaiters' Gazette (LWG): The role of the Board in Coop governance has been a major issue in this Board of Directors election, as you know. Do you believe that the Board should always confine itself to ratifying the will of the GM?

Imani: I don't feel confined by that at all. I feel honored to make it legally possible for us as a Coop to run our Coop the way we see fit. What is important is not what I want, not my opinion, not what I think, but what the members want, what they think. I love that as a Board we use what power we have to ratify the will of the Coop's 17,000 members.

Carl: 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 collapse. But the GM—the membership—has never descended to that level. Contentious issues in the past have dragged on for months or years. But once the membership voted, the issue

was laid to rest and we moved on. I will, if elected, work to absolutely maintain the primacy of the membership as the decision-making body of the Coop.

Rachel: I am only one person; the membership has far more collective knowledge and understanding than I do, and I'm not looking to change a cooperative form of governance that has been running well for decades. I intend to follow the advice of the membership, with the expectation that instances where the GM would propose something illegal or not in the interest of the Coop would be rare—if they occur at all.

Jesse: I always follow our wise tradition of taking the advice of the GM and vote

how they vote. Just like all other Board members, I have always voted and always will vote with the advice of the membership unless the advice would cross a legal boundary. The Board is not a position where one advocates their own issues.

Allen: Undeniably, the Board has a responsibility to protect the Coop from legal or fiscal risk. Historically the Board has in all but one case agreed with the advice of the members at General Meetings. There have also been one or two instances where a member of the Board has voted in the minority not to accept the advice of the members. However, I personally would have approved every decision the members have made at every previous GM meeting.

LWG: Do you see any role for the Board beyond that?

Allen: Taking advice from members is the role of the Board, and I don't see an expanded role for that.

I believe in the process we call "town hall style" meetings, because voting takes place during the meeting following debate and thus exposure to and involvement in the exchange of information

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"So Much More Work To Be Done": PSFC Members and Neighbors Remember Fran Justa



ILLUSTRATION BY LYNN BERNSTEIN

By Frank Haberle

Fran Justa, a longtime PSFC member, community activist and leader in the affordable housing movement, passed away on February 22 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. As leader and founder of organizations, including the Carroll Street Block Association and the nonprofit Fifth Avenue Committee, Fran paved the

way for Park Slope and its surrounding areas to move from a blighted and struggling South Brooklyn neighborhood of the early 1970s into a thriving one. She then served 17 years as Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, helping low-and middle-income class New Yorkers secure loans and achieve

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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: *The New Moderns* 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.

Next General Meeting on May 31

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The May General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.**

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

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that can inform a vote. I know that ideas such as online voting have appeal for those who advocate wider involvement in the decision making. I don't see how that increases wider involvement in informed decision making. I am open to learning more. I favor the town hall type for now, because that seems to me the path to an informed decision and I don't know a better path.

Jesse: No, I do not envision a more active advisory role for the Board.

The governance of the Coop can always improve. Those areas of improvement are not for myself as a Board member to decide or advise. That is the role of the GM.

Imani: I like the form of governance that we have. I like that each member has a vote. I like that all we have to do to have a say or participate in the decisions of how the Coop will be run is simply to come to General Meeting. I think that ideas for change should come from the membership not the Board. I fear that people view our Board as a means to forward their personal or political agendas, to make laws or change things that they think need to be changed. Many new members (and old for that matter) may not realize that that they already have the power to do that by bringing an item to the agenda committee and that item will be put on as an agenda item at an upcoming General Meeting. It can then be discussed and voted on by the membership.

Rachel: I will if elected still consider myself a working member, and will be actively engaged. I may make proposals to attempt to solve some of our problems, or encourage members to speak up and participate if I hear good ideas. If, ultimately, these proposals are not supported, I'll support the membership. I have no interest in using my position to go against the wishes of the members.

One concern I have is that as Brooklyn becomes increasingly less affordable, we have to recognize that people are under incredible economic pressures that influence their living situations; I feel that the "household" policy needs to change, because it doesn't fairly accommodate low-income and alternative households, while favoring higher income individuals and families who can afford to live together in a single

unit. Being a Coop exclusively for worker members is an important value that I take seriously, but we should find a way to maintain this sense of integrity without being punitive towards members or potential members who live in households of necessity, not of choice.

Carl: On principle, there's always room for improvement, and any member who believes there's an area of Coop life that can be bettered has a responsibility to bring it to the GM as a discussion item or proposal. The members of the Board, as Coop members, have as much right to suggest change/improvement as any other members — but no more than anyone else.

LWG: In terms of governance, this has been a relatively contentious time at the Coop. Why did you decide to run for the Board now?

Jesse: I would like to continue being on the Board because I find it to be interesting work that broadens my understanding of the GM.

Rachel: I do not know the origins of this [pro and con BDS] debate or when it got so far off course. I can say that it is off-putting for those of us who are passionate about the Coop, but less invested in this issue, to be spectators as GMs go into the weeds over it. This is the primary reason I decided to run for a Board position, so I can devote more time to understanding what is happening to us as an organization, and come up with some potential ideas to get us back on track. I do see Board members as potential sources for ideas, but I hope for something simpler: that seeing me on the Board encourages more people to take part in governance and to make formal recommendations.

When we encounter conflict in our lives, we can avoid it, ignore it, or confront it (constructively). I've always taken the latter route. I probably wouldn't be interested in this position if things were running smoothly—I don't see the point in taking an easy position that never challenges you. For me, the views have been better and the air much sweeter after a challenging climb.

Carl: I want to make sure the Coop's long-standing—45-year—democratic process remains intact.

Allen: I'm going to come to many General Meetings anyway. I am now about a year into my retirement as a member of the Coop staff. I

am not retired from activity in the Coop and prefer to have a slightly larger role now.

Imani: It certainly is becoming more challenging, and with those challenges I feel a greater sense of responsibility to hold to the promises I made to the membership. It is in challenging times that our rights have been whittled away in our country, and unless we hold on to our ideals, I fear that our rights as members might also be whittled away.

LWG: Should the Board ever act preemptively, in your opinion, to warn the GM that an action it's about to take may be illegal or fiscally irresponsible?

Rachel: Yes, I would both raise my concerns and recommend we seek counsel or consult a finance expert if such an issue were to arise. This is a Board member's responsibility at the Coop.

Imani: There are 17,000 members. Approximately 500 members show up at the general meeting each month I can't imagine a situation where 500 people will allow the Coop to do something that is illegal or fiscally irresponsible. I've been attending General Meetings for about 15 years now and I have never seen that happen. I trust the wisdom of the membership.

Allen: If I gave an opinion, it would be as a member or parliamentarian, not as a director. If I had a qualm I would support suspending a Board vote until legal advice could be obtained.

Carl: Absolutely not, except to exercise fiduciary prudence should the GM make a legally threatening decision—to which, to my knowledge, we've never even come close.

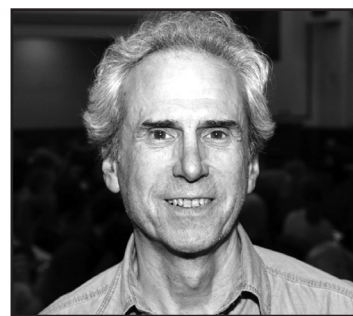
Jesse: I don't think the membership would ever vote for anything illegal, potentially illegal, or fiscally irresponsible.

LWG: What concerns or worries do you have about the Coop at this time?

Carl: I'm very concerned about lack of respect for the Coop's democratic process.

Allen: I have a few concerns about the General Meeting. I am concerned that some members may not engage that much when they attend. Some give more attention to their electronic devices than to the meetings. I do hope we find a way to resolve the BDS issue before the end of time.

Jesse: Nothing that I have control over as a Board member.



Carl Arnold

Member since 1984
Current role at Coop: Chair Committee
Occupation: Professional editor
Areas of interest: Coop governance, environment, hydrofracking



Rachel Asher

Member since childhood
Current role at Coop: Terracycle Squad
Occupation: Grant writer for the Legal Aid Society
Areas of interest: public policy, regulatory affairs, social justice



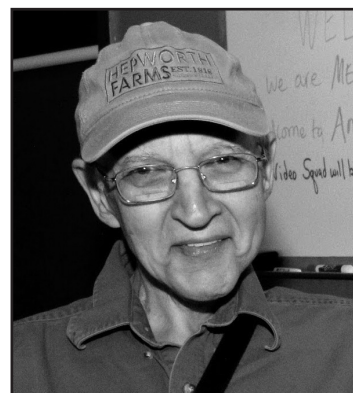
Imani Q'ryn

Member since: approx. 1996
Current role at Coop: Board of Directors and the Chair Committee
Occupation: Real estate broker/owner
Areas of interest: Coop democracy



Jesse Rosenfeld

Member since 2004
Current role at Coop: Secretary for the PSFC, interim Board of Directors member
Occupation: Trainer and graphic designer
Areas of interest: Hiking in Hudson Valley



Allen Zimmerman

Member since 1970s
Current role at Coop: Retired
Occupation: Formerly, Park Slope Food Coop General Coordinator and Produce Buyer
Areas of interest: Bernie Sanders, Park Slope Food Coop, supporting local farms, Coop development, being retired, traveling, Scrabble, and poker

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Imani: I am concerned that with the highly charged political issues that are coming before the membership, that there are those that may be looking for some authority, like the Board, the General Coordinators or some outside entity to resolve these issues and mandate what will happen so we won't have to discuss these things any more. I would not like this to happen. I believe in our cooperation and our ability to listen to each other, seek to understand each other and to resolve these issues.

Rachel: I do think we

need greater clarity, transparency and communication between leadership and the members. There is clearly fear and anger that leadership may be unnecessarily delaying, changing rules mid-stream or otherwise putting a thumb on the scales to divert an outcome. I have great sympathy for the Coop as we wade deeper into the BDS issue, and am concerned about the rifts forming between members, between leadership and the membership as we try to come to decisions and move forward. ■

Fran Justa

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the dream of owning homes in neighborhoods across the city.

For her work with NHS she received national awards. But in this neighborhood she will forever be remembered as Fran, the amazing local organizer who came to Carroll Street in 1972 and launched the Carroll Street Block Association and the Fifth Avenue Street Fair and got Fifth Avenue back on its feet. She will be remembered as the wonderful, loving neighbor who helped kids on the block, and comforted and supported others during difficult times. A few of the many PSFC members and others who knew Fran shared their thoughts and memories following her passing.

Unbounded Energy, Justice and Fairness

Two years ago, the *Gazette* interviewed Moe Kornbluth, Fran's husband of more than 40 years, following the publication of his book, *Fran* (available at the Community Bookstore), which chronicles Fran's life story, their time together, and their struggle with Parkinson's. Moe began his book with the following statement: "There are remarkable people who can literally change the world and the lives of those they interact with. They are altruistic, have unbounded energy, great enthusiasm, optimistic vision, tremendous work ethic, and a belief in justice and fairness. They can instill hope, provide support, enable happiness and satisfaction in others. Fran Justa is one of these people."

City Council member Brad Lander wrote that "We lost another great champion of affordable housing and community development this week, a pioneering neighborhood leader, amazing Carroll Street neighbor and friend, and loving wife and mother. Fran was one of the founders of the Fifth Avenue Committee, helping organize her neighbors to fight abandonment and displacement, and to create one of NYC's great community development groups...after FAC, Fran went on to lead Neighborhood Housing Services of NYC, where she helped build a network of grassroots community groups that enabled thousands of low- and moderate-income New Yorkers to become homeowners and anchors of their communities. She fought redlining, saw the dangers of predatory lending long before most, and built community everywhere she went." Brad added that "The

love she shared with her husband Moe and her daughter Sarah was infectious, and it spread up and down Carroll Street, one of the most civic and neighborly blocks in all of Brooklyn. My most enduring memory of Fran will be from her daughter Sarah's wedding, on their stoop, with the spirit of love and community flowing out across Carroll Street and all through our community."



As PSFC member and 40-year Carroll Street neighbor Irwin Natov credits Fran with reviving the Fifth Avenue Merchant Association and starting the first street fair on Fifth Avenue. He remembers that "Fran was a dynamo. I've never seen anybody more dedicated to helping other people. Whenever she saw a problem she figured out how to organize and activate people to solve it." Irwin recalled that "one day I went over to visit her and a bunch of kids from the neighborhood were in her kitchen. She was instructing them in reading and math. When I asked why, she said 'they need a quiet place to get their homework done, and they need help with it.'"

Longtime friend, neighbor, and PSFC member Jill Friedman says that "both Fran and Moe taught their neighbors so much about everything—not by lecturing us, but by doing things."

Another neighbor and longtime PSFC member Susan Breen, who worked with Fran over the years, described what it was like to work with her. "There is just one word I can use to describe Fran Justa," she said, "and that is indomitable. When she committed herself to something, there was no stopping her."

Longtime friend, neighbor and PSFC member Jill Friedman says that "both Fran and Moe taught their neighbors so much about everything—not

by lecturing us, but by doing things. I always felt they should have had twelve children!" A favorite memory that Jill recalls is, "We had a broken window in our laundry room, which was becoming a big problem. I told Fran about it, and she came over. Instead of telling me who to complain to about the window, she actually taught me how to take the window apart. And we fixed it ourselves."

Colleagues at NHS recall her encouragement as an Executive Director when they were just starting their careers. John McCaffrey, who began a 20-year career in the nonprofit development field at NHS, remembers that "NHS was a great place—dedicated, smart people, and everyone took their cue and lead from Fran, who was a dynamo, but a dynamo with a sense of humor and an openness and accessibility that belied her high rank at the organization. I always feel as if Fran was my first real boss, and she set the bar high for me moving forward in life. I never, ever, saw someone more capable at their job, and really, I thought then, and still do, that if they gave her the reigns to the country, we'd be in pretty good shape. She was amazing." PSFC member John Adler recalls that "she had an amazing sense of humor and treated us all as peers, even though she was the Executive Director, and I was a data entry person; but we all knew she was an amazing leader in the field."

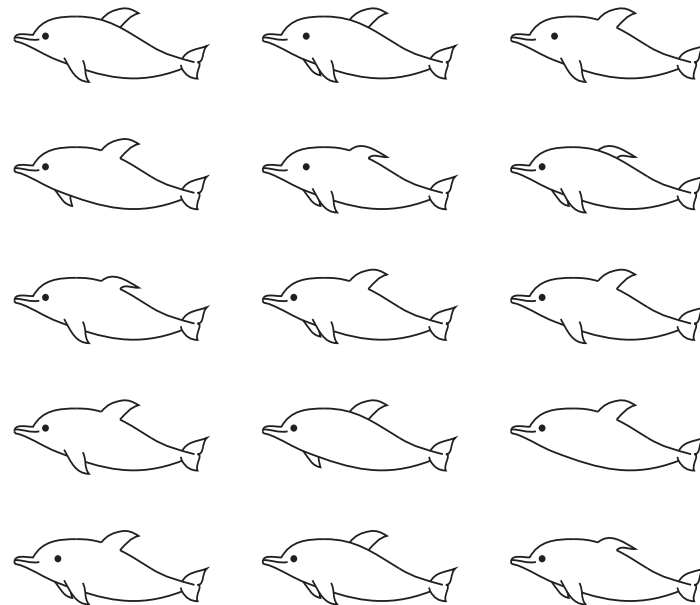
More Work To Be Done

Neighbor and PSFC member Susan Draper says that "we both wrote our dissertations on the changes in the South Brooklyn community since the 1970s, and shared our work and findings with one another." More recently, when Fran had to retire because of her illness, Susan—formerly a New York University Professor of Urban Anthropology, who has MS—would meet her on the street, and they would commiserate about their respective illnesses. "More than anything else, we were both upset that these illnesses cut our careers short," she said. "We both felt that there was so much more work to be done."

Dick Parsons, once CEO of Time Warner-AOL, thinks of Fran as "a true hero; to me and to many others who knew her, worked with her and supported her efforts. When it came to representing the interests of poor and vulnerable people, Fran was a demon. There was no obstacle too large, no opponent too formidable." ■

Dolphins

Which two dolphins look the same?



Puzzle author: Lars W. Roe. For answers, see page 14.

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Park Slope and Gowanus Go Off the Grid

By Alison Rose Levy

Back in the day, neighbors helped out neighbors by loaning them a cup of sugar. In Brooklyn today, community mindedness has adapted itself to the times we live in. You descend the stairs from your third-floor walkup to sign for your neighbor's UPS delivery. You invite a new friend to join your book club, make a killer dish for your block party, or contribute food items to the local food pantry.

Now, a new form of neighborly-ness has come to Park Slope: selling your neighbor electricity generated by your very own rooftop solar panel. On April 11, two long-standing Coop members became the first Park Slopers to do just that. Eric Frumin had solar-derived energy. Bob Sauchelli wanted solar-derived energy. So thanks to a new outfit, called Brooklyn Microgrid, the two neighbors were able to strike up a deal. Frumin, a Coop member for 30 years, had invested in installing solar panels on the roof of his President Street brownstone. Across the street, his neighbor, Sauchelli (who's been a Coop member long enough to have retired from his work shift), preferred to buy his "greener" energy from his neighbor, rather than his previous supplier, Green Mountain. Once a small energy provider in Vermont, Green Mountain is now a subsidiary of NRG, one of the major retailers of green power in the U.S.

Rooftop to Table

Enter Brooklyn Microgrid. Through a new technology called "blockchain," an electronic ledger that makes it possible to move, track, share, and tabulate energy exchanges within a single community. The arrangement between Sauchelli, and Frumin may be the first ever peer-to-peer energy transaction using blockchain technology.

"This is an exciting development in the way consumers can interact with energy, and we hope it will lead to a cleaner, greener society," said Lawrence Orsini, co-founder of the startup that gave birth to Brooklyn Microgrid. "The technology we have created takes away any hassle from buying and selling, allowing both consumers and prosumers more options to maximize the local benefits from renewable generation systems."

This "rooftop-to-table relationship" allows people without solar grids to become full participants in a local green energy market, notes Clinton Nguyen, on the energy website Motherboard. An investment in solar panels could cost upwards of \$30,000. Although state and local subsidies go a long way towards covering that early investment, to install rooftop solar, homeowners still have to advance the monies up front. But those buying energy don't even need a rooftop to start drawing on solar power.

A small-scale community-based grid does have certain distinct advantages over Con Ed's mammoth grid. First, it ensures that money expended on energy stays within the local community, rather than transferred elsewhere. Second, it makes that community more energy independent, a hugely valuable benefit during energy shortages, brownouts or blackouts. Finally, it saves energy that is lost when energy travels say, from Texas or British Columbia, to Brooklyn.

In fact, on average New York State loses 6.8 percent of electricity during transmission. That crackling noise you hear around high-voltage power lines is actually the sound of the electrons that have escaped the power lines crashing into one other.

Energy Independence vs. Being Off the Grid

Deregulation has opened

wider options in utility suppliers. (Witness those three guys at a folding table near you offering sign ups for a green energy company.) Even though Con Edison now has to share what was once its monopoly, New York still relies on the City's old, complex energy grid. And when that goes down, as it did during Hurricane Sandy, in 2012, at least 8.5 million people lost power. A week later, 1.3 million people were still in the dark, many of them in Red Hook.

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Stand-alone solar installations are still wired into that grid. That power, too, was shut off during the peak of the hurricane. Although those panels are on the roof, the energy cycles into the grid before it comes back to your toaster. When you send an email to your partner's laptop just one room away, the message is transmitted through a stationary satellite miles above the earth. If something interferes, you'll have to walk in the next room to deliver your message.

Therein lies the difference between this type of microgrid service and being off the grid for complete energy independence. Under the former, you may have a local power source but still be subject to the whims of the giant utilities. Under the latter, you can draw power from Con Ed or NRG if you need it, but you can also disconnect from them at will.

The Red Hook Microgrid

Under a pilot program by the State of New York, plans are under way for Red Hook to develop a microgrid that uses a mixture of solar panels, battery storage and small wind turbines that will power local apartments, businesses and a community center. Local generation of power would ensure that the neighborhood can make it through another Sandy. The Red Hook project has been granted \$100,000 grant from the state for a feasibility study, said Gita Nandan, co-chair of the Red Hook New York Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee. The

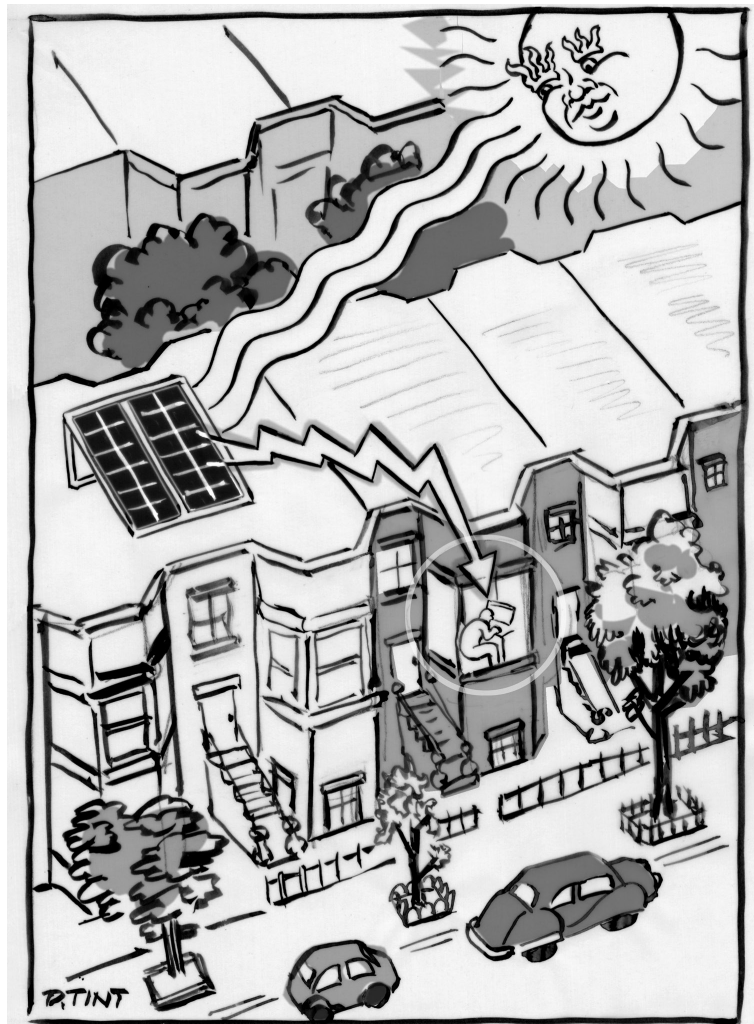


ILLUSTRATION BY DEBORAH TINT

Solar panels on Brooklyn rooftops

State may eventually provide as much as \$6 million to fund the microgrid.

Local generation of power would ensure that the neighborhood can make it through another Sandy.

A microgrid can also ensure that local health clinics, community services and other essential services stay up and running, she said. Under this program, New York State has preliminary plans for 83 such microgrids.

According to one estimate, the growth of microgrids may reach 2.8 gigawatts in North America, up from about 1.2 gigawatts today within five years. That's enough power to run 650,000 homes. Most of that will happen in states like New York and California with higher-than-average power costs.

According to the Rocky Mountain Institute, large utilities will face increasing pressure to buy their electricity and power from microgrids. And this shift in the model of how power is delivered could reduce utilities' annual infrastructure spending by \$13 billion—ultimately a huge savings to consumers.

In fact, the global power companies are starting to sign on. GE is advising microgrid projects in Cro-

ton-on-Hudson and Greenport on Long Island and NRG is helping to design one for Long Beach.

Freeport, Long Island, is another shoreline community that was hit hard by Sandy. Officials now envision a 10-megawatt system that could keep the lights on across the south shore during a hurricane or other emergency.

Fremont and the Hayward Fault Zone

In Fremont, California, a proposed microgrid will center on three crucial fire stations in close proximity to the Hayward Fault, a geological fault zone that can give rise to highly destructive earthquakes, making independence from the grid especially important. Using the combination of renewable generation and battery technologies, the proposed design of the Fremont microgrid will provide at least three hours a day of power to the fire station in the event of a utility outage. The microgrid is capable of responding proactively to seamlessly disconnect from the grid. The project will have the added benefit of reducing CO2 emissions by 22,176 pounds per station per year. ■

For more information about the Brooklyn microgrid, go to www.brooklynmicrogrid.com.

FUN COMMITTEE REPORT

PSFC FUN Committee's Kids' Variety Show

The PSFC Fun Committee's Kids' Variety Show was successfully held on Saturday, March 5 at Old First Reformed Church. Martha Siegel, coordinator and MC of the Kids' Variety Show, received these responses from parents of the performers.

"It was such a treat to hear him play with you on cello. He felt more inspired to practice after that."—*Karina*

"Going to the show last year was probably the highlight of the 11 years I've lived in Park Slope. For a couple of hours it really felt like living in a small town, albeit one with a wonderfully diverse population of quirky talented kids. This election season it has become increasingly difficult to believe in the better angels of our natures; the Coop talent show represents (like the Coop itself) a resounding repudiation of cynicism. It is clearly a massive undertaking for you...please accept my gratitude for your generosity in having made it happen so many wonderful times."—*Nick King*

"I still tell the story of how the first time we came, simply as audience members, I was so moved by how you handled a girl's stage fright. I thought to myself how you gave that girl such a gift that not many people of venues would have allowed for. You let her come back when she was ready and then she received a standing ovation for her singing. She is probably still singing today."—*Dina Rabiner*



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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.

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.

Looking to help new coops form in Brooklyn while getting a tax deduction?

Support the Fund for New Coops—a project of the Park Slope Food Coop.

THE FUND FOR NEW FOOD COOPS

a Project of the Park Slope Food Coop

The Fund for New Coops will make low-interest loans to start-up coops that use the full-member labor model like ours. Loans will be extended to qualified start-ups to address problems and maximize the chances that start-ups will flourish.

How can you donate?

- Use the scannable Fund for New Coops donation cards available on the shopping floor
- Donate directly from the Coop's website, foodcoop.com. Follow the link for the Fund for New Coops and select the DONATE button
- Mail a check—made out to the Fund for New Food Coops—to:
FJC, 520 Eighth Ave., 20th Fl., New York, NY 10018

Help nascent coops that want to use our model: Contribute today!



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WORD SPROUTS

THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP'S
READING SERIES

Are you a writer? Do you want FTOP credit?

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

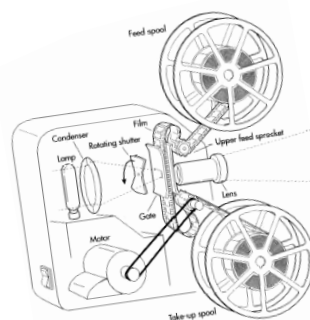
Please contact the organizers at wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.



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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.

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *Eat: The Story of Food—Carnivores*

By Adam Rabiner,
Safe Food Committee

How can you not be delighted by a film that begins with a close-up of Nigella Lawson answering the question, “What’s the weirdest piece of meat you have ever had?” Without any hesitation she proffers testicle, coated with eggs and fried up with bread crumbs. It tastes like a mild, white liver: gentle, delicate, melting flesh, similar to brain or bone marrow. That description might not get you salivating but it’s sure to pique your interest, amuse or disgust you. *Eat: The Story of Food*, produced by National Geographic for cable television (*Carnivores* is episode two of this six-part series), views food through a historical, cultural and anthropological lens. It touches on serious issues such as feed lots and over-reliance on industrial food production, but in its essence, *Eat* is celebratory and humorous. It is education made fun.

The central message of the film is “we are what we eat,” including deep fried rat from southern China, caterpillars, spiders and crickets, chicken feet and various other

animal parts including head and tail. Meat is what our species needed to become human (we cook, other animals don’t). The discovery of fire—a “eureka moment”—unleashed stores of energy, literally fueling our evolution. Man has been grilling for a million years. Barbeque is a universal concept. It is believed BBQ derives from “barabicu”—the sacred fire pit—of the Taino Indigenous Nation of the Caribbean and Florida.

Eat is for foodies, especially meat lovers. It’s fast-paced, lively and fun. Everyone is doing their best to entertain and the food is the star, including the often maligned New York City dirty water dog, the humble sausage and the common hamburger. There are regional differences too. In NYC you are likely to eat your hot dog on a simple white bread bun perhaps with a flourish of sauerkraut, tomato/onion mix, mustard or ketchup. In Chicago you’ll eat it on a poppy seed bun with green fluorescent pickle relish, and ketchup is verboten.

There’s plenty else to be learned from *Eat*. Here

is a sampling. The ancient Romans held an annual sausage festival, slash orgy, called Lupercalia, where men chased down women striking them with leather thongs, a blow from which was supposed to render them fertile. And while one in 200 men are thought to be direct descendants of Genghis Khan, apparently he’s also the father of the hamburger. While there are several competing claims about who invented the hamburger, or where, ranging from Hamburg, Germany, where steak tartar was popular to Ham-

burg, New York, where Frank and Charles Menches claim to have sold a ground beef sandwich at the Erie County Fair in 1885, it is thought to have its true origins with thirteenth century Mongolians who tenderized their meat by placing it under their saddles during forays onto the steppes.

Eat does delve into such serious issues as animal feed lots, the unsustainability of the current food system, and the future of meat. Not long ago a beef patty was grown in a laboratory at a cost of \$325,000. According to the three lucky people who got to try it, the burger packed the sizzle and flavor of the real thing.



But more than anything else, *Eat* wants to make you laugh or at least smile. If you like your educational content served with a dollop of cheer, *Eat* may just be your cup of tea. And as *The New Yorker* might say, “Block that Metaphor.” ■

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.

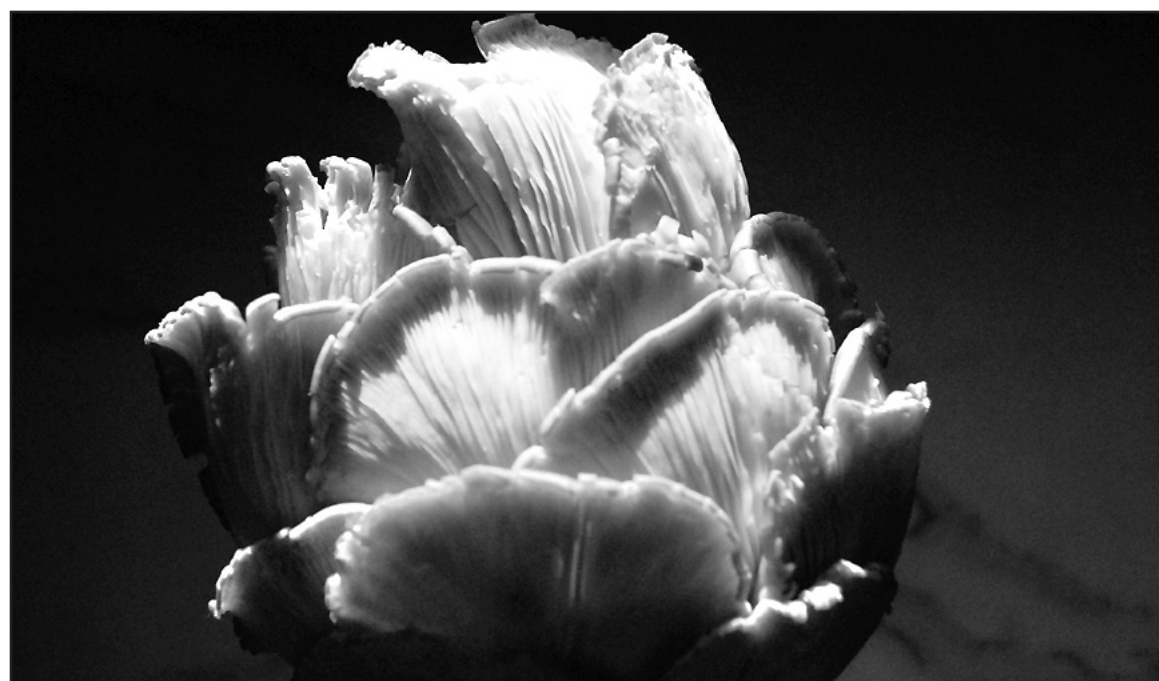


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THE GAZETTE INDEXES

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:

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

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

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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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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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WELCOME!

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

The fourth FRIDAY of the month at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Channels: 56 (Time-Warner), 69 (CableVision), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network.

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 31

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:

May 12 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 2
May 26 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 16

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

May 12 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 4
May 26 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 18

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, May 31, 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

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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.

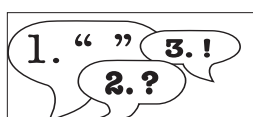
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Displacement of Bedouin Palestinians in Israel

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.

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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.

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fri 7 pm

Film Night: The New Moderns



This month we are very fortunate to have a visitor from The Park Slope Food Coop's French counterpart, La Louve, a Parisian food coop. She's bringing with her a film she's made about sustainable lifestyles in France. The film, *The New Moderns*, is a profile of activists and progressives who believe that the current model of

growth is illusory and harmful. They acknowledge the present ecological crisis and take the decisive step of adopting an ecological lifestyle. This film and anthropological study conducted throughout the year 2015, seeks to extend existing knowledge on frugality and saving energy lifestyles in France. **Violeta Ramírez** was born in Argentina in 1983 and moved to France in 2010. She studied Social Anthropology in the University of Buenos Aires and in the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, where she also completed a Masters in Documentary Cinema. She is now working on a PhD in Cinema and Anthropology. *The New Moderns* is her second film, after *The Recycler* (2014).

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.

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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.

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

**All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.
Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.**

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fri 7 pm

Wordsprouts: Friday Night With the Monday Writers



For well over a decade, the Monday Writers have been meeting in Park Slope to share and discuss their work, which comprises every genre imaginable, from poetry, fiction, memoir, essays, screenplays and plays, and on occasion, sketch comedy. Tonight, five illustrious members take the stage to read from their latest work. They are: essayist and poet **Barbara Agosin**, who will read about dealing with the ravages of Alzheimer's disease; novelist **Vincent Collazo**, one of the first readers at this series, who returns to share his novel-in-progress; acclaimed novelist and poet **Paola Corso**, co-founder of the Wordsprouts series; writer and historian **Martha K. Hoffman**, who runs Cuidono press; and actor and writer **Matt Mitler**, director of Dzieci Theatre. With such an eclectic gathering of talent, there's something here for every lover of literature and storytelling, and we hope to see you there. **Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.**

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sat 11 am

Reclaim Your Health

This session will focus on diabetes/weight loss. Learn how to: better manage your diabetes; control your blood sugar and lose weight; find foods that taste great and are healthy; be happy and healthy and still be you; and learn simple tips on how to build a healthy meal. **Dr. Christina Tarantola** is a licensed pharmacist, certified health coach, Reiki I master and published author of her new book, *Revealing Your Inner Radiance: Healing Through the Heart*. She incorporates nutrition/lifestyle modification, energy healing and stress reduction techniques into her personalized approach. Her services include health/life coaching, reiki healing and relaxing essential oil therapy treatment.

may 15
sun 12 pm

Today's Birds & Bees

This Sex Ed workshop will help parents become their child's primary sex educator. Parents will learn communication and engagement skills and—most of all—build their confidence in communicating with their child about sexuality. This session utilizes a holistic approach of sexuality and will focus on helping parents understand their own feelings so they can better serve their children's needs. Coop member **Tara Abrol** is a Licensed Social Worker and has worked with young people for 10 years. She is the founder of BIG Talks Workshops which provides Sexuality Education services to schools and nonprofits.

may 18
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.

may 20
fri 8 pm

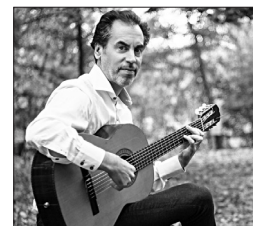
Jenny Hill and Groove Garden; Tomas Rodriguez



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.



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

may 21
sat 11 am

Women & Finance: Creating Financial Independence

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

still to come

may 21 Meet Your Farmer

june 3 Film Night

may 22 ETs, Aliens and the Politics of Misdirection

june 10 Wordsprouts

june 2 Food Class

june 11 Balance & Harmony

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ON CARL ARNOLD'S CANDIDACY

MEMBERS

Mr. Arnold, I have a few words of caution about your candidacy for the Board and your predictions.

You predict that if BDS is politely given another shot at a referendum, then they will be defeated (again) and quietly go on their way (hooray for democracy). But we can only predict the future based on past behavior. I too predict BDS will lose whatever they bring to the table because they never convince me they are important to PSFC. But where you and I part company is how BDS will civilly accept the results of any kind of democratic process.

"What was defeated was the opportunity for the Coop membership as a whole to weigh in on BDS..." An opportunity for whom? To settle what exactly? BDS calls every vote they lose, which is all of them, illegal. They moan that all General Meetings are "stacked", which is just a sore loser's way of saying they can't rally votes. They dig up the same questions month after month and receive the same answers at GMs and in the *Gazette*, yet they never stop claiming they are being ignored. They reached a new low by delaying the Minutes for a month just recently, knowing full well beforehand they had no right to appear on that record. So they don't strike me as people who would do a 180-degree turn and magically accept an open and free vote against their desired referendum. They'll just call that one illegal too.

Believe it or not, Mr. Arnold, winning is the last thing on their mind. Their tactic is to keep their unwarranted and misplaced anger in full view. This is poisonous to a cooperative. If you haven't realized this yet about BDS, then you haven't earned my vote.

Devorah Hershkop

CARL ARNOLD'S RESPONSE TO HERSHKOP LETTER

My candidacy for the Coop Board of Directors is not based on any single issue. Whether or not members treat each other civilly — and whether Coop democracy is respected — is what concerns me most.

I must add that it's strange that Ms. Hershkop brings up behavior of one side of her issue, ignoring that anti-BDS members hijacked the April 2015 General Meeting, shouting and screaming, disrupting the meeting for about three quarters of an hour. This was an assault on the Coop and on Coop democracy, and is exactly the kind of behavior that should have no place in how we deal with each other.

As a long-time member of the Chair Committee, I have no public position on BDS. As such, my sole concern is that Coop members behave in a civil manner when we're acting collectively, making decisions at a General Meeting or Annual Meeting. That's the mark of mature people in a mature democracy, which we've had for some years now — despite the unprecedented disruption of April 2015.

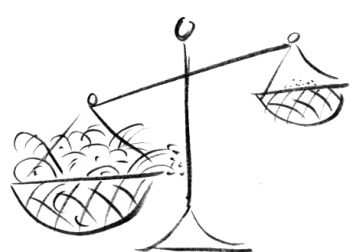
The behavior of pro-BDS or anti-BDS members, or members who are pro or con any other issue, must remain respectful if our Coop can continue to progress. I'm running for the Board of Directors because I see a potential threat to the Coop and want to ensure that our democracy not only remains intact but thrives.

Respectfully,
Carl Arnold

WASTE OF TIME ON PROCESSING SHIFT

MEMBERS,

For some time now, our processing squad has been obliged to "re-price" exorbitantly priced food items. Shoppers complain, for example, of having to buy a ridiculously priced \$11.00 bag of pistachio nuts. Bringing items back down to the basement so as to split up the cost and create two bags of more reasonably priced pistachios takes up valuable time which



could otherwise be spent on more worthwhile tasks. The obvious solution is to properly inform squad leaders of

the need to create reasonably priced items, yet nothing ever gets done. I'm tired of hearing that "it's so complicated" to resolve such silly problems at the Coop and moreover I find it very fatiguing to hear the whole long and tedious history of inertia on this issue. I look forward to a PROACTIVE response to this query on the pages of the *Gazette*.

Nikolas Kozloff

RESPONSE LETTER MEMBERS,

I am writing in response to the letter "Omnivore Oppression?" by Francesca Burgess. Francesca makes a number of inaccurate claims in her letter that I feel need to be addressed.

To begin, discussing the impacts of eating animals in an open forum is not a form of oppression, and the misuse of the term trivializes real forms of oppression. I think the letter is better termed "Omnivore non-dilemma" as the author would like to eat omnivorously, but would also like to be free from the associated guilty feelings. These feelings are evoked by knowledge about the destructive practices of the animal-based agricultural-industrial process.

The author also commits the logical fallacy of "tu quoque," aka "no you are." The number of animals killed during harvest of crops for human consumption is a minute fraction of the estimated 56 billion farmed animals killed annually through industrialized farming, not to mention the impact of fishing on oceanic biodiversity (the article in the same issue "Defining Responsible Seafood at the Coop" suggests that members try new fish species, this is not the answer—we are just eating our way down the trophic chain).

I take the point that the use of "carnage" is emotive and I would say that suffering is a more precise term. To eat animal-based food today is to participate in the routine suffering of animals. To be fair, plant-based food has a human suffering component, in regard to farmworker exploitation. This is a fact that may be uncomfortable for some and not at all for others. You are free to eat meat guilt-free, but it is another thing to silence the truth because it makes you feel guilty.

Finally, the claim that large scale agriculture destroys the ecosystem, while correct also misses the point: in the U.S. two thirds of calories produced per acre of land are consumed by animals via animal feed crops—not the crops of a human whole foods plant-based diet. This is just the tip of the (melting) iceberg in regard to the scale



of environmental impact of eating animals. As Jonathon Safran Foer observes, "... someone who regularly eats factory-farmed animal products cannot call himself an environmentalist..." To be clear, ~99% of animal-based food is factory farmed today.

Readers of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* are free to decide what matters most to them when choosing what to shop for: a diet offering less environmental impact, demonstrated by growing research as most protective against chronic disease and involving little or no animal suffering; or a diet based on convenience, personal taste and tradition. Regardless, we can likely all agree that it is impossible to wait on the express line and not buy chocolate bars.

Respectfully,
John Munz

*Editor's Note: The title "Omnivore Oppression" was not written by letter writer Francesca Burgess. Her original letter was received with no heading and as is the practice and custom of editors, in the absence of a title, the editor supplied one. We apologize if it gave offense. In the future we will make clear in the guidelines that if a letter is submitted without a title, the editor may create one.

REBUTTAL TO JOHN MUNZ'S LETTER

I am writing in response to John Munz. First of all, I did not use the term "Omnivore Oppression" in my letter to the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. That heading was added by the editors, and does not represent my views. I actually find

this heading offensive, and completely agree that it trivializes other forms of oppression. However, although John Munz states that I make "a number of inaccurate claims", his assumptions are actually inaccurate.

First of all, John Munz's statements are based on the assumption that I purchase and eat meat from CAFO/factory farms. I am completely opposed to CAFO/factory farms, and do not support them with my dollar. All of the meat that I purchase and eat is from grass-fed and/or pasture-raised animals (grain is not the natural food of cows) and comes from farms that engage in ethical, humane, and sustainable practices—99% of which I purchase at the Park Slope Food Coop, which doesn't sell meat from CAFO/factory farms. Not only do I not feel "guilty" about purchasing meat from the sources I use—I feel GOOD about it, because I want to support the work of these farms! Most of the farms that I support practice regenerative agriculture and holistically managed livestock, practices which can restore healthy food soil webs, regenerate land, facilitate sustainable crop production, and have the potential of reversing global warming.

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

There is not room in this letter to explain and document these practices. I encourage you to read about the work of the Savory Institute, and of Joel Salatin at Polyface Farm. I also highly recommend the book, *The Vegetarian Myth*, by Lierre Keith.

John Munz states that “the number of animals killed during harvest of crops for human consumption is a minute fraction of the estimated 56 billion farmed animals killed annually through industrialized farming” as well as the “impact of fishing on oceanic diversity”. He must have overlooked my statement that industrial agriculture pollutes and destroys habitats and entire ecosystems—this includes rivers and aquatic habitats, including all of the plant and animal life within them, as well as destroying soil organisms and the health of the soil itself. How is destroying habitats and ecosystems “a minute fraction?” How does this not entail the suffering of an uncountable number of plant, insect and animal species? The statement that a plant-based diet involves “little or no animal suffering” is false and based on denial.

The assertion that a plant-based diet being “most protective against chronic disease” is debatable, as there have been no studies examining the health status of meat-eaters who don’t smoke and who have eliminated industrial/processed/refined food and sugar from their diets.

It is not productive to debate which is most destructive—CAFO/factory farms or industrial/large-scale agriculture, with its monocrops of wheat, soy and corn. To me, they are two sides of the same coin, and both are ultimately unsustainable.

Sincerely,
Francesca Burgess

GUIDES TO HEALTHY EATING

TO THE EDITORS:

It was fascinating to read Ed Levy’s story, “The Coop’s Top Sellers” (March 3) and to learn that chicken, eggs and milk are in such demand at our Coop. Also, I had no idea that members, including myself, consume the equivalent of about a two cows each week!

After reading Ed’s story, I wanted to remind the Coop membership of the work of our Animal Welfare Committee, whose mission it is to provide transparent information about how our Coop’s suppliers treat animals. Our committee, on which I proudly serve, has already produced buying guides about milk (cow and goat), chicken, eggs, beef and personal care products. These guides are available near the products in the Coop. At Thanksgiving, we produce our annual turkey guide. In addition, we are currently preparing guides for pork, butter and pet food.

Our committee includes vegans, vegetarians and omnivores; we aim to give members information about the items the Coop sells so that they can make their own informed buying decisions. Please visit our blog, linked to the Coop’s main webpage, to find out more about our work. Keep your eyes out for our buying guides. Members can also send us questions at psf-animals@gmail.com.

John Rearick

DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR PALESTINIANS

MEMBERS:

During a recent debate in Brooklyn, Bernie Sanders, presidential candidate in the Democratic Party, called for giving the Palestinians dignity and respect if there is to be peace in the Middle East. So what would it look like for Israel to extend Dignity and Respect to Palestinian farmers living in the West Bank. Since 1967, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip have lived under a military occupation by Israel. The necessity for Israel to end the occupation is, of course, a given. But what are the present conditions, the present policies Palestinian farmers struggle with on a daily basis living under Israel’s military occupation? The title of a recent article in *The Guardian* is revealing: “The Palestinian farmers battling border restrictions and lack of water; Farmers in the occupied West Bank struggle daily against a broken supply chain that restricts access to agricultural equipment, technology and water.” These policies spell out unfair

competition for Palestinian farmers. Israeli farmers are not subjected to checkpoints whereas Palestinian trucks incur long delays at checkpoints where the produce wilts, losing its freshness. Israeli farmers have no water restrictions whereas Israeli policies impose strict controls regulating Palestinian water consumption; digging new wells is not permitted. Israel and Egypt control all borders Palestinians need to export agricultural products.

Dignity and Respect for Palestinians at the Coop: what would it look like? It would include holding the vote on the proposal to Boycott SodaStream. It’s been one year since the presentation and discussion of the proposal at the April 2015 GM. The Coop’s Mission Statement is clear that products we sell should

be guided by standards of food justice and freedom of exploitation: We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. You can keep up-to-date at the Coop with the May 1, noon, member presentation: Displacement of Bedouin Palestinians In Israel; What is SodaStream’s Role?

Non-members are welcome, the event is free.

Reference cited: <http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2016/apr/12/fruit-veg-exports-palestine-farmer-conflict-broken-supply-chain-west-bank>

Mary Buchwald

PSFC members for bds

www.psfcbds.wordpress.com



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RECYCLE GALORE!



WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED:

Toothpaste tubes, any brand and size (toothbrushes OK too)

Baby food pouches and caps (any brand)

Energy bar wrappers (any brand but only energy bars—no other wrappers please)

Brita filters (other filter brands okay) plus other Brita filter-related items

Plastic food storage zip lock bags (any size), plastic cling wrap, and small bulk bags (NO PLASTIC ROLL BAGS OR SHOPPING BAGS)

Cereal bag and cracker bag liners or bulk cereal bags (any brand)



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

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

PSFC / TerraCycle Recycling Collections

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

Save up your eligible waste for upcoming collection dates.

QUESTIONS: ecokvetch@yahoo.com

LEARN MORE: www.terracycle.com

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

★ 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, Wednesday, 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

Wednesday, 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

BED & BREAKFAST

Large sunny room with queen bed, private or semi-private bath in spacious Prospect Heights townhouse full of old-style charm and modern amenities. Smoke-free, no pets. Close to Q, B, and 2, 3 stations. Short walk to BAM, Park, Gardens. Call Margaret 718-622-2897. leave short message.



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MERCHANDISE-NONCOMMERCIAL

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop.

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

SAT, APR 30

8 p.m. Professor Louie & the Lewis Family. 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.

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 continu-

ing discussion on Dismantling Racism as we present this important film and meet the film makers. PSUMC 6th Av and 8th St.

MON, MAY 9

7 p.m. THE RISE OF THE RIGHT IN THE U.S. Labor and social justice activist Bill Fletcher and journalist Chip Berlet analyze the growth of right-wing forces, the potential impact on U.S. policy at home and abroad, and ways to counter this attack on our democracy. At The Com-

mons, 388 Atlantic Av. BKLYN. Info at brooklynpeace.org or 718-624-5921.

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.

Dolphins Answer

Solution: Rightmost on third row, and leftmost on fourth row



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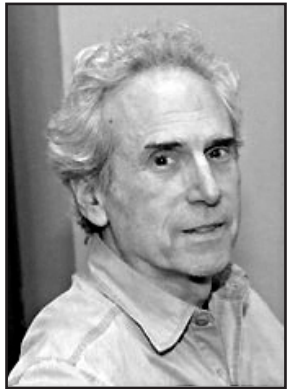
Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

Two three-year terms and one two-year term on the Board are open.

To vote you may use a proxy or attend the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 28, 2016.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May.

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the June 28 Annual Meeting. Candidate statements follow:



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

Two three-year terms and one two-year term on the Board are open. To vote you may use a proxy or attend the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 28, 2016. Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the June 28 Annual Meeting. Candidate statements follow:

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 every day 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." ■



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