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Office Donuts vs. Organic Kale

By Rene Brinkley

Issa Clubb LOVES Friday lunch! Each week he enjoys a gourmet meal prepared with farm-fresh ingredients.

"One week we had a shrimp pesto and quinoa chickpea dish that was really good," he recalls. "Another week we had a watermelon feta mint salad that was delicious."

Clubb is not going out to restaurants seeking these mouth-watering meals. They are being prepared at his office, for employees, free of charge. He works for Criterion Collection, a film company based in Manhattan.

The company has had a communal lunch tradition for over 20 years, but last year they stepped it up a notch.

"My boss is a real foodie," Clubb notes. "He is into the slow food movement, has friends that are chefs, and took a week of vacation to work in a kitchen."

He continues, "Last year he hired a professionally trained chef who turned our office lunch area into a working kitchen."

Now every Friday the chef prepares a gourmet meal for a staff of 40." Clubb, who is also a member of the Coop, says the long-running lunch tradition encourages community among coworkers and supports team building.

Bringing on a chef to prepare locally sourced

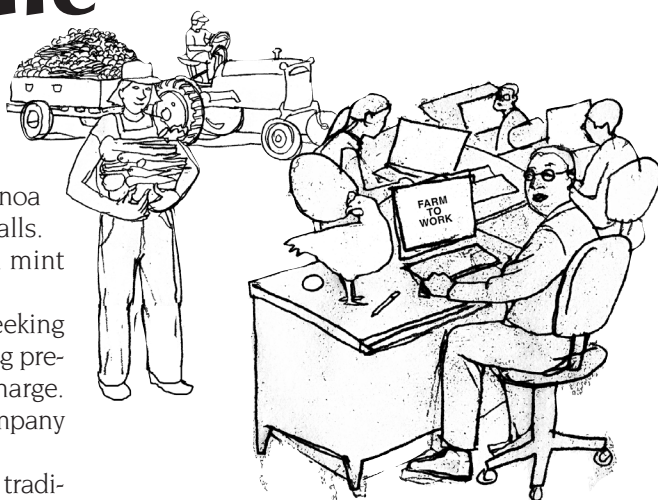


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meals has also extended the conversation about food in the office, and Clubb believes it is a big step towards further developing the culture of the workplace.

"I think people appreciate that the company is continuing to actively do that," he shares. "I feel like that's what I value in the Coop, so it's definitely nice to have here at work as well."

Eat This, Not That!

Over the last seven years, employers have been on a mission to keep employees healthy: According to a study done by the Society for Human Resource Management, 70% of U.S. employers offered a general wellness program in 2015, versus 58% in 2008.

As healthcare costs continue to skyrocket, employers have found that keeping workers in good shape helps keep health costs low. Companies have added benefits such as exercise rooms, massage therapists, nutrition counselors and napping rooms to their lists of employee perks.

As employers continue to look for ways to impact workers health, they are making changes to the company cafe. Some are also using tactics to increase awareness of healthier choices. These include color coding food labels, to differentiate between healthy and less healthy items, and putting fruit, nuts and nutritional snacks in highly visible locations. Other companies have gone a step further by offering an incentive to eat healthy food—cheaper prices.

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How the Coop Says Cheese

By Lily Rothman

Eating cheese is—at least for people who like cheese—not a difficult task.

However, in a cheese class regularly offered by Coop member Elena Santogade, Coop shoppers can learn that there's a lot more to that section of the dairy case than they might have guessed.

Her cheese-eating how-to, offered to about a dozen members at a recent installment of the class, introduces a couple of extra steps: "Smell, look, squeeze," she instructed. "Then taste."

Santogade—a self-described "cheese nerd"—works in the cheese industry, helping people to develop cheese-related businesses. So she's able to teach the class as her work shift. Because all of the cheeses on offer in the class are sold by the Coop, the free tasting session (which takes place upstairs in the Coop's meeting room, using complimentary tasting samples provided by the distributors) can be a great way to decipher the vast variety of cheeses available, and to move one's shopping list beyond the basics.

"One cheese can take you on an exploration," Santogade said. "You learn about the world through a cheese."

At the April session, the theme was a "road trip" across the USA, featuring cheeses that put a special American spin on their European roots. Each sample of cheese provided its own little lesson on the ins and outs of its making and history, as well as the biology of bacteria and the economics, climate and agriculture that led to particular cheeses' developments.

For example, participants learned that a fresh cheese is likely to have

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Caveman Blue
ROGUE RIVER CREAMERYBent River
ALEMAN CHEESECheese Curds
MAPLEBROOK FARM

Flory's Truffle

Elena Santogade
CHEESE

Snow d In

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SATURDAY
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Shopping hours:
8 am - 7:30 pm

Coop Event Highlights

Fri, Jun 10 • Wordsprouts:
Back to the Land 7:00 p.m.

Sat-Sun • Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen
Jun 11-12 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tue, Jun 14 • Plow-to-Plate Movie Series:
Vegucated 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Jun 17 • International Trade Education Squad:
Public Forum on the TPP 6:30 p.m.

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

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Office Donuts

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For example, a few years ago Paychex, a company of 13,000 employees based in upstate NY, raised the price on greasy favorites like burgers and fries and sugary soda. Within a year the company noted salad purchases shot up by 54%, and bottled water sales increased 17%.

Farm to Work

Following on the heels of the farm-to-table movement, which focuses on producing regional food for local consumers, comes the farm-to-work initiative which brings local food to office work sites. Two business models have emerged to cater to this growing demand.

The first is a variation of community-supported agriculture (CSA), which is an agreement between a farmer and a customer where the customer buys a share of the farmer's crop in

advance of the season. In exchange, the farmer delivers a weekly share of the harvest to the consumer.

In the workplace CSA model, farmers deliver shares to a work site. Paula Lukats, the Program Director at Just Foods, a New York-based nonprofit that helps communities access locally grown food, explains, "The workplace CSA came out of an interest from the CSA members. They wanted to be part of a CSA, even if their schedule didn't allow them to get home to pick up their share." She continues, "The members wanted to bring the shares to the workplace, and the farmers were open to it because they want to connect to members."

While most office CSA's are started by employees, some organizations actively encourage participation by adding it



Member Andrew Akason stocking Lancaster Farms' lacinato kale, also recommended by Coop produce buyer Ana Gallo.

to their wellness packages, and some subsidize the cost of shares.

The workplace CSA has numerous benefits. For employers they include providing a service that could make their workers lives easier, while also making them healthier. For employees, workplace CSAs provide an additional incentive to eat better. By participating, some employees also make new, interdepartmental connections with coworkers who are also CSA participants—and get to know each other better. Employees also have a chance to develop a direct relationship with a farmer. For the farmer it gives them access to more customers, and a guaranteed customer base.

The farm is also coming to the workplace through food-delivery startups. These companies provide a service for consumers to order food online from a network of local farms. Baskets of farm-fresh groceries are then delivered to a common location for weekly pickup. The business model is very similar to a CSA, but with one big difference—consumers select the food that is in their weekly basket.

Farmigo, an online farmers market based in Brooklyn, emphasizes pickup locations in "food communities," such as schools, offices or neighborhood cafes. The focus on community building around food attracted Coop member Katie Gillett to the company a year ago.

"For our model to work, we have community organizers. These are generally people passionate about local food," says Gillett. "They may want to support farmers, or they may be concerned about their health or the environmental impact of what they are eating."

Gillett works directly with volunteer organizers. She explains, "These organizers will set up a community in their workplace and get their coworkers

on board. They pitch the company to bring this service to their office." At other times, Gillett notes that human resources departments bring Farmigo to their company, viewing their offerings as an asset to the company's wellness packages.

Farmers Love Partners

According to the National Restaurant Association, locally sourced food continues to be one of the top restaurant trends for



Spring leeks on the Coop shelves.

2016. As that demand continues to spread to the home and workplace, the food category is seeing an influx of food entrepreneurs.

Gail Hepworth of Hepworth farms welcomes all of the entrepreneurial activity around farming and local food. She shares, "We want people to succeed in this business of feeding people. Farmers can't go around to everyone because we don't have logistics. We need partners to distribute food."

She says having a diverse group of customers is critical to the safety of the farm. One of Hepworth's valued customers is the Coop. "The Coop is very important to us," she says. "It has a very unique customer base, and you feel like you know who you are feeding, and that is a very rewarding feeling."

Hepworth also partners with a few CSA's, as well as several food-delivery startups. One of

Hon Tsai Tai greens from Hepworth Farms. Coop produce buyer Ana Gallo recommends choosing them for their pleasing appearance and mustardy flavor.

the main benefits Hepworth receives from working with small entrepreneurs is flexibility. "Let's say I am long on cherry tomatoes, I can call up the startup we work with and they will move the product for me," says Hepworth. "Also if I have something that doesn't work out, I can substitute for another product."

Another benefit of the food delivery model is more money for farmers. Farmigo says its farmers receive two to three times more than farms that sell to typical supermarkets.

"It's all about farmers getting paid to do dignified work," says Katie Gillett.

Farm at Work

As employers continue to explore ways to support a healthier workforce, a few are pushing the envelope. Several are bringing farmers into the workplace through on-site farmer's markets. Others have gone all out by adding a garden on company grounds.

Angie's List, a subscription service that helps members find local services, maintains a garden, orchard and a few hens at its headquarters in Indianapolis. While most companies are unlikely to hire hens and put them to work laying eggs, the Society for Human Resource Management expects organizations will continue to explore wellness initiatives that work best for their employee base. ■

PLASTIC PACKAGING COLLECTIONS

2nd Wednesday of every month 3:45-6 p.m.

4th Saturday of every month 1:45-4 p.m.

STARTING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Expanded Plastic Collection for Coop members

Please be prepared to show your Coop Membership card.

Plastic bags/wrapping/packaging from most products sold at the Coop, (food and non-food).

Thin plastic film wrapping from cheese (Coop and pre-packaged), notecards, tea boxes, household items, pet food, juice packs, etc.

Plastic roll bags distributed by the Coop (please use roll bags only when necessary, reduce usage whenever possible, and re-use any bags you do take before recycling).

NO food waste (rinse as needed).
NO paper labels.
NO silvery or metallic shiny packaging.

We continue to accept the following from all community members:
Pre-sort and separate according to the categories below.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes (any brand/size)

Baby food pouches and caps (any brand)

Energy bar wrappers (any brand)

Water filters (Brita and other brands) and other Brita branded filter products

Plastic re-sealable food storage bags, plastic wrap, small Coop bulk bags, cling wrap

Cereal and cracker bags and plastic box liners (any brand)

Food residue and paper labels OK. No shopping bags.

Donations in any amount are welcomed to help offset the cost to the Coop of this collection.

Interested in starting a third collection time as your workslot?
Contact Cynthia Pennycooke in the Membership Office.

For more information about Terracycle, visit terracycle.com

Questions about items we accept should be e-mailed to ecokvetch@yahoo.com



Coop Cheese

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been developed in a warm climate, where dairy has to be consumed quickly so that it doesn't rot, and aged cheeses are more likely to come from cold climates.

"One cheese can take you on an exploration," Santogade said. "You learn about the world through a cheese."

Sure enough, from Maplebrook Farm's cheddar cheese curds, a product of Vermont, there was a lesson to be learned about how cheese is made: The samples we tasted are the product of the first stage of cheese making, the separation of the dairy into the solid curd and the liquid whey, and could become cheddar if further processed.

Due to the economics of cheesemaking, and how many years it can take for aged cheeses to be ready for market, many cheese makers sell quick-to-make curds to sustain their businesses while their cheeses age. Curds are also warm when fresh, so Santogade recommends replicating that temperature by microwaving them—to warmth, not to melting—before eating.

The evening's Camembert-like sample, Bent River by Alemar Cheese in Minnesota, taught the class about how cheese ripens from the outside in, which is why this cheese had a runny layer between the hard rind and the center. (Runny cheese is "riper," in this context.)

Soft, Brie-like cheeses that can be found in the U.S. often have a distinctive buttery taste, more mild than Brie you'd find in France, because the FDA prohibits the import of young raw-milk cheeses like real Brie. However, Americans have become used to that category of cheese, which is now its own style—an example of how American cheeses often take a centuries-old European tradition and run with it in a new direction.

Such cheeses can take weeks to fully ripen, but Santogade told the class that a cheese that's ready to eat will retain an indentation when pressed in the center.

In general, she said, because cheese has a peak ripeness date, it's better to buy less of it more often, if possible, rather than larger amounts less frequently. That way you're more likely to be able to eat the cheese at its optimal time, rather than letting it go to waste. Once the cheese is cut into, it's usually best to eat it quickly.

"Cheese is alive, and when you cut into it, it's a race against time, because you just disrupted its life process," Santogade noted. She added, "[The Coop] is the only place I'd buy precut cheese, because I know the turnover is high."

From a goat cheese made by Vermont's Lazy Lady Farm called "Snow'd In" (no, that's not a typo), the tasters learned that high-quality fresh goat's milk cheese has a season that starts in the spring, after that year's kids are born. (This is something to look out for at farmers' markets around the city, too.)

The cheese was also an occasion to discuss the various kinds of cheese rinds, which are created by using different processes during the "affinage"—ripening—stage of cheese making. There are easily recognizable wax rinds, for example, and washed rinds that are created when the cheese maker applies a brine-soaked cloth to the cheese. Snow'd In is a washed-rind cheese.

In tasting Flory's Truckle, a cheddar made by Milton Creamery in Iowa, attendees learned about how cloth is used to wrap wheels in order to protect them from cheese mites, tiny insects that are needed to produce some cheeses, like Mimolette, but can be detrimental to others. (The cloth of such cheese is tradition-



Emilia Sattori buying super-sharp cheddar; Lisa Taubenblat buying goat cheese; Lahney Preston-Matto buying cheddar.

ally coated in lard as an extra protection against mites, which is something vegetarians should be aware of.)

The distinctive taste of this cheese comes from the combination of a Gruyere bacterial culture and a cheddar base. Bacteria is a good thing in the context of cheese, Santogade explained, because it converts lactose to lactic acid, just like your digestive system does. That's why a harder cheese, which has less lactose, may be better for people who are sensitive to dairy.

And, to finish, we sampled the powerful flavor of Caveman Blue (by Rogue River Creamery in Oregon). Tasting it was a lesson in the workings of mold and how delicate it is to properly work with salt during the cheesemaking process, as the evaporation of water during

aging will strengthen the taste of any salt that was added.

As for cheese pairings, Santogade challenged those in attendance to forget what they thought they knew about food and drink that goes well with cheese. Crackers? Those should be a palette-cleanser, eaten between cheeses, not a tray. And red wine? That's a "minefield" that should generally be avoided. Instead, look for food and drink that matches the intensity of the cheese being eaten.

For example, a mild, fatty cheese can go with white wine, while a strong blue cheese is a good match for coffee. "You'll at least have something interesting, though it might not be delicious," she said of the pairing of two strong flavors. "You have to experiment."

At the end of the session, class attendee Ralph Friedman noted that he had come to appreciate the many flavors that can be found in one piece of cheese, now that he knows just what goes into creating a hint of salt or a fragrant creaminess: "Now you understand what you've been tasting all along," he said.

Perhaps not surprisingly, several of the Coop members who had taken the class—as well as, full disclosure, your correspondent—could be found in the minutes following the session in one particular place: downstairs, purchasing their favorite cheeses of the night to enjoy at home.

The dates and times for upcoming cheese classes at the Coop can be found in the Calendar of Events section of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. ■

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: Vegucated

By Adam Rabiner,
Safe Food Committee

The wonder of the Plow-to-Plate film series is its marvelous range of topics. Just last month we featured *Eat: The Story of Food*. According to our post-screening report:

[T]o almost everyone's surprise, and to the strong aversion of a few, this episode focused on carnivorous diets and featured images of killing floors, meat carcasses and cuts of raw meat being prepared. I was able to assuage the more disturbed viewers with news of the balancing inclusion of *Vegucated* next month.

To this I have two things to say: One, I wish our movie fans also read these monthly *Gazette* reviews or our blog www.plowtoplatefilms.com, to avoid any potentially unpleasant surprises! Two, while *Vegucated* is indeed a film about going vegan, it also features slaughterhouse footage that I would not recommend to

anyone who shed a tear reading *Charlotte's Web*.

Maria Miller Wolfson wrote, directed, narrates, and, somewhat unusually, even stars in *Vegucated*. She grew up in Evansville, Indiana, and her happy childhood was rich in bacon, eggs, and cheese. As an adult, she became aware of the various health, environmental, and ethical issues surrounding meat production and consumption, and became a vegan. She found it a relatively smooth transition and wanted to see how easy or difficult a similar process would be for other demographically diverse New Yorkers. Taking out an ad in Craigslist, she interviewed 25 people who said they were up to the challenge of eating vegan for six weeks, and narrowed it down to the three featured in the film.

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Tesla Lobo is a 22-year-old Queens College student who lives with her Honduran mom and Peruvian dad who grills a mean carne asada. Her parents' fridge is well stocked with pork chops and steak. She doesn't cook, and to make matters worse, is a finicky eater who hates broccoli and many other vegetables. Her immediate and distant relatives have no idea why she is doing this.

Brian Flegel, 27, is a Manhattan bachelor, a bartender, and freelance actor who hails from California. He's the film's clown. His mother is German and a good cook, so he's pretty fond of meat. He goes out for breakfast most mornings, often ordering bacon, has a frozen rack of lamb in his freezer, doesn't know how he feels about tofu, and once attempted to eat healthfully by incorporating more chicken into his diet. His parents are understanding but skeptical.

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Can You Crack the Code?

Misha the codebreaker has not been doing well. For each code below, she's made 3 guesses. Each guess has had exactly one hit (digit matches code exactly at that position) and one near-miss (digit is one off at that position). Can you determine what the code is from the guesses shown?

In the example shown below, the hit is shown in bold circle, and the near-miss in a dashed circle. Each digit can range from 0 to 9, and 0 and 9 are not adjacent. Note that some of the digits in the code do not have to be correctly guessed, as shown in the example.

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Puzzle author: Lars Roe. For answers, see page 10.

Vegucated

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Ellen Mausner is a single working mom living in Coney Island with no time to cook. She's a psychiatrist by day and a stand-up comic (Ellen Orchid) by night. She and her two children eat a lot of dairy, frozen and processed foods. Living next to Nathan's, she's particularly fond of hot dogs with all the trimmings, but is worried because heart disease runs in her family.

Before meeting these three, Maria Miller Wolfson employs the familiar cinematic tropes commonly found in serious documentaries: vintage news-reel footage, playful animation, kitschy music, and then

pushes it up a notch. *Vegucated* includes "man/woman on the street" interviews, custom T-shirts, Wolfson dressed as Charlie Chaplin filmed in choppy black-and-white footage, and scored by piano. Tongue in cheek, she exploits stereotypes about "radical, lesbian, anarchist" vegans with hair growing out of their armpits. For example, there's a staged scene of Wolfson in bed reading the book *How the Hetero Capitalist Able-Bodied White Patriarchy Ruined the World* by Ruby Elsberg.

Directors, eager to amuse, sometimes resort to these antics for fear that the educational content is too dry. Ms. Wolfson's use of these tech-

niques is skilled, and she can be genuinely funny. However, it is a relief when Tesla, Brian and Ellen make their appearance and these gimmicks end. This threesome's journey and their unique personalities are drama enough.

Vegucated is aptly titled, never ceasing to educate. Ms. Wolfson provides her protagonists a crash course in veganism. Over the trajectory of this film they visit supermarkets, bodegas and various ethnic restaurants to learn how easy it is to buy vegan food. It's no surprise that Tofurky, Rice Dreams, Veganaise and other major brands contain no meat products. But who knew that Oreos also fit the bill?

In addition to these initial

food forays the three visit Moo-shoes, a vegan shoe store on the Lower East Side, attend the Vegetarian Summerfest (the annual conference of the North American Vegetarian Society), camp out at an animal sanctuary, and trespass on a "family farm." Their collective journey has highs and lows, is easier for some than for others, and is poignant and eye-opening for all.

At the end of six weeks, all three are, to some degree, transformed. They have joined the company of vegetarians like Gloria Steinem, Susan B. Anthony and Cesar Chavez, or vegans like Gandhi, Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King. They lost some weight, but more importantly, lowered their bad cholesterol

and blood pressure.

Vegucated takes its leads and audience on an odyssey—impassioned, often funny, always interesting, and at times emotional. It opens everyone's eyes to what is possible if you put your mind (and stomach) to it. ■

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.

Vegucated will be presented on Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m. at the Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

Food Safety, Security and Sovereignty, Breaking News and Our Upcoming Public Forum

By Sarah Westlake and Susan Metz, International Trade Education Squad

Free trade agreements (FTAs) like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and The Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) seek to put corporations, not elected governments, in control of our food. These corporations, driven by their bottom lines, resist regulation as they prioritize profits over the health and safety of living things in the food chain.

Food Safety

In TTIP negotiations, food industry groups are pushing to eliminate Europe's mandatory labeling of GMOs in processed foods. Both TPP and TTIP would prohibit labels providing information about where a food product comes from.

Corporate lobbyists argue that safety standards that protect consumers should be considered "illegal trade barriers." They lobby to withhold results of vital research into food safety. They want the power to challenge decisions made by food safety inspectors. They intend to use Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) to sue governments that stand in the way of investors accumulating the profit they expect. According to Wenonah Hauter from Food & Water Watch: The TPP is a giveaway to big agribusiness and food companies that want to use trade deals to attack sensible food safety rules, weaken the inspection of imported food and block efforts to strengthen U.S. food safety standards.

Food Security

The report from the World Food Summit of 1996 stated that food security exists "when all

people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life." Yet FTAs, writes Andrea Brower of Scoop Media, "have a vile history when it comes to the dispossession of small farmers, destruction of local food economies, and resulting rise in hunger and poverty."

As the international peasant movement Via Campesina has put it, "free trade kills farmers" and with them the local food economies that provide security to much of the world's poor. Brower adds:

In regards to the TPP, similar fates will befall farmers and local food economies especially in places like Vietnam and Peru, where significant numbers of people are dependent on agriculture for their livelihoods. Around 37 million people within the TPP zone are involved in the agricultural sector, and in Vietnam 64% of the entire population depend on growing food. For these people, and all the people who eat what they produce, the TPP could be devastating.

Food Sovereignty

Treaties that seek to take power away from the nations that negotiate them threaten national sovereignty.

Luis Ferreira Alvarez writes in *Free Trade Agreements and Sovereignty*:

Public opinion worldwide has been critical of the TPP and TTIP. If approved, the two agreements would tie together not only the economies, but also regulations and standards, of the United States and eleven other Pacific nations (through the TPP), and the U.S. and the European Union (through the TTIP). The extension

into more domestic sectors brings it into conflict with sovereignty, the centuries-old concept that gives governments the ultimate jurisdiction over its recognized territorial boundaries.

U.S. Manufacturing and Jobs in that Sector are also Endangered by FTAs

May 23, 2016, Kevin Kearns, president of the U.S. Business & Industry Council (a national business organization that has been advocating for domestic U.S. manufacturers since 1933) wrote on Congress' blog, "The Hill," that:

"The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has just released its Congressionally mandated report detailing the potential economic outcomes of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). . . . What's abundantly clear is that the TPP is simply one more in a long line of failed free-trade agreements. While NAFTA and 'normalized' trade with China were promoted as job-growth packages that would allow America to sell more to a wider overseas market, the opposite has proven true. . . . Since manufacturing is the primary wealth-generator for the national economy, it confounds logic to embark on a trade deal that will further erode the nation's industrial backbone." Kearns continues, "President Obama took six years to formulate the TPP behind closed doors. Public scrutiny would have halted the deal in its tracks. Thankfully, the ITC report offers Members of Congress ample reasons to refuse to even consider the TPP in a lame duck session (as President Obama wants), and to demand that the next administration present a new approach to trade that actually benefits the U.S. economy and

American workers."

The link to the full article is posted on our blog, copies.wordpress.com.

Our Continuing Campaign

Public Citizen says, "The first step is to stop the TPP. Then we need a trade model that finally prioritizes decent jobs, living wages, human rights, labor rights, affordable medicines and the environment." We need to continue to remind New York Senator Chuck Schumer and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton

that we expect them both to be consistently visible and vocal with their opposition to TPP. See our campaign for NO TPP Tuesdays on the blog, where you will find background and updates on FTAs. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @coopites.

At our Public Forum on Friday evening, June 17 in the Coop meeting room from 6:45 to 9 p.m. we will have an open discussion with researchers and activists about the effects of past FTAs and reactions—local and national and international—to the proposals in the TPP and the TTIP. Members and Non-members are encouraged to attend this interesting and informative session. ■

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.

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

2016 GC BOARD
ENDORSEMENT
LETTER

DEAR MEMBERS,

Stable governance that reliably serves the member/owners is one of the hallmarks of most successful cooperatives. Our governance system combines the General Meeting and the Board of Directors. This combination has served our Coop well over many years.

The past couple of years have been difficult from a governance perspective. During times like this it is best to go with the candidates who have the most years of experience and the most in depth knowledge of our entire governance system.

Therefore we endorse the three candidates who best fit these criteria. All three have great respect for the Coop and understand that we need a highly functioning governance system. All three have vast experience in making the system work well for the Coop.

Please vote for these three candidates: Carl Arnold, Imani O'ryn, Allen Zimmerman.

An envelope with an Annual Meeting proxy ballot will soon be or has already been delivered to your home. Please return it with your votes.

The General Coordinators

HELP WANTED FOR
RESEARCH PROJECT

DEAR MEMBERS:

Are you (or have you ever been) a checkout worker or cashier on a shopping squad?

Do you also work (or have you ever worked) as a cashier in a non-Coop retail business?

If your answer to both these questions is yes, are you willing to be interviewed as part of a study of retail workers?

I am an Italian sociologist (and PSFC member since September 2015) carrying out an international research project on customer service jobs in the U.S. and Italy.

My Coop workslot is checkout worker, and I would be most appreciative of the opportunity to interview other current or former Coop checkout workers or cashiers who have also done this type of work in a mainstream retail workplace, as one goal of my research is to clarify how and to what extent the jobs and the workplaces differ.

The interview will take around 30 minutes, and you will be reimbursed with a \$25 American Express gift card.

Confidentiality is assured: I will not disclose any information about you that would let you be recognized.

If you are interested in participating, please text me at 1-929-385-5757 or e-mail me at giovanna.fullin@unimib.it.

Giovanna Fullin

MEMBER
SUSPENSIONS

TO THE MEMBERS,

In a hearing lacking transparency, four Coop members were recently suspended for an entire year for disrupting a discussion that should never have taken place, with no accountability whatsoever for the Coop establishment whose bad judgment and negligence permitted this predictably divisive and wholly avoidable event to take place.

BACKGROUND: BY APRIL 2015, the *Gazette* editors had for over six years provided a platform for an unrelenting campaign of provocative, inflammatory anti-Israel rhetoric supporting an agenda of marginal relevance to the Coop and clearly offensive to many members based on identity criteria. Similarly, Staff had permitted multiple on-site workshops advancing the same divisive agenda, and two prior general meetings were devoted to the same themes, exhibiting comparable anti-Israel animus, the second in March 2012 at a cost in excess of \$20,000 (venue, staff overtime, security personnel), with unprecedented attendance by over 1,600 members, where a decisive majority rejected further efforts to boycott Israel.

MISSTEPS BY STAFF AND THE AGENDA COMMITTEE: Both Staff and the Agenda Committee knew in advance of the meeting (confirmed by Joe Holtz and Ann Herpel) that the West Bank SodaStream factory (the alleged subject of the discussion) was due for imminent closure and therefore was no longer an appropriate boycott target. In a lapse of foresight and judgment they failed to cancel this irrelevant and predictably provocative third anti-Israel discussion.

PARLIAMENTARY MISSTEPS BY THE CHAIR COMMITTEE: Attempts by two members to cancel the discussion were unilaterally thwarted by the Chair Committee's failure to employ and respect the appropriate parliamentary process of allowing a discussion and vote to table in light of its irrelevance. Furthermore, the Chair failed to direct the discussants to stick to the subject of boycotting SodaStream's (soon-to-be-defunct)

West Bank factory, the discussion instead focusing on condemning alleged unrelated Israeli policies. In response to objections from the floor to ambiguous, irrelevant and provocative photographs, the Chair further failed to permit a discussion and vote on whether to require removal of the images. And while I acknowledge that the Chair repeatedly demanded that they be removed, he ultimately gave up in the face of the projectionist's defiant refusal (note: no disciplinary action against her) when he could and should have suspended the discussion until the projectionist complied. (EDITOR'S NOTE: *no formal complaint was filed regarding the projectionist.*)

Despite enough legitimate blame to go around across participating factions and among the staff and committees involved, only four members were held to account and deprived of Coop benefits for an entire year, surely a disproportionate penalty for a non-violent and wholly provoked protest. This seems both an excess and mockery of justice and reminds us of the price of polarization and alienation in allowing purely ideological and divisive campaigns to hijack the inclusiveness, communal spirit and mutual respect that should be the essence and Mission of our Food "Cooperative." Given the multiple unconsidered extenuating circumstances occurring within the heat and fog of provocation, the spirit of true democracy demands a transparent independent review should be conducted and the penalty reconsidered.

Sylvia Lowenthal

RESPONSE FROM
CARL ARNOLD,
MEMBER OF THE
CHAIR COMMITTEE

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Carl Arnold, a member of the Chair Committee, is responding independently in the letter that follows. The Chair Committee did not issue an official response.*

Ms. Lowenthal objects to the recent decision to suspend four Coop members for their behavior at the April 2015 General Meeting. She believes the disciplinary process was not transparent, apparently because she disagrees with the decision.

Her defense of the four is a claim that theirs was "a non-violent and wholly provoked protest"—as if the history of BDS in the Coop and chair decisions justify an offense that was unprecedented in the entire history of the Coop.

Agree or disagree with the proposal, the SodaStream agen-

da item went through the same process that all other agenda items follow. At the meeting, if a member doesn't like an agenda item, for whatever reason, normal, respectful democratic practice is to argue against the issue and then vote against it.

It wasn't the history of BDS in the Coop but their outrageous behavior that brought these four before the Disciplinary Hearing Committee.

It's interesting that Ms. Lowenthal argues that "allowing purely ideological and divisive campaigns to hijack the inclusiveness, communal spirit and mutual respect" of the Coop when that is precisely what the four did to earn themselves their suspension. The punishment is, as she correctly says, "the price of polarization and alienation."

Her complaints about supposed Chair Committee errors are beside the point. Alleging "anti-Israel animus" is beside the point. Whether or not the agenda item was "of marginal relevance to the Coop and clearly offensive to many members" is beside the point. The actions of the four members at the April GM is the only focus. All who were present witnessed their unprecedented, totally unacceptable display.

For that there is no credible defense—because their behavior was indefensible. The four totally disrupted the entire General Meeting, in a display of Kindergarten-level temper tantrum. Their shouting and screaming and parading around the auditorium trying to encourage others to do the same (with some success) completely stopped the GM in its tracks. They hijacked the meeting for about 45 minutes. It was an attack on the Coop and a direct assault on Coop democracy.

Carl Arnold,

Member of the Chair Committee

RESPONSE FROM
THE AGENDA
COMMITTEE

The Agenda Committee does not verify the veracity of statements made within member proposals, and it would be up to the participants at the GM and the Chair Committee to decide whether to end discussion on a particular topic.

Agenda Committee

"PEP" IS THE CODE
WORD FOR MEETING
ROOM EVENTS

MEMBERS:

This is the conclusion I have reached after reading the Gen-

eral Coordinators' statement on future topics in the Meeting Room: they can be "Progressive Except for Palestine." (PEP is the acronym). Neither the words Palestine nor Palestinians are among the topics listed to stop scheduling. What is listed are: "SodaStream, BDS, Israel or boycotts related to these subjects in the meeting room." (*Linewaiters' Gazette*, May 26, 2016)

Just a reminder: it was in 2005 that 200+ Palestinian civil society groups called for a global non-violent BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement to support their human rights struggle against Israel's illegal policies against the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza), and equal rights for Palestinians living in Israel. The global BDS movement for Palestinian human rights continues to grow. As reflected in a June 3, 2016 *Guardian* (UK) article: Israel brands Palestinian-led boycott movement a "strategic threat."

In their *Gazette* statement on the meeting room, the General Coordinators reminded us that over the "past several years, workshops have been held in the meeting room by both sides of this ongoing conflict." They added that, the General Coordinators have not been "involved deeply in the content of these events." So, the General Coordinators created a "what if" scenario to overreach and deny to all sides their freedom of speech and freedom of assembly in the Coop Meeting Room to further educate members of the Coop and the public on the pending proposal to boycott SodaStream (once a suitable meeting place becomes available).

So, for the record, since May 2, 2016, Coop policy for Meeting Room events will be remembered as: PEP—Progressive Except for Palestine, until the policy is rescinded.

The policy up to now has been PIP, that is, Progressive Including Palestine.

References referred to in the article:

PEP: <http://www.alternet.org/world/american-peps-progressives-except-palestine-facilitate-israeli-war-crimes>

BDS: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/03/israel-brands-palestinian-boycott-strategic-threat-netanyahu>

Mary Buchwald

PSFC members for BDS
www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

Letters: Maximum 500 words.

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

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

LETTERS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS SUBMISSION POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAIRNESS, ANONYMITY AND RESPECT POLICIES

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

Fairness

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.
2. Nor will we publish accusations that are unnecessary, not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions. The *Gazette* will not publish gratuitous personalization. That is, no unnecessary naming of Coop members in polemical letters and articles. Writers must address ideas not persons.
3. Submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals, necessary to make the point of the submission and within the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

Anonymity

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

Respect

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

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

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Friday, June 17, 8:00 p.m.

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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

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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, JUNE 28

ANNUAL & GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JULY 5

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the July 26 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

June 23 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 13
July 7 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 27

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

June 23 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 15
July 7 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 29

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available on foodcoop.com and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • 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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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

jun 10
fri 7 pm

Wordsprouts: Back to the Land



The legacies of the 1970's "back to the land" movement—the push for clean energy, the farm-to-table philosophy, and a do-it-yourself ethos—can be found all over Brooklyn today, but perhaps no place better epitomizes the movement's spirit, and demonstrates its continued relevance to society, than the Park Slope Food Coop. **Kate Daloz's** new book, *We Are As Gods: Back to the Land in the 1970s on the Quest for a New America*, provides an overall history of the movement, with specific focus on the rise of organic farming, homebirth, communal living, and the cooperative mindset that inspired the founding of the Park Slope Food Coop itself. She'll be joined in conversation by veteran Coop-ers **Joe Holtz** and **Allen Zimmerman** to discuss her work, and to share tales of the Park Slope Food Coop's earlier years. If you're seeking inspiration for how to live a more creative, intentional, green life in our high-tech city, or if you're just interested in history, this is sure to be an insightful night.

Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

jun 11
sat 12 pm

Balance & Harmony Between Success, Peace & Love

It's time to take fun seriously. Do you have time for a break? Do you give others a break? Do you give a chance for your mind to wonder, dream, etc.? Do you leave room for spontaneity, the unexpected, etc.? Do you spend time outdoors, connecting with nature? Do you connect with people other than professionally? And much, much more. **Marija Santo-Sarnyai** is a CNHP and Geotran Healer and Teacher with 15 years experience.

jun 11-12
sat-sun 9 am-7 pm

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

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

jun 12
sun 12 pm

Discover More Freedom

Feldenkrais is a method of neuromuscular re-education developed by Russian-Israeli scientist Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais. Through simple and gentle movement exercises this method helps improve balance, posture and coordination, prevent injuries, speed up injury recovery, reduce stress and anxiety, increase overall sense of health and wellbeing. This workshop is an opportunity to learn about the method and its benefits. Includes demonstration and Q&A. **Igor Shteynberg**, Feldenkrais Practitioner, has worked with clients ranging from children with motor difficulties to professional dancers and musicians. He is excited to share benefits of the Feldenkrais Method with fellow Coop members.

jun 14
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Vegucated



Part sociological experiment and part adventure comedy, *Vegucated* follows three meat- and cheese-loving New Yorkers who agree to adopt a vegan diet for six weeks. Lured by tales of weight lost and health regained, they begin to uncover the hidden sides of animal agriculture that make them wonder whether solutions offered in films like *Food, Inc.* go far enough. This entertaining documentary showcases the rapid and at times comedic evolution of three people who discover they can change the world one bite at a time.

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.

jun 17
fri 6:30 pm

Public Forum on the Trans-Pacific Partnership

This discussion will focus on how food safety, security and sovereignty would be effected should the TPP pass through the legislative process in the 12 signatory countries, including passing it through the U.S. Congress. Should the TPP be passed and become law, it would govern many aspects of life in 40% of the world economy. Come with questions, concerns and suggestions. Non members most welcome. Organized by the International Trade Education Squad.

jun 17
fri 8 pm

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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.



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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jun 22
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.

jun 25
sat 2 pm

Headaches

If you've ever suffered from chronic headaches, you know how miserable they can make you feel. While there are lots of remedies—both natural and pharmaceutical, over-the-counter and prescription—getting to the root cause of why you're having chronic headache pain is the only way to begin to reduce/eliminate your condition. Join us for an in-depth look at the various types of headaches and what can be done to get rid of them! Nutrition Response Testing is a precise analytical tool that helps the clinician custom-design a health improvement program by identifying what nutritional imbalances your body is experiencing and what specific nutrition will help correct it. 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.

jun 26
sun 12 pm

Anger Management 101

Are you or someone you know prone to anger? Express your anger with an intensity that you later regret? Have anger issues because of a low frustration tolerance? Have a wish to be understood that gets derailed because of your inability to manage your anger? Anger when expressed in an assertive rather than aggressive manner can clear the air of misunderstanding, improve your sense of self and can aid in the restoration and repair of ruptures in relationships at home and at work. This hour will be devoted to: understanding the nature and neuroscience of anger; identify and anticipate the triggers that set off anger; learn strategies to manage those triggers; and transform destructive anger into meaningful dialogue in relationships. Coop member **Raymond Reichenberg** is a Certified Anger Management Association Specialist and New York State–Licensed Psychoanalyst. He has been in practice in Park Slope for the past 25 years.

jun 28
tue 7 pm

PSFC JUN Annual and General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

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

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:

Item 1: Presentation of the Audited Financial Statement

Report & Vote: Representatives from Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, the Coop's outside auditor, will present the audited financial statement for the year ended January 31, 2016. Members will have the opportunity to pose questions to the auditors following their presentation. Members will subsequently vote whether to accept the audited statement.

Item 2: Board of Directors Election

Election: Three positions are open for the Board of Directors. The candidates will make a brief presentation to the meeting prior to the vote.

III. GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:

Item 1: Renewing the Services of the Auditor

Proposal: To retain the services of Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, to perform an audit of the Coop for the fiscal year ending January 29, 2017.

—submitted by the General Coordinators

Item 2: Election of Officers

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

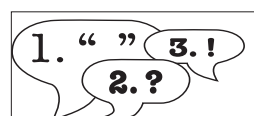
IV. Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

jul 5
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, July 26, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

still to come

jul 10

Speech for the Actor

jul 24

Everyday Posture

jul 12

Plow-to-Plate Film

jul 26

Long-Term Care

jul 13

Learn About Cheese at the Coop

jul 26

PSFC JULY General Meeting

jul 15

Meet Your Mind

aug 2

Eating Vegan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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REPLY FROM JOE HOLTZ TO MARY BUCHWALD'S "PEP" LETTER

The General Coordinators have never taken a position on Israel/Palestine nor have we actually discussed taking a position or choosing a side. In addition, the General Coordinators do not know each other's personal opinions on Israel/Palestine.

Member Mary Buchwald has chosen to unfairly label the General Coordinators as PEP (Progressive Except Palestine). I am sorry that Mary has resorted to name-calling and I am sorry that she has misinterpreted the role of the General Coordinators as we act to protect the Coop.

Sincerely,
Joe Holtz
General Coordinator

THANK YOU FOR THE DECISION AS TO MEETING SPACE**MEMBER:**

Thank you to the people who decided not to allow the Food Coop meeting space to be used to host events relating to matters as to which the Food Coop's membership voted years ago not to pursue in a referendum. Allowing the meeting space to be used seemed to be de facto encouraging the matters to be rehearsed (similar to allowing pro and con letters to be published in the *Gazette*), so it was nice to hear

that meetings need to be off-site going forward.

As for the argument that this decision amounted to "censorship," the issue is more of free association (not censorship), and the Food Coop is obviously not the only place that groups can meet. The Coop has done nothing to stop these meetings from occurring anywhere the group wants to meet, other than the Food Coop—so it isn't trying to stop meetings, it is just electing not to allow the meetings to be hosted using the Coop's facilities. I believe that the Coop isn't required to allow every member or group that wants to use the meeting space for a meeting, to do so, and these issues have been a divisive force at the Coop for years now.

Thank you again,
Jeanne Solomon

RESTORE RESPECT AND COOPERATION**MEMBER:**

Whereas the Park Slope Food Coop's Certificate of Incorporation states: *The Corporation is formed for the purpose and objective of providing for the mutual help of its members, but not for profit, of services for the purpose of acquiring, storing and distributing articles of common use, including food products family and other household and personal supplies to be used or consumed by members, their families or guests*, and members join the Park Slope Food Coop for said purpose;

Whereas the Park Slope Food Coop maintains a biweekly newspaper, the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, and conducts General Meetings and these require the use of Coop funds, and resources, including member labor, and these assets belong collectively to the members;

Whereas the promotion

of political movements is not included as part of the Coop's purpose as stated in the Certificate of Incorporation, and therefore the use of the *Gazette* or the General Meeting for the promotion of a political movement constitutes a misuse of Coop resources;

Whereas the endorsement of political movements is not included as part of the Coop's purpose as stated in the Certificate of Incorporation, and a political endorsement could interfere with a members' rights to Freedom of Conscience and Freedom of Association;

Whereas the First Amendment right to Freedom of Expression does not require a party to underwrite or finance the speech of a second party;

Whereas a group of members for more than seven years has freely used the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, the meeting room and the General Meeting for the promotion of the BDS Movement (a boycott of products from the State of Israel), and these activities have cost the Coop tens of thousands of dollars and thousands of staff and member labor hours;

Whereas the promotion of BDS has introduced unprecedented discord into the Park Slope Food Coop community, and has undermined our basic principle of mutual respect;

Whereas the General Meeting in March 2012 overwhelmingly rejected a motion to hold a referendum on joining the BDS Movement;

Whereas numerous Jewish and Israeli Park Slope Food Coop members have resigned or considered resigning due to the use of the Coop resources for the promotion of the BDS Movement;

Whereas activities associated with the BDS Movement have incited intimidation, harassment and violent attacks on Jew-

ish students at American college campuses;

And whereas the BDS Movement is a political cause and use of the Coop for its promotion is in clear contravention of the purpose stated in Park Slope Food Coop Certificate of Incorporation;

I ask you to add your name to the list of Park Slope Food Coop members who oppose the use of any Coop resources, funds, General Meetings, the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, staff and member hours for any matters relating to a boycott of the State of Israel, boycott of products from Israel, or the BDS Movement.
<http://stopbdsparkslope.blogspot.com/p/loading.html>

In Cooperation,
Barbara Mazor

TO THE MEMBERS, GENERAL COORDINATORS AND EDITORS: WHAT DOES RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP ENTAIL?**TO THE MEMBERS, GENERAL COORDINATORS AND EDITORS:**

The General Coordinators announced their decision to disallow events in the meeting room pertaining to BDS, SodaStream, Israel, and related boycotts. The decision was based on their commitment to responsible stewardship of the Coop. "We feel that our paid time servicing all 17,000 member-owners has to come before umpiring the local expressions of a decades-long international armed conflict." Too much of their time, they wrote, has been taken by the many e-mails, phone conversations and related meetings, as well as ongoing refereeing, time that we members pay for.

While there have been numerous BDS workshop events, BDS-related Letters to the Editor and articles have been published in nearly every *Gazette* issue for more than seven years. To be sure, the *Gazette* is edited and managed by members, not paid staff. But as with the workshops, this too necessarily involves a considerable amount of coordinators' paid time spent with e-mails, conversations and meetings arising from those letters over the years. Add to this the \$20,000 cost of the 2012 meeting to vote on the referendum proposal including associated costs of coordinator's time taken with all that the meeting involved. Another meeting to vote on whether or not to boycott

Israeli products could be expected to involve at least as much in direct costs (including security) plus indirect costs for coordinators' time.

Coordinators are indeed entrusted with responsible stewardship of our Coop and its finances. If they decided to take the next logical step to stop BDS-related letters and articles in the *Gazette*, they would save far, far more Coop funds.

Apart from the use of membership dollars, for me and many others it has become painful and uncomfortable to be part of an organization supporting and encouraging BDS by providing it with an ongoing platform. Responsible stewardship surely also includes upholding our Mission Statement's commitment to make the Coop welcoming to all.

Ruth Bolletino

MEETING ROOM RULES**MEMBER:**

It's sad and really, really annoying to read the General Coordinators' (GC's) rationale for restricting the use of "our" Coop meeting room. Issues of democracy aside (I thought the Coop was a democratic institution) the GC's unilaterally restricting speech on topics concerning "SodaStream, BDS, Israel or boycotts related to these subjects" for Coop members who voluntarily choose to attend meetings on the topic (pro and con BDS!) plays right into the well-funded hands of the Israel Action Network. This group and its subsidiaries have the stated intention of restricting free speech at academic institutions, state and local legislatures here in NY and elsewhere, and, sadly, within our Coop. And they've now got the GC's acting on their behalf at the Coop.

Interested members are encouraged to see for themselves at <http://israelactionnetwork.org/aboutus/accomplishments/>

I'm proud to say that the pro-BDS group of which I'm a member has behaved with integrity, has never called the police (outrageous!), and has always treated those who oppose us with respect.

What a "schande" (the Yiddish word for SHAME) that this venerable, purportedly progressive, institution might now be complicit with reactionaries... because it is too much trouble and takes too much time to allow the right thing.

It's not the Coop I though I'd joined.

Carol Wald

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FUN COMMITTEE**Workslot Opportunities**

The FUN Committee is looking for new members. We meet the first Monday evening of every month, to plan and implement community unity opportunities. Prior events include the Annual Kids' Variety Show, Holiday Card-Making, Social Dance Events, and Game Nights.

We need young-blooded people with "strong backs" and the ability to do physical stuff to set and restore our event spaces. Also needed is someone who can Tweet, Instagram and Facebook. It would be great to have someone who comes with a boatload of fresh ideas on how to community-build!



Please contact Martha Siegel at msiegel105@earthlink.net



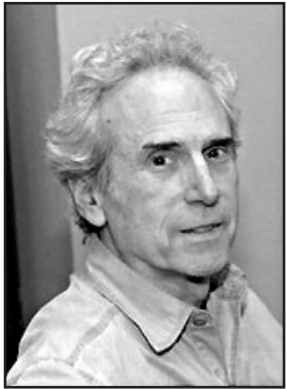
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Carl Arnold

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rachel Asher

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

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

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

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

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



Imani O'ryn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jesse Rosenfeld



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you and I look forward to your vote. ■

Allen Zimmerman



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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