

# Go Take A Hike: A Sampling of Summer Rambles You Can Access By Train



By Frank Haberle **C**ummer is upon us, and many Coop members will find themselves daydreaming about greener pastures all too often, while toiling in cubicles and standing in superheated subway cars. While we all know people who are off to two-month vacations in the Alps, there is still hope for those of us who don't own chalets, or even cars. Just beyond the boundaries of New York City, there are numerous opportunities to enjoy the beauty and serenity of hiking in the outdoors. All you need to know is how to get there.

Following is a sampling of four day hikes of varying CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Tue, Jul 12 • Plow-to-Plate Movie Series: The End of the Line 7:00 p.m.

Wed, Jul 13 • Learn About Cheese at the Coop 7:00 p.m.

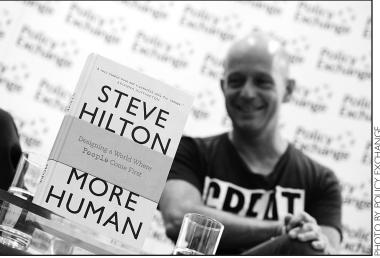
**Fri, Aug 5 • Film Night** 7:00 p.m.

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**Highlights** 

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



Steve Hilton at the UK launch of his book More Human.

# **Book Cites Coop– But Gets It Wrong**

By Ed Levy

How people define the Coop brings to mind the ancient Indian story of the blind men asked to describe an elephant. One felt the elephant's side and declared, "It's like a wall." Another felt the tail. "It's a kind of snake," he said. A third, feeling the leg, concluded, "It's a bit like a tree." The Coop is like that. To one person, it's a food market with very low prices. To another, it's a vehicle for advancing progressive causes. To someone who just moved to Brooklyn, it's a good way to meet people. We could go on.

In their book, More Human: Designing a World Where People *Come* First, Steve Hilton and Scott and Jason Bade look, albeit briefly, at the Park Slope Food Coop and see a "neighborhood grocery store that is a model of civic participation." That is my first quarrel with this book. They write:

"What can a grocery store teach us about civic participation? It shows us that if you humanize the process, the members of the community are happy to give their time to the common good, working alongside others in all sorts of areas of life, especially if they get something concrete out of it, like lower grocery costs."

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## Annual & General Meeting on June 28

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The June Annual & General Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.** 

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

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# **Train Trips**

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lengths that you can access by train from Penn Station and Grand Central Station. While these are intended as suggestions, it is strongly recommended that you prepare for any of the longer hikes by accessing one of a number of excellent resource books available in most bookstores in our community. Two favorites are the Appalachian Mountain Club's AMC's Best Day Hikes Near New York City, which includes 50 hikesmore than half of which can be accessed by public transportation; and The New York Walk Book by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, which details a wide range of hikes. Another terrific resource is the website http:// www.nycdayhiking.com/. In addition to identifying splendid hiking, these guides are excellent sources for length and difficulty of hikes, how to get there and back, and what to bring with you.

Without wanting to provide a survival guide, a few key points worth remembering before setting out include good comfortable walking shoes, a check of the weather before leaving, knowing your physical limitations, and making sure that you've left enough time to finish before darkness falls. Another point: nobody has ever returned from a summer hike and said, "Wow! I definitely brought too much water." And perhaps most important for these transit-dependent hikes: make sure the train schedule is accurate. More than once, the author found himself facing a very long walk after making this mistake. And on a dirt road in Dutchess County, you can't just wave down a taxi!

#### **By Jersey Transit: South** Mountain Reservation, Harriman Park West

From Penn Station, New Jersey Transit offers several opportunities to access the great outdoors in New York's Harriman State Park and New Jersey's Highlands. Coop member Jim Nelson recommends taking the Port Jervis line to Tuxedo, New York, and hiking part of the Ramapo-Dunderberg Trail. "While Harriman State Park is not 'undiscovered,' it has a remarkable trail system where even on summer weekends you can spend long periods alone in the wilderness," Jim says. From the Tuxedo train station parking lot, a white trail marker with three red dots will lead to the trail head,

a tunnel under the thruway, a bridge and the woods beyond. From here there are numerous loop hikes: a favorite is to follow the Ramapo-Dunderberg red-dotted blazes until a trail with white blazes and a red dash will take you up to Claudius Smith's den, a Revolutionary War era rebel hideout with views of the surrounding mountains. From here, blue dots on white blazes will lead you through several ravines and then a clear white-blazed trail will bring you back to the trail head. The hike is 5.3 miles and may take you six hours or more to complete.

Jim adds that "Harriman has a decent amount of elevation gain and the trails can be rocky and steep so the miles don't fly by but there are many overlooks and viewpoints and fun rock scrambles. There are a couple of shelters easily reachable from this trail head if you want to make an overnight of it. Early spring and fall are my favorite times to hike in Harriman but every season is great, including winter."

Another lovely day hike accessible by Jersey Transit's Morris-Essex line is South Mountain Reservation. Three yellow blazes will lead you from the Millburn, New Jersey train station directly into the reservation (http://www. essexcountyparks.org/parks/ south-mountain-reservation); following the Lenape Trail will take you across open mountain meadows to a beautiful waterfall; looping back by the River Trail and then Falls Trail will take about four hours to cover the 5.3 mile hike.

#### By Metro North: Pawling Nature Preserve and Breakneck Ridge

On weekends, Metro North's Harlem Line (out of Grand Central Station) makes a special stop directly on the Appalachian Trail, just a few miles north of Pawling. From this spot, a hike northbound on the trail will take you across beautiful rolling meadows with, as described in the AMC guide, "delightfully pastoral views." After entering a deep forest and the Pawling Nature Preserve (http://www.pawlingnaturereserve.org/), you will pass a red trail (at 1.5 miles), then a yellow trail (at 1.75 miles), and then a red trail again (at 2.5 miles). At this last juncture, turn right on the red trail (or the Appalachian Trail will take you all the way to Northern Maine). At 0.7 miles down this red trail, the yellow trail emerges to your right; take this



back up to the Appalachian Trail to complete your loop. At one point in the redyellow section, a wood bridge crosses a brook-a perfect spot for a picnic lunch. The whole hike up to the reserve and back to the train is 5.9 miles and can take four to five hours.

If you are looking for a more challenging, more exhilarating climbing experience—but not one for the faint of heart-the special Metro North train that runs up the Harlem River and drops you off at the base of Breakneck Ridge may have just what you are looking for. Of many area hikes he's done over the years, Coop member and lifetime hiking enthusiast John Allgood says that Breakneck Ridge

is a favorite. "The first mile is a super intense scramble; you use your hands in some places," he says. "But you'll feel like an 11 year old again, just from the pure joy of climbing for the heck of it. After that, it mellows out to a lovely forested walk back toward Cold Spring." After earning amazing viewpoints from the top of Breakneck Ridge-the Catskills and Taconics to the North, the New York City skyline to the South, and the Hudson River twisting like a snake through the highlands below youthere are two routes back to Cold Spring, both veering to the right. The first, a yellow blazed trail, descends and then climbs a second mountain, Bull Hill. The second, a blue-blazed trail, winds down past a mountain lake and through the stone ruins of a long-abandoned barn, mansion and outbuildings. Either hike will take at least seven hours, but the final reward is Cold Spring-a delightful river town with ice cream, restaurants and regular train service to return you to Grand Central Station.

On travelling to Breakneck Ridge, John adds an insider tip: "Get on the last car at Grand Central (it's the only one that disembarks at Breakneck Ridge) and deploy your full-on urban aggression (um...I mean, savvy) to get to the trail head before the other 200 people getting off there. You'll be rewarded with an amazing amount of alone time during the rest of the hike."



# **May General Meeting Report**

By Alison Rose Levy

The May 31 General Meeting was convened by Imani Q'ryn, acting as chair of the meeting. Chairing committee members David Moss and Tim Platt also were present at the chair table.

#### **Coordinators' Reports**

Mike Eakin, one of the eight General Coordinators, noted that the Financial Report was preliminary since the past year's report was being audited, with the final report to be presented at next month's GM.

A Coop member asked about whether the price of meats had gone up. He also noted a range in price points on pasta products. "Are we losing original Coop members because they cannot afford higher priced items? If so, there is something fundamentally wrong."

Mike responded that while he doesn't know why people leave, he did share that departures for 2015, of approximately 2862 people, a 17.6% of all members, was comparatively low.

GC Joe Szladek also addressed price disparity, saying, "We spend a lot of time thinking about new products we should bring in—we always want to have the cheapest best product. There will always be an option of something as affordable as we can possibly find. High-end stuff can be purchased once in a while—a lot people shop that way."

GC Ann Herpel detailed the response to a recent GC decision not to allow certain events in the meeting room, a decision recently covered on the Linewaiters' Gazette front page. According to Herpel, people asked under what authority was this change made?

Herpel responded that the "use of the meeting room has always been an administrative decision. The GM has never voted on it. You pay us to do work for the Coop. Over the last five years, we have devoted a lot of time to this issue above and beyond other responsibilities. Because of the pressure on us from both sides, we decided that we could not justify further staff time and Coop dollars to managing this. We think of our role as financial stewards of our time. If the Coop would like us to do something else, a meeting can instruct us."

Next, produce buyer Ana Gallo announced that "the watermelon is better than last year. And that cherries, both organic and non-organic were available. It is also a good year for Southern peaches."

#### **Committee Reports**

Bart DeCoursy of the International Trade Education Squad informed meeting attendees that trade deals, including the TTP and TTIP, were not "free," but would, if passed, affect issues such as food safety, food security, food sovereignty, the right to label and many other food-related issues, that will be reported on in an upcoming Gazette article. With an upcoming Congressional vote probably in the Lame Duck Congress, and Hillary Clinton's position difficult to ascertain, according to DeCoursy, he said that the committee has planned #NoTPP Tuesdays along with an Open

Forum on June 17.

Next, Megan Sullivan of the Animal Welfare Committee, which provides information (via Twitter and Facebook) on products currently sold at the Coop, announced an August 2 meeting on eating a plantbased diet, which Coop members are invited to attend.

#### **Meeting Agenda**

Sensho Wagg, a member of the Environmental Committee submitted a proposal as follows: The Coop will end the distribution of plastic bag rolls on the Coop floor within six months of the vote of membership.

Wagg cited as the basis for the proposal a Coop environmental advisory of 1992 (as amended in 1998) that the Coop "will avoid toxic substances" that harm the environment. Wagg also pointed out that a calculation of the Coop's annual bag use revealed that the Coop uses 2.5 million roll bags a year. The petroleum from which the bags are made is "a toxic substance and environmentally unsound."

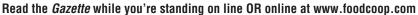
The floor was opened to questions. One member asked, "What would we be doing for open pit strawberries and bulk items. Is there an alternative?"

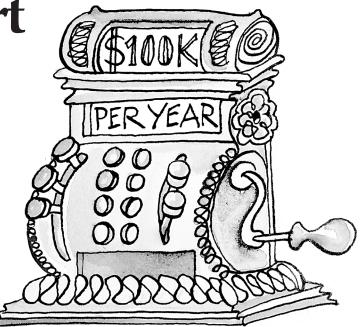
Other members asked about the overall oil consumption by the Coop, and the specific health risks of plastics. The Environmental Committee could not answer the latter questions.

To the first question, Regina from the Environmental Committee responded that when the committee had proposed other solutions, "the GCs did not like our suggestions. That's why we decided that if the membership wants to eliminate the bags, it will be best for the GCs to figure out how to implement a plan to do it." (Editor's note: The GCs have offered suggestions previously, which the Committee did not consider viable. In the meantime the GCs have made efforts to increase options of products like "Green Bags.")

There was a range of further suggestions about possible alternatives.

GC Jess Robinson said that the Coop's point-of-sale system cannot readily be modified to accommodate weight offsets for different types and





weights of bags. Changing it would be expensive.

One member asked about the cost and possible timeframes for a replacement for the current check out system.

Robinson replied that the Coop does not typically replace hard goods until absolutely necessary and tends to be conservative and is therefore unlikely to spend that money when the existing system is still functional.

When a member asked what the current checkout system cost, Eakin responded that it was about \$100K, not including donated time from a Coop member who is an architect.

A Coop member reported that she had not used a produce bag in eight years. "I have not died yet—people are resourceful."

Another member asked about the issue of contamination at the checkout counter, if plastic bags are not used. She wondered what other stores do.

A member from the Environmental Committee pointed out that the proposition does not include a ban because it would give the staff six months to put other solutions into place. "The Coop could use many kinds of bags, or even sell them. This is not a ban."

GC Joe Holtz expressed the concern that many local farmers supply produce items, like tomatoes, with minimal to no packaging. The ban, he said, could lead to increased use of packaged items, like tomatoes in clamshells. "Some shoppers would use more plastic, not less."

Upon the conclusion of the discussion, the meeting chair called for a straw vote to see the inclination of the meeting. In a straw vote, there were more no's.

ILLUSTRATION BY ETHAN PETTI

Chair Committee member Carl Arnold called for a hand vote to see clear preponderance.

When the vote was taken, the overwhelming majority of people voted against eliminating plastic bags at the Coop.

The next item, introduced by Todd Scott, was confirming three new members of the Hearing Administration Committee, which supports the logistics of handling disputes between the Coop and members where they arise. Three candidates were put forth and their respective qualifications were shared with meeting participants: Michael Esterowitz, Kate Spota, and Dominique Bravo were all approved by the meeting.

Next, GC Joe Holtz announced elections for the Revolving Loan Committee. There are five members, with two up for re-election: Kathy Martino and Sam Marks. Both shared their backgrounds and qualifications and were re-elected by the membership through a vote of hands.

Minutes were presented by Jesse Rosenfeld, for the March 29 and the April 26 meetings. The Board approved the minutes.

The Board of Directors approved all recommendations made by the meeting participants and the meeting was adjourned.







Steve Hilton and his co-authors seem helpful and kind—people you might enjoy having tea with. But their program for a more human society is a band-aid over a festering wound.

## **Book Cites Coop**

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That's an interesting conclusion—as well as a sleight of hand. Why do I say that? Because the Coop is not really about civic participation. Yes, some members get work credit for time spent on issues of civic importance. But fundamentally, the Coop is a member-run alternative to profit-driven, privately-owned means of distributing food. By defining it as they do, as a kind of extracurricular civic activity, the authors do what they do best in this book, look at problems as if they had no causes. If you want to listen to lively but superficial chit-chat about deeply serious problems, this is the book for you.

A British graduate of Oxford and former senior advisor to British Prime Minister David Cameron, Hilton now lives in Silicon Valley, California, where he heads a "political tech" start-up and teaches at Stanford. Hilton was known in Britain for his "blue-sky" thinking—research, for which no practical applications are immediately apparent. Scott Bade works for The Bloomberg Philanthropies, and Jason Bade, his twin brother, advises startups and social entrepreneurs on strategy and human-centered design.

Despite their credentials (or perhaps because of them), the authors' cheerful approach to the crisis of American society makes them sound as though they have been in a coma for years, and have not quite shaken off the effects of their stupor. For example:

"When it comes to community engagement through the political system," they write, "it's a completely dehumanized process. An anonymous trip to the polling station once every few years and the payment of local taxes. That's it. No wonder people feel alienated from politics."

Hold it. Are people alienated from politics because they are not engaged? Isn't it the opposite, that they are not engaged because they are alienated? Their proposal to counter this problem also seems back to front, so to speak.

"We could change that. We could strengthen a neighborhood's social fabric by actively bringing residents into the civic sphere through the concept of 'civic service.' This would be a little like jury duty, except more predictable and regular. Let's identify useful roles in communities that could be provided by local residents, and then invite, or even require—them to give two or three hours of service a month, just like the members of the Park Slope Food Coop."

Good arguments have been made for some kind of national service for young peoplebut that's not what they mean here. They mean everyone does a shift. Bear in mind that Hilton and his co-authors are small-government guys, who argue for less regulation and more freedom for creative "entrepreneurship." So this idea of compulsory civic service fits very nicely into their world view. The way to make up for the decline of government's role in promoting the general welfare is by-darn, why didn't I think of thisgiving everyone an extra, unpaid job! Why, it's obvious. If all of us were required to fill potholes, volunteer in the

schools, and sweep the parks, then government wouldn't have to, and we could continue to shrink it. As a byproduct of all this civic engagement, there would be so much fellowship and camaraderie, that we wouldn't notice the infrastructure was collapsing. Or, perhaps as a civic duty, people would be stationed at disintegrating bridges.

To be fair, the authors do want a "more human" world. They call for more empathy. They are against factory farms and cruelty to animals. They oppose obscenely high sal-

aries for CEOs. They understand the issue of captured regulators and a bought Congress. They recommend ethical investment strategies. They excoriate the big banks for their "rent-seeking behavior" (rent-seeking behavior is when an entity like a bank gets what it wants not through providing a service but through exerting political influence). They argue against subsidies for Big Food, and for laws that would ensure more competitive markets. They understand, or claim to understand, why people are so angry.

But let's take a closer look at their argument, starting with the notion that we need to create a more human world (compassionate conservatism in a new suit). I don't think it's unfair to point out that the indifference, cruelty, war and greed that beset us, and that our economic and political system actually rewards, is all too human. That's the problem. We need, as we always have, some checks on our "humanity." Unfortunately, the ideas of Hilton and the Bade twins for creating a kinder, gentler world leaves in place, unquestioned, a monstrous system that makes a mockery of kindness and compassion. And this is really why, like blind men describing an elephant, they mistake a Coop shift for "civic engagement."

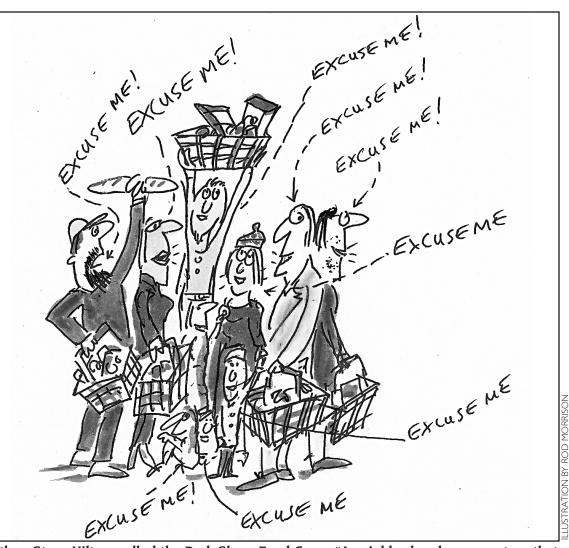
Many of us love our Coop shifts. We like the good ener-

gy in the store, the friendliness and forbearance of other members as we run over their toes and block their way. We revel (and sometimes cringe) at the passions and procedural minutiae of the General Meeting.

Hilton thinks that everyone should have this kind of experience: "Even with a compulsory version of civic service, which might seem extreme, just as with the Park Slope Food Coop, if the benefits are clear and the social connections strong, people will love it; they will love being of service and love the engagement with their neighborhood and their community."

Except that one reason we love it is because it's not compulsory. We created it, and continue to create it. We live (or at least work and shop) under rules of our own making, and can change them. We haven't been forced to join a grocery store because of a law sponsored by a think tank. We can quit when we like. Rejoin. Take a breather. Change squads. Swap shifts. It's all voluntary.

Hilton and his co-authors have a cheerful, upbeat style. They seem helpful and kind people you might enjoy having tea with. But their program for a more human society has a very distinct "bouquet." It's the unmistakable, and very human, smell of a band-aid over a festering wound. ■



Author, Steve Hilton, called the Park Slope Food Coop, "A neighborhood grocery store that is a model of civic participation."

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

# Some History of Free Trade and an Update on TPP

By Susan Metz with Chris Marshall, International Trade Education Squad

nternational Trade Educa-tion Squad (ITES) reports in the Gazette explain the huge plan for a New World Order to protect investment by those wealthy enough to have extra money to advance in the hope that they will make more. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are the rules-the financial and legal structures—that enable investors to minimize the risk that they might be disappointed. "Free" refers to lack of restriction. Signatory nations to FTAs agree that government legislation will not interfere with profit making by wealthy investors.

The TPP is the latest, boldest and broadest in a series of FTAs that both Democratic and Republican administrations supported. First was the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. GATT took effect in 1948. GATT was transformed into the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1995. Then, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA 1994) as well as an agreement that includes the Dominican Republic and Central American nations (DR-CAFTA 2004) were passed by Congress despite considerable opposition. Four years ago bi-lateral FTAs were passed between the U.S. and South Korea, the U.S. and Colombia, and the U.S. and Panama. Wikipedia has details about each agreement. Future ITES reports will document the damage these agreements have caused.

On April 29, four ITES members participated in a full-day conference sponsored by the New School Graduate Program on International Affairs called "Rules, Rights and Resistance: the Battle over TPP and TTIP." We learned from researchers, journalists, advocates and diplomats. From the conference program: "They can re-shape and lock-in the reach and power of multinational corporations; the lines between public and private; the role and efficacy of governance globally and nationally; and the enormous power imbalances among classes, regions and countries."

ITES reports also chronicle the progress of the TPP through the U.S. system. In October, President Obama signed the agreement. The President has to send it to Congress for approval. A "yes" vote in both houses is necessary.

Should the TPP pass legislative processes in signatory nations, the 30+ chapters would become international law in 12 countries and would transform 40% of the world economy in favor of protecting investor's "rights" to what they believe to be a reasonable profit. The Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is currently being negotiated between the U.S. and the European Union (EU). No elected official nor press nor civil organization has access to the proposals in the text. Should both agreements pass the legislative processes, 76% of the world economy would be put outside of the possibility of regulation by government. Resistance grows as more information is made public.

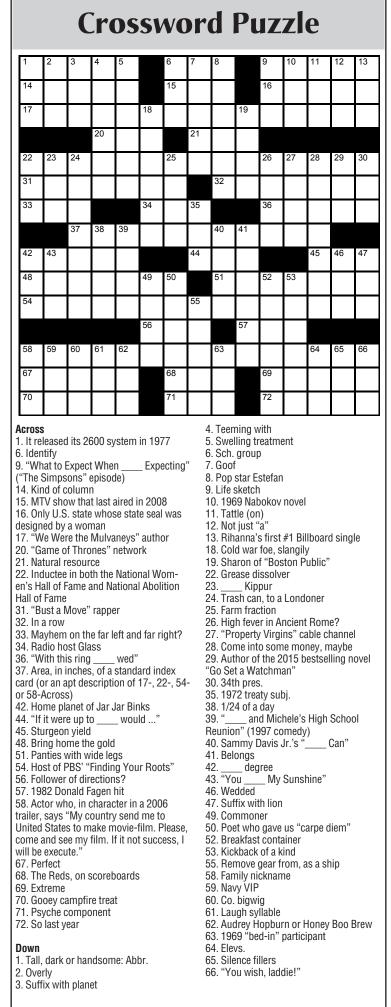
Several FTAs have been defeated. Most dramatically, the WTO was fatally wounded by mass action in Seattle in 1999 that united environmental activists and the labor movement, bringing "turtles and teamsters together." The film This is What Democracy Looks Like documents the events. The Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) failed in 1998 and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) died in 2005. They were dropped before they got to Congress. TTP may face a similar destiny. Action now is crucial.

The "Lame Duck session." after the November election (when all House members and 1/3 of the Senators will have been elected) and before the new session of Congress begins in January, will provide an opening through which the TPP could be pushed through Congress. Those already elected will be at liberty to repay their wealthy and corporate contributors, and those defeated will be looking for jobs. Administration officials and corporate lobbyists are swarming the capital. And the resistance is getting stronger.

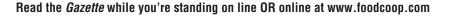
Individually, we are writing to our representatives. All of the Brooklyn members of the House and our two Senators have spoken against the TPP. We ask them to be consistent and to be more vocal and visible in public. Hillary Clinton and Chuck Schumer are two powerful Democrats who identify with Brooklyn. The national effort, "No TPP Tuesdays," focuses on strengthening their opposition. Information about the campaign is on the ITES blog at CoopITES.wordpress.com. Ask Secretary Clinton to continue to stress to President Obama that we do not want him to present the TPP to the Lame Duck session. Also, write directly to President Obama.

We call to your attention the MARCH FOR A CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION planned for Sunday, July 24 in Philadelphia on the eve of the Democratic National Convention. Their extensive website provides details. Stipulations in the TPP protect profits in fossil fuel extraction, transport and export that would block any initiative that might pass legislative process to "keep it in the ground" in order to stop global warming.

The TPP would guarantee the "right" to frack, claiming that banning is a restraint on trade. A "No TPP" contingent will be part of the July March. Coop members can go to the march as individuals or in affinity groups. Or the PSFC could endorse the march, and we could go together. Remember that at the 2014 Climate March Coop members participated as a delegation. Watch for more information about how you can help this historic movement save people, living things, the planet and the future. ■



Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 15.



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# Plastic Roll Bags Ban? Dangerous for Some

By Kevin Cunneen

Plastic is defined as a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene, PVC and nylon. Our bags are polyethylene, the simplest plastic possible. Unlike most other plastics it can be consumed by bacteria. Polyethylene is produced in the U.S. from natural gas with no polluting byproducts, converting 100% of the gas hydrocarbons into long chains polymers. Unlike many plastic products these bags do not contain plasticizers, the endocrine disrupters such as phthalates or Bisphenol A. New York City municipal waste is buried in landfills, generally in Pennsylvania, not the Atlantic Ocean as some have suggested. The carbon in a year's worth of the average member's produce bags would propel your car about 1,000 feet if it's a Prius hybrid, or fire your apartment's boiler for less than a minute.

What these plastic roll bags do is protect produce from contamination by food born illness causing pathogens. The agriculture industry has, for decades, engaged in the use of antibiotics in animal feed to promote growth. An article in the May 27 Washington Post reads, "For the first time, researchers have found a person in the United States carrying bacteria resistant to antibiotics of last resort, an alarming development that the top U.S. public health official says could mean 'the end of the road' for antibiotics."

For reasons not entirely clear both organic and conventional meats are frequently contaminated with antibiotic resistant strains. Persons sickened by these strains with compromised immune systems like infants, the elderly and people with Rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, inflammatory bowel disease, Guillian Barre Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis and wide variety of maladies may never recover. Plastic roll bags offer at least some protection from cross contamination.

We trust our "Environmental Committee" to provide us with good, science based recommendations that protect both the environment and public health. Banning plastic roll bags does nothing for the environment and seriously endangers the health of a very vulnerable population.

# Clean Energy Revolution

# The Clean Energy Revolution: How Do We Get There?

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#### By Carl Arnold

New York City is already feeling the effects of climate change. From unpredictable flooding and storms to inexorable sea level rise now under way, bold action is required—now. Thankfully, many have been heeding the call.

After years of grassroots organizing, the state of New York last year banned fracked drilling, the process of extracting oil and gas buried under deep layers of rock. Fracking threatens our clean air and fresh water, and it doubles down on dirty energy—at a time when we need to move to clean energy and keep dirty fossil and nuclear fuels in the ground.

Our probable next president parrots the corporate line that "clean" natural gas (methane) is a bridge on the path to renewable energy ("Safe and Responsible Natural Gas Production" https://www. hillaryclinton.com/briefing/ factsheets/2016/02/12/hillary-clintons-plan-for-ensuring-safe-and-responsible-natural-gas-production/), but fossil fuel extraction has never been and can never be safe. The natural gas coming into your stove—which is up to 105 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide—leaks at every step.

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Governor Cuomo's celebrated ban on fracked drilling does not remove the threat. New York still faces an onslaught of fossil fuel infrastructure, including many pipelines and their compressor stations, and plans for new gas-fired power plants. The energy industry is seeking a massive expansion of the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) pipeline—part of which would run just a few hundred feet from the now-unlicensed Indian Point nuclear reactors. A pipeline explosion here threatens 20 million New Yorkers.

There are plans to construct the massive Bakken fracked shale oil Pilgrim Pipeline across New York and New Jersey. And there's a plan to create an enormous fracked gas salt cavern storage facility right next to Seneca Lake, putting the state's largest body of fresh water at risk, threatening the fresh water supply for 100,000 people.

The oil and gas giants face sustained public resistance

# 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.

# **DEC OPEN HOUSE** for Prospective Members

The **Diversity and Equality Committee** will hold an Open House for prospective new members on **Thursday, July 14**. Those interested in joining should contact us **as soon as possible** at **ContacttheDEC@gmail.com**.

If you've already done so, we'll be in touch, but if for some reason you don't hear from us, please contact us again. We'll tell you more, find out a bit about you, and provide the details for attending the Open House.

The work of the DEC is varied, interesting and collaborative. We'd like our membership to reflect the range of ethnicities, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientation, abilities and ages represented at the Coop. All are encouraged to apply and the committee currently lacks what we consider adequate representation of our Asian, Latino, and Black and White male members. If you have education, mediation, workshop facilitation, writing, event organizing, research or data collection skills, we can use your input.

We look forward to hearing from all interested Coop members.

at every step of the way. That opposition has won battles across New York State and the country. That's the good news.

But we need to go much further. There's an obvious, urgent need to radically transform federal energy policy. How? The same way so many struggles have already been won: Organizing. That's why thousands of folks are heading to Philadelphia on July 24. They're not going to the Democratic National Convention as party delegates or industry lobbyists or media insiders. They're going as citizen climate activists to the March for a Clean Energy Revolution.

With so many national political leaders gathering in one place, this is the perfect opportunity to make a highly visible statement about the strength of this burgeoning movement. Just as we saw here in New York with the People's Climate March two years ago, committed and colorful action can help shift the conversation.

Last week there were new announcements from scientific agencies: CO2 has reached a new high (407.7 ppm) and arctic ice reached a new low (http://ecowatch. com/2016/06/08/carbon-dioxide-reaches-new-high/). If we want to do something to address climate change, we must act now.

The march has four specific demands: (1) an immediate ban on fracking, (2) keep fossil fuels in the ground, (3) stop all forms of dirty energy infrastructure, and (4) a swift, just transition to 100% renewable energy. Almost 500 organizations, representing an array of communities and concerns, have endorsed the march.

Want to join in? Get on the train to Philadelphia, or sign up to get on a bus leaving from several sites in New York City. To find out more, visit marchforcleanenergy.org.



## COORDINATOR'S CORNER

# **Members Are Asking About a Driscoll Boycott**

#### By Joe Holtz and Joe Szladek

raditionally in the Coop, formal boycotts are scheduled for discussion at a General Meeting. The way to get this done is to submit an Agenda Submission Form to the Coop's elected Agenda Committee.

At times the Coop's staff have themselves initiated the dropping of a particular brand in both temporary and on-going ways. We always strive to incorporate

many factors in deciding what to buy for the Coop, including taking into account the very important issues that affect the workers involved in the production and/or transportation of the food.

Because the boycott of Driscoll products would have a major impact on so many members' shopping and have the potential of a long duration we feel that

ing and deciding on such a boycott is the General Meeting. In the meantime we are continuing to seek information about the situation at Sakuma Brothers, the farm where the call for the boycott is coming from. We are also buying other brands of berries when feasible.

the best forum for informing, discuss-





JSTRATION BY LYNN BERNSTEIN

# 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

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 <u>a Project of the Park Slope Food Coop</u> 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 Flr., New York, NY 10018
- Help nascent coops that want to use our model: Contribute today!

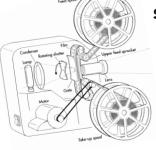


Look for us by the

yellow wall under

the green tent.

**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.

**ARE YOU A** 

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.



## STATEMENT ON THE COOPERATIVE IDENTITY

#### DEFINITION

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

#### VALUES

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

#### PRINCIPLES

The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice. The International Cooperative Alliance adopted the revised Statement on the Cooperative Identity in 1995. They are as follows:

- 1. Voluntary and Open Membership
- 2. Democratic Member Control
- 3. Member Economic Participation
- 4. Autonomy and Independence
- 5. Education, Training and Information
- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 7. Concern for Community

**REFERENCE: ICA.COOP** 

**NEW FOOD COOPS** 

# LINEWAITERS'

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215, 718-622-0560. Opinions expressed here may be solely the views of the writer. The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish articles that are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory.

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

The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish letters, articles or reports that are hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needless-ly 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. Printed by: Tri-Star Offset, Maspeth, NY.

# SUMMERTIME DON'T FORGET YOUR COOP SHIFT!



If you plan on being away during one of your workslots, please make arrangements to have your shift covered.

One way to do it is to use the Shift Swap at www.foodcoop.com!

If you plan on being away for eight weeks or more, contact the Membership Office to take a leave of absence.

# YOUR CO-WORKERS WILL LOVE YOU FOR IT!

	This Issue Prepared By:						
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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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# CÖPCALENDAR

### **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

July 7 issue:

July 21 issue:

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m. Submissions will be considered for the July 26 General Meeting.

## **Gazette Deadlines**

 LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

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

 July 21 issue:
 12:00 p.m., Mon, July 11

### **CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**

7:00 p.m., Wed, June 29 7:00 p.m., Wed, July 13

# 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 signup 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-forworkslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

#### Squads eligible for credit:

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

#### • Attend the entire GM:

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

#### • Signing in at the Meeting:

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

### • Being Absent from the GM:

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

# Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

## ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

# **Our Governing Structure**

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

# Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 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 itemsExplore 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.

# park slope FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

## **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.



# **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.

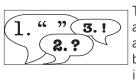
#### IV. Board of Directors Meeting

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.* 

**jul 10** sun 12 pm

# Speech for the Actor: Finding Your Best Voice

This workshop is designed for you to find your most free and expressive voice. Beginning with muscle release, imagery, and breathing, we will explore the mechanism of the voice from breath to sound. Delving into deep breathing, touching on the anatomy of the respiratory system, we'll learn how to expand our anatomic understanding of the voice into a free and resonant instrument. We'll then explore pure vowel sounds, masque resonance, and consonants; we'll talk about jaw tension and learn exercises designed to work the musculature of the jaw, mouth, and tongue. The workshop will end with a reading of a short poem or sonnet either of the attendee's choosing, or one provided. Coop member **Liv Keister** has an MFA in Acting from Ohio University and a BA in Theatre Arts from Southern Oregon University. She has worked as an actor at many regional theaters and is also a Pilates trainer.



# Safe Food Committee Film Night: The End of the Line



The End of the Line, a non-commercial project made possible through the support of The Louisville Film Society, contributors and volunteers, follows a coalition of activists—farmers, religious orders, environmentalists and constitutional conservatives—as they protect their

land, liberty and even their lives from a controversial hazardous liquids pipeline in Kentucky. The film documents the grassroots resistance to The Bluegrass Pipeline in 2013 and 2014 following the story all the way through to the pipeline's unprecedented defeat. This documentary from award-winning filmmaker Sellus Wilder encourages viewers to consider the effects of their actions on the global energy paradigm.

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.





# 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.



# **Meet Your Mind**

A class in basic meditation. The fundamental nature of our mind is stable, strong and clear—yet these qualities become obscured by the stress and speed of our lives. Meditation opens and calms the mind. This is a basic meditation class for beginners, and for anyone who would like a renewed understanding of the technique. **Allan Novick** has practiced meditation since 1975. He is a meditation instructor at the New York Shambhala Center and Nalandabodhi New York and has taught meditation at corporate venues. He lives in Park Slope, has been a Coop member for many years, and is a retired school psychologist.

# **jul 24** sun 12 pm

# **Everyday Posture**

Posture both contributes to our health and expresses something fundamental about us to the world. But for many of us, after years of huddling around a computer, carrying kids, and managing pain, we often find that our body doesn't feel or look as we hoped it would at this point. And worse, most conventional wisdom about posture urges leaves us stiff, stressed, and ultimately slumping with exhaustion. In this workshop, taught by a certified Alexander Technique teacher, you'll learn simple strategies for improving your posture and raising your overall well-being. The Alexander Technique is particularly useful for individuals dealing with RSI, back or joint pain, and performing artists. This gentle mind-body method helps you both find your true stature and feel at ease in your body. Repeat attendees welcome! Coop member **Dan Cayer** is a teacher and writer committed to helping others change habitual patterns, find freedom from pain, and create a sane relationship with their own body.



# Long-Term Care

You'd do anything to protect the ones you love. So why avoid discussing long-term care with aging parents, spouses and ourselves? Do we know that almost three of four adults over age 65 will require long-term care for some period of time? Do we understand the potential emotional and financial high cost of care? Adding long-term care coverage to your financial plan can provide you and your loved ones with increased peace of mind, flexibility and protection by providing a dedicated source of funding for long-term care costs. Join long-time Coop member **Mary Blanchett** to discuss the options, because it's never too soon to learn ways to protect what matters to you. Blanchett is a Financial Services Professional with New York Life Insurance and NYLIFE Securities LLC. She helps her clients with insurance, investments and retirement planning and has worked in long-term care for 27 years.



# **PSFC JUL General Meeting**



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

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



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# **Agenda Committee Meeting**

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

item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. *The August General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.* 



# Eating Vegan Workshop

Are you curious about a vegan diet? Wonder what the difference is between seitan and tempeh? If you have been thinking about going vegan, or just about working more fruits and vegetables into your meals, come to the Animal Welfare Committee's workshop. **Piper Hoffman** and **Megan Sullivan** are members of the Animal Welfare Committee.



# Film Night



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



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Food Class

# Female Health

PMS? Painful periods? Skipping periods? Fibroids? Infertility? Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)? Menopausal symptoms? Looking for a natural solution? Nutrition Response Testing is a non-invasive way of analyzing the body to determine the root cause of symptoms. We'll discuss some of the major causes of hormonal imbalance and how a custom-designed nutrition program can help return you to optimum health. **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope. She is also a long-time Coop member.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RESPONSE TO RESPONSE TO LETTER

#### TO THE EDITOR,

The Agenda Committee's (AC) response to my letter about member suspensions (6/9/16) is an attempt to excuse their failure to responsibly exercise their duties. Despite having been informed by staff that the West Bank SodaStream factory targeted for boycott was about to close, the AC nevertheless claims that they don't "verify the veracity of statements made within member proposals."

Ironically, the AC also claims that "it would be up to the participants at the GM and the Chair Committee [CC] to decide whether to end discussion on a particular topic." Unfortunately the CC violated their duty in this respect by foiling two efforts to do exactly that: the first during the Open Forum (attempt cut off mid-sentence), the second by unilaterally ruling against a Parliamentary Objection to Consideration of the Question, which mandates a vote of the members, not a decision by the Chair (http:// www.robertsrules.com/ interp\_list.html#2006\_20).

The Chair Committee declined to officially respond to my claims about their failure to respect the parliamentary rights of attendees. But CC member Carl Arnold, a passionate promoter of democracy, independently states that my allegations of these failures by the Chair are "beside the point," expressing a complete disregard for democratic parliamentary procedure and unwittingly strengthening the case that only four members were held accountable for an incident created by an institutional failure of process.

Mr. Arnold mischaracterizes my letter as little more than a defense of the suspended members, an inaccurate misreading and dismissal of its substance. In point of fact, what I disagreed with were the non-transparent disciplinary procedures, failures of due diligence by staff and the AC and CC in exercising their responsibilities, and the draconian, disproportionate one-year suspension for a non-violent protest to an inciting display of offensive and irrelevant photographs due to the Chair's failure to keep the discussion focused on the subject at hand (alleged human rights violations at the West Bank SodaStream factory).

Nor were the events at that meeting, as Mr. Arnold claims "an offense ... unprecedented in the entire history of the Coop." This hyperbolic characterization is contradicted by his statement (3/3/16) that GMs in the 1990s were "chaotic, vituperative and vicious" and by his candidate statement about a 1996 episode in which "all hell broke loose," presumably with no one-year suspensions for these episodes. The truly "unprecedented" offense is this Coop's longstanding tolerance for a movement regarded as part of "the New Anti-Semitism" (see my 11/27/14 submission, fourth paragraph), with many countries and American states, including New York, increasingly penalizing businesses that boycott Israel. And despite his passionate promotion of democracy, the Coop's normal democratic process through the GM is inadequate for Mr. Arnold who has decried the 2012 anti-referendum decision as an instance of our process being insufficiently democratic.

What is being missed here is that open democracy requires transparency and accountability, including admission of staff and committee failures of judgment, virtues not much in evidence in the two responses to my letter.

### Sylvia Lowenthal

#### Carl Arnold responds:

There's a disconnect here that merits only a brief response. Ms. Lowenthal continues to ignore the crux of what prompted the suspension of four Coop members. She believes the "substance" is not what the four chose to do but what other people did to "provoke" the four—circumstances were such that these adults just couldn't help themselves, thus it wasn't their fault.

In my experience of past General Meetings, regardless of tone or depth of disagreement or level of unpleasantness, in no instance has someone tried to yank a plug out of expensive Coop equipment, and no meeting was ever hijacked—stopped in its tracks—for nearly three quarters of an hour.

Ms. Lowenthal can disagree all she likes with the "failures of due diligence by staff and the AC and CC in exercising their responsibilities." That remains firmly beside the point.

Every adult is responsible for his or her own actions. Those who were suspended made their choices and were held accountable by Coop peers. It's quite straightforward.

By the way, as announced at every meeting, we use a modified form of Robert's Rules. Spoiler alert: none of us has it memorized. With the Coop's modified form, we do the best we can in our workslot.

Carl Arnold

## REPLY TO JOE HOLTZ: THE NEW MEETING ROOM POLICY IS UNWARRANTED INFRINGEMENT ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

#### **MEMBERS**:

If any controversial global conflict is denied free expression by the General Coordinators in meeting room forums, that policy infringes on freedom of speech of Coop members. The new policy prohibits freedom of speech and freedom to assemble when the topics relate to Palestinian rights and the BDS Movement (boycott, divestment and sanctions). **\*\*** This policy by the General Coordinators fails any progressive test. In modern parlance, in the otherwise progressive Coop, I have dubbed the policy (and I am not alone) "PEP"—progressive except Palestine. It is quite clear that my June 9 Gazette letter focused solely on the new policy for meeting room events.

The General Coordinators say the policy is to protect the Coop ... from what, exactly? In the May 26 Gazette, the General Coordinators say: "We hope that our decision will prevent us from going down the road of screening each event to see if it needs to be vetted by the Coop's attorney or will require a police presence out front." So, this policy, that ends free speech and free assembly in the meeting room, sounds like a vaccination, a preventative measure, to protect against the "what if" scenario the General Coordinators have conjured up. This rationale sounds like a 'homeland' security policy to protect the Coop.

But, members, there has been no "911" at the Coop relating to Palestinian rights or the BDS Movement in any of the meeting room events over the past 5+ years, presented by members from both sides of the issue. In fact, this is a lax time for the "Boycott of SodaStream" proposal issue. Since May 2015, we have patiently waited until a venue is located for members to vote on the proposal. In the interim, after a highly contentious GM vote, a supermajority is now required for any future boycotts at the Coop. The General Coordinators might have relaxed given that the worst was over. Instead, they instituted a restrictive policy, as of May 2, 2016, banning any future discussion on Palestinian rights in meeting room events. This unwarranted policy should be rescinded.

\*\*In 2005, 200+ Palestinian civil society groups called for a global non- violent BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement. It aims to pressure Israel to respect the basic rights of Palestinian people, whether living under Israeli military occupation, as unequal citizens within Israel or as refugees denied their right of return.

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

#### Response from Joe Holtz:

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

## OPINIONS FOR THE READERSHIP

#### DEAR LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE,

How are you, readers? Fact: The Linewaiters' Gazette is not The New York Times.

Opinion: I support the idea of the Coop banning plastic food bags. If this is passed, and the Coop does ban plastic food bags, I will hire my 18-year-old son to stand outside the front door of the Coop with a roll of plastic bags, which he will sell for 10c apiece. I'm sure he'll make enough money to put himself through four years of college, not to mention a down payment on a condo of his choosing.

Opinion: I am not in favor of boycotting an entire country based on the activities of its government. If this were made a policy of the Park Slope Food Coop, we would probably be boycotting just about every country on this little planet of ours, for nearly all governments take part in policies that are odious to our refined ethical and moral standards. I am in favor of boycotting individual companies for their nefarious behaviors, which includes mistreating workers, despoiling our land and seas, and/or supporting discrimination against anybody or anyone. For example, one of the co-founders of PayPal is an ardent supporter of a vile racist and inexplicably orange candidate for president of these United States. I hope everyone is moving their online transactions to Dwolla. That all being said, I hope the BDS people will put aside their Made in China smartphones and broadening their goals to boycotting all products produced by companies that don't abide by these basic principles.

Note: this letter has not been edited by anyone associated with the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and/or the Park Slope Food Coop.

Yours in cooperation, Robert M. Berkman

## THE "NEW MCCARTHYISM" IN NEW YORK STATE AND AT THE COOP

#### **TO THE MEMBERS:**

On June 5, 2016 Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order directing state



agencies and authorities to divest public funds from entities supporting the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign. BDS opposes Israel's military occupation of Palestine and the Israeli persecution of Palestinian people.

The Executive Order includes the creation of a list of organizations, businesses and other entities that support the BDS movement so as to prevent public funds from going to them. That tactic is reminiscent of Senator Joseph McCarthy's "black lists" during his Cold War anti-communist, antigay actions which gripped the United States in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Since the 1982 Supreme Court decision in "NAACP v. Claiborne Hardware Company," the right to boycott as an expression of political speech is well-established in the United States. (see "The Right to Boycott" at Center for Constitutional Rights{CCR} website www.CCRjustice.org.) As Palestine Legal stated June 6, 2016, Cuomo's Executive Order is a "blatantly unconstitutional attack on freedom of speech... It is unprecedented for a State to create a list of entities that support or engage in a First Amendment protected political activity, and deny them financial benefits because of it." (see www. palestine legal.org.)

A legal challenge to the Executive Order is very likely.

What does Cuomo's action have to do with the Park Slope Food Coop? Cuomo's action is a further attempt to suppress the BDS movement by threatening financial punishment. It is part of the campaign, led by Israel and its allies, to fight the BDS movement

PSFC staff and members who support the Israeli government will certainly use it as a justification for suppressing speech and action to boycott Israeli-produced goods like SodaStream.

The General Coordinators' decision to bar discussion about "SodaStream, BDS, Israel or boycotts related to those subjects in the (coop) meeting room" is right in line with the threat to free speech in the Governors' Executive Order. It has become, in a sense, the GC's "Executive Order". The General Coordinators may continue to claim their decision is based on the need to save staff time, but it is clearly, in fact aligned, with the agenda of those who support Israel's policies against the Palestinian people. Do we want our coop to be part of the "new McCarthyism"? Naomi Brussel

Park Slope Food Coop Members for BDS psfcbds.wordpress.com

## 2016 GC BOARD ENDORSEMENTS

#### DEAR MEMBERS,

An envelope with an Annual Meeting proxy ballot has hopefully been delivered to your home. Please return it to the Coop with your votes if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting on Tuesday June 28. If you did not receive a ballot in the mail you can pick one up at the Coop.

Please consider the following: 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 Q'ryn, Allen Zimmerman.

The General Coordinators

# ON BEHALF OF THE CANINES

#### DEAR PSFC DOG CUSTODIANS:

While we know you love your pooch and want to maximize your time together and his/her time outside, tying up your dog outside the Coop, even for a "minute," is never a good idea. It's not fair to other humans, and it's not fair to the dog.



For several reasons:

No matter where you tie the dog up, s/he and the leash are likely to interfere with Coop operations, i.e. the movements of carts, cartons, and people in and out of the store. If a member or child doesn't notice your low-to-the-ground family member, s/he may be hurt.

Not every member is comfortable in the company of your dog. When you tie him or her to the bench or elsewhere, you are preventing skittish or allergic members from sitting down or standing comfortably outside the Coop.

(As a dog-lover, this is the most significant to me.) Dogs left unsupervised are at risk of being taken by others. You may think your dog would never go with anyone but you, but at least twice in the last month Coop dogs have, in seconds, been my best friend, because I, too, have treats! I am confident that both these dogs would have gone with me so willingly that no one else on the sidewalk would have been the wiser.

Let's be realistic. Nothing in the Coop takes "just a minute," ever. You wouldn't leave your little kid out on the sidewalk. Don't leave your dog.

Janet Gottlieb

# SOURED ON THE COOP

#### **TO THE EDITOR:**

When I was leaving the May 31 GM meeting, I felt more disheartened than I ever have about the Coop's lack of commitment to environmental sustainability. The members present, at the urging of the Coop general coordinators, had just voted to keep distributing disposable plastic bags on the Coop floor, for the second time in three years.

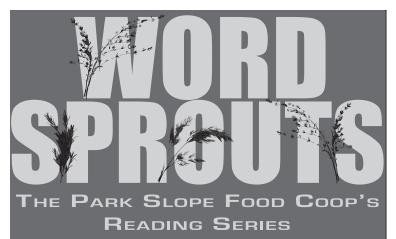
As I walked out I was stopped by a member who said to me, "I voted for the proposal [to get rid of the bags] but I am an immigrant so it made sense to me. But what I see in America is that everything is about convenience. Convenience is what comes first."

It was an interesting insight, although sad. Most of the comments raised during the discussion period—as always—had to do with the need for "more education," rather than removal of the bags. But as one of my fellow Environmental Committee members who was present pointed out, the committee has been doing education on this issue for decades. The endless calls for education are a red herring. The only thing that will stop the manufacture and disposal of the several hundreds of thousands of plastic bags members take off the floor each year is discontinuing their distribution. Perhaps someday a new generation of Coop coordinators will lead the way on this but it's clear that it will never happen under the current regime.

Continuing to give away disposable plastic bags on the Coop floor clearly violates the Coop's environmental policy, but what I find most disturbing is what another committee member who was present described as the "extraordinary lack of passion for protecting the environment," on the part of the members and staff present at the May 31 GM meeting.

Unfortunately, this has soured my personal feelings about the Coop, which I have been an avid member and defender of for 28 years. More and more it's becoming just a place to shop, which, I suppose, puts me in the company of many.

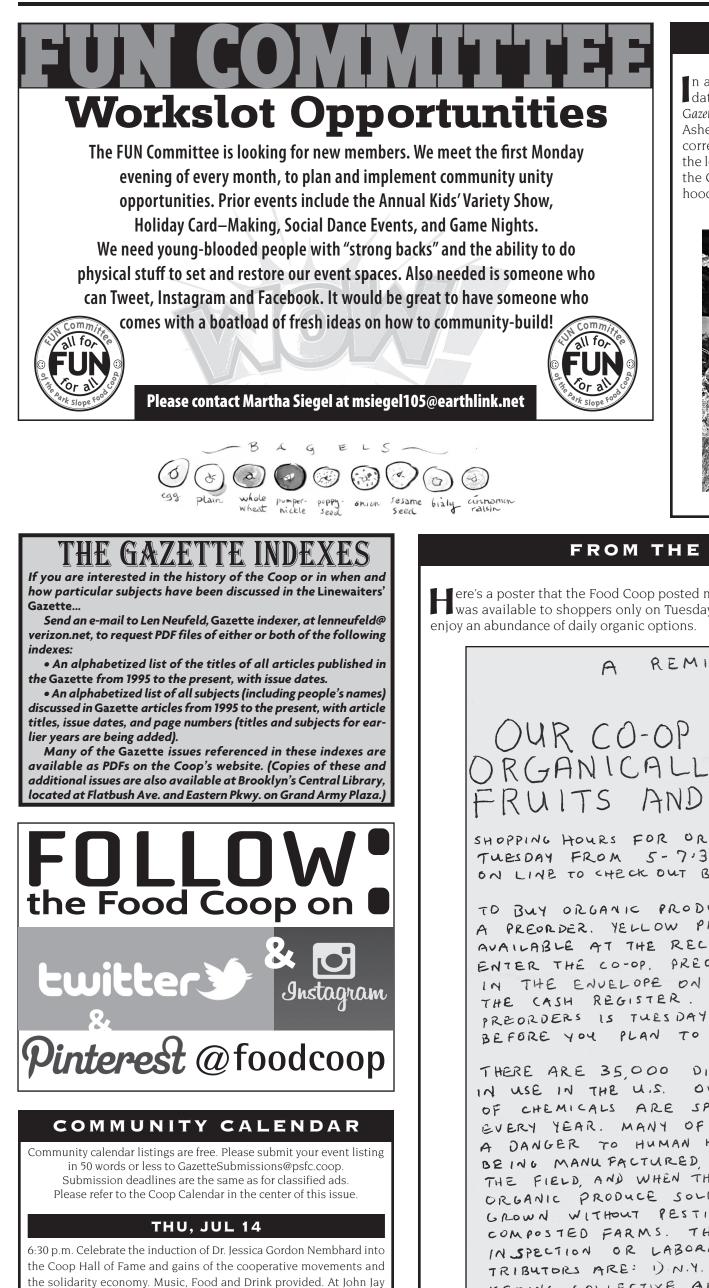
Regina Weiss



# Are you a writer? Do you want FTOP credit?

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

Please contact the organizers at wordsproutspsfc@gmail.com.



College. Sliding scale: \$10 -100. Tickets: Eventbrite.com or at the door.

## CORRECTION

n an article published April 28, featuring candi-dates for the Board of Directors, the Linewaiters' *Gazette* published a photograph of the wrong Rachel Asher, currently running for a seat on the Board. The correct photo is below. The *Gazette* also misstated the length of time that Rachel has been a member of the Coop. She has not been a member since childhood. Rachel joined the Coop in 2014.

-Editor



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

ere's a poster that the Food Coop posted more than 30 years ago, when organic produce was available to shoppers only on Tuesday nights and only after preordering. Today, we

REMINDER:

OUR CO-OP SELLS ORGANICALLY GROWN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

SHOPPING HOURS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCE ARE TUESDAY FROM 5-7,30 P.M. (YOU MUST BE ON LINE TO CHECK OUT BY 7:30.)

TO BUY ORGANIC PRODUCE YOU HAVE TO FILL OUT A PREORDER. YELLOW PREORDER SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECORDS DESK WHERE YOU ENTER THE CO-OP. PREORDERS SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE ENVELOPE ON THE WALL OPPOSITE THE CASH REGISTER. THE DEADLINE FOR PREORDERS IS TUESDAY, 7:45 P.M. A WEEK BEFORE YOU PLAN TO SHOP.

THERE ARE 35,000 DIFFERENT PESTICIDES NOW IN USE IN THE U.S. OVER I BILLION POUNDS OF CHEMICALS ARE SPRAYED ON FOOD CROPS EVERY YEAR. MANY OF THESE PESTICIDES ARE A DANGER TO HUMAN HEALTH WHILE THEY ARE BEING MANUFACTURED, WHEN THEY ARE USED IN THE FIELD, AND WHEN THEY ARE CONSUMED. THE ORGANIC PRODUCE SOLD AT OUR LO-OP IS GROWN WITHOUT PESTICIDES ON SMALL, WELL-COMPOSTED FARMS. THIS IS VERIFIED BY IN SPECTION OR LABORATORY TEST. OUR DIS-TRIBUTORS ARE: 1) N.Y. ORGANIC FARMERS MAR-KETING COLLECTIVE, AND 2) GOLDEN SUN.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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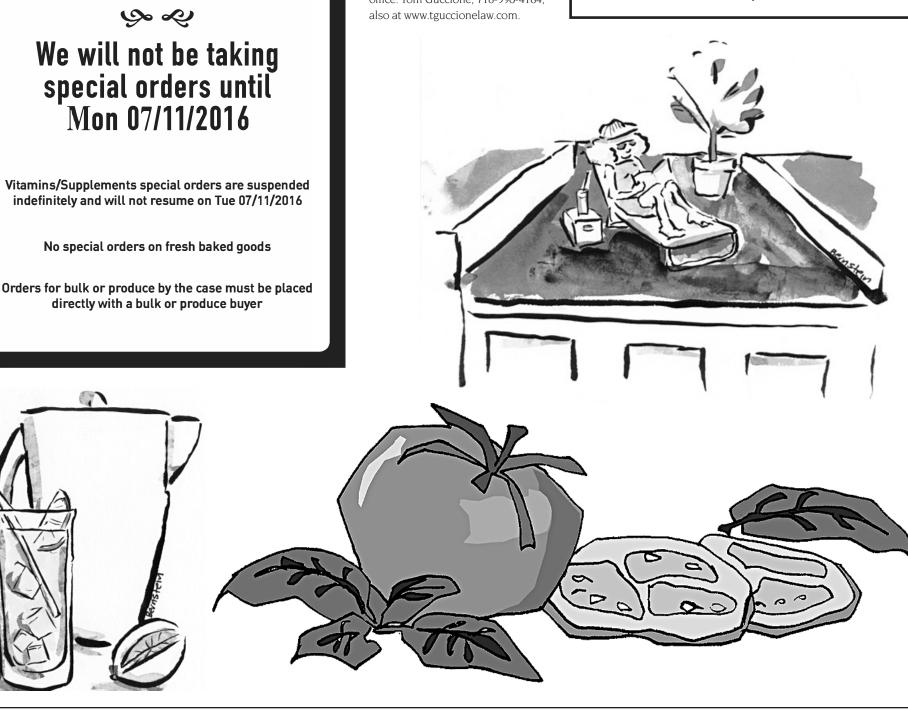
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## **To Submit Classified or Display Ads:**

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

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



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

# 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** 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** Monday, 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.



# **PLASTIC PACKAGING COLLECTIONS**

2nd Wednesday of every month 3:45-6 p.m. 4th Saturday of every month 1:45-4 p.m.

# **Expanded Plastic Collection** for Coop members

Please be prepared to show your Coop membership card.

Plastic bags/wrap/packaging from most products **sold at the Coop**—food and non-food.

Thin plastic film wrap—from notecards, tea boxes, pre-packaged cheese, household items, pet food, juice packs, etc. Plastic roll bags distributed by the Coop—please use roll bags only as necessary, reduce usage whenever possible, and re-use any bags you do take before recycling.

> NO food residue, rinse as needed. Only soft plastic from Coop purchases.

# 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, small Coop bulk bags, cling wrap Cereal and cracker 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 joining the squads that run the Wednesday/Saturday collection, or 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

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FOOD COOP

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

Ariella Angert Michele Ascione Joseph Baffuto Carolina Baizan Rithvik Balakrishnan Beth Baltimore Amelia Bande Wendy Barron Lazar Bloch Emma Bowen Krysta Brayer Eric Brelsford Anne-Elise Briantais

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