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## What Trump's America Means for the Coop

By Leila Darabi

The hardest thing to find in the Coop these days isn't out-of-season fruit or vegetables. It's a member who voted for Donald Trump.

I tried. On a rainy day one week after election, I stood outside the Coop searching for Trump supporters, who might be able to explain the appeal they saw in our unlikely—and to many frightening—President-elect. I also emailed members and staff.

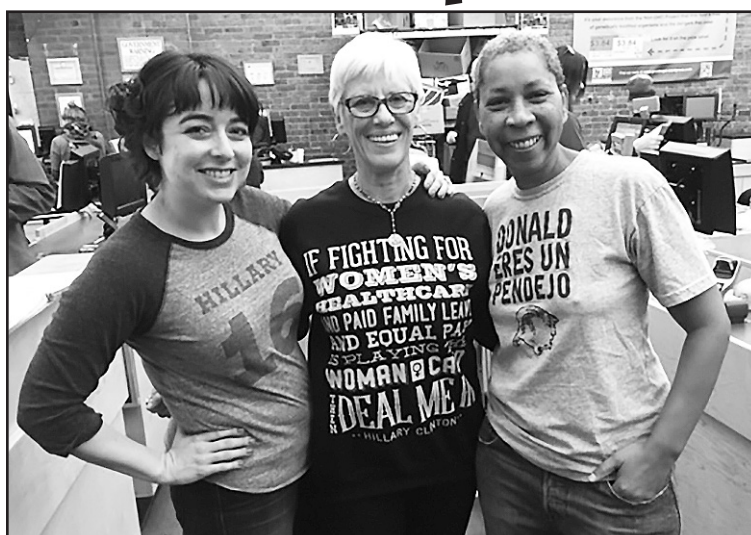
After reaching out to about 20 people, I can report: Mission Not Accomplished.

I thought I was on to something when Ed Levy, a member who also works for the Gazette, told me he had once seen a member unloading groceries into a car bearing a Trump bumper sticker. But Levy was quick to add that the car could have been borrowed.

Another member recounted a woman in her babysitting orientation meeting who had railed against Hillary and praised Trump, in part for his stance against the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). But without a name, I couldn't track her down.

The closest I came was a brief conversation with Sunshine Suggs, a new member who seriously considered voting for Trump, but in the end didn't vote at all.

"I felt like voting for her was buying into the same system for another four years," she said of Hillary Clinton. "And I couldn't stomach to vote for him, but I felt like if he was



Marie Lyons, Nancy Faul and Debbie Parker in happier times.

in—honestly it's so horrible—that the system would kind of collapse and people would finally take responsibility."

The presidential election may have divided the nation, but it unified the Coop even more. The bias of the Coop has always been clear: we lean left and further left.

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But veteran members say they can't remember the mood ever being so universally dour after the other guy won. I asked people in the produce aisle, the bulk aisle, on both the regular and express checkout lines, the walkers and people waiting outside.

The most common response to "do you know any Coop members who support-

ed Trump?" was laughter.

General Coordinator Joe Holtz compared the sadness on the Wednesday after the elections to September 11. "I think the Coop is a place where people come to sometimes when they have nowhere else to go, you know, if there's something upsetting," he said.

### Direct Impact on the Coop

Most of the animus towards Trump was due to his policies, outrageous comments and obvious bigotries. But at the Coop, there's also anxiety about how the new administration will impact our day-to-day lives.

Holtz recounted the strain on some members when President Reagan made it much harder to qualify for food stamps. "The amount of food stamps that the Coop collected from its members went way down," he said.

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## Dude Where's My Car? And Other Walker Tales

By Rachel Blatt

On an evening two years ago, Morgan Doninger, clad in one of the Park Slope Food Coop's unmistakable orange vests, was getting ready to walk a young man and his grocery cart home. As they started out, Doninger's family came over to say hi. "My son ran up and gave me this big hug and I said 'Ok buddy, I've got to go now.'"

Doninger walked with the member for a couple blocks before he was asked a personal question: "My girlfriend and I aren't sure if we should have kids or not, can we talk about that?"

The question surprised Doninger but it was also "kind of wonderful," he said. Before they parted, the young man told Doninger their talk had really helped him. "I haven't seen him since, but I've definitely wondered how he's doing. Just another fascinating walk."

More than 11 years since being created, the walker position has emerged as more than simply a strategy for helping members get groceries home. Walkers

also have taken on the role of community ambassadors, friendly conversationalists and even, in Doninger's case, relationship counselors.

At the same time, the position has attracted its own share of debate: There are some walkers who feel comfortable fudging the boundaries of the designated walking zone, and those who do not. Some members ask walkers for help that's outside the scope of their role. Some walkers are made uncomfortable by it and don't like being put in the position of having to say no.

*"Just another fascinating walk."*

According to Jess Robinson, a Coop General Coordinator, the walker job was created in May 2005. Officially called "outside work slots," these jobs were intended for just the week-ends, during the Coop's busiest times. By December 2005, however, the Coop saw a need to extend the role to full days, all week. "It all happened over a seven or

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### Next General Meeting on November 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The November General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29, 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](http://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.

## Coop Event Highlights

**Thu, Dec 1 • Food Class:**  
**Healthy Holiday Cookies** 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Dec 2 • Film Night:**  
**12-12-12** 7:00 p.m.

**Tue, Dec 6 • Learn About Cheese at the Coop** 7:00 p.m.

**Fri, Dec 9 • Wordsprouts:**  
**Current State of Publishing** 7:00 p.m.

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

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"That was definitely a sad time when that happened, you knew that it was hurting people."

Food Policy

In terms of potential policies that could impact Coop business and interests, Holtz pointed out that neither Democratic nor Republican legislators have prioritized organic produce.

Indeed, the *Gazette* has reported extensively on legislation passed earlier this year and signed by President Obama that loosens organic standards and disclosure of what foods contain genetically modified ingredients. Opponents branded that legislation the DARK Act for "Deny Americans the Right to Know."

Additionally, President-elect Trump stated during the campaign that he would freeze new Food and Drug Administration regulations, leaving those who care about genetically modified organisms regulations worried about what kind of Department of Agriculture chief he would name.

Coop staff member Rob Zisa shared in an email that while the staff had not yet had a chance to formally discuss the election results, on a personal level, he feared that further deregulation of corporations and ignoring global warming could affect availability and pricing of most food the Coop offers.

What the Election Means for Farmers

Another deep concern for the farm industry is labor. Dan Kent of Kent Family Growers, one of the Coop's produce suppliers in upstate New York shared his concerns.

"Swirling in the maelstrom of fears I was caught up in during the first moments after learning of the results, was the fear that my H2-A workers from Mexico would not make it back to work for me again," he wrote in an email. The H-2A program allows employers who meet specific regulatory requirements to bring foreign nationals to the U.S. to fill temporary agricultural jobs. To Kent Family Growers, losing this reliable source of labor would strike a blow to the business.

"After 13 years of hiring other types of workers and struggling to survive as a business, 2016, my first with H2-A, has been a breakthrough year and I have never been as optimistic or profitable as I am now," Kent wrote. "The middle class is in



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sight for the first time."

On an optimistic front, Kent isn't too worried about organic standards slipping under Trump, in part because he doesn't see farmers standing for it. "The progressive farmer crowd is ready for a fight."

Impact on a Personal Level

The Sunday after the elections, Casey Graddy-Gamel and her wife Marissa Quenqua waited for a morning shift to start so that they could pick up makeup shifts.

"As a queer person who is married to a woman, we got married in the last three years, I'm afraid for our marriage," said Quenqua. "I'm afraid for the fact that we want to have kids in the next year, I had a thought for a moment, do I really even want kids anymore, what kind of a world am I bringing them into?"

To deal with all the stress, Graddy-Gamel said, they cooked a big pot roast, made two dozen cookies and have been streaming the new Netflix show *The Queen* to take breaks from social and mainstream media.

Still Processing

Iman Jones, a member since the 1990s has seen a lot of change in her day. Originally from Barbados, Iman is a naturalized citizen who follows politics closely. As a nurse midwife and a Muslim, she had no trouble listing the ways in which the new government will have a direct and immediate impact on her community and profession.

"My aunt called me and she was crying and she was like oh my god women are going to go back to dying of backstreet abortions. It was awful, it was awful," she said.

To feel better Jones has been posting on social media, gathering with likeminded friends and talking to the nursing students she teaches to discuss how policy changes could affect women's health care, the Muslim community.

How to Tell your Daughter That Hillary Lost

On November 9, Amy Bryant took her almost-9-year-

old daughter Maxine to vote. Maxine and her mom had volunteered at Clinton campaign events where Maxine made homemade signs.

After the election, I asked Bryant how she was talking to Maxine about the results.

"The next morning I woke her up for school and gave her the news. I told her that I was so proud of her for helping to get our candidate elected, even though she didn't win," Bryant wrote in an email.

"She took all of this in and said, OK. Over breakfast she said, 'I've never hated a president before.' I told her I had some experience with that and we were in it together." ■

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Crossword Puzzle

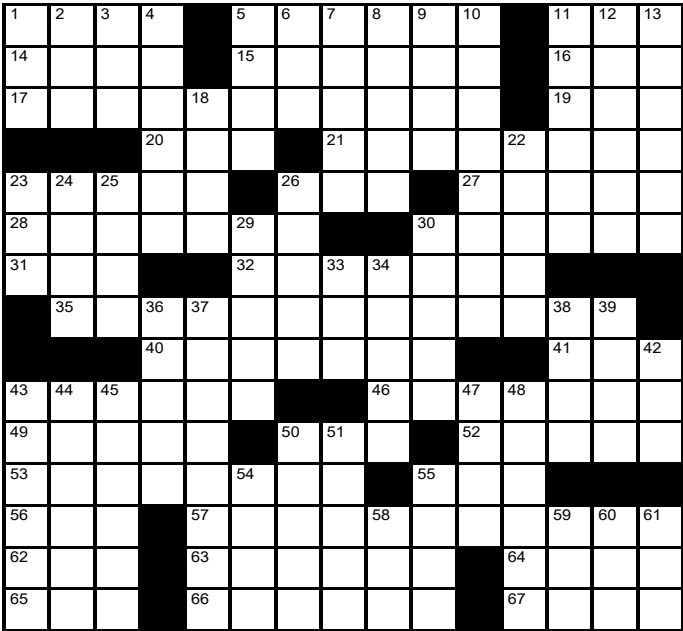
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- 1. "\_\_\_, poor Yorick..."
- 5. Ancient Apennine dweller
- 11. Jackson 5 hit
- 14. Valley
- 15. Collections
- 16. \_\_\_ Aviv
- 17. PR workers
- 19. P
- 20. "This is Spinal \_\_\_"
- 21. Zagreb resident
- 23. Scrap
- 26. Daphnean
- 27. "\_\_\_ Lost that Lovin' Feelin'"
- 28. Most bleak
- 30. Did exercises, perhaps
- 31. Consume
- 32. Vulture food
- 35. Prince's band
- 40. Continuation
- 41. Paronomasia
- 43. Build up
- 46. Rule
- 49. Element with 5 protons
- 50. Consumes
- 52. Wonder Woman's weapon
- 53. "Our \_\_\_ Cousin"
- 55. Baked Hawaiian dish
- 56. Health facility
- 57. Dickens orphan
- 62. Cartoonish shriek
- 63. Not introduced, as a species
- 64. Dull pain
- 65. Stealthy
- 66. :)

67. Requirement

Down

- 1. Commercials
- 2. Part of a race, often
- 3. Iranian leader Khamenei
- 4. Watch
- 5. "Avast!"
- 6. \_\_\_ de Triomphe
- 7. Flub
- 8. Kind of tower
- 9. Romulan captain
- 10. Type of writer
- 11. Open area
- 12. Act appropriately
- 13. Like Dolly
- 18. Medjool, e.g.
- 22. Artistic trunks



- 23. What a bouncer checks
- 24. Babysitting challenge
- 25. Something a president takes
- 26. Barrel rib
- 29. Public drama
- 30. Serving mistake
- 33. Something an usher checks
- 34. Polish
- 36. Software problem
- 37. Nostalgic meetings
- 38. Major work
- 39. Frequent anaphylaxis cause
- 42. "The Matrix" hero
- 43. Brings down
- 44. Force

- 45. Like many old houses
- 47. Buckets
- 48. Formosa, today
- 50. "The Agronomist" locale
- 51. Cartoon prop
- 54. A bivalve
- 55. Fish, to an osprey
- 58. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind" rapper
- 59. "A Song of \_\_\_ and Fire"
- 60. "Murder, \_\_\_ Wrote"
- 61. It has the slogan "Ideas Worth Spreading"

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



# Book Review: *Brooklyn Wars* by Neil DeMause

By Rene Brinkley

One of the largest battles of the Revolutionary War took place in Brooklyn. In 1776, George Washington led an army of untrained soldiers to fight the British army on the fields of Gowanus and Red Hook. In the Battle of Brooklyn, Washington and his forces were defeated and forced to retreat.

The war, of course, ended many years ago. But Neil DeMause, the author of the newly published book, *Brooklyn Wars*, noticed that fights over Brooklyn have been waged ever since.

"I started to realize, oh here is an interesting neighborhood battle," said DeMause a journalist who has been covering social policy issues for the last 15 years. "Here is a rezoning battle in Coney Island. Here is a displacement battle in downtown Brooklyn. Atlantic Yards started to crop up. I gradually started to realize this is a bigger story than just these individual battles."

The 276-page book chronicles the transformation of Brooklyn over the last 50 years. DeMause sets out to discover what is driving change in the borough, who are the winners and losers and what, if anything, can be done about it.

## It's the Landlord

Not surprisingly, the winners include building owners who collect rent. DeMause tells stories of longtime Brooklyn tenants who were squeezed out of neighborhoods by rising rents. One such person is Maisha Morales, the owner of a religious supply store in downtown Brooklyn. In 2010 she saw her rent jump from \$6,000 to \$10,000 over two years. Like many others businesses and residents in the neighborhood, she had to move on. DeMause is sympathetic to their cause.

He said during an interview that some of the most disturbing stories he heard while researching the book were about people being evicted in places like Bushwick. "I knew it was going on but I didn't expect people to tell me things like my landlord didn't want to rent to anyone with kids. He said he would rather rent to a white person with a dog than a Latino family with kids," DeMause said. "Stories like that you read about in the *New York Times* but hearing it first hand is something else."

## It's the Developer

*Brooklyn Wars* takes the reader on a historical journey around the borough focusing three of its four chapters on three different neighborhoods—Coney Island, Bushwick and downtown Brooklyn. Along the way we meet one of the biggest winners of the Brooklyn War, the developers. These are the people who profit from investing in real estate.

They yield enormous amounts of power. Consider Robert Moses who began his career in New York politics in the 1920s before turning his focus to city planning. He had a significant impact on the city in this role. Known as the "master builder," from the 1930s to the 1960s, he built 13 bridges, 416 miles of parkway, 658 playgrounds and 150,000 housing units. He accomplished all this without ever being elected to public office.

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DeMause is critical of how Moses yielded power pointing out that Moses' vision for orderly growth and year-round residents in Coney Island meant the destruction of old housing to make room for high rise public housing. "He never hesitated to remake a neighborhood with a sweep of his hand," the book says.

Other developers mentioned in the book also clashed with communities.

We meet Joe Sitt, the owner of Thor Equities which was one of the first institutional investors to enter the Brooklyn market. Sitt comes across as a smooth-talking businessman who came to Coney Island in 2005 with grand plans of redevelopment. Over the years he promised to build high rise beachfront condos, a mini mall, an indoor water park and even a mooring pad for a blimp. While most of these plans did not materialize, he managed to make over \$100 million dollars by buying and flipping Coney Island real estate.

Sitt is criticized for tearing down beloved amusement park structures, evicting businesses on short notice, and using small businesses as pawns in his negotiations with the city.

Bruce Ratner, best known for Barclays Center and the Pacific Park project, is also



Coop member Neil DeMause, author of *Brooklyn Wars*.

featured in the book. It points out that Ratner in 2003 talked about the borough emerging with a new identity.

Over the next 13 years, his company replaced residential row houses, private buildings and state owned rail yards with mixed use commercial and residential space. The book details how Ratner used political connections, money and influence to bring these projects to life.

*Brooklyn Wars* shines a harsh light on developers and is highly critical of how they sometimes bulldoze their way into a neighborhood without regard for the existing community. However, in the interview with the *Gazette*, DeMause had a more open-minded approach towards developers. He said: "Some are out for profit and have found ways to rationalize it. There are some who may genuinely believe they are doing good things for the neighborhood."

## It's the Government

Of course developers and landlords chasing profits aren't the only ones responsible for Brooklyn's transformation. *Brooklyn Wars* examines the role that government policies played as well.

For example, the Depression era government program called the Home Owners' Loan Program awarded cheap loans to properties it deemed unlikely to fall into foreclosure. Low income neighborhoods and those with high percentages of minorities were considered unworthy projects and denied loans.

Other government policies that have fueled the Brooklyn boom have included rezoning, tax breaks and the use of so-called "vacancy bonuses," which have allowed landlords to increase rents by 20% on vacant apartments. DeMause quoted city planning expert Tom Angotti to further build his argument: "Every major development since the 1980s—Metrotech, DUMBO,

downtown Brooklyn, the Williamsburg waterfront—was shaped, if not entirely launched, by the Department of City Planning and the Economic Development Corporation," Angotti states.

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Angotti also points out the cozy relationship between the real estate industry and city and state officials. He says the real estate industry is "the single largest contributor to elected officials at the city and state level. They buy the services of powerful law firms, lobbyists who know the law, who know zoning, and who are able to talk their way into the zoning changes that are needed to secure development when they want it."

## Now It's Personal

Any story about gentrification would not be complete without a discussion of the gentry—people with money. Who are the people moving to Brooklyn, why are they moving and what are they looking for when they arrive?

This is where *Brooklyn Wars* gets personal. The book challenges the reader who is living in or considering a move to the borough to examine their role in the gentrification process. "Unless you are at the very top of the food chain or at the very bottom, you are in some way both the gentrifier and gentrified in this city," remarked DeMause in the interview.

Perhaps you moved to Brooklyn looking for an affordable place to live. Let's say you are a college educated, middle income, professional and you find that Brooklyn apartment in the pre-war building. But what about the lower income people who lived in the building before you arrived who get priced out to make room for

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more people like you?

Maybe you are now in the new neighborhood waiting for it to change. You look forward to the arrival of the gourmet cheese shop, artisanal sandwich shop, handcrafted cocktail bar and of course the yoga studios.

But what about the shops there now and the customers they currently serve? After a few years the change you have been waiting for starts to happen. The trendy bars, restaurants and stores start to open all around you. Great! You love your neighborhood more than ever.

But then the tables get turned on you. Now there are people waiting to take your place, and they can afford to pay twice what you used to pay. You get priced out and are forced to retreat. The battle moves on to a new neighborhood and begins all over again. The most powerful weapon in this fight is money and the person with the most usually wins.

As stated in *Brooklyn Wars*: "When people with money arrive in a new location, if the market and city policy allows, they will inevitably use their economic firepower to overwhelm their new neighbors. They will overpower and displace the old and lure in the new....because gentrification isn't about change at all. It's about power."

*Brooklyn Wars* is currently available for purchase at Amazon.com and at the Community Bookstore in Park Slope. ■



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## Walker Tales

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eight month roll out," Robinson said.

Today, she calculates there are 43 shopping work shifts a week, with four or five walkers per shift. That means there are easily 650 to 700 members walking each month, with each person helping up to seven or eight members get to their homes, cars or preferred subway station after shopping.

Many members who have joined in the last decade can't imagine the Coop without walkers. "I figured we'd always had it," said one woman shopper outside the Coop, just as a fire truck with its siren howling began pulling out of the Fire Department driveway.

Interestingly, our neighboring Fire Department is a big piece of the story. "Back then, we really had a bad problem on the curb," Robinson remembered. "At least once or twice, the Fire Department could not make the left turn onto Union Street because of us. Our members' cars or car services were causing too much congestion."

Since close to 80 percent of Coop members lived within a mile of the Coop, reducing the reliance on cars and making the Coop a friendlier place in the process seemed like a "worthwhile, creative solution that could make the Coop easier for everyone," Robinson said.

Doninger, who joined the Coop just as the job began, remembered the early days. "At first, the comments I'd get from people would run more along the lines of 'Oh, it's just busy work, we have too many members so they're giving these kinds of jobs to people.'"

Eventually, though, members started to appreciate the job. "People started realizing that with walkers, they suddenly could park a little further away or not have to take their car at all because they're in the walking zone," Doninger said.

While walkers overwhelmingly love their work slot, they've also learned to deal with the occasional misunderstanding of their role. Walker Meghan Nickerson told the *Gazette*: "Someone once asked me if I would mind if we just stopped along the way to pick up their dry cleaning."

So for all the accidental offenders, what are the rules exactly? Arlo Chase, a regular walker, broke it down: "The full range goes to Second Street as the southern border, up to Prospect Park West, then



Coop member with walker Jim Bermfield, left, and walkers Macia Klugman and Tomi Yum, right.

down to Fourth Avenue, and then to Flatbush or Grand Army Plaza."

Of course, knowing those rules full well, Chase said most walkers have bent them before, and often not on purpose. "I once walked someone way into Crown Heights because she just kept saying 'Well, it's just past Flatbush.'"

According to Robinson, the zone was designed around the length of time it takes to get there and back to the Coop. Still, she said, "We know there's constant pressure from members to expand the walking zone. It's an ongoing challenge."

Longtime walkers say there are a number of additional benefits to the job. Sam Fuller, a walker since 2012, once walked a filmmaker who gave him advice on a script he was writing that "really helped me get unstuck," he said.

*"There were fire engines outside and smoke coming out of the building."*

On another night, Fuller said, "I walked a man home and he just had a sparkle in his eye and a really gentle demeanor. Before we said goodbye we just locked eyes, and for whatever reason we both kinda teared up. He had a very loving presence and it was beautiful to witness."

So many walkers I spoke to had similar stories of making brief, but deep, connections with other members. Doninger recounted: "I was walking someone to her car and we got caught in a downpour just as we got there. It was sheets of rain, it was unbelievable, so she said 'Why don't you stay here until the rain stops?'"

They passed the time talking about their jobs. "She was in charge of going into schools to help them paint murals," Doninger said. "It

was so interesting."

Years ago, Susan Brill was walking a member to his home on Prospect Park West only to find the building was on fire. "There were fire engines outside and smoke coming out of the building," she said.

Brill felt obligated to wait outside with the member. "He was very nervous so he approached the firemen while I waited with his cart."

It wasn't the member's apartment that was on fire, but a kitchen fire in a neighbor's apartment, and nobody was hurt. "In fact, I just walked him again today, and we were remembering that," she told the *Gazette*.

Several members spoke of a more minor emergency they frequently encounter: the "Dude, where's my car?" moment.

Nickerson said: "This summer, a guy I was walking couldn't remember where he had parked his car and it became this kind of epic adventure of him running block by block. There was something sort of cinematic about the whole thing. He was on his way to a surprise party where the surprise was going to happen any minute, so that was added pressure. We'd go to one block and he'd be like 'Ok! Wait here while I check!' and he'd go running down the block and come back."

Nickerson said they did this for about 25 minutes. The member eventually found his car but she doesn't know if he made it in time for the surprise.

On a night just following the presidential election, walker Natalie Good said most people wanted to talk to her about how they were coping. "A couple people said they were drinking a lot and having a hard week. Someone said they had been manically baking cookies and another guy talked about going crazy on chestnuts."



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The Coop's walks and talks often serve as a barometer for how our community is doing. Accordingly, it seems our walkers have felt their unofficial responsibility to be patient and empathetic even more intensely in the weeks surrounding the presidential election.

Toward the end of that post-election night, I made

one more round with Chase, as he escorted a young man whose mother also was a Coop member. "My mom was a walker," the man told Chase. "But she just retired this year, so there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

"Yeah, it's a long tunnel," Chase responded. "But at least there'll be a walker with you."

Everyone laughed. ■

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

## Obama Gives Up on Passing TPP During the Lame Duck Session

By Susan Metz, International Trade Education Squad

The Coop's International Trade Education Squad, which was formed in 2014 to keep members informed about on-going international trade negotiations and agreements, met on the Saturday following the election.

Squad members expressed relief that President Obama proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement appears to be stopped for now. The media has reported since Donald Trump's surprise election victory that President Obama has decided he won't present the so-called TPP to Congress.

But the squad also cautions Coop members that they shouldn't assume that the issue is over. The TPP is not dead.

The Squad, which has participated for three years in the campaign to publicize the potential dangers of the TPP, will continue to bring news, analysis and reflection on initiatives dealing with international trade that come from the new administration.

The squad will now also pay attention to future efforts to create an international trade agreement. We want any such agreement to be based on bringing prosperity to the many: protecting the environment; human, labor, health and animal rights; access to information; and transparency and democracy in governance.

Globalization is a reality. In recognition of the importance of the issue, trade was a central issue in the recent campaign and affected the election results.

As part of its mandate to educate Coop members, the squad believes it is useful to point out key statements that have been made in recent months about the election and its aftermath. Filmmaker Michael Moore predicted last July on *Alternet* the importance of the issue to the Trump campaign:

"Trump is ahead of Hillary in the latest polls in Pennsylvania and tied with her in Ohio. Tied? How can the race be this close after everything Trump has said and done? Well maybe it's because he's said (correctly) that the Clintons' support

of NAFTA helped to destroy the industrial states of the Upper Midwest."

More recently, Lori Wallach of Public Citizen Global Trade Watch explained what happens next:

"The TPP readily served as a potent symbol of business-as-usual in Washington and its facilitation of growing corporate power over every facet of our lives.

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The election of President Donald Trump, and the slew of exit polls showing Americans' ire over our failed trade policies that fueled that outcome, should dissuade Republican congressional leaders from pushing the Trans-Pacific Partnership. On the other hand, the Chamber of Commerce and the GOP donor class are clamoring for a TPP vote."

The squad agrees that corporate investors will not willingly give up on trade that protects their profits even though the TPP is out of the spotlight for the moment. With the entire federal government under

Republican control for at least the next two years, Trump and his team must feel omnipotent. According to Trade Promotion Authority legislation, also known as Fast Track, which Congress passed by a slim majority last June, the TPP could be presented for one up-or-down vote at any time within the next seven years. Trump and his team have other options that must seem less attractive.

According to reporting in the Washington Post.

"After over five years of negotiations in secret among 12 trade ministers and hundreds of corporate advisors, the issue of ditching the whole package does not seem likely to some."

Also, expecting elected officials to keep campaign promises is based on trust. In reality, the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. Trump et al can take their time to decide what to do with the TPP, which could still become law in 12 countries and control 40% of the world economy.

*Trade was a central issue in the recent campaign and affected the election results.*

It is more vital than ever to keep ourselves educated on the issues and to discuss how international trade

affects everyone's quality of life, arguably even life itself.

Links to the articles quoted here as well as background information about TPP can be found on the ITES blog, CoopITES.wordpress.com available through the Coop website.

Breaking news will be on ITES facebook page: Like CoopITES.

The squad suggests that members watch in the Coop events calendar for the next public forum when scholars, journalists and activists will provide information and help us to understand these important issues.

Talk at home, chat with a neighbor on the street, after worship, in class or in the corridors, on the job or at the union hall. And of course in the Coop, which is our community where we shop and work and share.

Members can keep in contact with elected officials to remind them: Fair Trade not Free Trade. Writing a letter to the district office of your representatives is better than sending an email or writing a letter to their office in Washington, D.C. You can visit the office. It's best to go with others from your neighborhood or school or work or congregation or union local or book group. Elected officials on every level are affected by free trade agreements because they limit government's ability to make laws and regulations.

The struggle continues....continues....and continues. ■

## 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](http://terracycle.com)

Questions about items we accept should be e-mailed to [ecokvetch@yahoo.com](mailto:ecokvetch@yahoo.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

# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, letters and committee reports from members that follow the published guidelines and policies. The following is a summary—please see the detailed guidelines for each type of submission on the Coop website: [www.foodcoop.com](http://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](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop) or on disk.

**Letters:** Maximum 500 words.

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

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

### LETTERS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS SUBMISSION POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### FAIRNESS, ANONYMITY AND RESPECT POLICIES

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

#### Fairness

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

#### Anonymity

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

#### Respect

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

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

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

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



## PROSPECT CONCERTS



Since 2009, **Clay Ross** has pioneered an original sound as a founding member of the band Matuto. With this group he has recorded albums for venerable jazz labels such as Motema and Ropeadope, and performed more than 1,000 shows around the world, including tours across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and South America. While spending these countless days on the road each year, Clay's wife begrudgingly works his Coop shifts. Tonight is his

chance to redeem himself and your opportunity to dance to an uber-talented band of Coop members rocking the sounds of "Brazilian Bluegrass!"

Clay Ross - Guitar and Vocals  
Jim Whitney - Bass  
Brian Adler - Drums  
Sergio Krakowski - Percussion  
Debbie Deane - Vocals and Keys

[www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts](http://www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts)

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8pm [doors open at 7:45]  
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.  
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

## RETURN POLICY



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

### REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

### CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER  
RETURNABLE

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

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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WELCOME!

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit [foodcoop.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network).

General Meeting Info

TUE, NOVEMBER 29

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, DECEMBER 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the December 27 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

December 8 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, November 28

December 22 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, December 12

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

December 8 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, November 30

December 22 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, December 14

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](http://foodcoop.com) and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

**Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)** • Submit Open Forum items

• Explore meeting literature

**Open Forum (7:15 p.m.)** Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting.

If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

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

**Agenda (8:00 p.m.)** The agenda is posted on [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com) and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

**Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)** • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby or sign-up at [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

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

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Squads eligible for credit:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

We welcome all who respect these values.

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# calendar of events

nov 29  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC NOV General Meeting



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

between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

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

**I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up**

**II. Open Forum**

**III. Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**IV. Meeting Agenda**

**Item 1: Election of Members to the Second Location Study Committee**

(40 minutes)

**Election:** To elect up to 9 Coop members to serve on the Second Location Study Committee that was previously approved at the July 2016 GM. The members will serve for the duration of the Committee. Members will work a minimum of 2.75 hours per month and have a regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

—submitted by Jonathan Farber and the General Coordinators

**Item 2: Amending the Park Slope Food Coop Inc 401(K) Plan and Trust**

(15 minutes)

**Proposal:** To amend the Park Slope Food Coop Inc 401(K) Plan and Trust to allow employees to make a rollover contribution.

—submitted by Joe Holtz and Lisa Moore, Trustees of the Park Slope Food Coop Inc 401(K) Plan and Trust

**Item 3: Proposed Cancellation of Dec 27, 2016 General Meeting**

(5 minutes)

**Proposal:** The General Coordinators propose the cancellation of the December 2016 GM.

—submitted by General Coordinators

**Item 4: Shift Make-up Policy** (30 minutes)

**Discussion:** Clarifying the language of Section III, part C, second paragraph of Heading 1 (The Double Make-up Policy) of the Membership Manual.

—submitted by Daniel Schorr

**V. Board of Directors Meeting**

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

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

dec 1  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Healthy Holiday Cookies



The holidays are a time for sweets, treats, and cookies, cookies, cookies. But this doesn't mean you have to abandon your healthy ways of eating or miss out altogether. Learn how to make classic holiday cookies into

clean eats by making your favorite cookies gluten-free, dairy-free, and refined sugar-free! Chef **Sarah Osman** is a certified holistic health coach and natural foods chef. Founder of Made Simple by Sarah, she believes that living a nutritious life does not have to be so complicated! With a few simple tips and tricks, it is not only easy, but also delicious, to lead a healthy life.

**Menu includes:** paleo double chocolate chip peppermint cookies; paleo pumpkin biscotti; vegan and paleo gingerbread cookies; vegan peanut butter chocolate chip oatmeal cookies.

**ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Jason Weiner in the Membership Office by November 17.**

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

dec 2  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: 12-12-12



*12-12-12* delivers a behind-the-scenes look at the star-studded concert at Madison Square Garden benefiting victims of Hurricane Sandy. Part concert film, part behind-the-scenes documentary and part sobering account of the devastating effects on the tri-state area of Hurricane Sandy, *12-12-12* features performances by

Bruce Springsteen, The Rolling Stones, Kanye West, Paul McCartney, The Who and many others from the massive benefit concert at Madison Square Garden to benefit the Robin Hood Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. **Amir Bar-Lev's** directorial credits include *Fighter* (2001), *My Kid Could Paint That* (2007), the Emmy Award-winning *The Tillman Story* (2010), and *Happy Valley* (2014). Bar-Lev also co-produced the 2009 Academy Award Nominee *Trouble The Water*. He has just completed editing on a four-hour documentary film about The Grateful Dead.

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

dec 3  
sat 12 pm

## It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and owner of Fitting Tribute Funeral Services, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, biodegradable caskets and urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love. Cunningham is a NY-licensed funeral director and editor of TheInspiredFuneral.com.

dec 6  
tue 7 pm

## Learn About Cheese At the Coop

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

dec 9  
fri 7 pm

## Wordsprouts: Current State of Publishing



Print culture has been deemed dead many times over, and yet in September, the Pew Research Center found that Americans are reading at roughly the same numbers they were in 2012. What's more, despite the rise of e-readers and tablets, they're still just as likely to

reach for a good old-fashioned paper-made book. Still, publishers large and small are working hard to stay profitable and relevant in our fast-paced, crowded culture. What motivates them, and where do they see the business of books going? Join publishing, writing, and book-selling experts from Akashic Books, POWERHOUSE Arena, Seven Stories Press, and Ugly Duckling Presse for a conversation about the current state and future of the literary world. In the '90s, **Sohrab Habibion** worked for a variety of magazines and musicians. He first collaborated with Akashic Books in 2001 and has helped on and off since then, along with doing a variety of other indie and on-demand press jobs.

**Susanne König** is the director of and buyer for The POWERHOUSE Arena in Dumbo, Brooklyn, renowned for hosting eclectic cookbook parties for many

For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com)

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



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Brooklyn-based chefs. She also curates an extensive collection of Brooklyn-made products. **Daniel Owen** is a writer and editor who lives in Brooklyn. He is a member of Ugly Duckling Presse's editorial collective and the author of *Toot Sweet* (United Artists Books, 2015). Along with Sarah Anne Wallen, he published the poetry magazine *Poems by Sunday*. **Dan Simon** is founder and publisher of Seven Stories Press, co-author of a biography of Abbie Hoffman and a noted translator and essayist. Moderator **Sarah Schenck** is the author of *JOY(reversed)*, a multimedia meditation book for beginners, written under the pseudonym Sarah Shine. Sarah has taught undergraduate and graduate classes in film production and storytelling at numerous institutions, including Bryn Mawr College, Hunter College, and Cornell University.

**Bookings:** John Donohue, [wordsproutspfc@gmail.com](mailto:wordsproutspfc@gmail.com).

**dec 11**  
sun 12 pm

## No Pain = Gain!

If pain gets in the way in your life, if you are annoyed by physical discomforts you experience on a daily basis—this presentation is for you! Learn about three myths that may be preventing you from feeling better and an effective and practical approach to eliminating pain and tension based on the Feldenkrais method of somatic education. The Feldenkrais method is unique in two important ways: it is designed to produce lasting improvements resulting in relief from pain and tension; it is accessible to people of all levels of fitness and ability. **Igor Shteynberg**, is Feldenkrais practitioner and a Coop member, whose goal is to help people enjoy their daily life without being distracted by pain and tension.

**dec 13**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Food for Thought...



We want our food fast, convenient and cheap, but at what cost? As farms have become supersized, our environment suffers and so does the quality of our food. *Food for Thought, Food for Life* explains the downsides of current agribusiness practices, and also introduces

us to farmers, chefs, researchers, educators, and advocates who are providing solutions. The film is both poetic and practical; its powerful examination of the connections between our planet and our well-being is accompanied by specific strategies that protect both. With an eye toward a sustainable and abundant future, it offers inspiration for communities that are ready to make a difference.

See upcoming events, past reviews and a comprehensive list of films shown at [www.plowtoplatefilms.com](http://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](http://www.foodcoop.com).

**dec 16**  
fri 8 pm

## Clay Ross



Since 2009, **Clay Ross** has pioneered an original sound as a founding member of the band Matuto. With this group he has recorded albums for venerable jazz labels such as Motema and Ropeadope, and performed more than 1,000 shows around the world, including tours across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and South America. While spending these countless days on the road

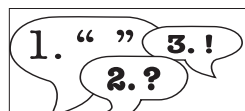


each year, Clay's wife begrudgingly works his Coop shifts. Tonight is his chance to redeem himself and your opportunity to dance to an uber-talented band of Coop members rocking the sounds of "Brazilian Bluegrass!" Clay Ross, guitar and vocals; Jim Whitney, bass; Brian Adler, drums; Sergio Krakowski, percussion; Debbie Deane, vocals and keys.

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

**jan 3**  
tue 7:30 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 7:30 and 7:45 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](http://foodcoop.com).

**The September General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.**

**jan 5**  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class



Food Class to be announced.

**Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Olivia Roszkowski. To inquire about leading a Food Class, contact Olivia Roszkowski at [parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com](mailto:parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com).**

**jan 6**  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night



Film to be announced.

**To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, [gabrielrhodes@me.com](mailto:gabrielrhodes@me.com).**

**jan 8**  
sun 12 pm

## Qi Gong Health Practices to Rehab Neck & Shoulder Pain

This two-hour class will introduce attendees to the fundamental principles of practicing qi gong and will cover several simple exercises that can be practiced at home to increase mobility and range of motion in the neck and shoulders and to reduce aches and pains from old injuries or general stiffness. Participants will learn general exercises to support neck and shoulder wellness and will have the opportunity to discuss specific neck and shoulder injuries and learn exercises appropriate to help them on their journey to wellness.

**Adam Wasserman** has been studying and practicing qi gong for more than 10 years. In addition to practicing qi gong, he studies and teaches a martial art known as Ba Gua Zhang, has an acupuncture practice in Park Slope and teaches qi gong and Chinese massage at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. He has been a member at the Coop since 2013 and is looking forward to sharing his knowledge with the community.

## still to come

**jan 10** *Plow-to-Plate Film*

**jan 14** *Embodying the Digestive Tract*

**jan 13** *Wordsprouts*

**jan 14** *Weight Loss 101*

## LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE REPRINT FROM AUGUST 27, 1987

**Editors note: The October 27, 2016 Gazette has a letter from Yigal Rechtman that proposes that a parent can sign a release on behalf of their child for working at the Coop. This reprint (from Vol. H No. 16 August 27, 1987) makes it clear that the Coop has not and should not allow that.**

## New Rules: No Children Working at Coop (from Vol. H No. 16 August 27, 1987)

By Miriam Strasberg

New rules have been put into effect in regard to children under 18 working at the Coop. All parents should be aware of these rules, because the Coop is at enormous risk if they are not followed. As the coordinators stated in their letter, "The GM felt that it had no choice but to make the rules because not making them could someday close the Coop."

### The Rules Are as Follows:

1. That no one under 14 may work at the Food Coop.
2. Anyone under 18 who is not a high school-graduate must have working papers on file with the Food Coop in order to work and may not work during school hours.
3. No one under 18 may work in the cheese area while cheese is being cut.
4. No one under 18 may serve on the construction committee.
5. When school is in session, no one under 16 may work after 7 p.m. or for more than three hours on any school day.
6. No one under 18 may work for more than four hours on any school day.
7. Fourteen-to-17-year-olds can work in lieu of their parents if they have working papers on file in the Coop

and if they have a special membership card that says that work papers are on file. The card is to be shown to the squad leader each time they work.

8. The Coop defines an adult as 18 years old or more. All adult members of a household are expected to join the Coop and fulfill membership requirements. A household is a group of people who share food. These definitions replace all previous definitions voted on in the past.

I asked the coordinators how the rules were formulated. Linda Wheeler told me that a lot of people had asked over the years, "Can my child do my workslot for me?" The coordinator asked the lawyers to look into it, and they found that there were many restrictions to having children work at the Coop—even alongside their parents. We couldn't even make the excuse that the child is playing while the adult is working.

Margaret Sandercock wrote a paper for the Coop regarding the child labor laws. She wrote, "New York Labor Law 130, with very limited exceptions, prohibits minors under 14 from doing any type of work. None of the exceptions apply to the Food Coop. Case law makes

it clear that even casual or intermittent employment of a minor under 14 is prohibited." She mentioned one case in which a contractor was prohibited from occasionally hiring a 13-year-old boy to mow the lawn of a house for sale.

If we do not comply with the labor laws, we are liable for a fine of \$500 per incident. Margaret continued, "While our Workmen's Compensation coverage is applicable to a child who works legally, a child who works in violation of the labor laws and becomes injured is entitled to recover double Workman's Comp payments." The Coop would have to pay, not the insurance company. "Also, if the child sued the Coop for damages, a strict liability standard would be imposed against the Coop by the courts. This means that the Coop cannot say that the child was contributorily negligent: probably no matter how bizarre a thing the child did, if the child was working, the Coop would be liable."

Most importantly, "Parents cannot waive their child's rights under the child labor laws either by working alongside the child or by sending the child to do their workslot."

Margaret then outlined the rules that she felt the

Coop should adhere to in order to comply with the law. These rules were then agreed upon at the May and June GMs.

It is still permissible for children to be with parents when their parents are working at the Coop, but the children cannot take part in the work in any way. Children can also continue to help parents shop at the Coop.

I asked Linda Wheeler what has been the reaction so far. She said many people feel sad about it. She said, "My children have spent a lot of time here, and many children have helped out while their parents worked. It's like growing up in a family store. Some children come into the Coop, and know exactly what kind of work needs to be done. They've done pricing, bagging, stocking."

Linda told me about one mother, Marian Lake, who was very disappointed about the change in policy.

Marion told me, "I know a lot of other people who feel the same way." Her son Jahi is eight years old. Marian said, "I am a child care worker, and when I come to the Coop, Jahi doesn't like to stay upstairs with the young kids. I have a really fun squad, and they've let Jahi work along with them. Jahi goes down to the basement, and helps out finding things

to bring upstairs. He does bagging, and knows how to operate the scale, and uses the pricing gun. He feels very proud to do the things he's learned at the Coop.

"He's gained a lot from the Coop. Even when we come just to shop, he helps the squad that's working. It's like a family business to him. It's like it's his store. Everybody knows him."

"It will be difficult for him to go to the Coop now, because he'll want to be working. My husband travels a lot for work, and it's been nice to be able to take Jahi with me to the Coop. But now I think I'll have to arrange for him to stay with friends when I go to shop or work. It'll be too hard for him to go now and not be able to work."

Although these laws were originally made to protect children, it's too bad that in this kind of situation children are prevented from participating in something that has clearly added to their lives. Especially now, when children are so far removed from the reality of work. The Coop will lose something, too. First—and not least—all the good-spirited work the children have done. And also, we will lose part of our family feeling, by not being able to have children actively involved in the work. ■

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## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## To the People of the Coop

By Marjorie Wilner

In the aftermath of the election, I spent a day curled up in bed, and I still feel awful. So many of my friends spoke of their sadness at what this election means for gay and trans people, immigrants, people of color, Muslims, women. My wonderful niece even spoke of being sorry for the Trump supporters, who have been the victims of a con.

And I can't help but feel how sweetly, beautifully naive this all sounds. Because all the people who are different—for them, nothing has changed. They have been treated badly, and will continue to be. The poor and homeless will be always with us, and will continue to receive little help and much blame for their circumstances. Women will still be marginalized, paid less and assaulted, and their rights over their own bodies will be circumscribed. Black people will be targeted with unjust laws and bigoted enforcement, and when they protest, will be labeled violent and hateful. The blessed years of the Obama administration, and the efforts he made—the next administration will undo as many of his accomplishments as possible.

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and join forces,  
rather than be divided.*

So many of us are accustomed to some sort of secondary status; many of us have lived in it most of our lives, so we know how to manage as best we can. People in the most advanced economy in the world will again die of treatable illnesses, for lack of health insurance. (If I get seriously ill between now and when I'm 65, I will probably be among them.) That is the sad part, not the horrifying part.

The horrifying part is that the economy, the environment and our international affairs are in the hands of someone who is incredibly ignorant, who will surround himself with self-serving yes-men. We have spent the last eight years crawling out from under the recession delivered to us by the previous administration. Trump's answer is to replace

Janet Yellen at the Federal Reserve. He admires Putin, who has transformed Russia into a kleptocracy. He has promised to tear up trade agreements; we need only look to Britain to see the early effect of Brexit on the value of their currency.

Trump has promised to undo climate treaties and environmental regulation. We are already on track to lose two-thirds of all the wild animals on the planet by 2020. And in international affairs—he wants to end NATO, do God-knows-what in Syria, and begin using our nuclear arsenal. All this makes civil rights seem quaint.

So—what now must we do? I very much need to take this despair that is physically weighing on me and transform it into something constructive. I want to plan, and get busy. Right now. We have to do everything we can, now, to resist, and to be ready. The mid-term elections are in 2 years; most people don't even bother to vote in them. We need—I need—to change that.

Who are the people who can help us change course? We need to identify and push forward politicians who can do that for us. Let's start to name names, and put our strong efforts behind them. I know of Zephyr Teachout, who has tried twice now for elected office in New York State. I need to make sure that she tries again.

We need to meet with our representatives in Congress and locally, now, to understand what exactly we can do to help.

We need to get organized, and join forces, rather than be divided. We need to go places where we may be uncomfortable, in order to create that community. I don't know exactly how to do what clearly needs to be done; I've never felt myself in this position before. But if you feel like I do, we need to let it be known that we want to help, and ask to be called upon to do so.

I ask you now to please call me if I can help. And I ask you to reach out and do the same. As members of the Coop, we know intimately what can be accomplished when we are organized. Let's do something to fight back, together. ■

## Coop Job Opening: Receiving Coordinator: Meat Co-Buyer

The Meat Co-Buyer/Receiving Coordinator will be responsible for purchasing the Coop's meat, poultry and smoked fish. Meat buyers seek high quality products, negotiate prices, nurture vendor/farmer relationships and make buying decisions while respecting and promoting local/sustainable/ethical practices.

Specific responsibilities of the meat buyers include but are not limited to:

- Analyze and monitor sales history to create accurate orders
- Maintain accurate inventory through quality assessment, checking of sell-by-dates and routine counting of product
- Check deliveries for accuracy, freshness, temperature and quality
- Weigh and calculate pricing for whole animals using Excel
- Review invoices for accuracy and price changes. Coordinate returns and track credits
- Ensure proper rotation, up-to-date prices and attractive display. Maintain clean meat and poultry cases
- Communicate with suppliers regarding the Coop's seasonal needs and understand projected availability of products

Forty percent of this position will be spent supporting Coop in areas other than meat:

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

The ideal candidate will:

- Possess professional experience as a butcher, livestock/poultry farmer or chef accustomed to preparing a variety of meats and poultry
- Have professional experience purchasing product
- Be knowledgeable about organic local and national issues regarding the raising of livestock and poultry and sustainable seafood practices
- Enjoy working with people and crowds
- Be an excellent team player with strong communication skills
- Have ability to teach, explain procedures, give feedback
- Be able to evaluate Coop needs, prioritize tasks and delegate work
- Meet deadlines and follow through on any problems
- Be comfortable with computers (Macs preferred) and Excel
- Facility with math. Knowledge of weights and measures
- Possess flexibility and willingness to learn
- Experience working in a grocery store is a plus

**Hours:** 38 hours, 5 days per week, Sunday-Thursday. Some early mornings. Availability to cover co-meat buyer absences required.

**Wages:** \$26.61/hour

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

### Job Requirements:

Candidates must be current members of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application. Applicants must be prepared to work during holidays, the Coop's busiest times.

Applicants must be able to:

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

### How to Apply:

Please create an account, and attach resume and cover letter as one document at the link here: <http://tiny.cc/meatbuyer>

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of application via email. Do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of application. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until position is filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

We strongly encourage candidates to schedule a shift in Receiving by writing to [hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop).

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

## ★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

### RECEIVING PRODUCE

**Monday–Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2 and 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 90 lbs. (a 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](mailto:britt_henriksson@psfc.coop).

### STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING

**Friday, 6 to 8 a.m.**

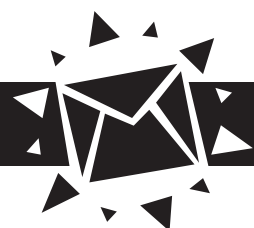
This job involves meticulous deep cleaning of the store's checkout equipment and furniture. Workers are required to read and follow detailed instructions for cleaning the scales, printers, and monitors as well as cleaning the furniture and organizing checkout worker's tools and supplies. Must arrive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

### OFFICE SET-UP

**Wednesday, 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.

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



## RE: INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD (ITES) REAUTHORIZATION

### MEMBERSHIP,

I am writing to urge members to vote against the reauthorization of the International Trade Education Squad as a permanent work-slot for the following reasons:

1) The presentation in support of ITES at a recent GM spent virtually all of the time on 'educating' the GM attendees on the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), but not on why we need ITES as a permanent work-slot committee.

2) While I am against TPP, the ITES has not focused on the 'Education' part of their title. They have never presented both sides of this issue, which they can easily get by quoting or perhaps interview-

ing the Obama administration or House/Senate supporters. By presenting only the "Con" side of this issue, I question whether Coop members will ever get a balanced picture of future trade agreements. It is up to individual members to decide whether to support or oppose a trade agreement. This does not stop ITES from rendering a point of view, but the main objective should be presenting both sides.

3) There is no way to know when or if additional trade agreements will be discussed by any future Administration. While different shifts have their own slack periods, I am a walker and may wait for the next Coop member that needs my service. The ITES could be without work for an unknown number of months or longer. It would be better as an ad-hoc committee specifically authorized each time to cover a specific trade

agreement, rather than as a full time work-slot. Mission creep is a concern during any extended down-time.

4) Some writers/speakers have mentioned the long hours they have put in on behalf of ITES. The Coop requires people to work 2.75 hours each shift for 13 shifts per year. To be equitable, units than have to work additional hours over the course of a year should have those "excess" hours compensated or better, have the work re-structured. We are all familiar with the paid and unpaid jobs outside the Coop that routinely expect much more hours than a 35- or 40-hour work week. The Coop should not be importing that philosophy but should strive to be fair to all Members in regards to hours worked over the year.

While I respect the passion that the members of ITES bring to the work, that is not a

reason to make it a permanent workslot.

*In Cooperation,  
Stewart Pravda*

## THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP, FREE TRADE AND DONALD TRUMP

### MEMBERSHIP,

We have never come to grips with the fact that we exist in a vast global commercial empire with the U.S. being central, but only one of many nation states within the relatively free-trading global commercial system. This system is the most effective, efficient and fastest way towards global prosperity. A billion people out of poverty in two decades is no small feat.

But our nation has never addressed, unlike many European nations, the relationship between global capital and local labor. The laws of commerce will displace workers and even entire cities from the market. Detroit and the rust belt, Appalachian coal country and innumerable disparate industries decline and disap-

pear with workers and municipalities bearing the entire burden with the balance of the nation's people and economy benefiting from the efficient wider markets and a vast array of inexpensive, quality products.

Western European countries expect and protect workers from these disruptive effects with guarantees. Their larger society is willing to shoulder some of the burden by compensating the losers (through higher taxes) in the free-for-all, rough and tumble of unfettered trade. In the U.S. the semi-educated, largely ill informed blue collar worker understands, at a gut level, that he is often getting screwed but lacks the intellectual capacity that would lead him toward a democratic, socialist political viewpoint. Instead they are easily manipulated by the likes of Mr. Trump, an extremely dishonest and cruel self promoter with racist, fear mongering and hate filled banter that deflect these workers from their true interest, financial security, a dose of democratic socialism, but not necessarily an overdose.

*Kevin Cunneen*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### SAT, DEC 3

8 p.m. Charlie King and Bev Grant at the Peoples' Voice Cafe; Community Church 40 east 35th street. NY. Wheelchair accessible, Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org).

### SAT, DEC 10

8 p.m. Adele Rolider and Dave Dersham at the Peoples' Voice Cafe; Community Church 40 east 35th street. NY. Wheelchair accessible, Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org).

### SUN, DEC 11

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players: Adela Peña and Michael Roth, violins; Ah Ling Neu, viola; Roberta Cooper, cello; Peter Weitzner, double bass. At the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library, Brooklyn. Free.

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### MERCHANDISE-NONCOMMERCIAL

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### SERVICES AVAILABLE

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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.

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