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Coop Members Remember David Buckel

By Gayle Forman

In the early hours of April 14, prominent civil rights attorney and Park Slope Food Coop member David Buckel set himself on fire in Prospect Park. In his suicide note, Buckel called his death by fossil fuel a metaphor for the destruction of the planet. In a longer statement, he grappled with the price of privilege and his role in it.

Buckel died by suicide, so the complicated feelings of guilt and responsibility and rage and fear that may have driven him, along with the mental health problems that might have underpinned these ardent feelings, died with him. But what is left behind is a man with a deep commitment to social and environmental justice: a respected civil rights attorney who, after retiring from law, focused his energy on composting and food

policy as a way to combat climate change. As a Coop member, he amassed 116 FTOP shifts while working with the Brooklyn Food Coalition. An avid volunteer, he devoted countless hours to mentoring others at the Red Hook Community Farm.

Here, Park Slope Food Coop members remember, in their own words, David Buckel.

"He was immensely committed to justice."

David worked at Lambda Legal from 1995–2008. We overlapped for five years. He was intensely committed to justice. His work covered a wide swath of what Lambda Legal does: marriage equality, students' rights. He

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A New GC of Finance and Strong Support to Remove Camelbak Products from the Coop

By Taigi Smith

The April 2018 General Meeting was held on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:14 p.m. General Coordinator Tricia Leith presented the preliminary eight-week financial statement to get the meeting rolling. Net sales are slightly higher at \$8.83 million versus a year ago. Tax figures are not in yet and nothing of sig-

nificance has changed financially since last month's GM, although a new General Coordinator of Finance, Stephanie Lee, was voted in at this General Meeting.

The membership has very stable numbers, but Tricia made it clear that we are at capacity. "We can't fit any more members in the building."

The Coop sales per week

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PHOTO BY EDU BAYER

Stephanie Lee, up for a vote as new General Coordinator for Finance, introduces herself to the PSFC membership.

Next General Meeting on May 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The May General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 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 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

Fri, May 11 • Wordsprouts: *Healing New Mothers from the Inside Out* 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Jun 1 • Film Night:
The New Public 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Jun 7 • Food Class:
Summer Marinades for BBQ & Beyond 7:30 p.m.

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

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had these landmark cases for students' rights that established the responsibility of public schools to protect LGBTQ students from bullying.

David worked on the Brandon Teena case in Nebraska. [The murder of a young trans man, which was dramatized in the 1999 film Boys Don't Cry.] David represented Brandon's mother, who had gone to the sheriff after Brandon was raped and the sheriff did not protect him against the assailants who came back and murdered him. The trial court ruling was adverse and David worked on appeal, which was successful.

David was the lead lawyer on the first New Jersey marriage equality case. That case was a win for equal rights and the court said

the legislature could decide how to deliver on equal rights. The legislature gave civil unions, not marriage. After David left Lambda, we decided to have a second go at it. We litigated it up to the high court in New Jersey and won marriage equality for LGBT. There was a hand-off there. He did chapter one and I did chapter two.

When he and I discussed working for marriage equality, he told me he had stopped attending any weddings because it was so painful to go to them and to know that his family and people like him couldn't have the same in terms of rights and dignity and celebration of having your friends and family come together. He was a person of very deep feelings and deep commitment.

—Hayley Gorenberg, General Counsel of Lambda Legal, Linewaiters' Gazette Reporter

"We looked up to him."

My Coop partner is my fiancé, Jocelyn Lima, and we are on the compost squad. The thing about the compost squad is that you're on your own. You go and get the compost, sign in the book. At many of the other shifts, you literally dump compost off. At Red Hook [Community Farm], Dave was on us: "You do have to process this." At first we are like, this is a huge drag.

"Composting was beyond the Coop or wanting to do something for the Coop for David. It was a way of life.

He wanted to do what he could do to green the world."

—Dempsey Rice, a fellow compost squad member

But then we realized. This is how you do it right. We ended up bringing our compost from home, really learning how to do composting right. There's a methodical way of doing it correctly. Everything has a function and a purpose. If you go to [the farm] and you just look at the way everything is hung up, all the rakes and shovels, perfectly thought out and organized. That's where David's genius comes in. That was all his doing. He helped build the place.

He was there all the time. Usually we go in the mornings. He was always already there even at 6 or 7 a.m., and when we'd go later in the afternoon, he was there. He was running around, doing a million things. It was incredible that he had that kind of energy. I would tease him a little bit. What's your secret?

A lot of people would come there to volunteer. They wouldn't expect it to be physical labor: shoveling, lifting heavy buckets. David would come up to us: "Oh, there's no way these people are going to make it twenty minutes." He would confide in us. That made us proud. He was firm. But supportive in criticism. We looked up to him.

—Tim Norton, Compost Squad Member

"I would have loved to tell him how much work he'd done for the LGBTQ."

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PHOTO BY TERRY KAELEBER

"David found ways to do work on the ground that would have an impact and affect policy. Moving toward composting made sense. He wanted to get his hands dirty."—Nancy Romer

David. It was a way of life. He wanted to do what he could do to green the world. You think compost is a simple thing. It's a complex thing. There are certain ways to do it well, certain ways not to do it well. I had a backyard composter. I'd ask his advice. What's the best way to balance it and get it all.

I haul food compost every four weeks. I saw him Friday. It was always disappointing if he wasn't there. Seeing him was just like seeing any friend, once a month: How are the kids? What's going on? How was your vacation?

I brought my son with me once to compost. He sat in the car, windows down and listened to the Harry Potter books. David went over to the car and just talked to my son about his daughter and who her favorite Harry Potter character was.

My partner's a woman. I had no idea he argued the Brendan Teena case. We never talked about his law career. I knew he was a lawyer for a long time and now retired. I just assumed corporate lawyer. I was clueless. I had no idea. I would have loved to tell him how much work he'd done for the LGBTQ. It's heartbreaking. My mom killed herself when I was 18. When I realized who had died, all this stuff came pouring back. I'm not a close personal friend. I saw him every month. What didn't I see?

—Dempsey Rice, Compost Squad Member

"He was doing so much."

I am the Squad Leader for the compost squad. I've been on the Compost Committee for more than 17 years. I've seen the squad expand from 15 people to 80. We now have buckets picked up every day by teams of

two that we deliver to six or seven gardens.

Red Hook is one of them. When David got involved, we were excited. They had so much space, we were able to do a lot more hauls there. Our capacity kept expanding. That's how I came to know David.

Originally, the farm was his compost squad shift. At some point, when he started getting paid by the Department of Sanitation, he said he couldn't be on the compost squad anymore. He was getting paid. I was like, I don't care; it's a shift. He was insistent he would pick up another shift at the Coop. This is one testament to his high ethical standards.

He had such exacting standards. The site is so beautiful. People come all over, from zero-waste cities in Japan, to see what the Coop is doing with composting. David was always a stop on tours. I'm sure the number of people who have come through that site is just countless.

When the curbside compost pickup started to expand with Department of Sanitation, we spoke in front of the City Council. We had several meetings to make sure that community composting didn't get left in the dust, that there's a valid spot for community composting too. You still need community composting. You need to maximize it, keep resources in the city. It builds community.

The way he spoke at these meetings, his argument, his mind. He was so intelligent and so sharp. He was always nice. So passionate. He was doing so much.

—Sherry Showell, Compost Squad Leader



PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN

NYC Compost Project at Red Hook Farm.

Sudoku

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

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Puzzle author: Abdul Powell. For answers, see page 13.

Albright Delivers Fascism Warning Amidst Protests

By Hayley Gorenberg

Visiting Park Slope to discuss her new book, Madeleine Albright delivered warnings of growing fascism in the U.S. and drew accusations of hypocrisy and promoting “genocidal” sanctions while serving as Secretary of State.

Albright, the first female U.S. Secretary of State, took the stage April 10 at Congregation Beth Elohim for an interview with WNYC’s “On the Media” co-host Brooke Gladstone. She highlighted segments of her book, *Fascism: A Warning*, including what she identified as signals of rising fascism she observes in the U.S. as led by Donald Trump: (1) hypernationalism, (2) the discrediting of democratic institutions (even as one takes advantage of them), (3) willingness to use any tool to seize power, and (4) divisiveness, with an emphasis on what’s “about us” or “for us.”

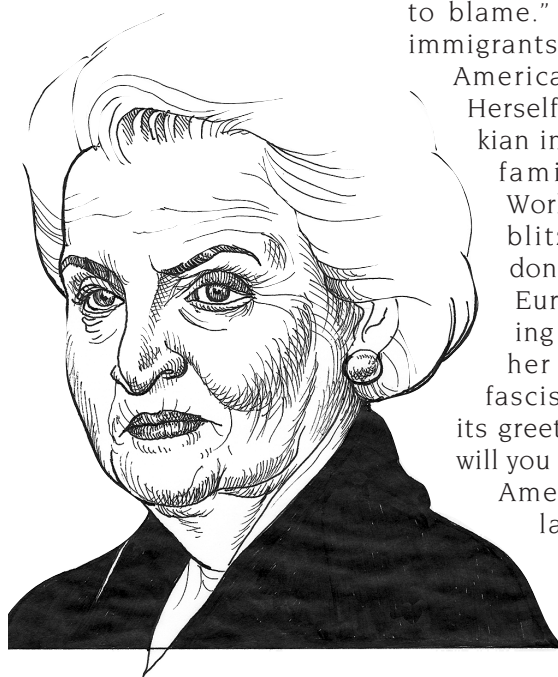
“I am calling on people to run for office and to be involved. We are capable of correcting our mistakes.”

—Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

She got as far as laying out those basics and the proposition that people respond to fascist leadership when they sense that democracy is not responding sufficiently to meet their needs—and was then interrupted by a series of yelling, banner-waving protesters who had scattered themselves throughout the audience that filled the synagogue.

Ezra Goldstein, a Coop member and co-owner of Community Books, which co-sponsored the event with CBE, said later that he “had no problem with protesting the event,” but reflected that doing so via repeated interruptions “made no friends. All they did was shout. They alienated people who would have been sympathetic.”

Coop member Karen Kramer also attended the talk, and she said she wished it had been “more forceful” and “more substantive.” She felt that the protest interruptions “really threw the whole thing off. We’re not idiots. She’s not there with clean hands. We know that she was Secretary of State; she can’t have clean hands.” Kramer was particularly com-



to blame.” She confirmed immigrants as the current American scapegoats.

Herself a Czechoslovakian immigrant whose family weathered World War II and the blitzkrieg in London, she contrasted Europe as welcoming and supporting her family fleeing fascism, but ending its greeting with “When will you go home?” while America was similarly welcoming and supportive, but ended its greeting to immigrants with “When

will you become a citizen?” She called current portrayals of immigrants “appalling,” and protested, “We can’t see immigrants as terrorists or rapists.”

Interviewer Gladstone asked, “Whether democratic citizenry can be talked into going against its values,” to which Albright responded that non-fascistic leaders would eschew divisiveness. “We need leaders who can find compromise and realize compromise is not a four-letter word,” she said.

Albright joined a chorus of analysts of social media, agreeing that “technology is a mixed blessing,” because it can provide information but also has a “tendency to create an echo chamber,” and because in her view the American populace—including journalists—is “not paying enough attention to the disinformation that is out there.”

Albright recommended civil discussions with people who hold different views, though she also related, “As



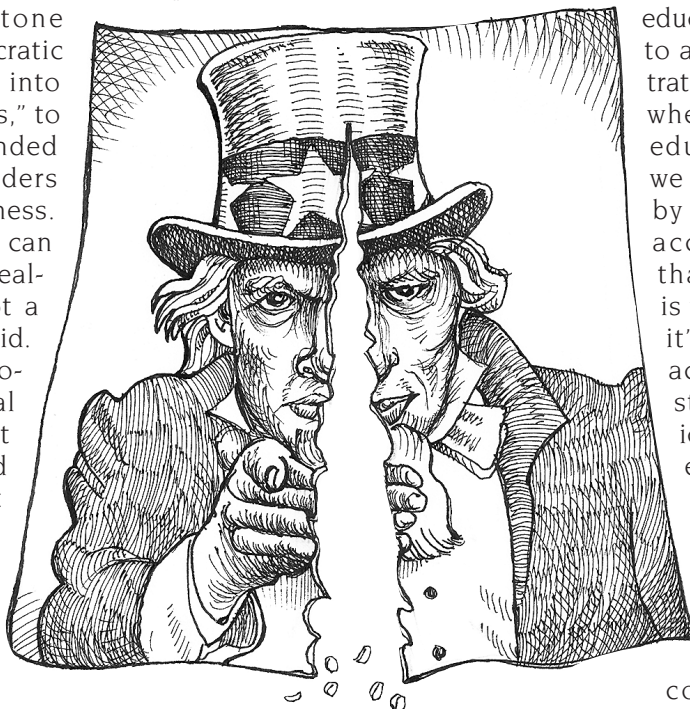
Madeleine Albright with Brooke Gladstone at Congregation Beth Elohim. They discussed *Fascism: A Warning*, Albright’s new book.

I drive around Washington I listen to right-wing radio, and I scream a lot!”

She flagged as potentially fascist the portrayal of a free press “as enemy of the people,” and relatedly, Community Books’ Goldstein professed acute awareness of the role of press and booksellers in fighting fascism. “Who’s been on the barricades fighting it?” he asked. “It’s been writers and artists and bookstores.”

Gladstone probed the term “illiberal democracy,” used by Albright to mean employing democratic tools to isolate “people one doesn’t like” and adding the “gloss of legality on these dynamics.”

Especially given current national leadership, Albright observed, “That role of talking about what democracy is about—that chair is empty. Trump makes us look like vic-



tims,” she said. He promotes “isolationism, which I think is impossible in the 21st century.” She continued, “I believe in patriotism, not nationalism.”

Nonetheless, the former Secretary of State had some words of hope. “People ask me whether I’m an optimist or a pessimist,” she said. “I say I’m an optimist who worries a lot.”

Specifically, she said, “I am calling on people to run for office and to be involved. We are capable of correcting our mistakes.”

She spoke of American democracy as having an element of fragility when it comes to its institutions, and urged that in the Trump era, Congress must step up and “demonstrate its role in checks and balances.” She said pointedly, “This is Article I time.”

Another key component

of Albright’s prescription is more funding to public education, with a focus on curricula including civics education, “preparing our students for a complicated world.” Her focus drew the attention of Coop and CBE member Jonathan Spear, a former teacher, school director, and now partner at the educational consulting firm ARC Impact Solutions.

“I think she provided a framework for understanding how important these issues are for avoiding the slide into fascism.”

—Coop member Jonathan Spear

From his vantage point consulting on school improvement, Spear said Albright’s talk on what’s lacking in modern education “relates to a general frustration I have with where we are in education: that we are so driven by [test-based] accountability that very little is valued unless it’s part of the accountability structure. Civics hasn’t been emphasized, because it’s not part of the accountability structure.” He expressed concern that

overemphasis on standardized tests is “distracting us from all these other issues that are really important—like the role schools should play in creating democratic citizens.”

Spear, who had purchased tickets for his parents to attend the talk as well, appreciated Albright’s stressing “the importance of paying attention and not being complacent in the face of what’s happening in the United States.” He said, “With the Trump presidency I think we could all just assume we can duck and cover for the four years, but I think she provided a framework for understanding how important these issues are for avoiding the slide into fascism.”

His concern aligned with Albright’s conclusion: “We are normalizing this behavior. This is not normal. This is not how America should be.” ■

LABOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Standing Up for Farmworkers Resisting Abusive Conditions

By Eric Frumin

The newly formed Labor Committee is seeking the support of Coop members in two important efforts to support the people who grow our food: the workers in the tomato and pepper fields of Florida, and the farmworkers of New York state.

Farmworkers have suffered exceptionally abusive conditions for the whole of U.S. history. Starting with the people who lived and worked as slaves in the U.S. cotton industry, to the sharecroppers of the South's post-Civil War economy to the largely immigrant families who worked in the fields from New England to California for decades, their conditions have rivaled or exceeded the abuses of any

other well-known victims in the U.S. economy.

Farmworkers themselves, and their reformer allies, have had various important temporary victories over the last century to stop those abuses. The organizing of Southern tenant farmers in the 1930s, and the rise of the United Farm Workers of America in the California grape and lettuce fields in the 1970s under the leadership of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, all made important strides. But these landmark victories never gained the lasting power to firmly establish their rights to even the minimal common American standards of decency and fairness at work.

Still today, farmworkers are exempted from the basic

federal laws passed in the 1930s on minimum wages and hours—and the basic legal right to have a labor union—that created the essential shield against abusive employers.

New York's Farmworkers Are Seeking Support and Protection—Join the May 15 Lobby Day in Albany

Today however, two important efforts are showing results: Recently, the faith community and labor unions in New York state have risen to demand that the legislature close the many loopholes in New York labor laws that exclude farmworkers from the same protections that virtually all other employed people in New York have to protect them from abusive employers: overtime pay after eight hours, workers' compensation insurance to pay their wages and medical bills in case of an injury, unemployment pay if laid off, disability benefits if they get sick or injured off the job, and the right to organize a labor union.

Led by the Rural Migrant Ministries (RMM), a coalition of church groups around the state and virtually every New York-based labor union, the RMM has been lobbying for these basic improvements. But the Republican Party's stranglehold on the State Senate prevented legislative approval. With the impending possibility of returning a Democratic majority to the Senate in the fall elections, we look forward to finally passing Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act (Assembly bill 4189/Senate Bill 2721).

For more information, see www.farmworkersny.org/.

In the meantime, on May 15, the RMM will be taking busloads of farmworker supporters to Albany, including a bus from New York City. If anyone is able to join the effort, see www.bit.ly/AlbanyDay for details.

And stay tuned for a Coop forum in the near future where we can learn more about this campaign.

Successful Organizing in Florida to Improve Farmworkers' Lives

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), based in the huge tomato industry around Immokalee, Florida has finally forced the huge corporate



Julia De la Cruz, a Coalition of Immokalee Workers leader, stated that farmworkers come away with almost no wages from long, unregulated days of work.

purchasers of the area's massive \$650 million annual winter tomato crop to support strict, effective standards to stamp out decades of modern-day slavery conditions. The Fair Food Program gives these 30,000 workers a living wage, safer conditions, and "zero-tolerance" protection from sexually abusive supervisors. The program requires the nation's largest purchasers of tomatoes to pay a "penny per pound" to uplift the workers' wages and support the strictest independent inspection and monitoring program of any blue-collar industry in the nation. President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based Partnerships called it "one of the most successful and innovative programs" in the world today to uncover and prevent modern-day slavery.

CIW farmworker leader Julia De La Cruz spoke to *Gazette* reporter Hayley Gorenberg when she was in New York in March. She described the terrible abuses she and others routinely suffered in the past, and then described their victories thus far: "All workers who are human deserve the same respect, have the same merit. That is what we've built. Being in the struggle, fighting for my rights is something beautiful. It gives energy to support a pathway to victory."

Faced with the prospect of an effective consumer boycott, every major tomato purchaser has joined the program, including the nation's largest supermarket and fast-food retail companies—including Walmart, Target, Stop-and-Shop, Whole Foods, McDonalds, Subway,

Taco Bell, Burger King and KFC—except for one: the Wendy's burger chain. Rather than stepping up like these companies, Wendy's has instead shifted its sourcing of winter tomatoes to Mexico, where the conditions are even worse and slavery still persists at the hands of large agribusinesses. Led by New York financier Nelson Peltz, Wendy's has stubbornly resisted the rising call to stop subsidizing slavery and sexual exploitation, leading the CIW to launch a national boycott of Wendy's.

CIW and its allies have raised the stakes on Wendy's, holding a major action outside Peltz's Park Avenues office on March 15. See the excellent March 15 *Gazette* article on this mounting protest.

Another mobilization in New York City is planned for July 19. Watch the *Gazette* for an announcement of a forum in June to inform us about this event. We hope that some Coop members will join us on July 19.

And in the meantime, the Labor Committee is discussing with the Coordinators the potential for the Coop itself to purchase produce from the farms that operate under the terms of the Fair Food Program—a major step forward for the Coop in its emerging efforts to support workers demanding fair and decent treatment in the fields. ■

For more information on the CIW and its campaign at Wendy's, see <http://www.allianceforfairfood.org/>

To contact the Labor Committee about these or other issues, write to genna.cherichello@gmail.com.

PLASTIC PACKAGING RECYCLING

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

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

For Coop members only

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.

Plastic food storage zip lock bags (any size), plastic cling wrap, and small bulk bags.

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

For all community members:

Pre-sort and separate according to the categories below.



Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes
Energy bar wrappers and granola bar wrappers
Brita water filters and related items (other brands also accepted)
Cereal and cracker bags/box liners



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 worksite?
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





PHOTO BY KEVIN RYAN

David Buckel's memorial near Prospect Park West in Prospect Park.

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"He Wanted to Get His Hands Dirty."

When I met David, he was on sabbatical. He'd got these gay rights cases resolved and he didn't want to be a lawyer anymore. He wanted to do more people organizing. He wanted to be on the ground.

David joined the committee to create the first Brooklyn Food Coalition in late 2008. At the first conference he chaired a very significant session on food policy with a lot of heavy hitter politicians who had the power to make some of these changes.

He wanted to lift up the policy issues: creating more urban agriculture and more ongoing support for and

relationships with urban farmers, advancing organic food and farmworker rights and other food worker rights in this state, and seeing how food production, growing and processing and distributing food, affects the climate. All of those have policy solutions. A lot of the people in the food movement will say "that's not for me." David was able to do the translation between the policy wonks and the people who would be affected by policy.

The thing that I remember most clearly, a while back, nine, almost 10 years ago, is not so much the conference. After the conference he wanted to see a Brooklyn Food Coalition form. And he was very intent on creating a democratic structure that would be representative of the various food communities. He was so hard working, highly organized and focused, and clear as to what he thought as the goals, how to get to the goals, how to bring people to the effort. He was always

very sensible. Looking for the greater good by creating structure.

David was always trying to find a way to do work on the ground, literally and figuratively, that would have an impact, that would have him work with people who affected policy. Moving toward composting made sense. He wanted to get his hands dirty.

He knew that when people engaged in meaningful, physical and social work, which is what composting in a group does, their understanding and commitment to the food system and climate change

deepens dramatically.

—Nancy Romer, Founder of the Brooklyn Food Coalition

Get Help

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the overwhelming majority of people who take their own lives have a mental disorder, often undiagnosed or untreated, at the time of death. If you are having thoughts of suicide, no matter what the rationale, it's imperative to get help. Go to <https://afsp.org/> for more info. Or call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255. ■

Anxiety into Action

While no one will ever know what led David Buckel to take his own life, his deep anxiety about the state of the planet is increasingly common. Eco-anxiety, says Coop member and psychologist Nancy Romer, is a recently coined term to describe chronic fear of environmental doom. This is something that many of us can relate to. But the way to combat this despair, says Romer is activism and action. "Acting on the world and acting in unison with others is the only known semi-antidote to depression around any kind of oppression."

Here, Romer highlights seven organizations in and around Brooklyn that seek to stop climate change. If you're despairing over the state of the world, as Buckel clearly was, get involved. "Direct participation is healing, is engaging, deepens your commitment and helps you to understand who you are in the context of social movement," Romer says. Joining one of these groups also seems like a way to truly honor David Buckel.

350 Brooklyn (www.350brooklyn.org)

A national organization with local affiliates (including a Brooklyn chapter) that seeks to solve the climate crisis with a focus on education and activism and a campaign to transition all energy to renewable sources.

Sane Energy Project (www.saneenergy.org).

A New York-focused organization aimed at replacing fracking infrastructure with renewable energy sources.

Food & Water Watch (www.foodandwaterwatch.org)

A Brooklyn-based climate group that champions healthy food and clean water for all.

Climate Works For All (www.alignny.org)

A citywide coalition, working on, among other things, cleaning up "dirty" buildings in NYC, which account for 70 percent of the carbon emissions in the city.

New York Renews (www.nyrenews.org)

A coalition demanding 100% renewable energy by 2050 and instituting a polluters' fee to help pay for sustainable infrastructure upgrades.

Uprose (www.uprose.org)

A Sunset-Park based Latinx rights organization doing a lot of work around environmental justice, particularly how climate change and the waterfront affects people of color.

The Park Slope Food Coop

Just by being a member of the Coop, you are part of an organization that is working to reduce the carbon footprint in the food chain.



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Tip of the MONTH!

**Close the doors of
your refrigerator and
freezer on a piece of
paper. If you can pull
it out easily, it's time
to replace the door
seals, which will cut
down on pollution by
saving energy and
save you money too.**

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Members get a workslot credit for attending a GM; 100% attention to the proceedings is not mandatory!

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average \$1.1 million dollars while each member spends about \$65 per week.

It was brought to the attention of the PSFC leadership that Citibank supported the Dakota Pipeline project and in response to that, the PSFC is currently transitioning their banking business from Citibank to Sterling Bank.

Tricia reported that the PSFC owes its suppliers about \$2 million dollars and “we have a roof project. Besides that, we’re renovating two of the Coop bathrooms.” The audience responded positively to the news of the bathroom renovations by applauding.

Fruit and Veg and . . .

General Coordinator Joe Szladek discussed the current state of our fruits and vegetables. “Rhubarb is here. Berry prices have been high due to rain in Mexico,” said Szladek. “Lemon and lime prices have also spiked due to heavy rains. Thankfully, none of the romaine lettuce we stocked during the recent romaine recall was from Yuma, Arizona.”

Szladek also said it’s time to say goodbye to blood oranges and other fancy citrus, but fri-see, mustard greens, chard, and dandelion are coming in for spring. Due to high demand, we will be carrying a wide variety of goat and milk cheeses. He also reported that vendors are starting to make really great non-dairy cheese, too. Szladek mentioned the brand Dr. Cow as a standout. “The cheeses really taste quite good and you guys seem to be buying more and more,” he said.

Szladek said the PSFC is also hoping to stock a new brand of pizza dough. The

dough we currently sell contains Potassium Bromate. He said Potassium Bromate is one of the additives we do not use at the PSFC. “We’re talking to pizza places in the area to see if anyone wants to work with us.” New products shoppers should look for include tofu Banh Mi sandwiches from restaurant Bromesa and the hot selling item, CBD oil. “The male plant doesn’t produce high levels of THC. It’s totally legal. Right now it’s in a Plexiglass case. People are taking it. We’re selling it.”

The various committee reports were presented with Ilyana Kadushin from the Environmental Committee (EC) reporting it has open slots. Ilyana gave a descrip-

tion of the Environmental Committee and said they helped bring Terracycle to the PSFC. Issues of importance to the EC include animal welfare and hydrofracking. “We are really looking for people who are into taking action with us for education,” said Ilyana who hopes members will consider joining her committee.

Labor

Eric Frumin presented on behalf of the Labor Committee. Its goal is to make sure that the PSFC does business with farms and companies that treat their workers fairly. “At present, it’s complicated work,” said Frumin. “Where are farmworkers treated fair-

ly? There are very few places. We don’t have a huge pool to draw from, but in the last decade, there are some definite signs of hope.”

“This is not about boycotting farms, but finding farms where workers are treated fairly,” said Frumin.

There is one vacant spot on the Labor Committee and whoever takes it will receive work slot credit.

Items on the April 24 GM agenda included a proposal to hire a new General Coordinator, a discussion of a proposed delivery program/service for the elderly, and a discussion of a proposal to boycott Camelbak products presented by member Matthew Wills.

Finance

Jean Callahan, a member of the Personnel Committee, proposed a vote for the new General Coordinator for Finance, Stephanie Lee. “She will take Mike Eakin’s place, who is retiring. Our job was to shape the process, conduct interviews, and forward candidates to the GCs. More than 70 people applied. Fourteen people were interviewed,” said Jean. “In the end, we decided Stephanie Lee was the best candidate and decided we could present her here today.” Bill Greene of the Personnel Committee introduced Stephanie to the PSFC membership. “One of the things that struck us

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The April GM filled the auditorium at St. Francis Xavier School.

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Seeking Diversity on the *Gazette* Staff

The *Gazette* is looking for qualified reporters. We are interested in using this opportunity to diversify our staff. We believe that we can enrich the quality of the *Gazette* and serve the membership better with a reporting and editing staff that more closely resembles the mix of Coop members.

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about Stephanie was that her background was similar to Mike Eakin's. For the last 15 years, she's been involved with economic consulting. Managing teams of 5-10 people is not unusual for her. As VP at her current job, she is responsible for training and mentoring current staff, so she understands collaborative effort."

After Bill's introduction, Stephanie addressed the PSFC membership. "I'm Stephanie Lee and I work in Receiving. I first moved to NY in 2004 and to Brooklyn in 2006. I think our operating results are remarkable and our financial results muscular. The Coop is a warm place and I'd like to work there every day and make a contribution." Stephanie also added that she enjoys knitting and making her own yogurt. "There is nothing that I do in my current job that has not been team based collaborative work," she said.

After Stephanie addressed the membership, a vote was taken to determine whether she would become the new Finance GC. The final vote was 297 people voting in favor of Stephanie and 8 people voting against. She received a unanimous vote from the Board of Directors.

Delivery

The second agenda item, submitted by Sharon Goldzweig, was a proposal for a food delivery program for senior citizens and those who cannot carry their own groceries or make it to the PSFC. "I've been a member since 1990. I'm almost ready to retire. My current job was squad leader of Friday night maintenance. I have a proposal for a delivery program. I've been told that once we retire, we don't shop as much. It occurred to me that our aging community isn't suffering from food insecurity, but we aren't getting the best food that we can," said Sharon.

Sharon sought permission to form a small committee to explore the development of a food delivery program. "Who are we going to serve? Do we serve seniors only? Are there other people to whom we deliver? What's the boundary? How far will we take the food delivery program? How do we work on insurance? How do we deliver? We could use bikes to deliver the food. I've been talking this up when I walk people. Should



"Thankfully, none of the romaine lettuce we stocked during the recent recall was from Yuma, Arizona"—Joe Szladek, General Coordinator

the elderly go shopping and leave the food? These are questions that I don't have answers to, and that's why I'm forming a committee to help with this," said Sharon. People who join this committee will receive short-term work slot credit.

*Rhubarb is here.
Berry prices have been
high due to rain in Mexico.
Lemon and lime prices
have also spiked due to
heavy rains.*

"How do we keep people from taking advantage of this? Overall, I think it's a great idea," said Jesse Rosenfeld regarding the food delivery program. Bill Penner added, "When we talk about retirement sometimes here at the Coop, I think some members are sort of against the idea. It may be nice to coordinate a way for people to come to the PSFC. I've been a member for almost 20 years now and there are many people who still like to come to the PSFC." General Coordinator Ann Herpel reminded the membership about the authorized shopper program. "A non-member can shop for members who are new parents, recovering from illness, or for people who are members and unable to shop for themselves." Ann also raised logistical challenges that could arise with the formation of the delivery program as it relates to our current location.

There were several questions and concerns that came up after Sharon's proposal. How do you keep things at proper temperature? We currently don't have an on-line system to order food or an on-line system to make payment. "It's very complicated and this committee, if it moved forward, would have

a lot of work to do. And I'm thinking this would be a lot of work for the staff," added Szladek. "Of course, people need their food, of course people who are elderly and who are sick, but we have to be very careful," he added.

Water Bottle Boycott

The Coop also discussed Matthew Wills' proposal to boycott Camelbak products. "The company [Vista Outdoors] is a maker of weapons and ammunition," said Wills. One of its shooting sports brands is called Savage—which is patterned on the AR-15. The Sandy Hook killer used a Savage before going off to school." After Sandy Hook, the company did extremely well. Why? Some people go out and buy automatic weapons after mass shootings because they fear new restrictions will be put in place. Camelbak is owned by the same company that owns Bell Bicycle Helmets and add to that Camelbak's parent company, Vista Outdoors, supports the NRA and NRA TV.

During the discussion, Mike asked, "If we were to do a boycott, do we put out a public statement or send a letter to the company? Is there some type of PR statement?" Bill Penner added, "Maybe this isn't a boycott. A boycott implies we're trying to change their behavior. Maybe it's just something we take off the shelves. It may not necessarily have to be a boycott." Theresa, from the shopping squad, asked, "Do we research all of our products with their association to this particular association?" A member suggested we donate the profits from the sale of the remaining Camelbak products to a charity that supports victims' rights. Phil from food processing asked "What do we do with the current backstock? Do we return



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Counting the votes on appointing Stephanie Lee as General Coordinator for Finance—only eight people voted against the motion.

it to the company? Does the Coop take that loss? Do we throw it in the garbage?"

"I am interested in exploring Bill's idea," said Elinoar Astrinsky, a General Coordinator. While she wasn't sure she wanted the PSFC to do a formal boycott, Elinoar took an informal poll during the meeting, and asked members in favor of taking Camelbak products off the shelves to raise their hands. Almost every member in the room raised his/her hand in support of taking Camelbak products off the shelves. GC

Ann Herpel expressed concern about bypassing the Coop's official rules for boycotts. "I would be happy to go through the process if that's what we should do. It sounds like that's what the coordinators would prefer. I guess we can go that way," added Matthew Wills.

The five board members present at the GM voted to accept the advice of the members to install the new GC, Stephanie Lee. The decision to make her the new GC of finance passed with a unanimous vote. ■

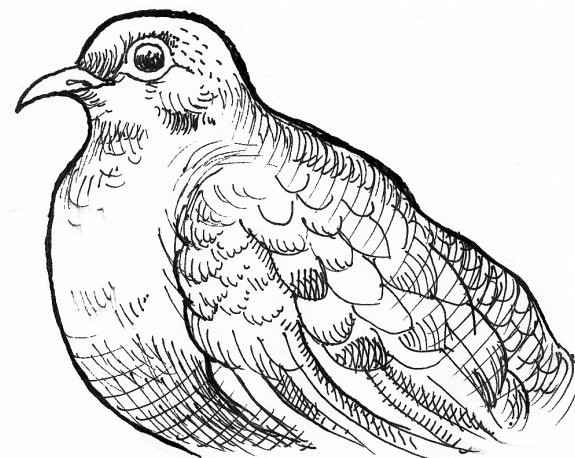


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STATEMENT ON THE COOPERATIVE IDENTITY

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

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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.

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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.

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In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

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Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, MAY 29:

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JULY 10 (one week later than usual)

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the July 31 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

May 24 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 14

Jun 7 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, May 28

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

May 24 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 16

Jun 7 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, May 30

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 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 and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

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

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Squads eligible for credit:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

We welcome all who respect these values.

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calendar of events

may 11
fri 7 pm**Wordsprouts: Healing New Mothers from Inside Out**

Just in time for Mother's Day, Wordsprouts is proud to present **Valerie Lynn**, known as The Mommy Planner, who has been a major force in introducing traditional Malaysian after-birth recovery practices to women across the globe. When experiencing postpartum anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder after the birth of her son in 2007, Lynn turned to traditional feminine healthcare—herbs, feminine-focused body treatments, and an enriching diet—to rebalance her hormones and heal herself naturally. Drawing on this experience, along with extensive research in Malaysian hospitals and in the field, Lynn wrote *The Mommy Plan: Restoring Your Post-Pregnancy Body Naturally Using Women's Traditional Wisdom*. As a Maternity Consultant and Home Healthcare Educator, she's created a unique six-week recovery program for new mothers. Please join us as she discusses her important work, and shares practical advice for how to care for a new mother's physical, emotional, and mental health in the sensitive weeks following a birth. Her book has guided nearly 1,500 new mothers through recovery and recuperation after pregnancy and childbirth through developing an easy-to-follow, step-by-step recovery plan. She is currently working on a cookbook, *The Mommy Plan Recipe Book—Healing Meals: Simple Recipes for New Moms*.

Free for all Coop members & non-members. Refreshments will be served. Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

After a summer hiatus, Wordsprouts will resume on September 14.

may 12
sat 12 pm**Feel Better Without Fighting Yourself**

Introduction to the Feldenkrais Method. Do you want to feel better, but tired of trying to correct your movement and posture? Good news is that you don't have to fight yourself through endless self-correction. It is possible to naturally improve your movement habits by taking advantage of your innate ability to learn (neuroplasticity). The unique benefit of this approach is that it brings about lasting changes and does not require you to memorize "correct ways" to move or constantly attack "bad" movement habits. **Igor Shteynberg**, Feldenkrais practitioner and a Coop member, whose goal is to help people feel better naturally and enjoy their daily life. His clients appreciate his ability to relate to their concerns, as well as his patience and care in helping them improve how they feel on a daily basis.

may 18
fri 8 pm**SAMBA!**

Groove to the music of women rocking the house with the pulsing sounds of Carnival! Members of Paprika and Batala join forces to celebrate the lilting melodies of Bossa Nova, the heart-thumping rhythms of Samba, and the dare-you-to-stay-seated sway of Samba Reggae.

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may 20
sun 12 pm**Spring Forward! Live Your Greatest Vision**

Spring is a potent time to reinvigorate your intentions from the New Year and re-align with your greatest vision. After Winter's hibernation, you now feel energized to create many different things in your life, from expanding influence, impact, and prosperity in your career to deepening and attracting love in your life, improving your health, and more. Where to get started? How to bring these potentials forth? Join my Spring Visioning Workshop and discover the most potent practices to connect with the areas of your life that are most "in season" for you to focus on. You'll discover the power of Clarity & Intention, Alignment, and Committing to your Destiny Path. **Rashmi** is a Certified Transformational Coach and Trained Facilitator, a prolific and accomplished actress, screenwriter, producer, and singer/songwriter who is passionate about generating powerful transformations for gifted creatives, entrepreneurs, and game changers who are on fire to uplevel their impact in the world. Rashmi is a proud member of the Coop and loves her entry-desk shift where she gets to meet and greet members at 5:45 a.m.

may 24
thur 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**. This month's class will feature a selection of unique cheeses from around the world! Coop member and American Cheese Society Certified Cheese Professional Elena Santogade will lead the tasting and offer guidelines for pairings and for designing cheese tastings of your own.

may 29
tue 7 pm**PSFC MAY 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: Annual Revolving Loan Committee Election (15 minutes)

Election: One current Revolving Loan Committee member will stand for re-election for a three-year term. —submitted by the Revolving Loan Committee

Item 2: Annual Dispute Resolution Committee Election (15 minutes)

Election: One member of the Dispute Resolution Committee will stand for re-election for a three-year term. —submitted by the Dispute Resolution Committee

Item 3: PSFC Public Endorsement of New York Health Act (30 minutes)

Discussion: To publicly endorse the NY Health Act, guaranteed universal health-care for all in NY, on the CNYH website and to publish a memo of support. —submitted by Lynn Evans

Item 4: Proposal to Eliminate the "No" Option from the Voting Ballot for Board of Elections (30 minutes)

Discussion: The options for voting "No" and "Abstain" on a candidate for the Coop Board of Directors will be deleted from the ballot. A simple mark will indicate that the member supports a candidate with her/his vote. The candidate(s) with the most votes wins the election. —submitted by Susan Metz

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.

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.

may 11–jun 26 2018

jun 1
fri 7 pm

Film Night: The New Public



In fall 2006, former DJ, point guard and teacher turned first-time principal, James O'Brien, opened a small public high school in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, where the graduation rate was less than 50%. With infectious optimism, O'Brien and his team of eight undertook an unconventional approach and ambitious mission: create a school with an arts-oriented curriculum that also emphasizes self-development, community collaboration and social change. Initially, the buzz from everyone was that this was a dream come true. But conflicts arise when idealism is challenged by long-standing realities far bigger than school. The film observes their story over four years from first day to first graduation. **Jyllian Gunther** is an Emmy-award winning writer, producer and director. She specializes in verité documentary and has a keen interest in exploring the stories of young people. She is currently in post production on her latest documentary, *Sunset and The Mockingbird*.

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

jun 7
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Summer Marinades for BBQ & Beyond



Summer is the season to get out of the kitchen and into the park, backyard, or balcony. In this class, we will demonstrate how to make flavorful marinades from around the world that require simple pantry-ready ingredients. With a little effort and time, these make-ahead recipes will give you time to kick back and bask in the sun or in the company of friends and family. **Uni Lee** is a chef, culinary educator, health counselor, and artist who has been implementing health-supportive diets for the last 15 years in various retreat centers, restaurants, and food-related businesses. Having gleaned the best attributes of ancient wisdom and nutritional science, she can help you understand what foods are right for you, right now. Her mission is to instill her passion for deliciousness to her clients on their journey to an integrated and joyful lifestyle. *Menu includes: Chimichurri Sauce (Mushroom); Korean Sweet Soy Marinade (Eggplant); Middle Eastern Shawarma (Chicken Skewers); Easy Peasy Beet Salad*

ASL interpreter available upon request, please contact the Membership Office.

Materials fee: \$5. This class is designed around participation. Space is limited.

RSVPs are required by June 4, contact parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com.

To inquire about leading a Food Class, contact parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com.

After a summer hiatus, Food Class will resume on September 6.

jun 12
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Eight Short Films



A selection of eight short films from the international Real Food Films Contest and a Ted Talk by 11-year-old Birke Baehr. The contest is an initiative of Real Food Media—an organization that “harnesses media and storytelling to educate, inspire, and grow the movement for sustainable food and farming.” Since its launch by Real Food Media in 2013, the contest has received more than 440 submissions from 34 states and 31 countries, of which about 70 are featured in their films library. June's features include: *A Greene Generation*, *At Needle-point*, *Hunger in America's Heartland*, *Home-girl*, and *Feed Your Baby*.

See upcoming events, past reviews and a comprehensive list of films shown at www.plowtoplatefilms.com which can now also be reached via a link on the Park Slope Food Coop's home page at www.foodcoop.com.

jun 23-24
sat-sun 9 am–7 pm

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

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

jun 26
tue 7 pm

PSFC JUN Annual and 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.

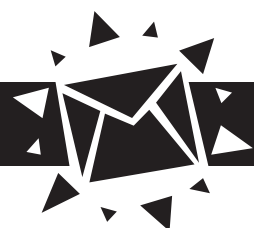
Meeting location: **St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.**

jun 26
tue 7 pm

Unmasking Hidden Sugars

How and why to begin a low-sugar life. Did you know sugar is added to approximately 74% of packaged food products in our supermarkets? Sure, we all know that desserts and soda are obvious homes to the sweet stuff, but with more than 61 different names, you might be surprised at how many “healthy” food items actually contain added sugar. Join me for an informative discussion on added sugar—what it means, where to find it and what it does to our bodies. **Sydney Greene**, RD, is a registered dietitian with a deep love for food and science. She received her undergraduate degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from New York University, where she is finishing her Master's in Clinical Nutrition. Sydney completed her Dietetic Internship at Mt. Sinai St. Luke's. Sydney has immersed herself in food science and the many facets of our food systems. As a previous vegetarian herself, Sydney has a deep understanding of plant-based eating and hopes to make vegetables part of everyone's favorite food lists.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



CAMELBAK FUNDS THE GUN LOBBY IN AMERICA, WHY ARE WE BUYING THEIR WATER BOTTLES?

TO THE COOP,

Hey fellow Coop members! Now that we know Camelbak water bottles are made by a company with most of its business in guns and ammunition, we should stop selling them at the Coop. Retailers like member-owned cooperative REI have already dropped all consumer products from Vista Outdoors, parent company of Camelbak. Vista is the largest ammunition manufacturer in America and a maker of semiautomatic

assault rifles. Vista Outdoors is active in the gun lobby, with strong ties to the NRA.

I hope we divest from our inadvertent support of the gun lobby, starting by suspending sales of Camelbak water bottles. The product itself is plastic, made in China. A proposal has been made to the GM, please get active in Coop governance and vote YES at the meeting to remove this item from our shelves.

Thanks!
Lisa Guido

GLASS WATER BOTTLES

DEAR PSFC,

I'm wondering what happened to all of the glass bot-

tles that we used to sell? One of the brands was Lifefactory. Now there is a big display case of two different brands of stainless steel water bottles in every color imaginable. What happened to the glass water bottles? Will we no longer be selling them? It seems to me that the space is big enough for both glass and stainless steel bottles.

Thank you,
Sarah Bouzas

REPLY FROM COOP:

DEAR SARAH,

In the winter, the sales of Lifefactory water bottles drops to an almost standstill. Our plan was to bring them back as the weather gets nicer. As per your letter, we will bring them back sooner, but just be aware that the selection of glass water bottles is not going to be as big, as they don't sell as well as the stainless steel ones. If there's a specific model/color of Lifefactory you are looking for, we can try and place a special order for you.

In Cooperation,
Oren Yaniv, Receiving
Coordinator, water bottle buyer

FAREWELL TO BACK TO THE LAND AND ORGANIC APPLES

TO THE MEMBERS,

For 47 years, Back to the Land health food store reliably provided certified organic produce and other products to the Park Slope community. Sadly that era is over. By the time this letter is published the store will have closed. This is particularly disturbing because the Coop has been gradually replacing organic produce

with non-organic varieties.

In a video titled "Amy Hepworth Unplugged" (<http://foodcoopvideos.weebly.com/community-events.html>), General Coordinator Joe Holtz complains "I've been struggling for ... 25 years to explain to members why they should want Amy's [minimally treated] apples instead of those California apples that are organic."

Joe's frustration may stem from the fact that considering the well-established health-harming effects of pesticides—primarily cancer—many of us value an official process to determine whether produce meets the highest standards for organic certification, standards which Ms. Hepworth finds "stifling" to her "creative autonomy" according to a 2008 article about her farming practices in New York magazine, "The Farmer as Cult Hero" (nymag.com/news/features/48929/).

In that same article, Joe claims that "It's hard to talk to people who are only interested in protecting their own little body." The article disrespectfully refers to Coop members like me as "organically fixated" and claims that "Organic once represented holistic values; now it's associated with self-serving ones."

I have no problem with a diversity of produce to serve those who don't mind pesticides in their produce. But when organic apples are typically limited to only two varieties—usually 3-lb. bags of Galas (not always of the highest quality) and sour, green Granny Smiths—while three-quarters are "minimally treated" or otherwise non-organic, the Coop is clearly treating those who prefer Certified Organic as second-class members, apparently regarding us

as too ignorant to buy into the Coop's (and Amy Hepworth's) philosophy of farming and health.

Additionally, organic green beans and Persian cucumbers are typically available only in pricey, pre-measured bags. And there are almost never any of the organic Kirby cucumbers or Brussel sprouts that used to be commonplace. In summer, organic peaches appear for about one week and are never seen again.

Coop members shouldn't have to shop elsewhere for organic produce, and those of us who live in Park Slope have just lost a valuable alternative source. Therefore I'm submitting a proposal that the Coop prioritize organic produce whenever possible, including those organic California apples that Joe refers to so disparagingly.

Sylvia Lowenthal

REGISTERING TO VOTE WHERE IT COUNTS

FELLOW COOP MEMBERS,

Most of us live in safely blue Congressional districts. But if you own a second home in a place that is a switch district, you can, under New York State law, register to vote there. (See: <http://catskillcitizens.org/learnmore/vote.pdf>).

I have reregistered to vote from Woodstock (NY-19), where I can vote to defeat Republican John Faso (who the *Times* says is one of New York's most vulnerable Republican representatives).

I know Coop members come from all walks of life, and I am privileged to be in a position to take advantage of this opportunity; but I would urge any of our other members who can also turn a vote in a safely Democratic district to a vote in a contested one to do so. In these times, every vote matters.

To vote in the primary, you must submit an application by June 1, to vote in the federal election, by October 12.

Forms and information about how to register can be found here:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html>

Godspeed,
Greg Costikyan

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the Food Coop on

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**Park Slope Food Coop Members
are invited to shop
At The Windsor Terrace Food Coop**

**Windsor Terrace Food Coop is located at
825 Caton Ave**

(corner of E8th Street & Caton
just south of Coney Island Ave.)

Thursday 7- 9 am 3-9 pm

Friday 9-11 am 4-7 pm

Saturday & Sunday 10 am - 4 pm



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IN YOUR POCKETS OR AT HOME.**



THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

THE GAZETTE INDEXES

If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the Linewaiters' Gazette...

Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at lenneufeld@verizon.net, to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

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

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

WORD SPROUTS

THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP'S READING SERIES

Are you a writer?
Do you want FTOP credit?

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

Please contact the organizers at wordsproutspsf@gmail.com.



Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

6	9	7	1	4	2	3	5	8
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8	6	2	9	1	5	4	7	3
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4	1	9	5	8	7	6	3	2
7	8	3	2	6	1	5	4	9

Coop Job Opening: Receiving Coordinator Evenings/Weekends

Description:

All Receiving Coordinators ensure the smooth functioning of the Coop.

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

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

The ideal candidate will:

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

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

Wages: \$28.12/hour

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

Requirements:

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

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

Applicants must be able to:

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

How to Apply:

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

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

<http://bit.do/receivingcoordinator042618>

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

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



Please protect your feet and toes while working your shift at the Coop by not wearing sandals or other open-toed footwear.

**Thanks for your cooperation,
The Park Slope Food Coop**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Greene Hill Food Co-op is relocating to Fulton St. and needs your support.

COMMUNICATE to family, friends, and neighbors. Help us gain more member-owners! Visit: greenehillfood.coop

If you want to **help with the move** or have a **specialized skill** such as carpentry or painting that could assist with our build out, please contact move@greenehillfood.coop

Coop Job Opening: Receiving Coordinator-Facility Repairs

The Coop is hiring a Facilities Repairs Receiving Coordinator responsible for hands-on repairs, coordination and supervision of activities related to the maintenance, repair, cleaning and improvement of the Coop's equipment and physical plant. This full-time position demands knowledge of building systems and the ability to coordinate and work well with a wide range of trades people, staff and members.

Areas of Responsibility: Repairs and Improvements

- Maintain the Coop's physical plant and equipment through hands-on repairs and coordination of member and contractor labor
- Identify and respond promptly to needed repairs, communicate with affected staff
- Develop a regular schedule for building, systems and equipment inspection to ensure optimal function and condition
- Innovate new ways to use member labor to make light repairs to the Coop
- Participate in renovation projects

Contractor Relations

- Communicate and manage Coop's relationships with outside service providers, Initiate and track service calls
- Oversee work of refrigeration mechanics, electricians, plumbers, HVAC, waste management, fire suppression and general contractors
- Communicate and document status of jobs for continuation later in day until completion

Shared Responsibilities

- **Member of Coop Facilities Maintenance and Repairs Team supervised by a General Coordinator:** Reliability, working well with others, follow through, excellent communication and documentation required
- **Safety:** Respond rapidly to reports of potentially unsafe conditions and maintain a safe working environment
- **Maintenance Squads:** Work in cooperation with other staff to train and communicate best practices to maintenance squads Help develop a cleaning schedule for all areas of the Coop Maintain all refrigerated and freezer cases and boxes
- **Tracking Systems:** Develop and maintain a shared system of tracking repair requests and service calls Communicate about ongoing jobs, their current status or completion Develop and maintain an organized system of tracking tools
- **Tool Shed:** Maintain an organized shed so that all staff can easily access what they need
- **Pest Control:** Work in cooperation with other paid staff to coordinate Coop's pest control program
- **Waste Management and Recycling:** Improve the Coop's handling of waste and recyclables
- **Receiving Coordinator Responsibilities as needed:** Communicate with Squad Leaders and squads about priorities. Train working members how to stock and complete projects. Facilitate and supervise the continual stocking of the store. Participate in deliveries. Answer members' questions.

Requirements:

Demonstrated experience in several of the following:

- Electrical including circuits, lighting, and small motors
- Plumbing including copper pipes, pvc pipes, bathroom fixtures, and pumps
- Carpentry including building repairs and painting
- Mechanical duties including product assembly and installations
- Interfacing and sourcing contractors, materials and supplies
- Keeping maintenance records, planning maintenance schedules and documenting procedure
- Ability to delegate, oversee work and give feedback.

The ideal candidate will:

- Enjoy working with people and crowds
- Be an excellent team player with strong communication skills
- Have ability to teach, explain procedures, give feedback
- Be able to evaluate Coop needs, prioritize tasks and delegate work
- Comfort with Macs and online tracking software a plus

Wages: \$28.12/hour

Hours: 38-40 hours, Monday-Friday. Starting between 8 and 10 a.m. Some prescheduled Sunday evenings to cover absences and perform improvements; work days are flexible those weeks.

Benefits: A generous package including but not limited to: 3 weeks vacation, 11 Health/Personal days, health insurance with no payroll deduction, and a defined benefit pension plan.

Prerequisite: Must be current member of Park Slope Food Coop for at least 6 months immediately prior to application.

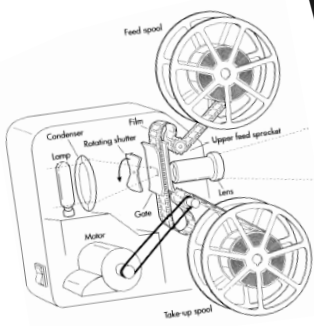
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How to apply:

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

ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?



**Would you like to
screen your work
at the Coop?**

Then submit your film
for possible inclusion
in the Coop's
Friday Film Night
Screening Series.

If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

**Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes
for details at
gabrielrhodes@me.com.**

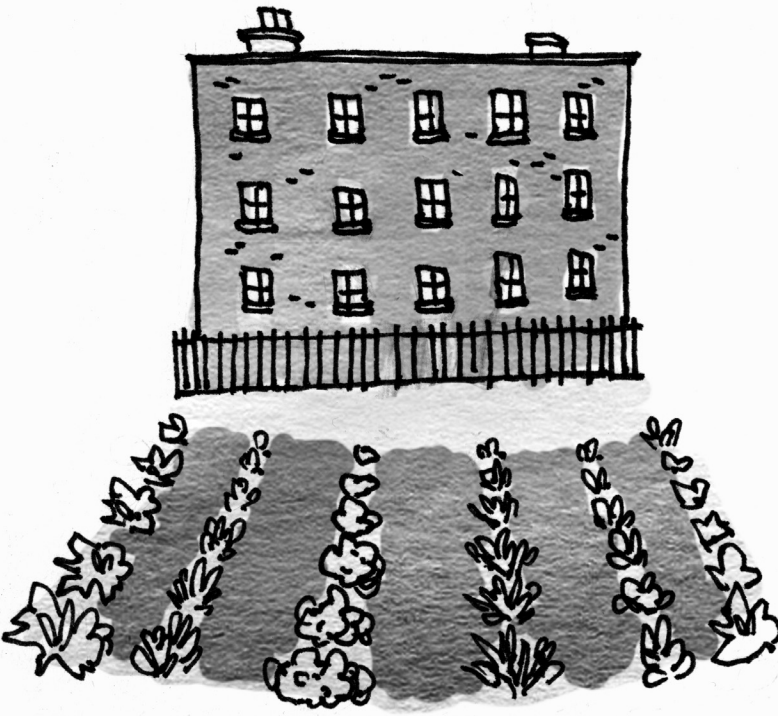
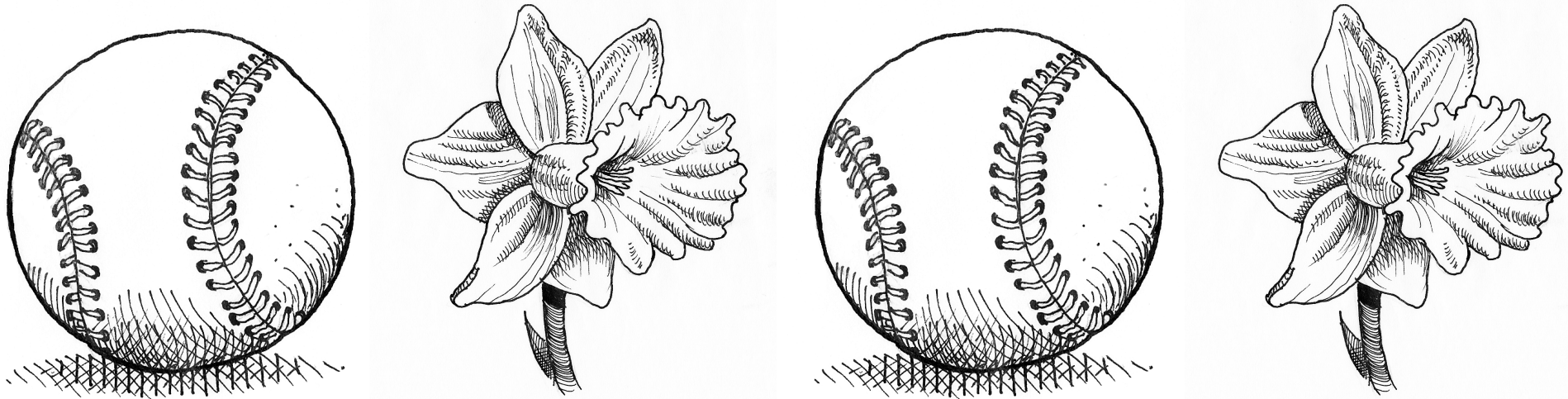


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

THU, MAY 10

7 p.m. ARTWORKS 2018, a Benefit for Arts Gowanus. Every ticket holder receives one original artwork! Meet Gowanus artists and mingle with art lovers. You choose from 75 artworks, paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, ceramics, and take one home! See you at ShapeShifter Lab. Tickets at artsgowanus.org/artworks-2018.

SAT, MAY 12

8 p.m. Eric Levine 10th Anniver-

sary Memorial Concert/Peoples' Voice. Cafe Benefit. Peoples' Voice Cafe, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Wheelchair accessible. Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see peoplesvoicecafe.org.

SAT, MAY 19

8 p.m. Gathering Sparks; Walkabout Clearwater Chorus. Peoples' Voice Cafe, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Wheelchair accessible. Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see peoplesvoicecafe.org.

FRI, MAY 25

3:30 p.m. Drag Queen Story Hour. What do drag queens and children have in common? They love dressing up and all things sparkly and fancy! Drag Queen Story Hour captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity in childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. At the Youth Wing, Central Library, Brooklyn. <https://www.dragqueenstoryhour.org/>.

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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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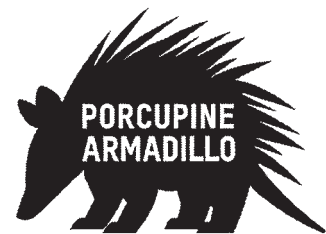


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Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

Two three-year terms on the Board are open.

To vote you may use a proxy or attend the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 26, 2018.

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

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the June 26 Annual Meeting. Candidate statements follow.

Sukey Tamarkin

My name is Sukey Tamarkin and I am running for a seat on the Coop Board. I currently work FTOP, and have been a Coop member for 24 years.

The skills I bring to this position are the ones honed from my 20 years as a public-school librarian. I am trained and expertly skilled to listen objectively to the information needs of the diverse community represented by a public institution, and to deliver the best information sources to solve constituent problems and requests. This professional expertise in keeping an open, non-judgmental mind while listening to an incredible diversity of views in order to bring the best information to assist in decision-making, would serve the Coop's General Meeting very well.

My long and continuous membership with the Coop affords my candidacy the authority of experience: I have worked in nearly every capacity throughout the store, receiving, and membership office. I have witnessed the

growth of the Coop from a tiny store with an extremely limited inventory a membership of maybe 3,000; to a fully stocked grocery that can rival with its offerings the corporate behemoths surrounding us, and a membership five times the size of when I first joined. Half my life has been spent as a Coop member. Throughout this I have come to realize that beyond our commitment to a cooperative business practice, there exists no monolith lens in which to view the Coop: we are many things to our many members. Each of us brings our talents, experiences, hopes, and expectations to our work here. It is both what makes us a strong business with a diverse talent pool from which to draw, as well as a messy and at times contentious organization grappling with the trials of human experience to hash out our differences together to propel our business forward.

I believe in the process we have for Board functioning in which the General Meeting, open to all members, is the mechanism by which Coop decision-making occurs. The Board takes its advice from the General

Meeting, while retaining an independent fiduciary duty to ensure that no General Meeting decision causes immediate and irreparable harm to the Coop's financial and legal obligations. I like to think of our Board's independent decision-making authority as one would a smoke detector—necessary to prevent a possible fire, but not likely to be used. While it is possible that the General Meeting could reach a decision that would cause immediate and irreparable harm to the Coop's financial and legal obligations, it is highly unlikely to happen. Thus while we are legally bound to have a functioning Board, our particular method to "crowd-source" Coop decisions through the General Meeting, and to use the Board as the affirming body of this process, represents our best intentions to create a fully cooperative and democratic business.

I chose not to include my photo as I believe the unconscious bias we may bring to how we perceive someone's looks should not inform Board candidacy. The Coop's General Coordinators endorse my candidacy. ■

Rachel Asher



I am writing to seek re-election on the Board of Directors at the Park Slope Food Coop for my first three-year term. Raised by a Food Coop founder and worker, I grew up appreciating the importance of having access to affordable, locally farmed products and working with a community towards a common vision.

I'm proud to continue that legacy as your board member. Over the last two years, I have listened to and respected the interests of the membership while protecting the Coop's mission. If re-elected, I pledge to continue my commitment to you, the membership, and to the Coop as an organization.

I hope to be a voice for the next generation of Coop leadership as we look toward the future, while remaining committed to bridging the gap between the members who built this institution, committing decades to ensuring its survival. As an employee at The Legal Aid Society, I am particularly sensitive to the needs of low-income members who are experiencing the economic strains of finding afford-

able housing while facing stagnant wages and an unrelenting cost of living. More than ever before, we need access to the Coop's high-quality food and sense of community. I hope, during my tenure, to be a voice for members who are not always heard—those of us who work multiple jobs, live with roommates out of necessity, or have new ideas to improve the Coop and make it more accessible and friendly to future members and leaders. Let's work together to find solutions to our challenges as they arise, and leverage our perspectives to envision the Coop's future together.

Rachel lives in Park Slope with her partner Erica, a Shopping Squad Leader, and their rescue dog Charlie. ■

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for participating in the CHiPS Food Drive
April 21 & 22



We collected a total of 53
heavy banana boxes
full-to-the-brim of food
PLUS \$844.11 in cash donations.

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Deb Parker delivering the donation to CHiPS from the last Food Drive.