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Coop Comedy Kicks Off Wide-Ranging General Meeting

By Hayley Gorenberg

Playing to a packed house, even in the balcony, Bart DeCoursy grabbed the mike to regale the crowd. "Currently there are four (four!) brands of shredded wheat," he intoned, disapprovingly. "Arrowhead, Kashi, Barbara's, and Weetabix all occupy space on our shelves with this utterly joyless breakfast cereal. I am of the opinion that shredded wheat is what you threaten to make someone eat when you want the truth out of them!"

He became more animated. "Conversely, Frosted Mini-Wheats are delightful and broadly favored. We used to carry them! What happened?" DeCoursy pressed to the big finish: "Any brand will do. Commercial supermarkets for some reason charge an arm and a leg for cereal. It would be nice to just get it on my normal shop. Please bring back Frosted Mini Wheats!" Gales of laughter and applause followed, and he humbly turned the microphone over to the next eager speaker.

Mical Moser was ready to roll, with a modest proposal, first that the Coop accept Canadian currency left over from her jaunts abroad...and on second thought...secede and assign itself to Canada.

Yes, it was a very open



The Labor Committee pressed to keep buying Fair Food Program certified tomatoes.

forum at the January 29 GM. Gauging by the 250 financial statements swept from the tables and the policing to urge folks against sitting on the floor and in the aisles, the speakers drew a notable "sellout" crowd for a rainy Tuesday night.

Staff Reports

General Coordinator Joe Holtz highlighted fiscal news, including the astounding factoid that cannabidiol (CBD) oil, the non-intoxicating marijuana extract pursued but not

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ILLUSTRATION BY TOMMY KANE

The It Milk: Oat Milk Is Having a Moment

By Gayle Forman

Perhaps you've seen it: the empty spot in the dairy case where the Oatly once lived.

Oat milk, which has been around for years—Pacific Foods introduced its oat milk in 1996—has suddenly surged in popularity. It's not just that it's everywhere in stores and coffee shops. It's part of the zeitgeist. People talk about its creaminess. They pay premiums to have it in their lattes. They tweet about it. Even superstar Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez claimed her love for the plant-based drink on Instagram. According to Nielsen, from 2017 to 2018 oat milk sales increased nearly 70 percent, leaving the previous plant-based darling, almond milk, in the dust. At the Coop, sales of Pacific Food's oat milk doubled in the past year, says buyer Gillian Chi.

Out of Style

So how did this happen? How did oat milk—which had quietly shared shelf space with soy, cashew, almond, rice, coconut, hemp, and other alternative milk products—become the star of the plant-based milks?

Part of oat milk's rise reflects an overall move away from

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Next General Meeting on February 26

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The February General Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26, 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, Mar 1 • Film Night: *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North* 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Mar 7 • Food Class: *Breakfast Bakes: A Week of Seasonal Breakfasts* 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Mar 12 • Plow-to-Plate Film: *Julia! America's Favorite Chef* 7:00 p.m.

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

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St. Francis Xavier's auditorium was packed for the January GM.

January GM

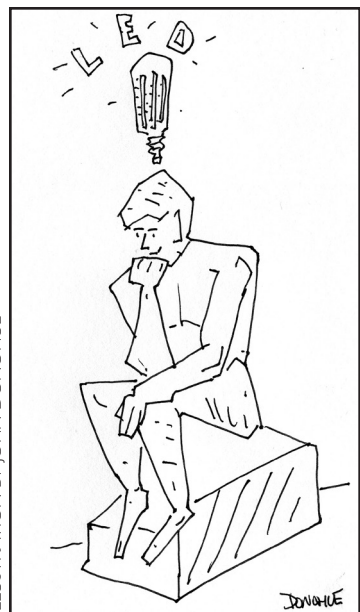
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proven to effectively address everything from anxiety and inflammation to seizures and sleeplessness, now brings in 1.4 percent of Coop sales dollars.

The Coop continues to turn over its products more than once per week—59 times per year. “The typical store, if they’re good at what they do, 20 turns a year would be really good,” said Holtz. “We’re average-busters!” He reminded members, “It really helps keep the food fresh to sell it really fast.”

Holtz tag-teamed his report on replacing six of the Coop’s seven roofs, as well as five skylights, replacing parapet wall caps and railings, a major beam, and back walls. Fellow General Coordinator Elinor Astrinsky quipped, “Hopefully we won’t have any further floods or rain on the shopping floor.”

A Con Edison retrofit



Replacing fluorescents in favor of LEDs delivered \$53,000 in value to the Coop.

program redoing lighting throughout the Coop’s refrigerator cases and ridding the Coop of fluorescent lightbulbs in favor of LEDs delivered a \$53,000 value the Coop didn’t have to pay for, Astrinsky declared. “We’re always looking for ways to become better environmental stewards,” she said. “We jumped on this opportunity, and we hope that you enjoy the new lighting infrastructure.”

Managing the Coop’s Pension Plan

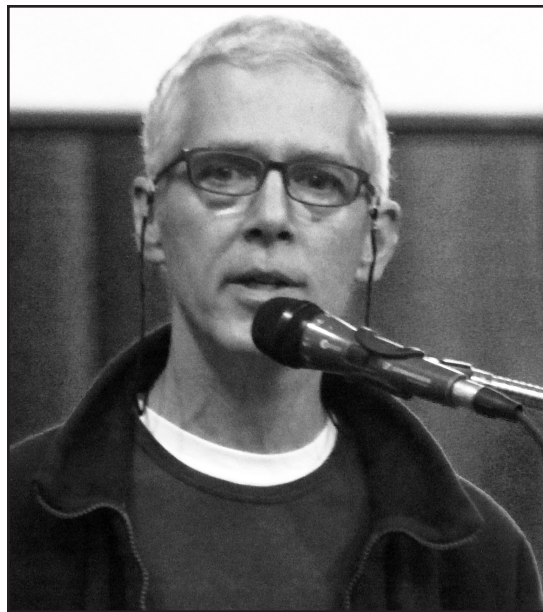
The Coop has an unusual defined-benefit pension plan, and its investments have drawn attention in the past. The GM included a pitch to members to join a Pension Advisory Committee. “Many of you like to take a break from your professional lives and do produce and stocking a freezer,” said General Coordinator Lisa Moore, offering an alternative, “if you want to apply your professional savvy” to addressing the Coop’s pension plan.

General Coordinator Joe Szladek, who commonly identifies himself as the “Other Joe,” drew applause when he announced some price increases from NYC vendors attributed to raising the minimum wage. “Yes,” he agreed. “It’s a good thing.” He also reminded members who work the cash registers that eating at the register violates the City health code.

Use the Website!

Member services on the home page of foodcoop.com site allows members to register using their on-file email addresses, which in turn permits members to view information like upcoming shifts

and member status, how many makeups they owe, and what FTOPs they have scheduled. Members can also ask for email and text notifications of specific work assignments, General Coordinator Jess Robinson pointed out.



Bill Penner, from the Coop’s Board of Directors, weighs in on FFP.

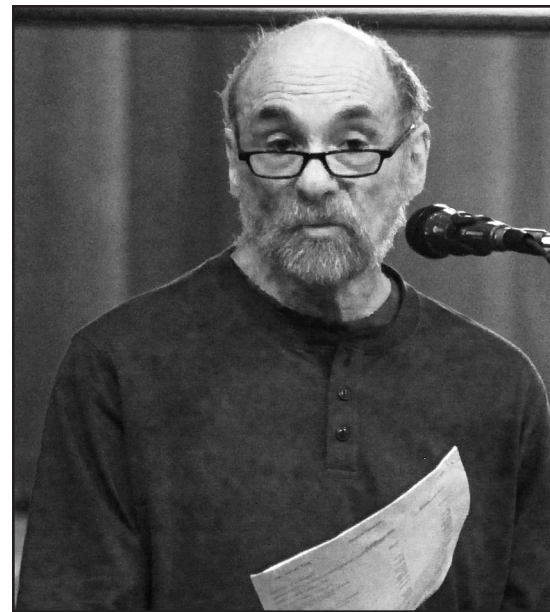
“We think we’ve noticed a little bit of a drop-off of calls to the membership office,” she said, opining that now, when it comes to queries about upcoming shifts and makeups owed, “people can find the answers themselves.”

Committee Reports

The Labor Committee, represented by Richard Mandelbaum, reported on food-worker and farmworker issues and how Coop members can lend support. He emphasized state legislation addressing fair labor practices for agricultural and domestic workers currently exempted from “New Deal protections many of us take for granted.” He drew lines from historical exclusions granted to slave-powered industries with workforc-

es dominated by people of color. Common provisions like 24 hours of consecutive rest each week, overtime pay, mandatory reporting of injuries, workers compensation, and the right to organize have drawn support from

mobility challenges (other than vision impairment and hearing loss) would require awareness of inventory, and the committee is considering the reality that some people in need are “not fully computerized”; would the



Joe Holtz gave the financial report.

human rights organizations, Mandelbaum noted. He urged members to attend upcoming town halls regarding the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act (S2837/A2750).

Food Delivery in Our Future?

Lenore Los Kamp delivered an update from a committee authorized to spend six months exploring the potential to provide home delivery of food from the Coop for people with mobility limitations. Having passed the half-way point of the committee’s life, she anticipated the group would seek an extension, and detailed issues the group is addressing:

A 20-person pilot program to serve people with physical



Jacob Heyman Kantor was elected to the Hearing Officers Committee.

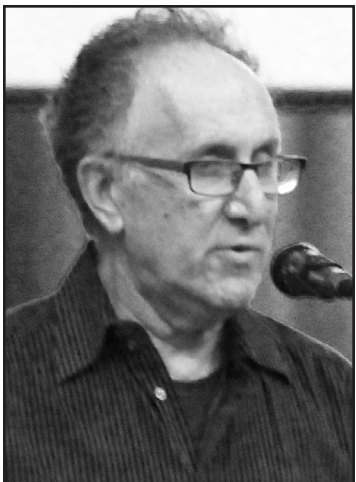
Coop take orders by telephone or fax? Who will take orders, and who will deliver? Members who work in receiving and walkers sometimes have extra capacity, and “in a



Bart DeCoursy “humorously challenged the Coop to bring back Frosted Mini-Wheats.”

perfect world we’d use existing shifts,” Los Kamp said, though she acknowledged the endeavor would probably require added shifts.

Delivery would likely require two-person teams, for safety and for the security of those receiving groceries, and for those delivering,



Eric Fruman proposed contributing financial support for the Fair Food Program.

as motorized bikes to allow delivery beyond the current walking zone, are also under consideration.

Labor Committee

“The Coop has a unique role in the world of food justice,” urged Eric Frumin, who led the GM discussion item framed by the Labor Committee (chartered in 2017) proposing that the Coop contribute financial support to the Fair Food Program. The worker-driven social responsibility model embodied by the FFP features a Fair Food Standards Council that oversees working conditions for farmworkers and takes complaints.

The Labor Committee pressed exercising further Coop purchasing power to keep buying FFP-certified tomatoes from producers like Lady Moon and Pacific Sunripe and to expand FFP purchases where pos-

actively promoting workers’ rights to everything from fair pay to freedom from sexual assault and abuse.)

The Committee drew questions when it advocated a \$10,000 annual Coop contribution to the Fair Food Standards Council.

General Coordinator Joe Holtz, who rooted some of his concern in hopes for more workers’ rights groups, projected that if the Coop paid \$10,000 to this group, “hopefully there will be 20 groups, and that will be \$200,000.” He suggested exploring paying a penny more per pound for FFP produce, an amount oft-cited by the Immokalee workers and credited with raising farmworker raises by an average of ten percent, according to the Labor Committee. Holtz asked, “Why is a penny a pound not fairer? We can do that. We could calculate that.”

Holtz also opposed FFP-only purchasing, pointing out, for example, that the Coop buys sun-dried tomatoes from “a small family company that started because the Coop gave them a chance.” He sought and received assurance from Labor Committee member Mandelbaum that the Committee did not contemplate obligating the Coop to buy anything, “least of all from particular company.”

Bill Penner, member of the Board of Directors, pointed out that a \$10,000 annual payment, would “actually be a fairly large commitment” and an unusual way for the Coop to spend money. The Coop spends about \$60,000 per year on tomatoes produced by the Immokalee Workers alone, and a \$10,000 payment would be a “pretty large percentage of that cost.” He cautioned that the Coop is “high-volume but not big-profit” and any proposals for additional large expenditures need to be carefully weighed.

General Coordinator Joe Szladek followed and agreed with Penner’s points, while hailing the “great trend of worker advocacy” and promoting continued support by the Coop, while adding, “I think there’s a proportionality issue here.”

Other comments included alternative ideas like a collection jar or its equivalent, to channel donations directly from members.

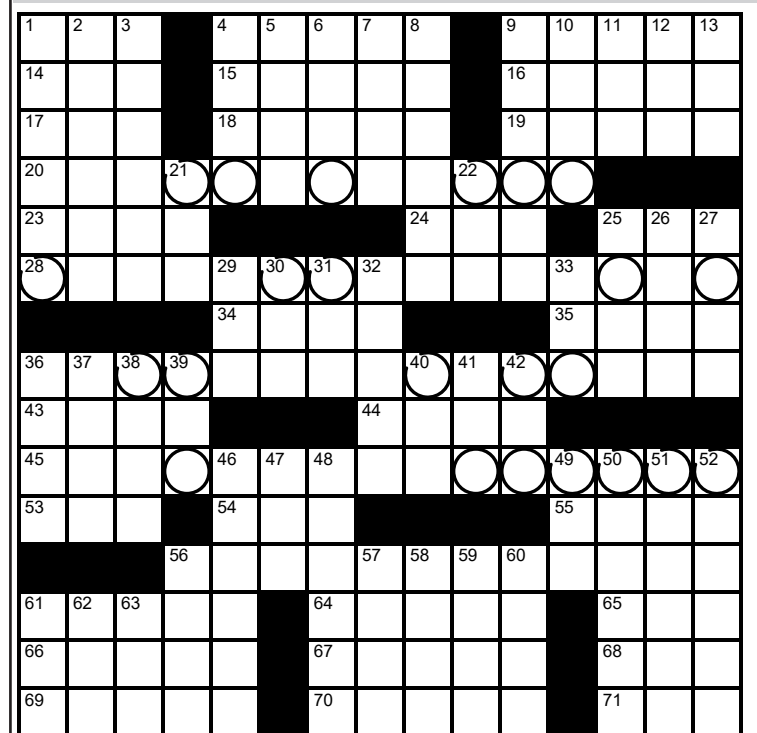
The Labor Committee pledged to come up with a contribution alternative,

with Frumin appreciating support in the hall and concluding, “the Coop has a chance to be a leader in a

way that will have huge ripple effects in agriculture, not just in the tomato fields of Florida.” ■



Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. “The plot thickens!”
4. Allow through
9. Web site?
14. Declare verboten
15. Show the ropes
16. Actor Keach
17. Encouragement for a matador
18. Pied-à-_____
19. Uses a Smith Corona
20. “That’s enough for me, thanks”
23. “Just Another Way to _____ Love You” (1975 Barry White album)
24. Suffix with Japan
25. Where Mindy’s TV friend came from
28. 1939 film character who says “I haven’t any courage at all. I even scare myself!”
34. Actress Moreno
35. “What’s gotten _____ you?!”
36. Linus van Pelt’s main accessory
43. “Don’t worry about me”
44. Expel from power
45. Its scientific name is *Bison bison*
53. “The only animal that refuses to be what he is”: Camus
54. Brewery container
55. “Gorillas in the Mist” writer Fossey
56. The medical term for them is *striae gravidarum* ... and they’re what can be seen in 20-, 28-, 36- and 45-Across
61. Ecosystem endangered by global warming
64. Place to keep a camper, for short
65. Alley _____
66. Fast-food debut of 1981
67. In the midst of
68. Sport-_____ (rugged vehicle)
69. It may be hazardous
70. Gets one’s feet wet?
71. Middle X or O

Down

1. Musician in the woodwind section
2. Sesame-seed-and-honey confection
3. Feature of many a minion in “Despicable Me”
4. Lead-in to boy or girl

5. Monopoly card
6. School _____
7. Ja Rule hit that includes the lyric “Wash away your tears”
8. Rate setter, informally
9. Rick with the 1988 #1 hit “Never Gonna Give You Up”
10. Texter’s “ciao”
11. Dance genre
12. It goes “clink” in a drink
13. Twombly and Young
21. Fruit-flavored drink with a hyphenated name
22. Manhattan, e.g.: Abbr.
25. Barnyard noise
26. Mechanical learning
27. Garden hose annoyance
29. Hockey great whose jersey number rhymed with his name
30. PlayStation competitor
31. Lawyer: Abbr.
32. Synthetic material
33. Broadway’s _____-Manuel Miranda
36. Country that changed its name in 1939
37. Watson or Thompson of 2017’s “Beauty and the Beast”
38. Film’s Joel or Ethan
39. Chernobyl’s locale: Abbr.
40. Fella
41. Where Shaquille O’Neal played college ball
42. Org. that monitors gun sales
46. ER hookup
47. Tesla, for one
48. Consumed, as sushi
49. Medicine-approving org.
50. Let breathe, as stinky shoes
51. Great Plains tribe
52. How many writers work
56. “... and _____ goes”
57. Rating for “Game of Thrones”
58. Clumsy sort
59. Sharpen
60. Boardroom events: Abbr.
61. Jaguar rival
62. Signature Obama legislation, for short
63. Abbr. before “truly”

Puzzle author: David Levinson-Wilk. For answers, see page 16.

What Else Can The Coop Do?

Use FFP labels on Lady Moon/Sunripe products



Educate Members on the benefits of the Fair Food Program so they understand the label means

Fair Food Program

emptying bags, and putting things into cabinets. How would payment be handled? The committee wants a plan that uses as many existing Coop processes as possible, instead of inventing new ones—and also wants to accommodate EBT, debit cards, cash, and checks. But new modalities, such

sible, “so it’s not a boycott; it’s not a campaign against anybody,” Frumin said. The Committee suggested FFP labeling to educate Coop members. (The *Gazette* has run multiple articles on worker-driven social responsibility programs by and for farmworkers, including Immokalee farmworkers

Oat Milk

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"fluid dairy," industry jargon for milk that comes from a cow. Consumption of plant-based beverages has seen meteoric rises, growing nine percent to \$1.6 billion in the 12 months through June 2018, while during the same period, sales of cow's milk fell six percent, according to Nielsen and the Plant-Based Foods Association. According to the Department of Agriculture, in the 1970s, the average American drank about 30 gallons of dairy milk a year; today they drink 18 gallons. Sales of fluid milk are expected to continue dropping a further 11 percent between 2015 and 2020.

Perhaps nothing encapsulates this trend more than the fate of Elmhurst Dairy in Queens. The last working dairy farm in New York City shuttered in 2017 because, as

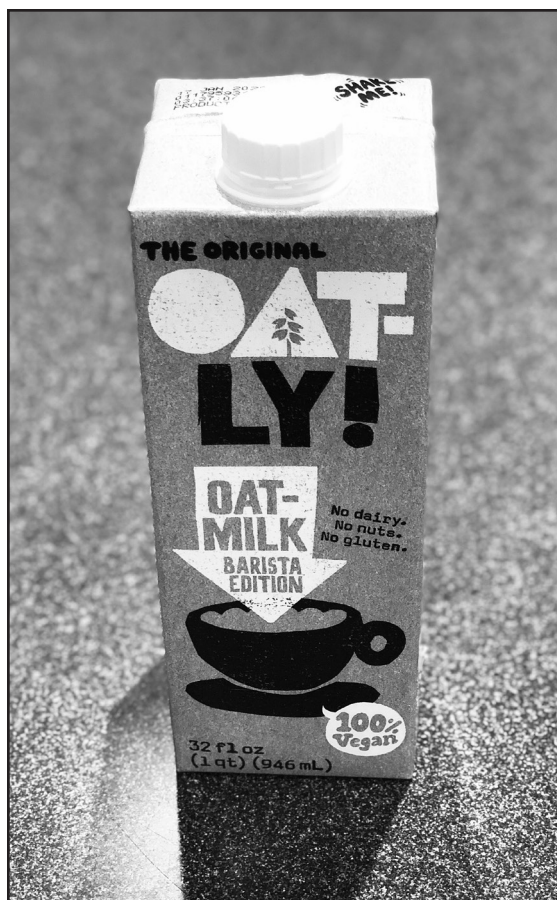
its CEO Henry Schwartz told *The New York Times*, "milk has sort of gone out of style."

A few months later, Elmhurst Dairy re-emerged, rebranded as Elmhurst Milked, manufacturing nut and other plant-based milks. Elmhurst Milked oat milk is now sold at the Coop.

The Milk Footprint

While some consumers are moving away from dairy because of health issues, and others because of animal rights concerns, others are moving toward plant-based alternatives with an eye toward environmental sustainability. Fifty percent of all milk in the U.S. is produced by three percent of the country's dairies. These large-scale industrial farms increase greenhouse gases and run-off from the sites has seeped into aquifers.

Plant-based milks are far less taxing on the environment,



PHOTOS BY ROD MORRISON

Oatly kickstarted the trend, but Quaker Oats, Moola and others have jumped on the bandwagon. Recent sales of cow's milk fell 6% against a rise of 9% for plant-based beverages.

though not all plant-based milks are equal, with oats among the most sustainable of plant-based products. Oats stand up to weeds better than other crops and thus require less herbicides. Oats don't require nearly as much water as almonds, which for environmentally minded consumers like Coop member Isabel Kyriacou is another selling point: "When we learned about how much water almonds require, we switched to oat milk," says Kyriacou, who found that she actually preferred it. "Oat milk doesn't have a strong taste. It's mild and creamy. I like the refrigerated milk more than the shelf stable but I'll take what I can get."

Enter Oatly

The fresh refrigerated milk would be Oatly, a 25-year-old Swedish brand that arguably ignited the oat milk craze when it entered the U.S. market in 2016 with a brilliant rollout. Before Oatly was ever available in grocery stores, free samples were given to the most powerful milk influencers in the country: baristas. As coffee bars like Intelligentsia began to offer Oatly as a dairy alternative, consumers got a taste and liked its neutral flavor, creamy consistency, easy foamability and the fact that it is GMO and gluten-free. (Also, it's kosher.)

Then began the very clever ad campaign—"It's like milk but made for humans" etc.—that preceded the product's availability, building demand before there was supply. "They

created their own hype for it," says Chi. "It took the Coop a little while to jump on the bandwagon. We started carrying Oatly in June of 2018." It immediately took off, selling out as soon as it was stocked. The Coop currently does not carry Oatly because the distributor United Natural Foods agreed to sell exclusively to Whole Food and Wegman's. But fear not. Oatly is building another plant in New Jersey and Chi expects the product will once again grace the cooler case some time in 2019.

DIY Oat Milk

Combine one cup of rolled oats to 4 cups of water.

Blend for 1 minute in blender.

Strain in a cheesecloth.

Add salt, maple syrup, blended date, vanilla extract, or flavoring of your choice.

Refrigerate for up to five days.

How Healthy Is Heathy?

While Oatly might have kickstarted the trend, several other companies are looking to capitalize on it. Quaker Oats plans to launch oat milk lines in 2019, as do other companies like Silk and Mooala.

As oat milk's popularity rises, inevitably so do questions about how healthy it really is. Oat milk has the soluble fiber that made oat bran such a health craze in the 1990s. Nutritionally, it's on

a par with other plant-based products. For instance, Pacific Food's oat milk contains four grams of protein and two grams of fat (versus one gram of protein and three grams of fat for almond milk or one gram of protein and four grams of fat for coconut milk) though oat milk contains double the calories and more carbs than those milks.

Commercial oat growers use an herbicide known as glyphosate, which is a known carcinogenic. Glyphosate is banned in organic farming and neither Pacific Foods nor Oatly use oats grown with it. Other consumers now worry about additives like rapeseed oil, though as Chi points out, that's canola oil and it's used in a lot of plant milks. "It's what makes them creamy," she says. (Pacific and Elmhurst don't use oil; Oatly does.)

Whether oat milk is upended by some other upstart, the move to plant-based milks shows no sign of abating. The market for milk alternatives is expected to reach \$41.06 billion by 2025, according to Grand View Research. And milks you've maybe never heard of—barley, flax, quinoa, pea—are all waiting in the wings. ■



ILLUSTRATION BY TOMMY KANE

PLASTIC PACKAGING RECYCLING

Saturday, February 23, 1:45-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 3:45-6 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?
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



New LED Light Conversion Means Lower Energy Bills for the Coop



Work was done at night when the store was closed. Robert Betancour installing LED lighting above the meat case.

By Taigi Smith

When General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky heard about a program that could help the Coop save thousands of dollars per year on energy costs, she jumped at the chance to learn more. Sponsored by Con Edison, the Commercial Direct Install Program is designed to help local businesses drain less energy from Con Edison's energy grid. "For a very long time the PSFC was thinking about how to reduce our energy consumption," says Astrinsky. In the case of the Coop, that would've meant switching all of our lights from fluorescent to LED

bulbs, but the Coop leadership quickly realized that a total switch would have been very expensive. "The cost of the electricians was quite high. You also have to change the ballast and the bulbs—and it became apparent that it was a large expense for the Coop," she recalls.

But then she heard about a special program sponsored by Con Ed, the Commercial Direct Install Program, that works with local businesses to come up with ways to reduce their overall energy use. On its website, Willdan, the company that administers the program, described the program as providing

small businesses with energy savings through the direct installation of lighting, HVAC, controls, and refrigeration measures.

As a GC, Elinoar knew the Coop consumed a lot of energy each month, especially when it came to lighting the aisles, refrigerators, and exterior areas of the PSFC. "The lights are on 24/7 essentially. The lights are off on the shopping floor for four hours a day," says Astrinsky. When you boil it down to dollars and cents, the PSFC spends an average of \$16,000 per month on its energy bill. "We're almost a 24-hour operation and we have three

buildings with three floors. The world is using more and more power. Everything needs to be charged. Con Edison sees the demands on the grid only rising. And it costs a lot of money to create something else to create more energy." It makes sense, says Astrinsky, for Con Ed to find solutions to decrease the burden on the existing grid.

In the case of the PSFC, that meant a total overhaul of the Coop's lighting system. Simply put, Con Ed paid to convert the Coop's existing flu-

orescent lighting system to a brand new, energy-efficient LED system. "One of their guys came out and I took them through the entire building. They wrote it all down and came up with an agreement. They paid to do everything for free." Con Edison paid for electricians, fixtures, and all other costs associated with the project. "The total cost of the project was \$53,520.

The Coop had to pay zero. We saved a bundle of money, and they did the whole project overnight between the

hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.," recalls Astrinsky. "They also re-did the lighting in all the refrigerated cases. The meat looks nice, the salmon looks lovely. Things look very enticing. Not everyone loves LED lighting, but efficiency-wise, there's no comparison."

Astrinsky says the LED system also came with a five-year war-

ranty. "This entire install is guaranteed for five years. They really gave us high-quality stuff. For the next five years, we can just call them to deal with lighting."

Coordinator Crystal Goldenstein, says Astrinsky, deserves a special note of thanks. "She worked with them overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for two weeks. It was two to three electricians

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Thanks to the initiative of General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky, ConEd's Commercial Direct Install Program will reduce energy consumption and save thousands of dollars.

3 GREAT reasons to register for member services!

- 1 Intelligent Shift Notifications:** Receive TEXT or EMAIL alerts for upcoming shifts. ➔
- 2 Easily available FTOP info:** View number of FTOP cycles covered or banked and upcoming shifts scheduled! ➔
- 3 Avoid surprises at the entrance desk:** Check your status before coming to the Coop. ➔

Ready to enroll: Go to foodcoop.com and click on "Member Services" in the upper right-hand corner to get started.



Roberto Jainauth updating lighting hardware in the cereal aisle.

FUN COMMITTEE REPORT

Coop FUN Committee Kids' Variety Show Auditions, January 12 & 27

By Dalienne Majors,
FUN Committee

On Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 27, auditions were held in the Meeting Room for the PSFC FUN Committee's Annual Kids' Variety Show. The word

intention better describes the event, as kids, ages up to 18 years, came with their parents to show their acts.

More than 20 acts with kids have proposed or shown acts on audition days or by appointment with Variety

Show director Martha Siegel.

The Variety Show will be held Saturday, March 16, at 5 p.m. at Old First Church, Lower Hall, 729 Carroll St. Members will be reminded of the date by posters, flyers, and *Gazette* events calendars. ■



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

TerraCycle Squad: Keeping It Out of the Landfill

By Rachel Dobkin,
TerraCycle Squad

Twice a month, all year long, in all kinds of weather, an intrepid gang of Coop members sits outside the Coop. You may have seen us there behind a variety of cardboard boxes, smiling at you as you walk into the store while seemingly... sorting people's trash. And you may well have wondered, what is going on? Well, we're the TerraCycle squad. We're helping Coop members upcycle things that can't be recycled through the City's pickup and would otherwise end up in the garbage.

During every shift, we talk with members who had no idea that this service existed at the Coop! This is the first in a series of reports to the *Linewaiters' Gazette* that aim to spread the word about this great resource. If you have questions about TerraCycle you'd like to see answered in a future report, please email terracyclesfc@gmail.com.

TERRACYCLE FAQs

What is TerraCycle??

TerraCycle is a company that upcycles things into items that anyone can use. It can be frustrating to realize that the Department of Sanitation's recycling programs don't accept many of the plastics from product packaging, particularly the soft plastic that most packaged food comes in (bags of tortillas, plastic wrapped around cheese, etc.). To help divert more household waste from landfills (particularly packaging from Coop-purchased products), the membership of the Coop voted to partner with TerraCycle to deal with these types of waste.

What can I drop off at PSFC TerraCycle?

The TerraCycle squad can accept only certain items for drop-off. Please try to follow the guidelines, because the members working this shift are doing their best! When people show up with things sorted and without extra stuff that we are not allowed to accept, things go more smoothly and everyone is happy.

Here's what you can drop off:

1. Toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes (any brand!)

2. Energy bar wrappers and granola bar wrappers
3. Water filters and their wrappers (Brita and other brands)
4. Cereal box liners and cracker box liners (the bags that come inside the box)
5. *Plastic bags/wrapping/packaging from most products sold at the Coop—food and non-food
6. *Thin plastic film wrap—from notecards, tea boxes, pre-packaged cheese, household items, pet food, juice packs, etc.
7. *Plastic food-storage zip-lock bags (any size), plastic cling wrap, and small bulk bags
8. *Plastic roll bags distributed by the Coop. Please use roll bags only when necessary, reduce usage whenever possible, and re-use any bags you do take before upcycling.

*Starred items (categories 5–8) may be dropped off ONLY by Coop members. You may be asked to show your member ID.

Can non-members make use of this great resource?

Yes, but not without some caveats. Because of the policies of the TerraCycle company (which will be explored in greater detail in a later article), we must pay to upcycle some materials. The cost since last July (beginning of the fiscal year) of the boxes used for upcycling has been \$12,500. That is why it was decided that only Coop members should be allowed to drop off those types of materials that cost the Coop money—namely, the starred items on the list.

I'm into it! How can I prepare my items for drop-off?

Clean it! Please bring all your packaging in clean and dry condition. We understand that cinnamon may cling to the inside of a bulk spice bag no matter how assiduously you shake it out or rinse it. But please don't bring packaging that still has food in it, or plastic that was used for wrapping food that hasn't been rinsed. Dirty packaging is gross for the TerraCycle squad members to deal with and in some cases will be rejected by the recycling company.

Sort it! The drop-off will go much more smoothly if you presort your materials. The numbered categories should provide you with a guideline for how we need to sort your materials. As a reminder, we cannot accept soft plastics (#5–8 above) that are not from Coop purchases (news-paper bags, packing from Amazon deliveries, dry cleaning bags, packaging from Trader Joe's, Costco, Whole foods, etc.).

When can I drop off my stuff?

Look for us outside the Coop at the following times:

- Second Wednesday of the month 3:45–6 p.m.
- Fourth Saturday of the month 1:45–4 p.m.

A calendar of drop-off times is available online at <https://www.foodcoop.com/terracycle/> and posted around the Coop on the notice boards.

What can I expect when I come to drop off my TerraCycle upcyclables?

When you show up at the TerraCycle drop-off, you'll be greeted by a member of our squad, and we will go through your stuff quickly, sorting it into categories for shipping and making sure everything you're dropping off can be accepted. We can't be responsible for disposing of stuff that is dirty or is not acceptable to TerraCycle, which is why we ask you to wait while we sort through your drop-off. If you have everything cleaned and sorted in advance, it will be a much quicker process. If you haven't sorted, but everything is clean, it should take only two minutes or so.

Be aware, there may be a line, particularly at the beginning of the drop-off time, while we get settled and go through everyone's offerings. If you're flexible and want to get in and out quickly, try to drop by in the middle of the shift.

Can I drop off outside of TerraCycle squad hours?

Unfortunately, the Coop can't handle drop-offs of TerraCycle materials outside the designated TerraCycle squad times. After each shift, the squad members ship the boxes off to TerraCycle. There

is no room to store your upcyclables until the next drop-off.

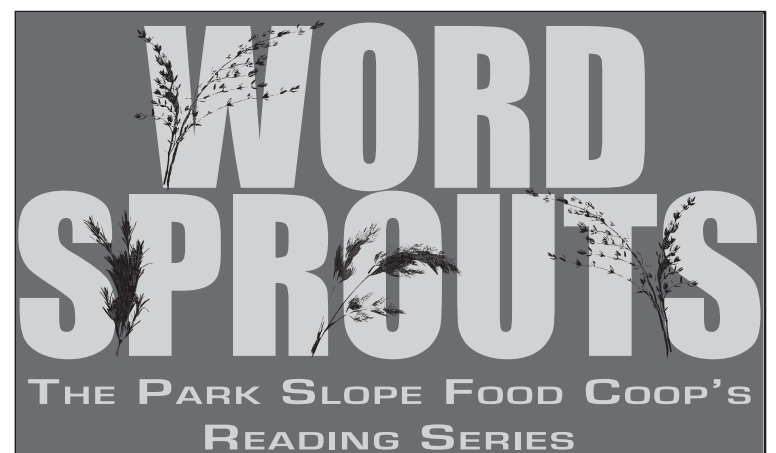
If there are no drop-offs at a time that is convenient for you, try to partner with a friend or neighbor who can drop it off for you.

This sounds fun! Can I join this squad and help?

Yes! We have a great need for Coop members to join this fun and rewarding squad.



Email terracyclesfc@gmail.com for information on how to join the Wednesday or Saturday squad. ■



Are you a writer? Do you want FTOP credit?

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

Please contact the organizers at wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

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.

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 via e-mail to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop.

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

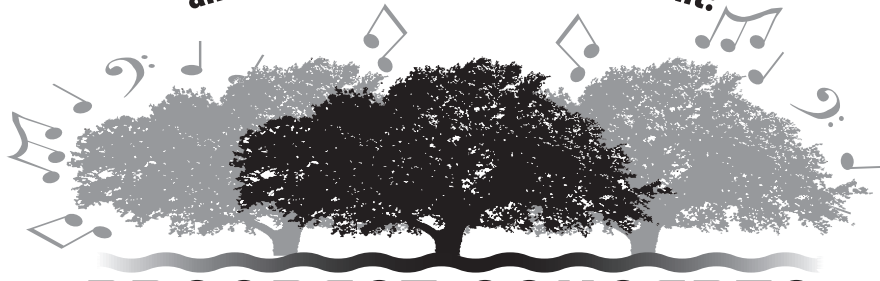
Submissions to the *Gazette* must not be hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needlessly provocative. They may not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions.

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, March 15, 8:00 p.m.

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



PROSPECT CONCERTS

Yiddish songs for the Ides of March



Josh Waletzky (founding member of the early klezmer revival band Kapelye) is the world's leading contemporary Yiddish songwriter. Performing a concert of original and traditional songs of assassination, revenge, revelry, prophesy, and betrayal, Waletzky is joined by an ensemble of internationally renowned recording and performing musicians. English translations will be provided.

Josh Waletzky - vocals

Yoshie Fruchter - guitar, bass, oud

Jenny Levison - vocals

Ilya Shneyveys - accordion

Éléonore Weill - vocals, flutes

Kathleen Payne with Lily White

The Brooklyn-born singer-songwriter **Kathleen Payne's** performances reflect her wide-ranging musical experience and interests, from R & B and gospel to pop and musical theater. Kathleen is joined by **Lily White**, an accomplished pianist and saxophone player. After extensive touring with premier jazz ensembles, Lily has devoted her energy to writing and performing, most recently setting to music poems by immigrant women living in Brooklyn.



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

The Coop on the Internet
www.foodcoop.com

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

General Meeting Info

TUE, FEBRUARY 26
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, MARCH 5
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the March 26 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines
LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Feb 28 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 18
Mar 14 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Mar 4

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
Feb 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 20
Mar 14 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Mar 6

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,
February 26, 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.
- **Advance Sign-up required:**
To be eligible for workslot credit, you must sign-up at foodcoop.com. A computer dedicated to sign-ups is located in the elevator lobby. You may sign up for the meeting all month long, until 5 p.m. of the day of the meeting.
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

feb 15
fri 8 pmDeva Salina & Peter Stan;
The Jalopy Chorus

Deva Salina & Peter Stan are a small and mighty duo of accordion & voice, traveling through Vintage Pop sounds of Balkan Roma communities. Eva & Peter present soulful, expressive and intimate performances full to the brim with stories, history, insight, humor, melancholy and friendship. In their collaboration, Eva Salina & Peter Stan continue and fortify an interrupted legacy of empowered female voices in Balkan Romani (gypsy) music. Amplifying voices of past generations of Romani women musicians while evolving living traditions, Eva & Peter employ tenderness, grace, passion and a commitment to keeping these songs vital and relevant, while inspiring and teaching young people in the Balkans & Balkan diaspora to participate in their heritage. **The Jalopy Chorus** is resident vocal ensemble of The Jalopy Theatre & School of Music, led by Musical Director Eva Salina. The chorus explores a variety of international harmony singing, including American, Corsican, East European, and Caucasus Georgian musical traditions.

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.

feb 23
sat 12 pm

Anger Management 101

Are you or someone you know prone to anger? Express your anger with an intensity that you later regret? Have anger issues because of a low frustration tolerance? Have a wish to be understood that gets derailed because of your inability to manage your anger? Anger when expressed in an assertive rather than aggressive manner can clear the air of misunderstanding, improve your sense of self and can aid in the restoration and repair of ruptures in relationships at home and at work. This hour will be devoted to: understanding the nature and neuroscience of anger; identify and anticipate the triggers that set off anger; learn strategies to manage those triggers; transform destructive anger into meaningful dialogue in relationships. We will be doing role playing if people are willing to enhance experience of workshop please call with any questions 917-627-6047. Coop member **Raymond Reichenberg** is a Certified Anger Management Association Specialist and New York State–Licensed Psychoanalyst. He has been in practice in Park Slope for the past 25 years.

feb 26
tue 7 pm

PSFC FEB 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

We start with the opportunity for members to briefly submit general and specific questions regarding the operation of the Coop. Appropriate staff or committee members may respond and a brief follow-up may be taken.

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: PSFC to Join the NYC Public Bank Coalition (30 minutes)

Discussion: Proposal that PSFC join the coalition of community based organizations in calling for a public municipal bank in New York City.

—submitted by Leslie McIntyre

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.

feb 16
sat 12 pmHerbal Medicine in the Coop:
Herbs, Teas, & Tinctures

Isn't catnip just for cats? Are herbal tinctures actually effective? What herbs are good to help manage stress? Come explore medicinal herbs found in the Coop and how they can support your health and wellbeing. The introductory workshop will provide an informative overview of medicinal plants—from the spice rack to loose teas to tinctures—including their historical use, botanical information, medicinal qualities, and, of course, where to find them in the Coop. Complimentary custom-blended hot tea will be provided—bring a mug! **Maria Christodoulou** is a Coop member and Clinical Herbalist completing her third and final year at ArborVitae School of Traditional Herbalism, where she has learned about Western Herbalism, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Ayurveda. She is also founder of Bliss Without Bother, a wellness retreat planning service with a network of practitioners and retreat centers in seven countries.

feb 16
sat 3 pmSweet Relief: Home &
Office Organizing

Organize, clear, transform your home, your life. Allow your space support you to thrive! You deserve to be inspired, productive and at peace in your space. You can be free of feelings of overwhelm and shame and have surroundings that support you to live as you wish and know best! In this interactive workshop you'll get perspective and practical strategies, learn how to open your spaces for new possibilities and see that you are not alone. **Shira Sameroff** has been a member of her beloved PSFC for 25 years. Her work has evolved over 25 years of experience with individuals, groups and organizations as a counselor, workshop facilitator, program director, event planner, activist, board president, volunteer coordinator and more. Her many passions include trees, singing, biking, travel and dark chocolate.

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fri 7 pmFilm Night: Traces of the Trade:
A Story from the Deep North

In the award-winning 2008 documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, producer/director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with

the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise. Ten DeWolf descendants (ages 32-71, ranging from sisters to seventh cousins) retrace the steps of the Triangle Trade, visiting the DeWolf hometown of Bristol, Rhode Island, slave forts on the coast of Ghana, and the ruins of a family plantation in Cuba. Back home, the family confronts the thorny topic of what to do now. In the context of growing calls for reparations for slavery, family members

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Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

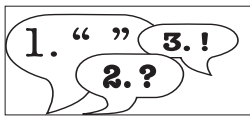
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struggle with the question of how to think about and contribute to “repair.” Meanwhile, Browne and her family come closer to the core: their love/hate relationship with their own Yankee culture and privileges; the healing and transformation needed not only “out there,” but inside themselves. Elizabeth Sturges Llerena, a DeWolf family member featured in the film, will join us for discussion afterwards. Longtime PSFC member, Margaret Seiler, and Elizabeth will talk about the anti-racism group they both belong to, Coming to the Table. CTTT was founded by descendants of enslaved people and slave owners. Its mission is to provide leadership, resources, and a supportive environment for all who wish to acknowledge and heal wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States’ history of slavery. Elizabeth and Margaret will discuss the work of the local NYC CTTT chapter.

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

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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.

The January General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

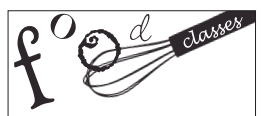
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Cheese Class

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 and fun pairings you can try at home!

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thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Breakfast Bakes: Week of Seasonal Breakfasts



“Breakfast Bakes” (e.g., frittatas or egg casseroles) are quick and easy meals. By varying the ingredients, you can easily accommodate different diets, food preferences, and seasonal availability. This class will teach you the basic ingredients, proportions, and preparation. Chef Jeff will present a few specific recipes that can guide your own creative experimentation and culinary self-expression. He learned to cook at his father’s Jewish Delicatessen (think Katz’s, but in LA) and as manager of a hippie/natural foods restaurant at UC Santa Cruz. He believes in cooking as a creative expression working with local, in-season ingredients. He loves the wide range of healthy foods available at the Coop, and wants to empower his class in leveraging whatever is fresh and available to create delicious, practical, fun, healthy, and delicious breakfasts for our busy morning lives. Menu includes: Spring Vegetarian Bake; Hearty Latin Bake; Picky Eater Bake. This class is vegetarian (though some dishes will include meat), gluten-free, and optionally dairy.

ASL interpreter available upon request, please contact the Membership Office. Materials fee: \$5. RSVPs by February 28 are appreciated, contact parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com. To inquire about leading a Food Class, go to bit.ly/CCCChf1.

mar 12
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Julia! America’s Favorite Chef



Julia! America’s Favorite Chef is part of a PBS Emmy-winning documentary series. Scooping up a potato pancake, patting chickens, coaxing a reluctant soufflé, or rescuing a curdled sauce, Julia Child was never afraid of making mistakes. Catapulted to fame as the host of

the series The French Chef, Julia was an unlikely star. Her early culinary attempts had been near disasters, but once she learned to cook, her passion for cooking and her devotion to teaching, brought her into the hearts of millions and ultimately made her an American icon.

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.

mar 15
fri 8 pm

Yiddish Songs for the Ides of March; Kathleen Payne



Josh Waletzky (founding member of the early klezmer revival band Kapelye) is the world’s leading contemporary Yiddish songwriter. Performing a concert of original

and traditional songs of assassination, revenge, revelry, prophesy, and betrayal, Waletzky is joined by an ensemble of internationally renowned recording and performing musicians. English translations will be provided. Josh Waletzky - vocals; Yoshie Fruchter - guitar, bass, oud; Jenny Levison - vocals; Ilya Shneyveys - accordion; Eléonore Weill - vocals, flutes. The Brooklyn-born singer-songwriter Kathleen Payne’s performances reflect her wide-ranging musical experience and interests, from R & B and gospel to pop and musical theater. Kathleen is joined by Lily White, an accomplished pianist and saxophone player. After extensive touring with premier jazz ensembles, Lily has devoted her energy to writing and performing, most recently setting to music poems by immigrant women living in Brooklyn.

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.



mar 16
sat 5 pm

Coop Kids Variety Show



Event takes place at at Old First Church, Carroll St. and Seventh Ave. Entrance on Carroll St. Performers in alphabetical order: Ollie Mae Bailey, Samuel Jackson Bailey, Ava Chilenski, Ybo Engelkes, Noa Epstein, Adam Gottesdiener, Brea Haye, Eli Jort, Antonia King, Abigail Tsion Konigsberg, Leia Aura Konigsberg, Jasper Krents, Asmara Lance, Gianluca Lance, Ronan Meils, Charles Mitkowski, Gaspard Moritz, Ilias Nelson, Isaac Norman-Sokoll, Elan Rabiner, Julian Raheb, Lola Sanchez, Banjo Sande, Sylvie Steadman, Adisa Terry, Avery Tsai, Jake Voytko, Alex Watkins, Gus Watkins, Nina Woods. Types of acts include: singing, piano, violin, cello, gymnastics, saxophone, bands, guitar, harmonica, beat-boxing, magic act and jokes. Refreshments for sale. Nonmembers welcome.

Event takes place at Old First Church, Carroll St. & Seventh Ave. Entrance on Carroll St. Admission: \$12 adults; \$7 seniors; \$7 kids 12-18; free kids under 12.

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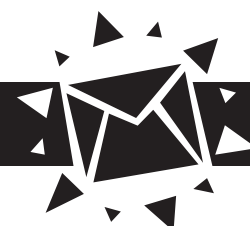
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ALERT: ANTIBIOTICS SPRAYED ON FLORIDA CITRUS TREES

MEMBERS,

U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) has sounded the alert: the Trump Administration just approved spraying 650,000 pounds of antibiotics on citrus trees in Florida. This is unprecedented and lacks research on how much antibiotics will remain in the soil and water. These are the same antibiotics people depend on to fight their bacterial infections.

Bulk spraying accelerates how quickly bacteria develop resistance to those antibiotics. Millions of Americans get sick from antibiotic-resistant bacteria and at least 23,000 die as a result yearly. A recent study estimates the actual number of deaths could be seven times that figure. The World Health Organization has identified antibiotic resistance as one of the 10 global health issues.

U.S. PIRG is a national organization that includes a Federation of State PIRGs. It serves as an independent voice for consumers. One of their ongoing issues is Stop the Overuse of Antibiotics. Go to <https://uspirg.org>. Under "about" you will see the antibiotics issue to join the network for receiving alerts. The take-action alerts cannot be forwarded to a third party. Please take the time to sign up with U.S. PIRG to advocate for this growing public health issue. Thank you.

Mary Buchwald

ABOUT THE WBAI RADIO ELECTIONS

DEAR MEMBERS,

The WBAI radio elections are once again upon us. Like the Coop, WBAI (99.5 FM, www.wbai.org) is a member-run non-profit, built by activists over 50 years ago. It is part of the Pacifica network, which was founded by antiwarrior Lew Hill and strives to live up to its progressive mission written all those decades ago.

As a listener-sponsored not-for-profit station, every few years WBAI members vote for delegates to the Local Station Board. That election is happening now.

The primary issue in this election is whether listeners and staff will succeed in keeping WBAI as an independent radio station or will lease it out

to a corporation with major ties to Time-Warner in order to meet expenses.

The listener-member candidates listed below are the only ones who have pledged to keep WBAI as a listener-sponsored station and oppose leasing, selling, or swapping the signal.

If you are a WBAI member as of November 19, 2016, please consider voting for ALL of these candidates, ranked in the following order. Ballots are due no later than March 5, 2019:

1. Alex Steinberg
2. Mitchel Cohen
3. Marilyn Vogt-Downey
4. Maxine Harrison-Gallmon
5. Carolyn McIntyre
6. Michael D. D. White
7. Neal Vos
8. Jim Dingeman
9. Katherine O'Sullivan
10. Jack de Palma
11. Randy Credico
12. Michael Jankowitz
13. Michael Lardner
14. Linda Zises
15. Carolyn Birden

Those are the only candidates who've pledged to keep WBAI listener-sponsored and oppose leasing it, selling it, or swapping the signal. Those you elect to the Local Board will then vote on who to send to the Pacifica National Board, which makes the final decisions on these sorts of issues.

As I scrambled to find a suitable and inexpensive space for WBAI's studios (which resulted in WBAI moving to its current location at the Brooklyn Commons on Atlantic Ave), candidate Alex Steinberg worked tirelessly to free WBAI from its onerous Empire State Building lease. Alex, as one of WBAI's representatives on the National Board, was able to arrange a significant loan that pretty much saved the station.

I also worked to coordinate volunteers for WBAI. One of them, candidate Maxine Harrison-Gallmon, came to the station for many hours every Friday trying to resolve problems that listeners had. Maxine is an unsung HERO of WBAI.

Another candidate, Coop member Marilyn Vogt-Downey, a retired school teacher, donated substantial funds to help save the station, resolved problems with premiums, and tried to hold management's feet to the fire to get things done.

We are all excited to have the opportunity to stabilize WBAI's finances, improve programming, expand listenership, and fight against fascism and for ecological sustainability. WBAI can't do any of those things

unless the listeners and staff prevent the station's privatization and maintain independent control over WBAI and Pacifica.

Mitchel Cohen, former Chair,
WBAI Local Station Board,
2008-2012

WHY HIRE SEYFARTH SHAW?

TO THE EDITOR,

A recent item notably under-reported a significant choice by the General Coordinators. In the November 22 edition's Coordinators' Corner, under the subheading "Legal Fees," the GCs (the only byline given) describe their engagement of law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP to assist them "in the development of the Coop's anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies, and provide advice on other confidential personnel matters."

It seems good that the coordinators inform membership about their hiring a firm for such reasons. Employers in New York are now required by law to provide anti-sexual harassment training. After years of conversation, litigation, and prosecution regarding workplace sexual abuse, we should want attention to this problem to be part of the culture and workplace, with both social and legal expectations for everyone.

The mention of Seyfarth Shaw, however, is alarming. The firm famously embodies the antithesis of cooperative principles, such as those described in our member manual as "the value, rewards, and responsibility of collective labor, action and ownership [...] taking some control away from corporations and putting it into the hands of our working membership."

Seyfarth Shaw was founded to assert the interests of management and enhance control by employers at the expense of workers. The late Lee C. Shaw "helped design and build a specialty in representing corporate and management interests," according to his 1999 obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*.

The firm has been on the wrong side of history for decades. Shaw helped to draft the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act, which hobbled labor organizing and is known as "the slave-labor act," because of its zealous, McCarthyite codification of employers' power over workers, curtailing freedom of speech and organizing. Seyfarth Shaw fought against Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers (a man,

movement, and union whose legacy has been admired in the *Gazette* over the years). Seyfarth Shaw recently advised McDonald's in its efforts to fight off sexual harassment claims and craft an anti-harassment policy in response to worker organizing. Coverage of that effort also highlighted that the firm represented the Weinstein Company for civil actions resulting from Harvey Weinstein's alleged serial predation and abuse. All that seems pretty slimy.

These problems, and others, aren't hidden. They're available in books, in the paper, and on the internet, including proud placement on the law firm's own website. GCs explain: "The Coop's Personnel Committee, an elected group of Coop members who serve in an advisory

capacity to the General Coordinators, recommended that the Coop engage an employment law firm to assist the General Coordinators in these matters. The pro bono program of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest connected the Coop to Seyfarth Shaw." That leaves some questions unanswered: Why was this particular firm selected despite misalignment with our aims as a cooperative? And did any of the services, vaguely described as "other confidential personnel matters," give rise to legal fees? The GCs should end the Coop's relationship with Seyfarth Shaw and address these questions. Surely there is another law practice that better shares the Coop's values of worker ownership.

Noah Dillon



ecokvetch
the environmental
committee blog

Tip of the MONTH!

Do your kids want to play with makeup? Then you need to know that many makeup products, especially those marketed to kids like inexpensive glitter and eye shadow, contain asbestos fibers that can be inhaled and cause mesothelioma, an incurable cancer. Keep your kids away from these products.

Learn more at:
ecokvetch.blogspot.com



A shopping cart filled with the old, less efficient fluorescent fixtures.

LED Conversion

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every night. Sometimes there were four electricians. Con Ed doesn't do the actual work. They contract out the installation. Willdan did our work, and they were lovely to work with."

"Besides the initial \$53,000 savings, the anticipated total savings for the Coop will be about \$40,000 in electrical charges annually."

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Con Ed paid the whole bill to convert the Coop's fluorescent lights to energy-efficient LEDs.

in electrical charges annually. "When the GCs can jump at a big capital project that will save us money in the long run, we do it. But this really benefits the

members and Con Ed over the long haul. Hopefully, the newly installed lights will help prevent brownouts and blackouts. It's a very forward-thinking move." ■



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EXCITING NEW WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITY!

The Coop is seeking five members to serve on the Pension Advisory Committee ("PAC"). The PAC will represent the interests of the Membership and Staff by monitoring the overall performance of the fund and maintaining regular communication with the Pension Plan Trustees.

This Committee, which will also include two members of the paid Staff, will provide ongoing education and performance reports to the Membership at General Meetings and through articles in the Linewaiters' Gazette. Portfolio decisions, selection of Trustees, and the hiring of the Plan Investment Manager or Plan Actuaries are not under the PAC's purview.

Term lengths: Members will be elected at a monthly General Meeting. The three members receiving the highest vote counts when will receive three-year terms. The members receiving the next two highest vote counts will receive two two-year terms. Subsequent terms will be three years.

We urge you to apply if you have these qualifications:

Coop Experience

- Minimum five years of Coop membership immediately prior to joining the committee;
- An excellent attendance record in your Coop work slot with minimal absences per year

Professional Experience

- Minimum three years relevant professional experience in at least one of the following:
 - Pension fund management, institutional investment advising, or portfolio management
 - Chartered Financial Advisor (CFA)
 - Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
 - Volunteer at a non-profit/educational/religious institution or labor organization where you interface(d) with endowments and/or engage(d) in long-term financial planning on a large scale
 - Journalists, educators or graphics specialists who focus on the financial sector

Core Qualities

- Effective verbal and written communicator
- Ability to distill and disseminate complicated concepts to audiences of all levels
- Skilled in collaborative processes
- Excellent time management and organization skills

To apply, please complete this form <http://bit.ly/CoopPAC> and forward your professional resume, cover letter and one reference letter to:

PACselection@gmail.com

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

HOROSCOPE

February 14 – March 13, 2019

Aries: February is about friends, but March lends itself to introspection and preparing for your birthday.

Taurus: Saturn is chugging through your house of travel and adventure. Visit a new land or indulge in its culinary bounty right here.

Gemini: A new moon in your career house on March 6th brings you more r.e.s.p.e.c.t. Find out what that means to you.

Cancer: The Sun moves into fellow water sign Pisces February 19th. Time to let your whimsical side explode. If you were a walking emoji what would you be?

Leo: Partnerships slip into a deeper place in March. If you've been holding back your trust, make like Supertramp and give a little bit.

Virgo: The Sun moves into your house of love on the 19th. Allow yourself to be pursued. Even in the crowded fruit aisle.

Libra: Your ruler Venus moves into your house of children and creativity in March. Tap back into your sense of wonder, even when you're waiting on a long line.

Scorpio: Mind your righteousness, and gain allies through your fabulous humor. If you're feeling uptight, imagine yourself in rainbow and unicorn underwear.

Sagittarius: On the 19th, the Sun moves into your cozy home sector. Break out the crock pot!

Capricorn: Ideas multiply at superspeed starting the 19th. Keep a recycled paper notebook on your at all times. You can even recycle old schemes that are new again!

Aquarius: Money is the theme beginning February 19th. Spend less dough, and spend more time giving away what you no longer need.

Pisces: Your time of year begins on the 19th. Reward yourself with treats and sweets in all forms that give you joy.

Coop Job Openings: Part-Time Receiving Coordinators Sunday/Monday or Saturday/Sunday

Description:

All Receiving Coordinators ensure the smooth functioning of the Coop.

- Facilitate and supervise the 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

Part-time Receiving Coordinators are generalists who work with staff and members to stock the Coop. They 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: 16 hours. 2 days per week. Sunday/Monday or Saturday/Sunday.

We are looking for candidates who strongly desire a part-time schedule for the foreseeable future. Ability to occasionally work another shift during the week is a plus. Applicants must be prepared to work during holidays, the Coop's busiest times.

Wages: \$28.12 per hour

Benefits: Paid safe and sick leave. Transit checks.

Requirements:

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

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 at least one Sunday afternoon Receiving shift. When at Coop, please introduce yourself as an applicant to one of the Receiving Coordinators. Please indicate whether you are available to work the Sunday/Monday position or the Saturday/Sunday position or both.

Please attach resume and cover letter as single document and submit to:

<http://bit.do/PT-RC>

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.

EXPERIENCED REPORTERS Please Apply



Workslot Description

We have four distinct *Linewaiters' Gazette* teams—each producing an issue every eight weeks. You will develop and produce an article about the Coop in cooperation with your team's editor every eight weeks.

For More Information

If you would like to speak to an editor or another reporter to learn more about the job, please contact Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office or e-mail her at annetteATpsfcDOTcoop.

To Apply

Please send a letter of application and two writing samples at least 800 words long (one sample must be a reported interview, *not* a Q&A) to annetteATpsfcDOTcoop. Your letter should state your qualifications, your Coop history, relevant experience and why you would like to report for the Coop. Your application will be acknowledged and forwarded to the coordinating editors, Alison Rose Levy and Carl Arnold.

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.

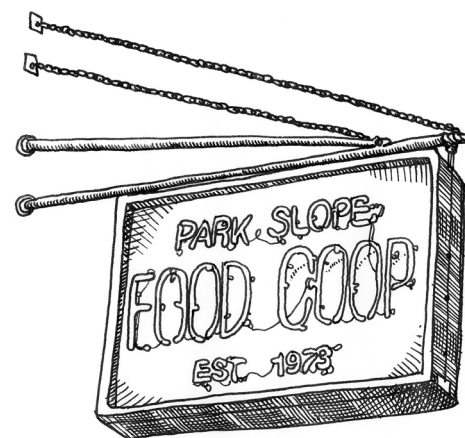


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SAT, FEB 16

34th Annual New York Sword Dance Festival, featuring 10 performing troupes from the U.S. and Canada, dancing in public spaces in Brooklyn (Pacific, Carroll Gardens, Park Slope and Bedford Libraries) and Manhattan (Seward Park Library). For detailed schedule, visit halfmoonsword.org.

8 p.m. Cole Quest & The City Pickers; Piedmont Bluz. Peoples' Voice Cafe, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Sug. contribution \$20/12 for subscribers, youth, students.

SUN, FEB 17

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players: Muneko Otani, Michael Roth, Ah Ling Neu, Roberta Cooper, Peter Weitzner. At the Dr. S.

Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture, Central Library, Brooklyn. Free.

Sword Dance Festival continues at the Gate, Old First Reformed Church, Berg'n and a grand finale of all teams at Brooklyn Waldorf School, 10 Jefferson Ave., at 2:30. Live music at all performances.

SAT, FEB 23

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. BOOK SALE at Park Slope United Methodist Church. Tens of thousands of new and used books, DVDs, CDs and records. Most items \$1 or \$2. Children's Room! Sixth Ave. at Eighth St. For info about Thursday and Friday Preview Sales and how to donate books, visit parkslopeumc.net.

SUN, FEB 24

12:30 to 5:30 p.m. BOOK SALE at Park Slope United Methodist Church. Tens of thousands of new and used books, DVDs, CDs and records. Most items \$1 or \$2. Children's Room! SUNDAY SPECIAL: Buy five items at regular price, everything thereafter is \$1. Sixth Ave. at Eighth St. More info: parkslopeumc.net.



**Have you lost something
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**Perhaps you lost it at the
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reclaim your valuables.**



Board of Directors Election

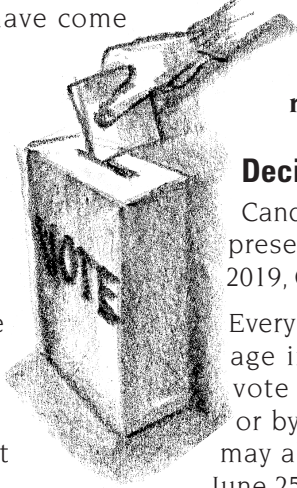
The General Meeting & The Board of Directors

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: "The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the members shall be known as the General Meeting. The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have come before the meeting."

Duties of the Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of five elected Coop members and the senior General Coordinator present. Members serve three-year terms. Members of the Board are expected to attend GMs monthly. They receive Coop work credit for their attendance.



The Board of Directors conducts votes at the end of every GM whether to accept the advice of the members that night. Members of the Board are required to act legally and responsibly.

Opening

There are two openings on the Board, each for a three-year term.

Candidate Deadline

If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by submitting a statement of up to 750 words to: gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop. Candidates may also opt to include a small photo for publication in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and the member proxy mailing. **Deadline for candidacy submission is Friday, March 1, 2019.**

Deciding and Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 26, 2019, General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in May. Members may vote by returning their ballot by mail or by bringing it to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 25, 2019.

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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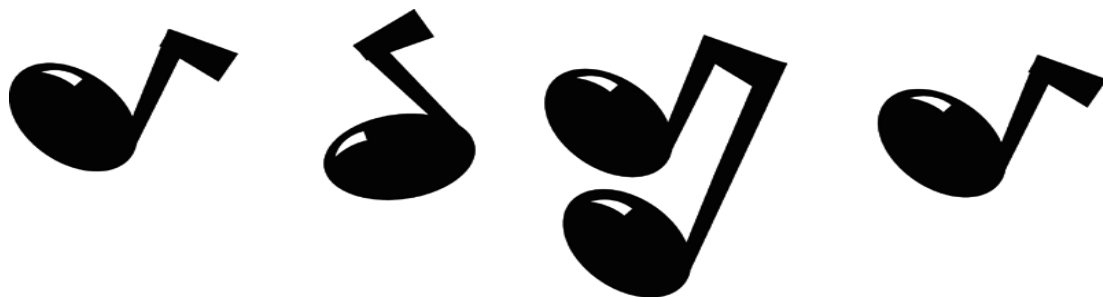
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for keyboard, 4 drawers, excellent condition. \$35 call Isrella 917-816-4795.

PEOPLE MEETING

OPPORTUNITY - WOMEN WRITERS SUPPORT GROUP! Nickel-Bag is a peer support group for African American women writers over 60. Must be able to attend in person meetings at least once a month. Members discuss challenges they face in the writing world and their personal lives. Email nickelbag26@gmail.com for how to apply!

SERVICES AVAILABLE

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HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS. Color, low lights, high-lights, hot oil treatments in the convenience of your home or mine. Kids \$20+up. Adults \$35+up. I also specialize in autistic and special needs children and adults. Call Leonora, 718-857-2215.

MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the Food Coop, so if you would like a really good haircut for a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60 Wednesdays through Sundays.

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EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES

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Receiving Produce

Monday through Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.

Start your day early with a workout and a sense of accomplishment! Work side-by-side with our paid staff receiving daily fresh produce deliveries. If you are willing to get your hands a little dirty, lift and stack boxes, and work in our basement coolers, then you'll fit right in. We promise your energy will be put to good use. Boxes usually weigh between 2-30 lbs., but can weigh up to 50 lbs.

Bathroom Cleaning

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 12 to 2:00 p.m.

This job involves cleaning the Coop's six bathrooms: two on the shopping floor, one in the basement, and three on the second floor. Using a checklist of tasks the squad of two members will coordinate the work by dividing up various cleaning tasks that include, but are not limited to, scrubbing floor tile, cleaning toilets and sinks, mopping floors, and re-supplying the bathrooms. The Coop only uses all natural products for its maintenance tasks. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and will be conscientious about doing a thorough job. Please report to the Membership Office on your first shift.

Store Equipment Cleaning

Monday, 6 to 8:00 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 the Membership Office on your first work shift.

Office Set-up

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like

your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Mary Gerety in the Membership Office for more information.

Terracycle—Plastic Recycling

Wednesday, 3 hours per shift, 1 shift per month, shift meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 3:30 to 6 p.m.

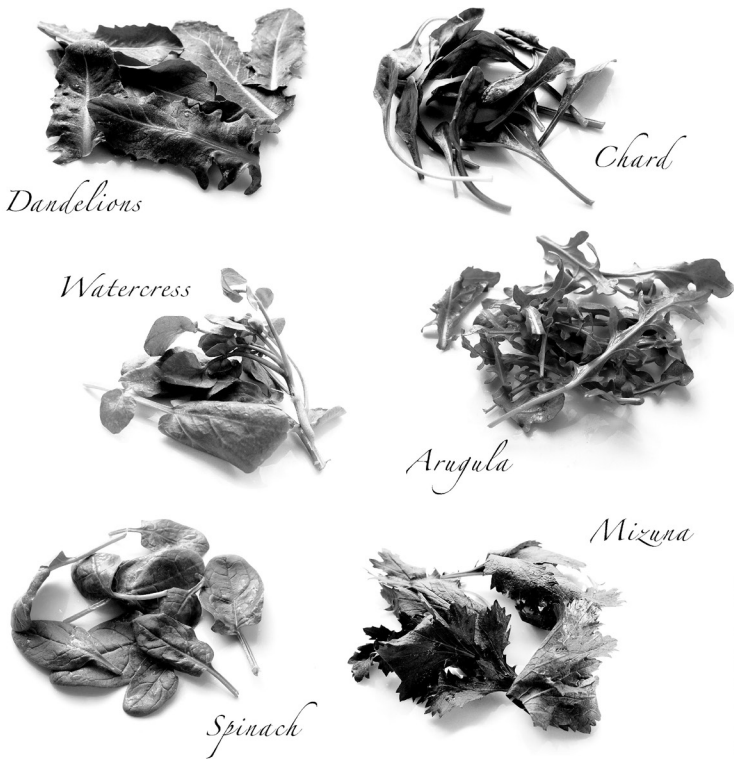
Must be prepared to work outdoors in front of the Coop—winter months included. Tasks include: Setting up the TERRACYCLE table and bringing supplies down to your work area. Staffing the TERRACYCLE table throughout the shift. Helping to educate recyclers about the TERRACYCLE PROGRAM. Making sure only acceptable recyclables are donated. Packing the TERRACYCLE shipping box/boxes and taking them to the UPS store. More detail provided once you sign up—this squad communicates via email so please make sure the Membership Office has your correct email address on file.

Entrance Desk

Thursday, 5:45 to 8:00 a.m.

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the Entrance desk in hours of the weekday before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only Entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

Winter Lettuce



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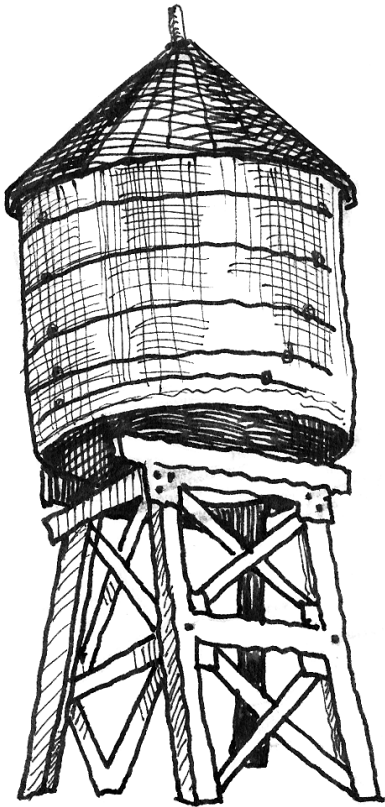


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