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GM REPORT: Membership Up, Expenses Down

By Alison Rose Levy

The October 25, 2011, General Meeting had a surprise ending. Following several requests and announcements, General Coordinator Mike Eakin reported on the Coop's financial statement for the period

citing a member who took food on several days before being caught and expelled from the Coop.

General Coordinator Joe Holtz updated on Christian Help in Park Slope (CHIPS), a local soup kitchen to which the Coop donates edible food

to donate five thousand dollars to CHIPS. Coop members can directly contribute at www.chipsonline.org.

Next, General Coordinator Ann Herpel spoke on the current status of fracking, and its impact on Coop food sources. Since the fracking moratorium ended in early July, Governor Cuomo greenlighted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to issue guidelines to permit fracking in New York State in the coming year. According to Herpel, the Coop's upstate farmers and food suppliers say that water and land contamination by the industrial toxins used in fracking may interfere with their ability to supply the Coop healthy food. The Coop is sponsoring a letter writing campaign to respond to the DEC guidelines (prior to December 12), and also circulating a petition to Governor Cuomo, available at the Coop. Herpel invited members to attend a public forum with DEC members on November 30 at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers Street. More information is here: www.frackaction.com/content/events.

General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman, the Coop produce buyer, highlighted the fall produce season, mentioning the last of the Snow Sweet apple, and two minimally treated Asian pears

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The CHIPS Fire: Community Gives Back



PHOTO BY ROD MORRISON

Danken Auto Supply was completely destroyed by a five-alarm fire which began in its building.

By Ed Levy

When a five-alarm blaze broke out at Danken Auto Supply on Fourth Avenue on September 23, firefighters had no choice but to fight it from the neighboring roofs and buildings. Smashing windows and breaking down walls, they dragged their hoses through the second and third floor

apartments of the CHIPS shelter next door—through the apartments that were reserved for homeless women and their babies.

Downstairs, at the soup kitchen, a hundred people eating their lunch had to be evacuated. The women and infants were given immediate shelter at the neighboring Bush Ware-

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Next General Meeting on November 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this *Gazette* 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.

* Exceptions will be posted.



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ending October 9, 2011. Coop membership is up to 16,000 members, near its all time high. The gross margin is the same as last year while expenses are down as a percentage of sales compared to last year. The loan program, in which Coop members loaned the Coop money for its new building purchase is also slowly winding down since the Coop no longer needs new loans.

Eakin reported that food theft is an ongoing problem,

that's past its prime. "We do this to be responsible citizens. If we can't sell it, we can give it to someone who can eat it." Holtz said. Located on Fourth Avenue, the CHIPS building (which also shelters the homeless) was recently temporarily condemned due to water damage sustained during the extinguishing of a fire in an adjacent building. The General Coordinators are allowed to make emergency donations and they decided

Coop Event Highlights

- Sat, Nov 19** • **Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State** 2-4 p.m.
- Sat, Nov 26** • **Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State** 1-3 p.m.
- Thu, Dec 1** • **Food Class: Cooking with Duck** 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Dec 2** • **Film Night: New World Order** 7:00 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 3** • **Wordsprouts: Poetry Workshop for Children** 6:00 p.m.

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

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GM Report

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from the Subaru Kuda-mono: Asau and Hosui.

The Coop's outside auditors pointed out that a book-keeping staff member hasn't been signing off on the review of bank reconciliation statements, noted Board member, John Urda. He suggested that the Coop "improve on its review procedures for actions requiring documentation."

The Environmental Committee, which reviews all activities for compliance with environmental practices, has devised a phase-out plan for plastic bags, which have negative environmental and health consequences. The committee developed a hand-out which can be found at www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com to explain the concerns and help manage the phase-out.

to continue the boycott.

Joseph Sanchez of the IWW union urged renewing the boycott of Sonny and Joe's Hummus, which was cited by the National Labor Relations Board for the illegal firing of (and failure to rehire and compensate) 17 workers, when they struck for back pay for overtime incurred during a 60+ hour work week. Sanchez reported that the owner never complied with Board rulings. The meeting voted to renew the boycott.

Nancy Romer, Director of the Brooklyn Food Coalition (BFC), requested the Coop's financial support for the Second Brooklyn Food Conference to be held May 12, 2012. The first Conference, (attended by three thousand adults) was co-sponsored by the Coop, and sparked by the Coop's Safe Food Committee, Romer said.

and Joe Holtz responded that "The Coop is financially strong enough to do this without raising prices." The meeting voted for the Coop to co-sponsor the next food conference with a donation of ten thousand dollars. This sponsorship will be featured on the website and all associated materials.

The members were next asked to elect a new member for an interim term (until a vote to be held next Annual Meeting in June) to serve on the Board of Directors as a replacement for a Board Member who resigned in August.

In response to a question about Board responsibilities, Board Member Bill Penner explained that as a legally constituted corporation under NYS cooperative corporation law, the law requires that Board members vote to ratify (or not) all items decided by the General Meeting. This process marries the membership decision-making process to NYS corporate law. As such, all group meeting votes are technically advisory instructions to the Board, which consists of six members, five elected, and one ex-officio from the General Coordinators. Board Director John Urda stated that, "Unless a [GM] vote is illegal, we usually approve it."

The three nominees, each of whom addressed the meeting were David Pagan, who serves on the Agenda Committee, Tim Platt, now serving on the Chair Committee, and Jesse Rosenfeld, who recently was voted in as Secretary. Since there were not enough pre-printed ballots, David Moss of the Chair Committee explained how to use the ballot and/or how to write in and vote for the candidates, using a Yes/No/Neutral system.

Several members questioned whether there was enough time available to vote, given that the meeting had by then run over time. Moss explained that in order to proceed to a vote, the members present would be asked to vote on whether or not to extend the meeting.

Board Member Penner urged that the meeting vote to extend, given that there was no precedent for a prolonged board vacancy. By a count of hands, the meeting voted not to extend the time, deferring the Board vote to the next meeting.

Finally, Joe Holtz presented minutes from last meeting, which were accepted. The Board of Directors confirmed the votes recommended by the General Meeting, and the meeting was adjourned. ■



CLOTH VS. PLASTIC

Greg Todd of GMO Labeling Committee reported that after 11 years, on November 16, the Committee will complete its initiative to mark all products certified as non-GMO with green dot stickers.

Participants voted to reelect Susan Sternberg and Glenn Moller, both current members of the Agenda Committee. The Committee, which facilitates the placement of GM agenda items, is currently taking nominations for a third position to replace a member who resigned.

Since all Coop boycotts are mandated for annual review and re-vote, the GM considered whether to continue two current boycotts.

Lew Friedman urged continuing the boycott of Coca-Cola products, citing anti-labor practices, human rights violations, and appropriation of local drinking water from drought-prone regions. The meeting voted

The conference supports the availability of healthy, affordable food, sustainable agriculture, and justice for food workers.

Romer also invited input from Coop members as well as FTOP workers for specific tasks, needed now and through the conference. Romer circulated a sign up sheet, and those interested can also inquire at: www.brooklynfoodcoalition.org. Coop members can join the BFC for a current cost of \$5-\$25.

For the upcoming conference, local restaurateurs and food producers of different food cultures will supply low cost food, so Romer asked that the Coop serve as a co-sponsor by contributing \$10,000 to "advance and spread the Coop values of engagement in food change" to make the conference free to welcome all interested participants.

One member asked if the Coop could afford this gift,

Coop collecting donations for CHIPS Soup Kitchen

On September 23, CHIPS suffered devastating smoke and water damage from a fire in an adjacent building.

CHIPS is currently closed to rebuild and renovate. They need our financial support to reopen the Soup Kitchen and Frances Residence.

There are collection boxes located here in the Food Coop, near the exit, at the cashier stations and in the Membership Office.

You can also send a check to:
CHIPS
200 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217

CHIPS has politely requested ONLY *financial donations*, at this time. They are unable to handle donations of food, clothing or furniture.

The Diversity and Equality Committee Seeks New Members

Are you interested in Issues of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion?

The Diversity and Equality Committee is dedicated to improving human relations and communication in all policies and procedures in the Coop. Our goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop. If you are interested in issues of diversity, equality and inclusion, you can help us to achieve our goals by becoming a member of the DEC.

We are currently seeking new members, with experience in conflict resolution and mediation, interviewing, and leading and organizing workshops, ideally around diversity. General computer skills and editing and writing skills are also helpful.

Requirements:

- Must be a member for at least one year
 - Have good attendance record
- Attend monthly committee meetings on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Participate in subcommittee work as needed

We seek members who are reflective of the diversity of the Coop membership.

If interested, please send an email with your name, PSFC member number, and details of your relevant experience to reply@psfc.coop. Please put "Diversity and Equality" in the subject line.



ILLUSTRATION BY ETHAN PETTIT

CHIPS Fire

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house. Although fortunately no one was injured, of the thousands of gallons of water that poured down on the fire, much of it found its way into CHIPS, ruining floors, walls, furniture, clothing, food—including infant formula—and equipment. “Eighty-five percent of the ceiling and floors were damaged and have to be replaced,” CHIPS’s president, Sister Mary Maloney, told the *Gazette*.

Well into the next day, bystanders could hear the pop of car batteries exploding as firefighters struggled with the blaze. By the follow-

until the Frances Residency, as the women’s shelter is called, reopens. Downstairs, instead of serving cooked meals, CHIPS began—within a day and a half of the fire, and with the smell of smoke still in the air—giving out bag lunches from its front door. At first these lunches consisted simply of energy bars and juice, with canned goods for those who wanted them. By Tuesday, there were peanut butter and jelly sandwiches; by Wednesday people were receiving fruit in their brown bags as well.

Like the brown bag lunches, CHIPS is gradually being refilled from the community’s generosity. Rebuilding and

tions of goods and equipment, as there is no place to store them, but to donate money instead if they can. The CHIPS website, www.CHIPSONline.org, now accepts PayPal. Donations can also be made at the Coop or by sending a check to Park Slope Christian Help Inc., 200 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Label your check “For CHIPS: Special Fire Response.” Donations to CHIPS are tax deductible.

Donated Produce

The produce the Coop gives away falls into two categories: edible but too bruised for sale, and compostable. The Coop usually delivers produce five days a week to CHIPS. It also sends food to City Harvest, an agency that supplies food to some 300,000 New Yorkers who might otherwise go hungry by connecting aid organizations with stores and restaurants that can supply them with food. Donations of food to CHIPS by the Coop began long before the cost-effectiveness of doing so became apparent, but as it turns out, the donations save the store the expense of paying a trucking company by the ton to haul away damaged produce—a solution that is also unwelcome from an environmental perspective.

Inedible food is given away for compost, mostly to community gardens in the Park Slope area and to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. The Coop has even, at times, sent compostable food back upstate to Hepworth Farms, in Milton, New York, one of our major organic suppliers, to reincarnate as another crop that will make its way to our produce aisle.

Long-time CHIPS volunteer and retired attorney Pat Gauvey explained that the current problem for CHIPS is how to get the vacate order lifted. She said they are hoping to reopen in stages, with a partial lift of the ban that will permit them to open the soup kitchen, with the Frances Residence reopening when the upper floor renovations are complete.

A History of CHIPS

CHIPS began as a prayer group in 1971, inspired by the radical transformation and renewal of the Roman Catholic Church initiated under Vatican Council II. The prayer group decided that its mission should be to open a soup kitchen, and rented vari-

ous locations until settling on a floor at 200 Fourth Avenue. A number of years later, the landlord, who was about to retire and move to Florida, offered to sell the entire building to CHIPS on very good terms. In fact, once the down payment was raised, he assumed the mortgage on their behalf.

In 1998, Sister Mary got the idea of starting a shelter in the now greatly expanded space, and after receiving a grant to renovate the upstairs, CHIPS created apartments for moms and babies, as well as offices. The Frances Residency Program is now a transitional home that serves nine prenatal and postnatal homeless women and their infants, and in some cases, the women’s other children. The women can stay up to a year or more after their child is delivered, each family occupying its own studio apartment, while the mothers work toward self-reliance and the securing of permanent housing.

Pat Gauvey described for us an organization that is layered into the community in numerous other ways, as well. CHIPS serves as a training center for autistic

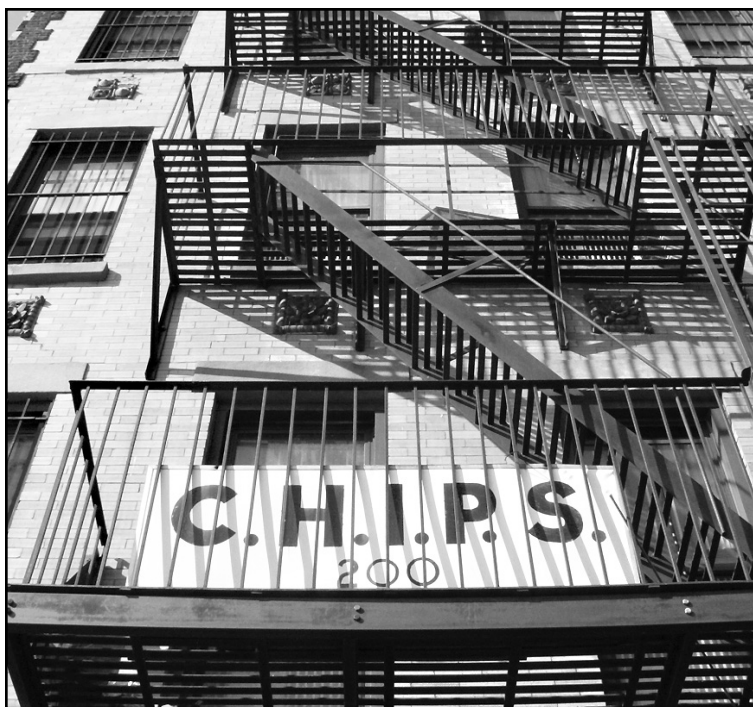
children, a place where they can come and develop skills, like setting the table for meals. It is a site where people who have been sentenced by the courts come to perform community service can fulfill that obligation. It is a food bank. It is a refuge for many in need over the holidays. At Thanksgiving, numerous donated turkeys are transformed into a feast—Mayor Bloomberg has served the Thanksgiving meal at CHIPS—and at Christmas, an army of volunteers arrives to wrap gifts that will be given out.

In turn, Pat said, CHIPS has inspired the community’s loyalty. Many, like her, have volunteered for years. “The reason we were able to raise the money for the down payment so easily when the building was first offered to us,” she said, “was that people knew we would do something good with it.” ■



PHOTOS BY ROD MORRISON

CHIPS was evacuated on September 23, 2011, when an extensive blaze destroyed the adjacent Danken Auto Supply.



CHIPS houses a soup kitchen on the ground floor and transitional homes for mothers and their infants on the upper floors.

ing afternoon, the fire was under control, but by then the damage was so extensive the building was declared unsafe and ordered to be closed. That meant not only relocating the women and their children, but also closing the soup kitchen, which typically feeds cooked meals to about two hundred people a day.

CHIPS has begun the process of rebuilding, and renovations are well underway. But a lot is still needed. “We have insurance, but it won’t cover everything,” Sister Mary said.

With the help of the Red Cross, the mothers and babies were initially relocated to temporary shelter in Staten Island. Many were required to move multiple times in the coming days, until with the assistance of the Mayor’s office and the Department of Housing and Public Development, they were ultimately settled in hotels across the city where they will be able to remain

renovation are well underway, and the hope is to reopen by Thanksgiving. The response has come despite the fact that there was very little coverage of the fire in the newspaper, a consequence of the demise of local newspapers in recent years.

Coop Assistance

Since the 1970s the Coop has had an intimate, long-standing relationship with CHIPS. The Coop provides not only fresh food that is edible but no longer salable—but also volunteers, in the form of Coop members who do their workshifts there. The General Coordinators quickly made a \$5000 donation on behalf of the Coop, and within a few days an additional thousand dollars was collected from the donation boxes placed on the shopping floor. An ad asking for assistance also appeared in the *Gazette*. Sister Mary has asked people not to respond with dona-



Above from the left, Sister Linda, Sister Phyllis Maresca, and Sister Mary S. handing out hot coffee and brown bag lunches while CHIPS is being renovated. Below, Sister Mary A. Maloney, President of CHIPS, hopes to reopen the soup kitchen by Thanksgiving and the homeless shelter by New Year’s.





Making the Trees Shiver: A New Anthology Showcases Brooklyn Youth Writers

By Frank Haberle

Over the past seven summers, a group of Coop members have worked together on a special project that is inspiring a new generation of young poets and writers of Brooklyn. As staff and volunteers of the non-profit NY Writers Coalition, Coop members Erin Hopkins, Sophie McManus, and former Coop member Aaron Zimmerman and others joined together in 2004 to develop a summer-long creative writing program in Fort Greene Park for children from the surrounding community. Each August, the highlight of the Fort Greene Park Summer Literary Festival comes when these youth writers read their work alongside established Brooklyn poets and writers before hundreds of rapt listeners.

The Festival reading provides a unique experience for the youth writers, the participating authors, and the audience. Headliners at the reading have included Colson Whitehead, Jhumpa Lahiri, Jennifer Egan, Hal Sirowitz, Staceyann Chin, Chris Abani, Sonia Sanchez, Amiri Baraka and many others. For the cadre of 8 to 12 year olds from the summer writing workshop, reading alongside these established writers helps them value their own creative work and, for some, to start to imagine themselves as the next Pulitzer Prize winner or literary icon.

Now a new anthology, collected and edited by Erin Hopkins, has captured the spirit and energy of the read-

ings at the Festival. *Making The Trees Shiver: An Anthology of the First Six Years of the Fort Greene Park Summer Literary Festival* is in many ways a "greatest hits" collection of over 100 poems and short stories from young people in the workshop series, blended with works contributed by the more "established" adult readers.

"The idea behind the anthology was to create a book that celebrated the first six years of the Festival," Erin reports, "and to honor the writing of young people as literature in its own right by publishing their work alongside some of the literary icons that have been part of the festival. My role as editor was to cull through six

years of portfolios from the kids, choose the best pieces, and arrange them with the contributions we received from the adults in a way that made sense."

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The title to *Making the Trees Shiver* comes from 9-year-old Adrienne Williams' poem, read in the series in 2005, called "Unlocking the Air." This unique collection includes memoir excerpts

from Brooklyn authors Egan, Abani and Chin; short stories by Baraka and poems by Sanchez and Sirowitz, all interspersed with the poems of young writers defining where they are from, or their impressions of the natural world of the park, or the realities of growing up in an urban setting.

Building Young Voices: The Fort Greene Summer Youth Writers Program

The young authors who contributed to *Making the Trees Shiver* have developed their skills as poets and storytellers through a summer workshop program, sponsored by the NY Writers Coalition and held on Saturday mornings in the park since 2004. As NYWC Executive Director Aaron Zimmerman remembers, "it started when we moved to Fort Greene in 2004 and wanted to do something that would fit in with the existing community, and play on the tradition of this area. We got together with Johnny Temple of Akashic books, who lives in the neighborhood. Together, we came up with the idea, to make use of the park and present litera-

ture relevant to people in the area, and also get kids writing, outdoors, for free."

Erin, a Coop member since 2001, joined NYWC that year after a chance encounter. "I actually met Aaron at the Coop, when I was working a shift in check out. At the time, I was looking to take a creative writing workshop, and had been casually looking for a workshop to join. I was scanning a bunch of snacks that Aaron was purchasing, and I asked him what he was doing with them." Erin remembers that Aaron told her the snacks were for a Creative Writing Workshop he led in the East Village. Erin soon got hooked on the NY Writers Coalition program and model, eventually applying and training to become a workshop leader, then a staff member.

In addition to leading workshops in the park since 2006, Erin was the site coordinator from 2006-2010, and had a great chance to get to know most of the kids and their families. "Every July it is amazing to see the kids show up lankier and more grown up," Erin says. "Their writing reflects this too; there is such a jump from year to year. I think the experience helps the kids really identify as writers. They can tell they are actually being taken seriously."

Sophie McManus, a Coop member who was one of the earliest Fort Greene workshop leaders, remembers how she got started. "I became involved through a blind-luck Google search in 2004. I internet-wandered my way to the NY Writers Coalition site and filled out an application to volunteer. I had no idea how much joy leading workshops would bring, and how much I'd learn from the experience. Sitting on a big quilt in a lovely park on a summer's day with ten adorable kids who are writing and sharing wacky and mind-blowingly creative poems and prose is a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Kids' imaginations are less tethered to reality than ours are, and their work can be pretty inspiring. Plus," Sophie adds jokingly, "there were snacks."

For Sophie, the experience of leading the workshop was transformative. "When I started up with the program I

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**Sessions also:
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Attention Coop Squad Leaders!

**Interested in learning more about
how diversity issues affect Coop members'
shopping and work shift experiences?**

**Want to know more about
what resources are available to
help your shift run more smoothly?**

The Park Slope Food Coop's Diversity and Equality Committee is holding a series of workshops for Squad Leaders. The goal of the two-hour workshop is to increase awareness and understanding of diversity in the Coop. Through interactive discussions we will talk about the values of diversity, how differences can create both collaboration and conflict and strategies for dealing with issues of diversity. We will discuss conflicts that have arisen in the Coop, the findings of the diversity survey and what you can do to make the Coop a more welcoming place for all.

TRAINING DATES:

**Tuesday, December 6, 7-9 p.m.
Saturday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Please call 888-922-COOP (2667) box 89 or send an e-mail to reply@psfc.coop (with "SL Training" in the subject line) to confirm your attendance and/or for more information. In either case, please tell us your name, Coop member number, contact information and the date you are interested in attending. We will reply with a confirmation within a week.

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WORKSLOT CREDIT (MAKE-UP OR FTOP) IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO ATTEND.



Unlocking the Air

By Adrienne Williams, age 9

The smooth air rushing
Towards me. I did it me
The air is free. Making the
Trees shiver. Never ever stop
It unlocked it's going to be
Like that forever.
It's going to be free air.
Forever there's no fear.
It's going to be free forever
I saved the air

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worked in publishing," she reports. "But I'm now a teacher, and it's most likely that a big part of that switch was realizing how much fun I was having leading these workshops."

A Connected Sense of Community

Erin sees a strong connection between her involvement in the Coop and in the NY Writers Coalition, a non-profit organization that runs more than 30 ongoing community writing programs in youth centers and social service programs around the city. Erin credits both the Coop, and the NYWC, for helping her find her way in

the city after she arrived in 2001. "I think both NYWC and the Food Coop do a good job building community in an otherwise alienating city," she says. "I joined the Food Coop right after I moved to New York City when I didn't know anyone, and I saw it as a chance to get good food, but also meet people. When I look at the people in my life now, a lot of my oldest friends in the city I know either because of the Food Coop or NYWC." ■

To learn more of the NY Writers Coalition, the Fort Greene Park Summer Literary Festival, and Making the Trees Shiver, visit www.nywriterscoalition.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAY 2012 BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE

Brooklyn Food Coalition is planning a conference for May 12, 2012.

Please join BFC as a member and help make this conference happen.



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Research
Fundraising

To learn more and to volunteer please contact:
conference@brooklynfoodcoalition.org
You will receive FTOP credit for your work.

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8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



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information on our current
product inventory.

You can connect to the blog
via the Coop's website
www.foodcoop.com

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8 to 22 lbs., \$2.79 lb. **THURS 11/17**

Plainville Farms Pasture-raised (New York)
10 to 22 lbs., \$2.93 lb. **THURS 11/17**

Eberly Certified Organic (Pennsylvania):
8 to 24 lbs., \$4.69 lb. **FRI 11/18**

**McDonald Farm Heritage Breed
(American Bronze) (New York)**
12-26 lbs., \$4.61 lb. **MON 11/21**

Stonewood Farm Pasture-raised (Vermont):
12 to 20 lbs., \$3.98 lb. **MON 11/21**

**FROZEN Wise Kosher Certified Organic
(Pennsylvania):**
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WORDSPROUTS REPORT

Memoirists Minkowitz and Slichter

By Paola Corso

Ben Yagoda, author of *Memoir: A History*, says outstanding memoirists show readers that they have thought long and hard about themselves and their experiences. Their work is what he calls “well considered.” Coop authors Donna Minkowitz and Jacob Slichter proved just that as they captivated an audience filling the meeting room to launch a new season of Wordsprouts. Not even noise from the loud speaker interfered with their words. That’s right, questions about the availability of skim milk mozzarella and asparagus tips seemed trivial in comparison.

Minkowitz, the award-winning author of the memoir *Ferocious Romance: What My Encounters With the Right Taught Me About Sex, God, and Fury*, read an excerpt from a new manuscript, *The Marvelous Toy* at Wordsprouts on October 21. Slichter read from *So You Wanna Be a Rock & Roll Star*, recalling his days as the drummer for the band Semisonic. This report is the first of two parts, beginning with Donna’s memoir followed by a second part on Jacob’s to appear at a later date.

The Marvelous Toy

Donna says she’s always been fascinated with toys and was encouraged to make herself one in her new work. This combined with the fact that her mother learned Jewish magic gave her the idea to be a golem in the memoir, a creature made of inanimate materials as in kabbalistic folklore. She conveys what it’s like being an object in the following excerpt:

Golems (and robots) are but two species of our kind, of course. Many clumps of mud on several continents have been over-stimulated with unnatural spirit this way, by persons of power like my mother, for millennia.

Certain rocks and springs have been galvanized (for eons) with a painful awareness, and there are young girls (and boys) imprisoned in 11-inch Barbie dolls, living spirits imprisoned in bottle caps, baseball and tarot cards smarting and throbbing inside locked-up collections. Puppets and toys created far, far realer than they should be. Trees twisted with the force of something alien inside them. We are all over the world, we half-human sad, impregnated, lonely things, sung into life by magicians and pallid Hasids and evil PhDs who wanted to try and see—just try and see! they had wild hopes—if they could reproduce themselves without a partner.

What Donna discovers in her memoir is that being a golem is the reason her life falls apart in her late 30s. Close friendships end, her therapist gives her the boot, and she develops an arm condition so painful that she can’t use them. In *The Marvelous Toy*, she goes on a quest to find out if and how she can become real.

I asked Donna a few follow-up questions about her journey in the book and her considerations writing it:

Corso: What was the biggest discovery you made about yourself in this quest for humanity?

Minkowitz: That I’m capable of behaving abominably when I feel threatened (like golems in the legend). In the book, I call it the Minkowitz Death Ray.

Corso: You say this new work is 87 percent true except for the magic and time travel. How

much of a difference did that 13 percent fantasy make?

Minkowitz: It made an enormous difference, especially because it’s not just fiction but fantasy fiction. I wanted to combine memoir with out-and-out fantasy because I had been getting rather impatient with people who don’t take memoir seriously as a literary form—a *story*—and expect it to be some sort of verbatim record of your life. In reality, that’s impossible—that’s not how stories work, or how memory works—so I just decided to say that this book combines true memoir with material that is not only untrue, but physically impossible!

Corso: Tell us about your writing process. Did you consider writing the book without the fantasy?

Minkowitz: I did try writing it without the fantasy first, but found it worked much better with. One reason, I believe, is that certain childhood experiences—physical abuse, for example—feel surreal when you experience them, so

they come across in a truer fashion in the language of “magic” and having your body manipulated by magicians.

Corso: How does the experience of writing *The Marvelous Toy* compare with *Ferocious Romance*?

Minkowitz: Both of them were fun to write, but in this one, my imagination got to run wild, and I really appreciated that. I love fairy tales and myth, and I believe these archetypal stories still shape the way we all see our lives. I didn’t want to lose that way of looking at the world just because I was writing a memoir.

Check out Donna’s website and read the first chapter of *The Marvelous Toy* at donnaminkowitz.wordpress.com. ■

Next installment: *So You Wanna Be a Rock & Roll Star*, by Jacob Slichter.

WORDSPROUTS
The Park Slope Food Coop’s Reading Series

Next Wordsprouts:
Saturday, December 3, at 6 p.m.
Children’s author and educator DuEwa Frazier will give a poetry-writing workshop and reading for children ages 4-11 years.

Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 16.

Saturday, November 19
2 – 4 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

SLOWING DOWN THE DEC ON THE FAST TRACK TO FRACK NEW YORK STATE

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Stop by at any point during the workshop session. Future session will be held: Saturday, November 26, 1 – 3 p.m.

Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome!

Sponsored by the Park Slope Food Coop Environmental Committee. Visit us at www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com.





COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.

*Shoppers must be on a checkout line 15 minutes after closing time.

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

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

All submissions must include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: Except for letters to the editor, which are published without editing but are subject to the *Gazette* letters policy regarding length, anonymity, respect, and fairness, all submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette* will be reviewed and if necessary edited by the editor. In their review, editors are guided by the *Gazette's* Fairness and Anonymity policies as well as standard editorial practices of grammatical review, separation of fact from opinion, attribution of factual statements, and rudimentary fact checking. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any proposed editorial changes. Writers must make a reasonable effort to respond to and be available to editors to confer about their articles. If there is no response after a reasonable effort to contact the writer, an editor, at her or his discretion, may make editorial changes to a submission without conferring with the writer.

Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

Digital Submissions: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

Classified & Display Ads: Ads may only be placed by and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the "Merchandise–Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

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**Friday
Dec 16**

8:00 p.m.

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The Good Coffeehouse
COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Park Slope Food Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture



LeTha's music is a dynamic soul-filled journey. Her emotionally charged show travels deeply from the delicate and vulnerable places captured in her songwriting to broad, soul-stirring heights accomplished through powerful vocals. Accompanied by global guitarist, Vita Tanga, using sounds and techniques from across the world. This is a show not to be missed.

The Mast — The seemingly eight-armed Matt Kilmer creates propulsive rhythmic tapestries on his hybrid drum set of frame drums, djembe and cymbals, through which vocalist and electric guitarist Haale Gafori weaves interlocking riffs and imagistic lyrics. They released their debut album, *Wild Poppies*, in June of 2011 and have been touring and playing various radio shows, including WNYC's Soundcheck with John Schafer. Their album can be streamed at TheMastMusic.com.



53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • **\$10** • **8:00 p.m.** [doors open at 7:45]
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...

**Third Thursday
NOVEMBER 17
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.**

**Last Sunday
NOVEMBER 27
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.**

**Second Saturday
DECEMBER 10
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.**

On the sidewalk in front of the receiving area at the Coop.

PLASTICS

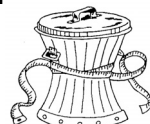
**What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:**

- #1 and #6 type non-bottle shaped containers, transparent only, labels ok
- Plastic film and bubble wrap, transparent only, no colored or opaque, no labels
- #5 plastic cups, tubs, and specifically marked caps and lids, very clean and dry (discard any with paper labels, or cut off)

NOTE: We are no longer accepting #2 or #4 type plastics.

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

We close up promptly.
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the collection end time to allow for inspection and sorting of your plastic.



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Plastics Recycling**Saturday or Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Join in the Coop's effort to be a better environmental citizen. Work outside in front of the Coop with other members of the Recycling Squad accepting returned plastic containers, making sure they are clean and meet the Recycling Squad criteria. Stack and pack plastic for recycling. Must be reliable and willing to work outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Schedule Copying**Tuesday, 6 to 8:45 p.m.**

You will work by yourself copying committee schedules, from originals provided, using the Risograph machine. (Risograph is a high-speed

digital printing system; it combines scanning and high-speed printing.) You should be able to troubleshoot problems with the printer. A six-month commitment is required for this shift. Please contact Debbie Parker in the Membership Office, weekdays, 718-622-0560 or debbie_parker@psfc.coop.

Plastics Recycling Baler**Saturday, 1 to 3:45 p.m.**

Baler will work as a member of the Environmental Issues Plastic Recycling Committee. Work includes operating the baler machine in the receiving area—NO OPENTOEED FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE WORN WHILE WORKING IN THIS AREA. Worker must be able

work with Receiving Staff to coordinate the use of the baler and shared workspace, must be able to follow detailed safety instructions. Some strength and lifting required. Training will take place on first scheduled shift. You will need to contact Cynthia Pennycooke, Membership Coordinator, via phone Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Membership Office or e-mail cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop prior to being assigned to this shift.

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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 four weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

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

The Coop on the Internetwww.foodcoop.com**The Coop on Cable TV***Inside the Park Slope Food Coop*

FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

General Meeting Info**TUE, NOV 29**

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, DEC 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Dec 27 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

Dec 1 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 21

Dec 15 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 5

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 23

Dec 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 7

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING**Our Governing Structure**

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings, to which all members are invited, 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 the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

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

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

Location

The Temple House of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

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 on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, 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.)** • Meet the Coordinators

• Enjoy some Coop snacks • 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 the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Board of Directors' vote • Meeting evaluation • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: 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:

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

2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• 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.

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

nov 18
fri 7-9 pm

Improv for Activists

Are you an activist who is finding it difficult to convey your sense of urgency to the people who will be most affected? If so, this is the workshop for you. We will identify what does and does not work during the outreach experience. We will then explore elements of acting and improv to think outside the box to make our outreach more successful. Although our focus will be on the fracking issue, our aim is to develop out-of-the-box methods that may extend beyond improv, that will work for a wide range of issues. Since other genres of artistic expression such as music, art, comedy, etc., heighten the effectiveness of improv, this workshop would be the richer if those arts could be represented as well. Coop member **Alice Joyce Alcalá** is a former New York City-high school teacher who created Shakespeare programs at Brooklyn Tech and Murray Bergtraum High Schools before she retired.

nov 18
fri 8 pm

Barry Bryson & The Swing Street Orchestra



Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the **Swing Street Orchestra**, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band

swing-dance music. Barry Bryson, trumpet/leader; Cynthia Hilts, piano; Lee Hudson, bass; Rob Garcia, drums; Todd Isler, percussion; David Phelps, guitar; Stephan Bauer, vibraphone; Lisa Parrott, alto saxophone/clarinet; Jenny Hill, tenor saxophone/clarinet; **Marje Wagner**, vocals; Surprise Guest, trombone. Carolynn Murphy will be there to give a brief swing lesson in the beginning and continue coaching people throughout.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45.

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To book a Coffeehouse event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.



nov 20
sun 12 pm

Intro to Infant Massage

If you're a parent with a newborn to year-old infant, here's a perfect way to spend an hour that will benefit you and your child for a lifetime. Infant massages are a proven method for parents to bond with and contribute to the health and happiness of their newborn or infant child. Learn to speak infant, express through touch, soothe and calm the baby and give the loving, nurturing attention that accelerates neural and tactile development. Coop member **Deirdre Lovell** is a licensed massage therapist and massage therapy instructor, former performing artist and mother.

nov 25
fri 7-9 pm

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nov 26
sat 1-3 pm

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nov 19
sat 11 am

Fibroids, Cysts and PMS

Participants will learn five effective, natural ways to eliminate fibroids, cysts and PMS. We will explain underlying causes of hormonal imbalance, how to resolve them and how to boost energy and clarity through beneficial diet, appropriate exercise and the use of natural supplements. This class will provide the supportive environment participants need to identify and implement the changes that will improve their health and fertility. Pre-registration suggested. To register, e-mail GreenGemHealth@gmail.com or call (646) 483-4571. Coop member **Rebecca Curtis** is a certified Holistic Health Coach and professor at Columbia University and the director of Green Gem Holistic Health, located in Brooklyn Heights.

nov 19
sat 2-4 pm

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nov 29
tue 7 pm

PSFC NOV General Meeting



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

Meeting location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.

Item #1: Interim Board of Directors Election (30 minutes)

Election: "One interim position on the Board of Directors is open. The term of office will be until the next Annual Meeting in June 2012. Nominations for this interim position will be accepted from the floor." —mandated by the Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop

Item #2: Change to Disciplinary Hearing Procedures and Disciplinary Rules (30 minutes)

Discussion: "Amending Disciplinary Hearing Procedures to include arbitration for less serious disciplinary matters; and Amending existing Disciplinary rules to improve the efficiency and fairness of enforcing the Coop's rules and policy." —submitted by the Disciplinary Committee (DC) and the Hearing Officer Committee (HOC)

Explanation: The DC and the HOC seek to amend the disciplinary procedures to include arbitration before a panel of hearing officers (rather than a full hearing before a deciding group of Coop members) for violations where the Disciplinary Committee seeks a sanction of 2 year suspension or less. The DC and HOC also seek to amend the current Coop rules in order to expel repeat rule violators, provide for arbitration, suspend members who are unresponsive to the DC, expel members who shop while suspended and suspend those who chronically owe numerous make-ups.

Item #3: More Work Slots for FTOP Workers (30 minutes)

Discussion: "I propose that FTOP workers be allowed to do walk-in shifts on those

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squads where the Squad Leader and/or coordinator have determined that they need workers due to absences of the regular squad members." —submitted by Michael West
Explanation: FTOP workers are not allowed enough work slots, and often find themselves unable to schedule convenient work slots. Being able to use any empty work slot will increase the available work slots for FTOP workers.

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

dec 1
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Cooking with Duck



Chef **Olivia Roszkowski** will demonstrate how to fabricate (butcher) a whole duck into its components, brine and confit duck legs, pan-sear duck breast and prepare duck stock. She will also discuss the health benefits and advantages that come with including duck as a part of your diet. After completing the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute, she has worked as a line cook at Jean Georges' 200-seat Mercer Kitchen, as well as David Chang's Momofuku Ssäm Bar. While at Momofuku, her days were spent confiting duck legs, rendering duck fat, pureeing duck liver mousse, glazing whole rotisserie duck breasts, slicing duck ham, grinding duck mortadella and crisping duck skin for their exclusive "Duck Bar" menu. *Menu includes pan-seared duck breast, served over greens in a smoky-chipotle vinaigrette; duck confit, served on a baguette with a cherry-ginger compote; ramen-style noodle duck soup.* **Materials fee: \$5.**

Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.

dec 2
fri 7 pm

Film Night: New World Order



New World Order is a behind-the-scenes look at the underground anti-globalist movement. This growing movement targets the annual Bilderberg Conference and the 9/11 attacks as focal points in the alleged global conspiracy. Alex Jones, a celebrity radio host and underground cult hero, is the main character of the film. The film chronicles Alex (of *Waking Life* and *A Scanner Darkly*) and four other conspiracy theorists, on their ceaseless quests to expose the "massive global conspiracy" that they believe threatens the future of humanity. SeeThink Film's documentaries are deep psychological investigations that probe the minds of their varied subjects in search of "what makes people tick." These films are noted for humanizing the disenfranchised, be they conspiracy theorists, underrepresented artists or counter-cultures that have been ridiculed by mainstream society. SeeThink is a partnership of four filmmakers: Tom Davis, Luke Meyer, Andrew Neel and Ethan Palmer. All of the filmmakers will be in attendance after the screening, for a Q&A. *New World Order* was co-directed by Andrew Neel and Luke Meyer. Cinematography by Ethan Palmer. Produced by Tom Davis.

To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezezone@hotmail.com.

dec 3
sat 12 pm

Self-Defense for Women

Learn to fight off an attacker, have fun and improve your focus and energy! No one is too small, old, young, timid or lazy to learn to defend herself! Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Wear tights, leggings or jeans. **Berit Anderson** holds a black belt in karate and a brown belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu from Renzo Gracie Academy, NYC. She has been a Coop member since 2003.

dec 3
sat 3 pm

Conflict Resolution

This 90-minute workshop will help participants: reduce the stress that conflict can create; learn new techniques for changing responses to conflict from negative to positive; explore and develop individual conflict styles; and improve communication with family, friends and co-workers. We have a vision to change the way mediation and conflict resolution are incorporated into people's everyday lives. We believe in the power of communication to repair and transform broken relationships. **Lisa Kass**, Coop member for 19 years, and her business partner Michal Bilick, are professional mediators and co-founders of Brooklyn Mediates, an organization that teaches mediation and conflict-resolution skills throughout the borough.

dec 3
sat 6 pm

Wordsprouts: Poetry Workshop for Children



And reading with **DuEwa Frazier**. Appropriate for children ages 4-11. Frazier is an author, educator and performer. She is the author of *Ten Marbles and a Bag to Put Them In: Poems for Children*, *Shedding Light From My Journeys* and *Stardust*

Tracks on a Road. DuEwa is the editor and publisher of the Image Award-nominated anthology, *Check the Rhyme: An Anthology of Female Poets & Emcees*. She earned her M.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Teaching at Fordham University and her M.F.A. degree in Creative Writing at The New School.

To book a Wordsprouts, contact P.J. Corso, paola_corso@hotmail.com.

dec 4
sun 12 pm

Images of Palestine

Three activists make a presentation about the current socio-political realities of Palestinians in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Ellen Davidson, reporter and photographer, will show photos of her work with the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. Coop member **Rebecca Manski**, who lived her first years in Jerusalem, returned to Israel/Palestine in 2003 to work as a consultant for NGO's in Haifa, Ramallah and Jerusalem. Coop member **Naomi Brussel** traveled in 2010 to Israel and the West Bank as part of a delegation sponsored by Rabbis for Human Rights/North America.

dec 6
tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

still to come

dec 10 What Is Democratic Education?

dec 11 Beyond an Apple a Day

dec 13 Safe Food Committee Film Night

dec 16 The Very Good Coffeehouse Coop Concert Series

dec 18 Live Green, Die Green

dec 27 PSFC DECEMBER General Meeting

jan 3 Agenda Committee Meeting

jan 5 Food Class



“THE CONDUCT OF THE GM”

DEAR MEMBERS:

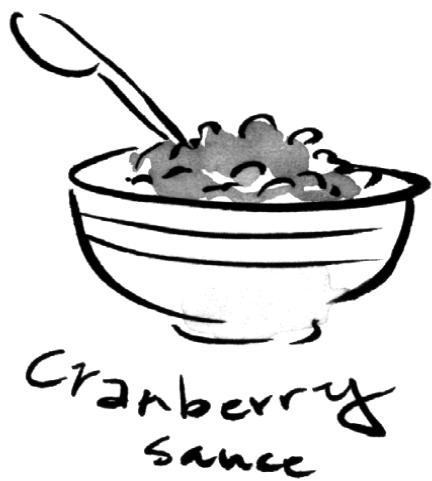
Our Coop's Board of Directors does not meet independently, but rather is subservient to the membership through the mechanism of the General Meeting (GM). The Agenda and Chair Committees conduct the GM. Decisions are made by the members in attendance.

The October GM failed to complete within the time frame specified in the Bylaws the election of a new board member to fill out the term of the position vacated in August. The members responsible for running the GM and violating the Coop's Bylaws should be held accountable.

Two elections were scheduled for this meeting, yet ballots were not prepared and made available. There was no explanation given for this failure. The Agenda Committee scheduled the Board Member vote as the fifth and final item for the GM. The membership is required to remain present while ballots are counted. While an earlier vote would have allowed for other business to be conducted while ballots were counted, this scheduling—had the vote proceeded—would have forced the membership to stay later. The Agenda Committee chose to give precedence to 3 items that provide no direct benefit to the Coop. These presenters sought only to use the Coop to promote their individual political causes.

The Chair Committee behaved with extreme incompetence. It allowed each of the three presenters to go beyond their time limits. The Chair violated Robert's Rules by stifling Points of Orders. It erroneously suggested that Coop Bylaws could be modified extemporaneously. It allowed the vote for the Board Member to be delayed, by holding a vote on a time extension—which was not approved—when clearly the Chair's obligation was not to adjourn the meeting.

The members failed by voting not to extend the meeting and complete the election. How is it that the members, many who are there for FTOP credit, do not understand the gravity and responsibility of the GM? Why are they sitting in the back reading books



or playing with their smart phones?

There is a difference between anarchy and democracy. By serendipitously choosing to flaunt our Bylaws, we were subjected to the tyranny of the few. It may not seem so consequential if the Coop functions one additional month without the full quota of board members, but these rules are in place to insure the proper functioning of the Coop. If we cannot rely on those responsible for running the GM to follow those rules, then perhaps we should rethink the way the GM is conducted. We are not a little buying club anymore. We are a \$41M business, with not only a responsibility to our employees, but also a responsibility to our vendors. People's livelihoods depend on us.

At the very least, we are owed a public apology.

Barbara Mazor

CHAIR COMMITTEE RESPONSE

The Chair Committee was provided five hours to respond to this letter [from Barbara Mazor]. Because we are a committee of eight persons we were not able to formulate a full response to this letter in this timeframe. However the Chair and Secretary of the meeting were able to quickly review the letter and we have this short statement: We recognize that the result of the meeting was unfortunate, and that the Chair Committee did not handle the meeting perfectly. But we disagree with the letter writer's assertions about our competence and do not apologize for our conduct. We are not part of the governance structure of the Coop. We are members of the Coop like everyone else and this is our workslot. We did the best we could under very adverse circumstances due to a number of factors outside of our control. Moreover we strongly doubt that there will be any legal or business impact on the Coop as a result of the members' vote not to extend the meeting.

David Moss and India Alexis
of the Chair Committee

RUNNING FOR OFFICE

TO THE EDITORS,

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

A member since 2004, I have worked as cashier, 2nd floor guest registration, cheese and olive bagger, and babysitter. My outside profession is a Technical Trainer for the City of New York, helping social workers and directors operate a paperless office system.

I am also secretary for PSFC, won in a landslide.

My attendance record is up to date and I am a frequent attendant to GMs without needing them as a make up. I attend because I love the Coop and want it to run as efficiently as possible.

I repeat, I love it here. The Coop is an enormous part of my life, just as a shopper alone. Additionally, I get to be part of an organization that is a

standard-bearer for food and environmental justice, and I have demonstrably worked for our cooperative spirit. We're strong and prosperous, and I want to see that continue.

I will be up to date on PSFC issues by: attending every GM anyway as secretary; reading the *Gazette*; staying in touch with general coordinators, and board members; plus of course, staying in touch with the general membership by listening to your concerns. I hope that I would be able to set aside time during my shopping hours to stop and talk to people who have such concerns. I also do intend to be familiar with our monthly financial statements.

I've demonstrated additional concern for the Coop by joining the anti-hydrofracking movement which opposes upstate gas drilling and is proven toxic to water supplies and agriculture that support the businesses from whom we buy our goods. Hydrofracking also affects drinking water right here in Brooklyn downstream from the drilling. The issue is not black and white, but it directly affects each and every one of us as a Coop member.

Having worked officially so far with mostly products, I felt a pull this time to involve myself more with people.

The previous Secretary was a member of the Board and I would like to follow in that Coop tradition, to ensure that there will be a Board member and the Secretary at every GM.

I see the need for Board members to be alert to the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the Coop, and to make these clear to Coordinators and the general membership.

I see the Board's role as one of oversight and financial responsibility rather than one of advocacy.

When the Board of Directors vote, I will always base my decision to the best of my ability on criteria that are no different from any other board member

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

2) Does the proposal violate the spirit and letter of the Coop's own Bylaws or NYS articles of incorporation, and our own mission statement?

Thank you,
Jesse T. Rosenfeld

THE COMPANY BDS KEEPS: UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY (UNRWA)

TO THE EDITORS,

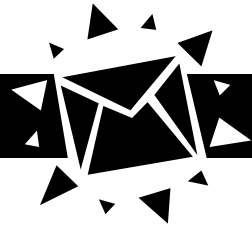
UNRWA is the only UN organization dedicated solely to Palestinian refugees, and in contradiction of the UN's own High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNRWA has bizarrely no mandate to reduce refugee populations or gain citizenship in countries of current residence. Innumerable investigative reports have demonstrated (below) that

UNRWA ensures the indefinite perpetuation of Palestinian refugee status for ideological purposes, with UNRWA funded schools maintaining the delusion that refugees will return to Tel Aviv and Haifa to live side by side with the Zionists they have been daily taught to hate, facts acknowledged even by Arab journalists (Bassem Eid of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group (PHRMG), sponsored by PA's Palestinian Legislative Council). [Ironically, while BDS supporters distribute fantastical propaganda leaflets to stop US support to Israel, the main source of funds for all Palestinian refugees comes from America, not the Arab world, and the Territories receive more foreign aid per head than any other group in the world (\$675 per person per year), more than the 47 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa—one of the poorest regions in the world—combined (OECD, L'Annuel de l'OCDE 2011)].

The “Islamic Block” (Al-Kutla al-Islamiya), the Hamas official arm operating all UNRWA schools in Gaza explicitly exposes students to Hamas ideology, confirmed in statements by MP (Hamas) Ahmad Bahr, deputy speaker of the Palestinian parliament, and through translation of Arabic news sources and educational material in the Territories, with a direct path between activity in UNRWA's schools and recruitment to the terrorist al-Qassam Brigades [Bedein, David. “Where Has All the Flour Gone: Whims and Waste of UN Palestinian Refugee Policy”. Paperless Publishing LLC, 2011; also investigative reports from The London Observer, Foreign Affairs, and Arabic translated sources, among others].

Indeed, UNRWA's management has been aware that Suhail al-Hindi, head of UNRWA Teaching Sector, is a senior Hamas activist condoning Hamas jihad and suicide against Israel, acknowledged openly by UNRWA spokesperson, Chris Gunness (his article, Ynet, January 27, 2009). Thus Hamas has finally gained complete domination of the UNRWA Union's Executive Council, with rabid anti-Israel bias in UNRWA textbooks, all cross-confirmed by the non-political/non-partisan Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPCTSE), and also by Nahd Rashid Ahmad Atallah, senior UNRWA official in Gaza for financial aid distribution to refugees (who admitted using his UNRWA car to transport explosives and armed members of the Popular Resistance for terrorist strikes and a missile attack against Jewish settlements); and also acknowledged by UNRWA's former Commissioner-General, Peter Hansen. Hamas itself has added to this confirmation: Mustafa Sawaf, editor-in-chief of the Hamas daily Felesteen: “the employees of the aid agency [UNRWA] ... are all members





of the 'resistance' in its various forms" [Letter to John Ging, UNRWA Director of Operation, April 16, 2009].

Time to end the 60+ year hostage situation the Palestinian refugees have become.

Bad for Palestinians, bad for peace: UNHRC, HRW, AI, and now UNRWA, all bad company.

Constantine Kaniklidis

A MODEST PROPOSAL I

TO THE EDITORS,

We all believe in civil and human rights for everyone. However, it has become a growing source of concern that with all the debating about whether or not to boycott Israel, Coop members have become extremely polarized, divided, contentious. Some of the discussion has escalated to the point of verging on anti-Semitism, which surely none of us wants. This divisiveness is bad for the Coop. For these reasons, *it's time for a compromise.*

Toward that end I propose that instead of boycotting Israel, PSFC boycotts every country that sanctions and violates the civil and human rights of any group. We can prepare a list of all such countries. The list would be long, based on careful, extensive research.

If such a boycott turns out to be too difficult or too complicated to put into practice, we can begin with the first ten on the list, then work our way through the rest, ten at a time. BDS supporters will note that sooner or later we would work our way to Israel. (When we come to the United States, we can discuss our options at a GM.)

If you are not in favor of boycotting every country that commits civil and human rights abuses and you prefer to single out just one—Israel, ask yourself why.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Bolletino*

A MODEST PROPOSAL II

GREETINGS,

A previous letter requests a list of Israeli products because, the writer says, "it is pretty obvious that the Arab population in Israel is not treated the same as the Jewish population." But why stop at Israel? It's equally "obvious" that the Female, Gay, Transgender, Disabled, Black, Hispanic, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, Shiite, Sunni and Roma populations (apologies to anyone I've left out) are "not treated the same" as others in many countries. Perhaps to avoid discriminating against Israel, the Coop should provide information for *every* product

as to state or country of origin and whether any discrimination claims have been made against them, and for each company the ethnic, religious, racial and gender breakdown of their employees and whether their employees are unionized, are paid for overtime, and have pension plans and health benefits. This information would help us make ethical purchase decisions for all states, countries, and companies where discrimination and injustices take place, without singling out Israel, in itself a form of discrimination.

On a more realistic note, earlier this month it was reported in *Haaretz* and the *Times* that Palestinian President Abbas admitted in a taped interview that the second intifada was the greatest mistake the Palestinians ever made and that the Arab world and the Palestinians made a crucial error by rejecting the 1947 U.N. partition plan. Holding on to the dream of Arab sovereignty over the land now called Israel, Palestinian leaders have repeatedly responded to terms for a state with part of Jerusalem as its capital with the violence of intifada and terrorism. Following a unilateral withdrawal of all settlements from Gaza, Palestinians elected a terrorist government and launched a relentless campaign of rockets upon Israel, ongoing as we speak, with the inevitable defensive and according to the United Nations legal blockade and checkpoints now excoriated by BDS as implemented by Israel solely to oppress their neighbors.

Finally, without bringing their proposal to a vote, BDS proponents have effectively made the Coop an outpost for their movement via their campaign of articles, letters, and advertisements in the *Gazette*, their leafleting outside the building, their comments at General Meetings, and their films and other events on Coop premises. Their relentless one-sided simplistic portrayal of the complicated Israeli/Palestinian conflict is nothing more than a propaganda campaign that should have no place at a diverse community Food Coop.

Sylvia Lowenthal

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PAY?

DEAR COMMUNITY,

More than a handful of times, I've been asked at the checkout counter whether I wanted to pay with "debit or cash." Yet there hasn't been a day I've been a Coop member that we haven't accepted EBT. Why shouldn't EBT be an option for me and for everyone?

Please, let's not assume how any member will pay. Let's not assume anything about each other. We'll be wrong most of the time.

If you're looking for a shorter way to ask me how I'm paying, how about: "How would you like to pay?"

Kate Edmundson

LET THE ISSUE GO

TO THE EDITORS,

I am a "red-diaper baby," a single non-observant Jewish mother of two men-of-color, a grandmother of three, a midwife, a "child-of-the-60s," and, with the desire to meld ethical living and the spirit, I have explored diverse religious practices. With these identities and journeys I found my way to Park Slope and our Coop.

I love to shop here. I love the varied peoples who are us, with our ordinary, colorful selves. I love that we fill our baskets with kale and kombucha, fresh figs and sprouted bread. Mindful eating is what we share as a community. The debate about Israel's policies continues and we will *never* find a solution to it. I read the heartfelt and articulate letters on both sides and I see this cause in the same light as if the PSFC were debating abortion. The issues are volatile. No one in this world, let alone the Coop, has been able to inspire a meeting of the minds.

I think the only solution is to let this volatile issue go as a PSFC battle. Don't let it go as your personal cause, but in our healthy-food community, pursuit of an Israel boycott will only bring division, sadness and angry feelings.

Feel strongly about Israel. About Palestine. Or abortion. Or animal rights. Child abuse. Education. But here, let's come together and buy good food. This is what makes our little community work. Let Food be our forum to unite, rather than divide.

*Respectfully,
Marcy Tardio*

SIGNAL PROBLEM BONUS

*Deep into their eighties now,
Their closeness constitutes a wow.
Never a quarrel, never a spat,
The couple remains as close as that.
Though she rebukes his careless appearance,
His policy's strictly noninterference,
And when he thunders she's prodigal,
The wife's untouched in her morale.
How then do these two get along,
Seniors whose life seems like a song?
Call it the blessing of the Old Guardly—
She speaks softly and he hears hardly.*

Leon Freilich

ALLOW A VOTE

TO THE EDITORS,

I read the anti-BDS letters in the *Gazette*, and really, if this wasn't such a serious issue, the arguments and tone in these letters would make me laugh. Apparently, a PSFC campaign to boycott goods made in Israel will bring down the entire State! of Israel. "This is not a decision about carrying meat or beer," writes a Coop member. "It's a decision about the fate of a nation." Seriously? Is the State of Israel so fragile that a decision to take Sabra hum-

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LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

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

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.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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 not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals 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.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.



LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR

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mus off our shelves will destroy the entire economy of a powerful, first-world nation?

What the BDS campaign is about is whether the Food Coop will uphold its own process and allow a democratic referendum being asked for by its members. In other words, just as the Coop Leadership provides room for conversations on fracking, the Occupy movement, the politics of the food industry and any number of past boycotts, will they allow discussion and a decision on an issue that pains many of us seeking a just and equitable world? Specifically, will the Coop give BDS organizers the opportunity to make the case, in a respectful and peaceful way, that economic engagement with the State of Israel gives it the means and muscle to oppress, destabilize and colonize the Palestinian people, and then allow each member to

express his or her opinion through a vote? Or will it follow the lead of other food coops around the country, most recently in Sacramento, who have subverted their own democratic process to shut down debate on this critically important issue?

We have no illusions about what we can impact—the forces that maintain the status quo are powerful and intractable. But our own conscience compels us to ask the questions—What are we supporting when we buy food and other products? What is being done in our name? Is our engagement leading to the outcomes of peace and justice or to continued conflict? The point of BDS, fundamentally, is to engage in this kind of dialogue. What could be more democratic, and in the spirit of the Coop's long activist history?

Mohan Sikka

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, November 21, 12 to 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday, November 22, 12:15 to 3 p.m.
Monday, November 28, 12 to 12:45 p.m.
Monday, December 5, 12 to 12:45 p.m.

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Look for our leaders in produce aisle.

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Evenings & Weekends

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The ideal candidate will be a reliable, responsible self-starter who enjoys working with our diverse member-workers. You must be an excellent team player, as you will be sharing the work with several other Receiving Coordinators. You must have excellent communication and organizational skills, patience, the ability to prioritize the work and remain calm under pressure.

We are looking for a candidate who wants a permanent evening/weekend schedule. This is a high energy job for a fit candidate. You must be able to lift and work for hours on your feet including in the walk-in coolers and freezer. Grocery store experience is a plus.

Hours:	37-40 hours per week, schedule to be determined
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Please provide a cover letter and your résumé as soon as you can. Mail your letter and résumé or drop it in the mail slot in the entryway of the Coop. All applicants will receive a response. Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application. If you applied previously to another Coop job offering and remain interested, please reapply.

Probation Period:

There will be a six-month probation period.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least the past 6 months.

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SAT, NOV 19

8-10:30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Sharon Katz & Wendy Quick of the Peace Train; Triboro. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members.

11 a.m. Prospect Park 5K Fun Run/Walk/Bike – Begins at 11:00 AM at 15th St./PPW entrance...rain or shine, to benefit Helping Hand Food Pantry located in Park Slope. Info and registration available at helpinghandsp@yahoo.com. Donations are tax deductible and used to purchase food for those in need.

9:30 p.m. Saturdays @ Dixon Place, NYC NOV.3rd-19th Handshake Uppercut, a Victorian Clown Throwdown, created/performed by John Leo (COOP MEMBER!) and Jay Dunn. The two physical theater artists marry Beckett's existential bleakness, the Marquis de Sade's power-games, and Keaton's comedic sincerity. Epic, these gentleman comrades will laugh you out of your seat while they steal it from under you. www.handshakeup.com

SUN, NOV 20

4 p.m. Free Concert at Brooklyn Public Library. Location: Central Library in the Stevan Dweck center. Free admission. BPL chamber Players: Carol Wincenc, flute.

Kenneth Cooper, harpsichord.

11 a.m. Wampanoag Brooklyn Ethical's own intergenerational festival of appreciation inspired by Native American tradition. A seasonal favorite where we give thanks and remember our connection to the earth! Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West @ 2nd street. www.bsec.org

TUE, NOV 22

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The Brooklyn Women's Chorus is having open rehearsals to invite new members. No auditions. Try it out for free, no commitment. At the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture Prospect Park West at 2nd St. For information www.brooklynwomenschorus.com or call Bev Grant at 718-788-3741. We strive to represent the diversity of the women of Brooklyn; all women are welcome and encouraged to join.

SUN, NOV 27

11 a.m. Colloquy - Stone Soup: What are your Gifts? Colloquy incorporates discussion, music, and meditation within the format of a sharing circle. Join us for a discussion followed by Stone Soup for lunch immediately following the colloquy. Brooklyn Ethical, 53 Prospect Park West @ 2nd

Street. www.bsec.org.

WED, NOV 30

Make New York a City For Life. The Community of Sant' Egidio, welcomes you to join us in "Cities for Life – Cities Against the Death Penalty." We will commemorate the event by welcoming Shujaa Graham, outspoken activist exonerated from death row in 1981. Please join us at 6:30pm at 236 E 15th Street (betw. Rutherford Pl & 2nd Ave). For info contact Ashley at ajgoebertus@gmail.com.

THU, DEC 1

7-9 p.m. The Food52 Cookbook 140 winning recipes from Exceptional Home Cooks by Amanda Hesser & Merrill Stubbs. The powerHouse Arena, 37 Main Street, Brooklyn, NY. For more information, please call 718.666.3049. Please RSVP: rsvp@powerHouseArena.com.

WED, DEC 7

7:30-10 p.m. Folk Open Sing: Come sing with us the first Wednesday of every month. Bring voice, instruments, friends. Children welcome. Cohosted by the Folk Society of NY, the Ethical Culture Society & the Good Coffeehouse. At the Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West. Info: 718-636-6341.



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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).

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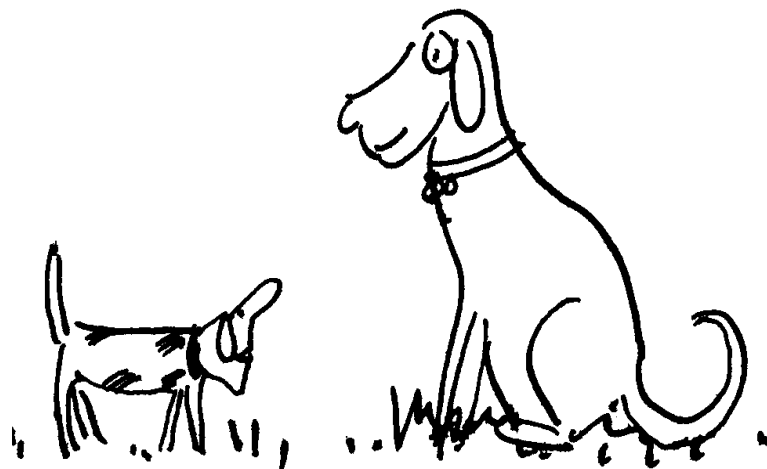
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WELCOME!

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

Ariel Abrahams	Anjali Dalal	Lisa Hochstadt	Christine McKeon	Yelena Rubinshteyn
Zak Accuardi	Laurie Davidson	Rob Holbrook	Kevin McKeon	Jago Salmon
Melanie Adley	Ruben Davila Olano	David Hope	Jana Melpolder	Franklin Sammons
Sarah Allen	Alexandra deToth	Christian Hoveland	Jayne Mendelsohn	Manpriya Samra
Rabyaah Althaibani	Desiree DeToy	Shubha Hoveland	Yehuda Mendlowitz	Lydia A. Schmidt
Anderson Ambrose	Elizabeth Dodd	Daniel Hymowitz	JinYong Meyer	Trashon Shal-
Robert Bailey	Theresa Duffy	Yael Hymowitz	Junko Nagashima	lowhorn
Corrado Baratti	Jodie Dupuy	Sasha Israel	Erin Nelson	Daniel Shargel
Timothy Beauchamp	Chris Eichler	Smriti Kapuria	Emma O'Brien	Nurul Shi
Michael Belcher	Seth Faulk	Jessica Kingdon	Donall O'Healai	Peiji Shi
Marcus Bellander	Claudia Foppa	Eric Kuhn	Genya Onefater	Julia Smith
Regine Bigler-Jacobs	Pedretti	Ben Latham	Mikhail Onefater	Krista Steinberg
Michal Bixon	Sandra Fox	Tina Lee	Chava Ortner	Danniel Swatosh
Laura Botero	Matt Garron	Wendy Lee	Craig Ortner	Joni Tonda
Christina Bouza	Przemek Godycki	David Lehman	Elaine Osborne	Annie Trowbridge
Grace Boyer	Maria Gomez	Jake Lehman	Jennie Pack	Peter Tulupman
John Breece	Dimitry Goncharov	Arturo Leonar	Nicolas Panken	Peter VanDijck
Colin Bridge	Emily Goodridge	David Lesser	Nicholas Parisi	Milo Vassallo
Charles Brinson	David Grad	Michelle Lewin	Marie Penny	Lisa Vogel
Marcia Brinson	Maggie Gribben	Tanya Llewellyn	Corey Pierson	Pierre Vilain
Corey Calabrese	Melanie Guedenet	Laura Lomas	Rivka Leah Pontos	Aliyah Vinikoor
Louis Cameron	Marisa Gumpert	Connie Long	Sevita Qarshi	Mara Vinueza
Maggie Cheney	Peter Halupka	Rita Loomba	Kathy Qin	Carsten Vogel
Brooke Childs	Daniel Harris	Daniel Loomis	Trudy Reeves	Anders Wallace
Edward Cimafonte	Ben Harris-	Patricia Manning	Rick Revell	Benjamin Weiner
Aimee Clark	Kornblith	Leonela Maxwell	Theresa Riley	Elizabeth Williams
Sarah Codraro	Jacqueline Hart	Alexandra (Lexy)	Joshua Ring	Katherine Wright
Jeff Cribbs	Alison Hayes	Mayers	Corey Roberts	David Wu
Eli Crumrine	Todd Healy	Scott McClure	Sandra Rocha	Mirah Zeitlyn
Lars Daenzer	Jody Heher	Lady McCrady	Hillary Rogers	

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Vitamin Worker

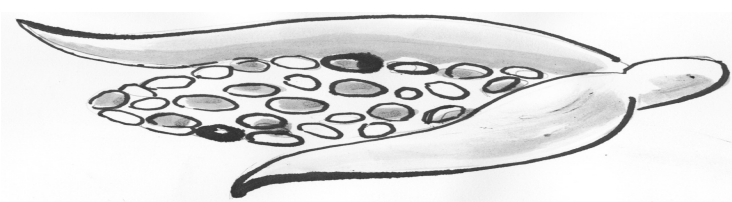
Wednesday, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

On this special shift, you will be working with the Receiving Coordinator to check-in vitamin orders and organize the vitamin area in the basement and on the shopping floor. You will label products and shelves, and related tasks. If interested, contact the Membership Office.

Office Set-up

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

Need an early-riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana in the Membership Office for more information.



Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in recent weeks.

Kelly Alba	Tree Delfin	Alice Huber	Oyotolo	Olivia Sideman
Joanna Arnow	Jackie Doherty	Sara Ivry	Daniel Packer	Lisa Siegel
David Backer	Leigh Douglass	Tamara Jazbec	Amy Pearl	Courtenay Slemeck
Alyce Barr	Kaela Economos	Yahya Jeffries-El	Stephen Petrus	Alexander Solomon
Susan Batkin	Margaret Elwert	Ann Kay	Daniella Polyak	Sue
Christopher Baum	Emma	Christopher Kay	Michael Rae-Grant	Katie Takayanagi
Roslyn Biskin	Steve Espinola	Nora Kiryankova	Jenny Raskin	Marcy Perlman
Andrey Belenky	Kelly Flynn	Kristine Komada	Ankit Rastogi	Tardio
Peter Bergold	Sarah French	Brock Labrenz	Naomi Ray-	Teresa
Elodie Blanchard-	Collin Gallahue	Matt Levy	Schoenfeld	Eric Toole
Moritz	Ethan Gamache	Valerie Lieber	Katherine Raymond	John Tucker
Liza Blank	Ilana Garcia-	Alexandra Loxton	Kate Redburn	Cara Tuzzolino
Sarah Burns	Grossman	Vanessa Machen	Patrick Reid	Stephanie Valdez
Nathalie Cabot	Margaret Garrett	Sarah Manning	Cliff Resnick	Elisa Van Joolen
Elena Carrio	Katie Gill	Yotam Marom	Blythe Riley	Shaune Velazquez
Caroline Chen	Amy Jo Goddard	Mary Beth	Heather Ritchie	Griselda Vega
Nicole Cherubini	Aaron Goodman	Richard Matusow	Valery Rizzo	Sascha Weiss
Haiyen Chin	Sally Mara Good-	Maurice	Ivan Rodriguez	Toya Williford
Matthew Coate	man	William Meyer	Amanda Rowley	Maxwell Winer
Linda Crovella	Hannah Gruber	Sarah Morris	Sam Sadisgursky	Livia Woods
Rodney Crumrine	Steven Guidi	Fanny Mueller	Molly L. Sandley	Sharone Yaron
Lillian Dalke	Rebecca Halleran	Trisha Mulligan	Rafi Santo	Marion Yuen
Barbara Danish	Laura Hames	Noga	Katherine Sawyer	
Matthew Davidson	Monica Hampton	Clare O'Sheeran	Jordan Shapiro	
Jen Day	Tara Harrison	Soraya Odishoo	Daniel Shortell	
Michael Delfin	Jane Hodge	Oksana	Rozita Shortell	

Concerned about fracking and our foodshed?

The Coop has joined the anti-fracking campaign and we need you to make your voice heard!

How to get involved:

- 1 Sign the NY Statewide Ban on Natural Gas Drilling Petition available in the Membership Office.
Online @ <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/NY-Statewide-Ban-On-Natural-Gas-Drilling/>
- 2 Submit a comment about the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) to the DEC
Go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html>
Mail written comments to:
Attn: dSGEIS Comments
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-6510
- 3 Attend letter-writing workshop @ Coop on 11/19 or 11/26. See advertisement in this issue of the Gazette.
- 4 Sign online petition to NY State Senate in support of Bill A07400 to suspend hydrofracking in NY State.
http://signon.org/sign/nys-senators-bring-bill.fbi?source=s.fb&r_by=351080
- 5 Attend Public Hearing on the Revised SGEIS Draft
Wednesday, November 30, 1:00 and 6:00p
Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers Street

