

Selene Whole Foods Co-op

Newsletter



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Supporting a Local, Sustainable Economy

Dawn Ann's Corner

By Dawn Ann Duboski

Hello Selene Members!! Happy New Year to all of you!

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all of those who have contributed to Selene Whole Food Co-Op in the tough trying time of our financial situation! Whether you contributed by shopping more at Selene or contributed monies to our capital campaign and/or renewed your membership to the co-op, we are very thankful for your support! We are not out of the red yet but soon we hope! Please continue to shop at Selene.

I know the shelves are bare at times but this is when we really need you! We've lost a lot of income the past couple of months whether it's because of the holidays, the economy and/or the bareness of our shelves. And some of you prefer to do all your shopping in one place. This is completely understandable. However, it does affect Selene big time! We need all the monies we can get to keep Selene going!

Calling on All One-Stop Shoppers!

By Dawn Ann Duboski

What can Selene do to get you to even step inside our store knowing that you might not get all of your shopping down here? We need people to break the simplistic routine



of going to Trader Joe's, Acme, or even Martindale's just because you can buy most or all of what you need there. How can we get you to come in to

buy even a few items before you go somewhere else? We are striving really hard to keep the bare necessities on our shelves but it is hard! A reminder that most of our vendors are on COD basis. Basically, when they deliver the goods,

we have to have the money to pay them. Few shoppers equal to fewer items that can be purchased. So please, take 15 minutes out of your day to buy a few items at Selene!

Board of Directors' Opportunities

By Dawn Ann Duboski

This March, there will be an election for new Board Members for Selene! All of the members' term will be up!



Board members are some of our most committed volunteers. We need vitalizing, motivated members to step up! This is really crucial to have dedicated board members during this trying time for Selene. The current board members will be there for us as mentors. If you are interested in joining the Board, attending Board meetings, or finding out more information, please contact Peter Listino at financialadvisor@peterlistino.com or contact us at 610-566-1137 or selenecoop@verizon.net.

Thank You!

By Dawn Ann Duboski



By now, most of you know that the General Search Committee has voted to hire *Carol Sciarra as the new General Manager of Selene Whole Foods*. My last day at

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Selene will be Friday, January 23rd, 2009. I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support during my transition here at Selene Whole Foods. I feel so blessed to have met so many wonderful people during my time at Selene's. This was my first experience working in a co-op, although hopefully not the last! :-) At this time, I don't know where the future will take me. I do want to wish you all a Happy New Year's! I would also like to thank the people who have volunteered their time and advice and welcomed me into the Selene Family. You have been wonderful! I hope you will do the same to the new general manager, Carol. Thank you so much! God Bless!

Progress Report from the Board Search Committee to the General Membership

In the process of seeking a permanent General Manager and Chief Executive officer, the Board Search Committee gained a healthy respect for the eight years of service of the former GM/CEO, *Ira Josephs*.

Through a series of synchronicities, resumé perusals, screenings, and interviews we found the former Director of Operations of Pendle Hill, *Carol Sciarra*, who is also a Selene member and a former Board member. For ten years she maintained a balanced budget while incorporating organic and local products in the food-service department. As an administrative team member, she formulated and implemented tight operational budgets, supervised a staff of fifteen, and directed the daily activities of three departments.



Carol's a Multitasker! ([image credit](#))

As former Head Cook/Chef and Organic-Gardening teacher/manager she has a deep understanding of organic agriculture and food. Her quote from Wendell Berry encapsulates her philosophy: *“Eating ... is inescapably an agricultural act; how we eat determines, to a considerable extent, how the world is used.”* Incidentally, it required four persons to replace Carol Sciarra.

The Board Search Committee acknowledges a debt of gratitude of the entire membership to *Dawn Ann Duboski*

for filling in at a moment's notice without a day of training.

The Selene Cooperative will honor past staff and volunteers, introduce Carol Sciarra, and celebrate with potluck dinner and music as soon as we locate a space.

Delivery Days

Our normal delivery schedule is as follows:

Produce—sometimes on Tuesdays, always on Fridays;

Eggs/milk—Tuesdays;

Fresh Tofu—Fridays;

Bulk Orders are placed by 12pm Wednesday. They arrive on Thursday. If you need bulk items, please let the manager know by Tuesday!!!!

