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# Coop



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## Board Currents

Seeking new Board members

The current Board is exceedingly grateful for the encouraging turn out of members at the meeting Nov 19th with mentors from La Montanita Co-op. They donated their time over the summer interviewing and observing at the Dixon Co-op. At this meeting they shared their perspectives regarding some of the potentials and pitfalls they feel we currently face as we go forward. It was an enlightening meeting.

Now the Board of Directors has the job of sorting through their recommendations and ideas to see what can fit here at the Dixon Co-op. If this is work that inspires you, please consider running for the Board. (even if you were not at the meeting) *There are two seats which will be vacant at the end of January.* The first order of business is to fill these positions

You are eligible to run for the Board if you are a Coop member. *We are looking for persons with a belief and enthusiasm for Co-op principles, as well as willingness to learn and participate are necessary.* There are no other specific requirements. This will be a year of evolution. If you are interested in seeing the Co-op prosper, if you want to be a part of determining its future direction, please talk to any one of the Board members before Dec. 24... We will be happy to discuss all aspects of the position.

It would be a real bonus for the Board if you have legal, financial or business knowledge. What is required is a willingness to work with others, some knowledge of the community and a sincere desire to be of service.

**Save the date: Annual Meeting of Members - January 31, 2010 4:00 pm at the Community Center**

## Winter at the Co-Op

When the wind chill factor dropped to below zero this week, I think even the diehards had to admit that winter has arrived! Our thoughts now are revolving around snow, maybe skiing, skating or snowmobiling, but for certain, hunkering down by the fire in our warm, cozy homes.

Here at the Coop, time has given us perspective on the buying cycles we experience. We feel the lack of tourists, Studio Tour is over, many people leave Dixon for warmer climes, the weather turns bad and we hole up. Revenues at the Coop drop, but salaries, and utilities and rent go on. This is an unabashed reminder. We need for you "the locals" to shop the Coop, even more in the months of Dec, Jan, Feb and March. This is the only way we can stay alive. Sooo....

If the weather is lousy, don't drive to Taos/Espanola. Come in and have a cup of coffee or tea, and see what your neighbor is thinking about for dinner. Maybe it will give you inspiration.

Maybe you'll just have a fun exchange.

If you are bored with the selections currently available, give the managers some new ideas, tell them what you want.

Or, "Take the challenge": see what kind of wonderful meal you can create from what is available at the Coop. You won't be disappointed and it won't be that hard.

We really value people like you who have supported the Co-op by shopping and being members. Be sure to remind your friends and neighbors to shop here too.

The managers and our weekly volunteer cashiers and stockers will be there, giving it their all. Think local, buy locally. It keeps our community vibrant and it contributes to making the Embudo Valley such a great place to live. We thank you.

## New Contest: What's Your Take?

Our great little Dixon Co-op is *\*unique\**. *We'd like to hear from you about what you think is our most unique feature.* Describe what you love or what you would most hate to lose. The fewer words the better but there is not a limit to the length of your entry. You can make as many entries as you like.

The person with the winning entry will receive a \$25 gift certificate for use at the Co-op Market. Entries must arrive at the Co-op by Jan 27th. Winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting Jan 31st.

Don't lose out. Start making entries today. Please include your name and phone number. (Not open to the judges! that would be the Board of Directors)

## Buying Club

What is it?

1. A way to buy products not regularly carried at the Co-op
2. A way to save money
3. An opportunity to buy natural foods from UNFI catalog in case quantity or bulk and some supplements and beauty products in singles.

Who can order? Anyone

What does it cost? 15% over the wholesale

How do I order?

1. Identify the item/s you want in the catalog
2. Fill out an order blank
3. Turn the order into the cashier anytime before 7:00pm any Tuesday
4. Pick up your order Friday after 4:00pm and pay for it

## The Board of Directors

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# XMAS AT THE CO-OP



## Special Orders

Plan ahead, order special items for the holidays

### Kellers Turkeys

fresh 2.29 lb, frozen 2.19 lb

Have a **sushi** party: order what you like

**Bindi cheesecakes** and chocolate

fondant \$34 16slices

### Tamales

Edward Georgia **Pecan Pies** 5.99 ea

Various kinds of olives, dolmas,  
imported cheeses in bulk amounts

**New Mexico gift baskets** with

choice of chili, posole, atole,  
baguettes or extra breads

## Gifts Galore

It's a good year to go practical  
and function. How about?

Co-op Gift Certificates in any  
amount

Handmade handfelted sheepskin  
**winter hats \$28**

Hand printed **Tortilla Warmers**  
and Hot Pads

Jars of **local preserves**  
by Eremita or Sylvia (choke-  
cherry, local blackberry, apricot  
and more)

Homeopathic **First Aid Kits**

Locally made **Toys**

Beautiful carrying baskets and decorative flat baskets  
for a very special someone fill the basket with  
makings for a favorite recipe - add a bow and WoW!

## Stocking Stuffers

Chap Stick

Assorted heavenly **chocolate bars**

Jodie's little felt **critters**

Super bright little **flashlights** on  
key rings

Some wind up

and need no

batteries

Special toys and

**novelty items**



## Festive Foods

**Pomegranates**

Mandarin **Oranges**, Cuties

Fixings for **Posole** and

**Tamales**

Italian **Salami**, Smoked

**Salmon**

Green **Pistachio Ice Cream**

Maraschino **cherries**,

**raisins**, and **spices** for

baking fun

**Cornish Game Hens**



## SHOP LOCALLY,

## SAVE TIME, FEEL GOOD!