

# Brighton Food Co-op Newsletter

## April 2015

Hi Members!

Thanks to everyone involved with the April distribution! The UNFI truck was a little late but delivery time was much improved this month. We spoke to the driver about delivering to us right after his delivery in downtown Brighton and he said that would be no problem for him as long as the truck could be loaded so that we were the second delivery. Denise contacted Brian Hawkins, head of UNFI transportation, and he agreed to try it. **So hopefully the next distribution will result in a 9:45 – 10:00 UNFI delivery! Yay!**

Meanwhile, here's all the co-op news you need to know:

**New BFC president:** Our thanks to Dolores Johnson who has agreed to serve as BFC president! As a longtime BFC member and former treasurer, Dolores brings a wealth of experience to the position. Denise and Marilyn are delighted that she has joined the board and look forward to working with her!

**Albanese Ordering:** As we mentioned in the last newsletter, Albanese can be ordered every month except during the summer months when candy might melt with the warm temperatures. At the board meeting on April 8, we agreed that Albanese ordering will end in May each year and begin again in October. **Please plan accordingly so you have enough of your favorite treats stockpiled to get you through the summer! ☺**

**Syrup and honey:** Please keep in mind that syrup and honey are available for purchase every month. We have syrup on hand. Plan to buy the entire gallon or arrange to split a gallon with another member(s). If splitting, be sure to bring quart jars. We will also have a couple of extra quarts of honey on hand for the extras table.

**Frontier profit-sharing:** We have received profit-sharing checks from Frontier for 7 years dating back to 1998. For now, the checks have been deposited in the treasury. At the end of the year, the board will make a proposal regarding profit sharing which the membership will vote on.

**Membership:** Membership currently stands at 18 although only 10-12 order regularly. The board discussed ways to increase our numbers and agreed that word of mouth is really the best way. **As members, we can talk up the co-op to our family, friends and neighbors, explaining how it works and what benefits it offers.** Zingerman's bakeshop and creamery products at wholesale prices! Local products from honey and syrup to apples, heirloom tomatoes and gourmet salad greens, eggs, meat and cheese! And all of the thousands of UNFI offerings! We can even offer to order some items for others so they can see the quality and value we have come to expect. If each of us reaches out to even one or two people, we could increase our membership dramatically. **Please think about spreading the word about BFC!**

**Next distribution:** April 29

- ❖ **OV/Frontier Order Due: April 15**
- ❖ **Creswick Order Due: No 2nd Order**
- ❖ **OV Filled Cases Due: April 19**
- ❖ **UNFI Order Due: April 22**
- ❖ **Distribution: April 29**
- ❖ **Board Mtg: May 5**

Here are some things to keep in mind when ordering:

- ❖ Check, check and double check your **UNFI** order to **make sure you check "split"** if you do not want an entire case of a certain item. This is **REALLY** important!
- ❖ If you have an issue with any product you ordered through the co-op be sure to notify the board immediately. Copy your email to all three of us:
  - ❖ Dolores: [doloresjohnson68@gmail.com](mailto:doloresjohnson68@gmail.com)
  - ❖ Denise: [djhaukcoop@gmail.com](mailto:djhaukcoop@gmail.com)
  - ❖ Marilyn: [mmitchell1945@aol.com](mailto:mmitchell1945@aol.com)

**As always, if you have a comment or suggestion about co-op please contact Marilyn. The board is always looking for ways to improve the co-op experience for our members!**