

Brighton Food Coop Newsletter March 2009

A big thank you again this year to our tax preparer, Pat, who does our taxes pro-bono (free). They are finished -- another year filed for our not-for-profit coop. In years past we've put together a thank you basket of coop food, and Dolores will again this year get that together. Thanks, Treasurer Dolores.

Last Distribution Feb 24th, from 7:30am till 1:30pm - 6 hours. With UNFI truck coming early and Specialty later, sometimes distribution day is a little crazy, but thanks to all the workers things went well.

Next order is due: March 11th. Watch your email for information from Nancy Clark as to when Specialty and unfilled cases will be due back to her. We all need to appreciate the time it takes to put together orders and emails and make sure we are not putting extra work on our batchers with late orders and missing product numbers (this means me too).

Our frontier batcher is Dana Janssen. If it's possible, she sends out specials for Frontier, so be watching your email for these. Due date is the same for this vendor, and product numbers are again something she needs to process orders. Thank you, everyone.

Distribution day will be Tuesday, March 24th. We are expecting 3 guest orders and 1 new member and 2 previous members to be joining us that day. Welcome to all 6!

Our VP, Janice Mehan, has sent out an email regarding our spring flower vendor -- a special order that can include anyone, not just members of coop and a chance for our coop to reap the 3% markup benefit from this. Share info with whomever you would like.

We are checking out new Produce Vendors so we can maybe get some better deals and produce. Nicole Brown is in charge of this. Feel free to give her any input you'd like her to have. She appreciated this in the past when she was ordering for us all, instead of what we do now with Door to Door Organics.

Note to all concerning frozen foods from WOODSTOCK: Some of the stuff is coming from China, where standards are not up to USA standards, and some of the bigger organic companies (e.g. HORIZON, which is a subsidiary of DEAN FOODS) are lobbying for lowering the standards for organics. Just food for thought...CASCADIAN FARMS is a GOOD ALTERNATIVE as well as ORGANIC VALLEY.

Diane Brady, who orders our candy/nuts, has put out some very good Red Hearts and sweet and sour candies on the extra tables. Feel free to email her with any 'wishes', and she'll let you know what's available. All ordering is still done thru Nancy Clark though.

I'm looking for future favorite products or recipes you'd like to share with others through the newsletter. Email them to me, and I'll get them into a future newsletter.

FYI - Hams ordered for Easter freeze well!!!

Sincerely,

Denise Hauk, Secretary for BFC

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