

Hello Fellow Co-op Members! Dana Janssen is a bit under the weather so I will try to step in for her. We wish her well and hope she is back with us soon!

Please read the entire Newsletter because there are some items we would like your input on.

Next order due date: *Wednesday, November 14th*

Unfilled Case Orders due: *Sunday, November 18th*

Next Distribution date: *Tuesday, November 27th*

Financial info for the October 30th distribution:

- Number of orders placed: **24 (Battjes, Brady, Clark, Damon, DeMaria, D. Johnson, Egesburg, Gill, Ray, Hauk, Hicks, Hubbarth, Janssen, J. Brown, Joan Johnson, Kataja, Mechan, N. Brown, Nowak, Pospiech, Radelt, Rose, Sibula, Verscoor)**
- All Products Total: **\$10,148.24**
- Extras Table Sold: **\$1,447.05**
- Extras Left **\$315.00**
- Current Membership **38**
- New Members: **Amy Ray WELCOME!**

Circle/Board Meeting information for the October 30, 2007 distribution:

The holidays are fast approaching and every holiday season your co-op gives a donation to The Gleaners Food Bank of Brighton and Howell. Sometimes we give monetary gifts and sometimes we order food for them to distribute. With times so tough in Michigan the Food bank is very low, so we thought that perhaps your family would also like to give to the food bank as part of your Christmas giving. You could buy a case of something you really like OR perhaps a couple of your items you order you don't want the entire case. If you want 7 you could donate the other 5 (out of 12) to the food bank.

If you want to share in this we will collect these items at distribution on November 27th and someone would deliver them to Gleaners with our monetary gift. If you want to give a monetary gift instead of food on that day, you may. Denise Hauk, our friendly neighborhood tax preparer said that monetary gifts are deductible on your state income tax form. Food items are only deductible on your federal income tax form.

Homeworkers are to pick up their order between 2:30 and 3:30pm on distribution day. If you get to the church and it is closed, you may drive to Nancy Clark's home and get the keys to the church and then return the keys when you are done. We have been fortunate to get our UNFI order by 9:15a so we have finished by 3:30pm.

Denise Hauk mentioned that the Bell and Evans Whole chickens she ordered tasted like they were right off the farm. Very fresh. They are about 6# each and run about \$6 each. They were ordered through Specialty Foods.

Future Distirbution Dates:

- November 16th: Turkey Distribution only
- December 18th: Outside Vendor Distribution only
- December 25th: Merry Christmas-NO DISTRIBUTION
- January 8th: Annual Meeting
- January 9th: Orders due to batchers
- January 22nd: January Distribution

KEEP READING!!!!

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 8th. We usually hold this meeting during the day and everyone brings an organic dish to pass for lunch along with their recipes. It is a fun time to get new recipes and to hear how BFC is organized. Any updates to our Handbook are given at this time and you may ask any question that you may have. We also elect our new board members, so if you would like to get more involved, think about a board position you might want to have.

We are wondering if a night meeting would serve your families better than a day meeting. Please respond to this e-mail to let me know what your preference would be.

Have a great Thanksgiving and we will see you on November 27th!

Thanks for reading,

Janice Mechan 
Vice President
Brighton Food Coop