

# Summer's Simmering at the Kettle

Sister Kettle Cafe has experienced fall, winter, and spring. Now she is readying herself for the first long hot summer of her existence. One exciting seasonal addition is our side garden where customers can enjoy cool breezes, sunshine, flowers, good company, and good food. Because of health regulations which prevent us from serving outside, customers will have to get food "to go" and take it outside themselves. Inside we are making water, silverware, menus, and bus tabs more accessible so regular customers can help themselves if they want to. We in the cafe collective don't want a quick, self-service restaurant, but we do want the community to feel free to become involved in their cafe.

We have had lots of fun working on the garden area and invite community members to join us. Special thanks to Jack Kenton for planting an apple tree in front of the cafe and to Nicholas Froelich, Chris Foutz, and Mike Bryant for planting and maintaining the west flower garden. Also, Maggie Stoltz who designed our logo is going to print Sister Kettle T-shirts so save room in your summer wardrobe.

Beginning June 1, we plan to have longer hours, hopefully 7 AM to 11 PM. We are now hiring new workers. Anyone interested in working should talk to a worker at the cafe. Our salaries have jumped to a whopping \$1.25/hr. the last couple of weeks (that includes tips), but this summer, as always, salaries depend on how much business we do. Also beginning June 1 we will have some delicious menu additions. Look forward to new taste delights such as frozen bananas coated with carb and nuts, sprout salads, tropical fruit punch, sundaes, hash-browns, and our tempting daily specials.

On Monday nights at 7:30 Ed Scheurich has been teaching a



free carpentry class in which we talk about problem solving, use of tools, and work on the cafe. Everyone is welcome to come learn and work with us. Sunday night will be Bridge Night and bridge lovers are invited to come out and find each other. Perhaps if other games start finding their way into the cafe, we can all pass time on long summer evenings playing monopoly or backgammon. If you haven't noticed yet, we are getting a nice little library going and welcome other book donations especially cookbooks and ones on nutrition.

Inside, the cafe is already getting warm so we are trying to find the best ways to keep our food, customers, and ourselves cool without resorting to the expensive energy drain of air conditioning. We need more quiet fans of all shapes and sizes, so if you know of any bargains, let us know. Also we are looking for community folks with knowledge about refrigeration or plumbing who would like to barter their skills for food.

We have been buying organic produce from Sunburst in California and a few local crops. If you have produce to give or sell to the cafe, talk to Jamie or Galen. It would be nice if we knew what to expect ahead of time so we could plan our food accordingly.

Well folks, that's a brief summary of what's happening as "The Kettle" goes into its first summer. Sometimes workers' energy is wonderfully high and we seem to have made incredible progress since we opened. Other times we all realize that we need a vacation which hopefully we will all get the middle two weeks in August if we can save enough money to cover our overhead expenses. Always we are open to suggestions and participation from the community. Y'all come on down and watch a real social experiment in progress.

## Credit Union Touts Member Involvement

Business has been brisk at the Community Mercantile Credit Union through the past month as new accounts are opened and savings and loans increase. The current status of the credit union is reflected in news briefs filed with PUBLIC NOTICE.

● Dividend Announcements - The supervisory committee has completed an account verification mailing, sending a statement of each member's account along with a notice of the 4% dividends credited to member's savings accounts. The 4% dividend marks an increase from the first dividend payment of 3½%, six months earlier.

● New Worker Hired - As discussed at the members' meeting in April, Kathy McGee has been hired to work a half-time slot with the credit union. Kathy has worked as a volunteer with the loan committee since last fall. Her new position will focus on improving office systems and co-ordinating the loan program. Kathy has lived in Lawrence seven years and owns a home in North Lawrence.

● Workers Welcome! - As a result of discussion at the April meeting, an evening meeting has been set to provide information for

women and men interested in a more active role in the credit union. People may become involved in one of the current committees or develop new tasks in areas such as education, promotion, or whatever interests you in the work of alternative financial services. The information meeting will be on the evening of June 21st, a Tuesday, at 7PM. If you have any interest in working with the credit union, try to make this meeting.

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## Cornucopia Cafe

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