



**Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington DC Chapter**

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A BIG HURRAH TO:

Symposium Chairs, Eileen Dykes, Gail Forman and CiCi Williamson for an outstanding day of Celebrating Food! All sessions were well attended and buzzing with activity and questions and connecting.

OTHER NEWS:

Update from Jodi Lehr on Marco

"Marco's Bone Marrow test was Leukemia Free. A long road to go but Cancer free at this state means the prognosis is very positive! We go back for another round of 5 days of intensive Chemo and it can go on like this for 3 + years to make sure it is out... or they may opt for Bone Marrow Transplant. The bottom line with ALL Leukemia (his strain) is that if it is not eliminated from bone marrow in 4-6 weeks of treatment, the prognosis is poor ... This gives him much better odds for the future.

The meals have been a God send! Our family sits down and eats a healthy meal daily... and it means so much!"

If you would like to donate a meal, you can access the meal schedule and sign up by [clicking here](#), or by visiting TakeThemAMeal.com and locating the schedule by recipient last name (Gutierrez) and password (3679).

Need A Job?

Renee Catacalos is looking for a conference manager for this year's Future Harvest CASA conference to be held at the National Conference Center in Loudoun County. It is a paid consultancy position. Contact Renee for information at Renee@futureharvestcasa.org.

Only Four Weeks Left to Enter LDEI's M.F.K. Fisher Award Contest

One lucky food writer will win \$1,000 and a trip to St. Louis! Will that be YOU? Only four weeks remain to enter LDEI's M.F.K. Fisher Award Contest. The deadline to enter is **April 2, 2012**. For **complete details and entry application**, go to the LDEI Web site at www.ldei.org. and click on the headliner link "[MFK Fisher Awards - Call for Entries.](#)" **Then, to read or download the application form, click on [Complete details and application](#).**



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Dames are eligible to enter LDEI's **2012 M.F.K. Fisher Award for Excellence in Culinary Writing**. The first-prize winner will be flown to St. Louis to receive the

award at the LDEI Annual Conference In October. Second and third place winners will receive checks for \$500 and \$250 respectively.

For specific questions, please contact me at (703) 533-0066 or send an e-mail to mfkfisher12@aol.com.

Please send in your professional hurrahs and other news for inclusion to ENTRE NEWS editor Dianne Murphy Diannem.murphy@gmail.com

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEB SITE? PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE UPDATED YOUR PASSWORD!

All of your member information has been exported to the new system. Yet, **you must reset your password and edit your own information**. (*For some of you, your LDEI information is outdated by years! You are responsible for updating that information, not the chapter.)

1. Go to www.lesdamesdc.org.
2. Click on either, "sign in" at the top of the page or on the "members only" tab on the tool bar.
3. Log in using your e-mail address listed in your LDEI directory along with the password *ldei 123*. This will take you to your "My Account" page with a list of options.
4. Choose "Account Details" and update your password and other personal/professional details. Once that is saved you can register for events. You will see them listed on the left of your information on the "My Account" page.

Please Update Your Information! It is critically important that you **update your contact information on both Les Dames DC website www.lesdamesdc.org and * Les Dames d'Escoffier International site www.ldei.org**. This information appears in both member directories and without up-to-date contact info our communications will not reach you.

GOT CAKE? VOLUNTEER!

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Our next great event is March 24 and March 25 for the Let Them Eat Cake event and we still need help – especially on Sunday. Bonus opportunity great consignment shopping event at the Ritz that day!

You can sign up for Let Them Eat Cake via the attached link. Do it today, we need you!!
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4EA9AC2BA64-letthem/2749426

Tune In locally to see promotion for Let Them Eat Cake:

Monday March 19th starting 6 to 10 am – WTTG Fox Channel 5 with Holly Morris
Tuesday March 20th – 12:20 on WUSA Channel 9

REGISTER NOW FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS

LET THEM EAT CAKE –PROFESSIONAL WEDDING CAKE COMPETITION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4EA9AC2BA64-letthem Chair Bev Bates bevbates@gmail.com or co-chair Susan Wallace susancwallace@cs.com

Saturday, March 24 10am – 8 pm

Sunday, March 25 12 noon – 5 pm

The Galleria at Tysons Corner, McLean VA

Judges: Roland Mesnier, Dame Carla Hall, David Guas, Heather Chittum Roth, Dame Kate Jansen, and Dame Sharon Van Meter (Dallas)

Contestants: Marilyn Mueller – Chef/owner terracocoa; Padua Player – Executive Pastry Chef, Susan Gage Caterers; Leslie Poyourow – Chef/Owner, Fancy Cakes by Leslie; Dame Laurie Ann Allman Weber – Chef/Owner, The Swiss Bakery



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Let Them Eat Cake involves a cake decorating competition among some of the area's top pastry chefs, celebrity judges, a display of tabletop designs by mall merchants to complement the cakes' décor, raffles

of fabulous gifts, and a cake and coffee café where mall visitors can purchase coffee or tea and sample the pastry chefs' wedding cake creations.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 24

10am – 5pm, Sweet Victories Cake Decorating Competition among top pastry chefs, raffle sales for gift packages and Cakewalk Café open to sell coffee, tea and wedding cake samples

5pm – 6pm, Competition Judging

6pm – 8pm, Cake Mixer VIP Reception to meet and mingle with celebrity judges and chefs.

Judges' winner announced

5pm – 9pm, Completed Cakes on display for popular vote

Sunday, March 25

12 noon – 4:30 pm, Completed Wedding Cakes and Tablescapes on display and for popular vote

5pm, Popular Vote and raffle winners are announced

Raffle sales for amazing gift packages throughout the day and Cake Walk Café for sales of pastry chefs' cake samples, coffee and tea

Monday, April 16 starting at 6:30 pm

TURKISH CUISINE AND THE OTTOMAN CULINARY LEGACY IN THE ARAB WORLD

Westchester Turkish Restaurant, 4000 Cathedral Ave., NW Washington DC

\$75 pp inclusive with wine and valet parking

Reservations: www.lesdamesdc.org or (202) 973-2168 by April 11, 2012

Ever wondered what "Palatial Cuisine" means or where some of our most beloved culinary trends originated? To answer the question, Dames Sheila Kaufman and Amy Riolo take us on a culinary journey through Turkey and the Middle East. Then, enjoy a delicious Turkish feast prepared by Chef Hakki.

Monday, June 19

Save the Date – more to come

New Member Meeting – Washington Court Hotel

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Other News of Interest:

Giada De Laurentiis in Conversation with Bonnie Benwick www.sixthandi.org

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Sixth and I Historic Synagogue

600 I Street, NW, Washington DC 20001

Katherine Tallmadge's Robin "Poldark" Ellis Mediterranean Diet Cookbook Event in The Washington Post:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/all-we-can-eat/post/poldark-wields-cookbook-for-diabetics/2012/03/08/gIQAzSFYzR_blog.html Written by Dame Bonnie Benwick and featuring Dames Janis McLean and Katherine Tallmadge

Also, Katherine's "5 So-Called Health Foods You Should Avoid" article in The Washington Post went crazy – still listed as a "most popular" article on The Washington Post's website:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/wellness/5-so-called-health-foods-you-should-avoid/2012/01/31/gIQA6E7vfR_story.html?tid=pm_lifestyle_pop

The story was picked up by WOR Talk Radio in NYC, the "Joan Hamburg Show" and is still listed on WOR's home page as "Most Popular"

<http://wor710.com/pages/12457733.php?>

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS!

Les Dames DC Goes Social! Connect with sister Dames online. Here's how:

[Facebook.com/LesDamesDC](https://www.facebook.com/LesDamesDC) [Twitter.com/LesDamesDC](https://twitter.com/LesDamesDC)

We need ALL members who have FB and Twitter accounts to follow both....we are actively re-tweeting our members tweets and we need everyone to do the same to spread the great news about our activities and programs! It really is helpful.

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Connect with Les Dames d'Escoffier International on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Facebook: Les Dames d'Escoffier International has a new Facebook Group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/218435184886471>). Members please join and share relevant news, events, and updates.

LinkedIn: Join the LDEI members-only LinkedIn Group to stay connected with other Dames.

JOIN A COMMITTEE...GET INVOLVED! It's fun, interesting and fulfilling.

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