



Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



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A BIG HURRAH TO:

Congratulations to Dame Karen Vartan who is engaged to be married to Professor Emeritus Douglas E. Gill, University of Maryland. Doug is an evolutionary biologist but also an ornithologist and environmental scientist. The date is "in the next year or so". Karen says Doug will wait until the salamanders, birds, and tides are properly aligned with a full moon. We wish them all the best when they take the big step!

DAMES IN THE NEWS:

April's [Washingtonian Magazine](#) has a short profile on Ann Yonkers, Bernie Prince, and Fresh Farm Markets.

Dolores Kostelni, aka The Happy Cook of The News-Gazette, included the benefits of Spring Asparagus with a nutritional benefits nod from Katherine Tallmadge:

Monica Bhide had a nice piece on NPR about Rice:

<http://www.npr.org/2012/04/17/150723012/rice-a-rainbow-of-possibilities>

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

DUES ARE DUE!

It is time to renew your LDEI-DC membership dues for 2012-2013. You can beat the rush and register online at lesdamesdc.org today. Just log in and click on membership option. Dues will remain a great value at \$175, \$100 of which goes to the DC chapter and the remaining \$75 to International. Watch your email for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 21

Indian Dinner – Indique Heights

2 Wisconsin Circle, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Price: \$58 for members, \$65 non-members – inclusive of welcome drink

Reservations by May 16 – www.lesdames.org or (202) 973-2168

Join Indique Height's chef K.N. Vinod and culinary historian Surf Rahman on an intriguing culinary journey, complete with beguiling slides through India's state-to-state local cooking traditions and contemporary interpretations of the classics, The talk will be followed by an extravagant buffet illustrating the regional range of the subcontinent's cuisine.

Tuesday, June 19

Spring General Membership Meeting and New Member Induction

Washington Court Hotel – 525 New Jersey Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20001

Reservations by June 15 - www.lesdamesdc.org or (202)973-2168

\$54 inclusive

5:00 pm Board Meeting

6:00 pm General Meeting and Induction of New Members

7:30 Dinner following the meeting

Parking: Hotel valet parking with dinner reservation is \$5 per car (ticket validated at dinner)

Hotel parking with meeting only/no dinner \$20 per car.

Metro: The hotel is a few blocks from either Judiciary Square or Union Station Metro stations.

October 11 – 14, 2012

Meet Me in St. Louis!" LDEI Conference

Ladies, when it comes to 2012 Conference Planning, St. Louis dames are literally "rolling on the river," with plans for food trucks, local celebrity farm-to-chef food stations, food tours, and nationally recognized speakers designed to excite and inspire personal greatness! Our goal is simply to introduce you to as much of our fair city as possible by weaving fun and excitement into the conference's strong educational offerings. Through issues of the *Quarterly*, our conference team has offered information on "what" we are planning for you, but-- it's the "how" that is sure to "wow!" We don't want you to miss a thing, so consider extending your stay to take in even more of the richness this great river city has to offer. Meet us in St. Louis!

OTHER NEWS:

2012 FANCY FOOD SHOW - North America's largest specialty food & beverage event will be in Washington, DC. from June 17-19, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Discover 180,000 products including confections, cheese, coffee, snacks, spices, ethnic, natural, organic, and more from 2,400 exhibitors from around the world. National Association for the Specialty Food Trade (NASFT) is a not-for-profit business trade association established in 1952 to foster trade, commerce, and interest in the \$70 billion specialty food industry. Tickets are \$35 before May 4 (price increases after that). You can register online at:
<http://www.specialtyfood.com/fancy-food-show/summer-fancy-food-show/>

30th Annual RAMMY Gala - June 24th Washington DC.; Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The RAMMY Restaurant Awards Gala and fundraiser honors the exceptional ability and accomplishments of the Washington, DC, area restaurant industry. Many DC Dames have been honored. The awards presentation precedes a grand dinner reception and lively dancing. The event not only honors nominees and winners, but also brings the entire restaurant industry together for a festive night of celebration. BizBash Magazine named the RAMMY Awards Gala the #1 Food & Restaurant event in DC on the Top 100 events list in 2010 and 2008. Contact Dame Lynne Breaux, President of the RAMW, lynne@ramw.org.

**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! It is your, not the chapter's, responsibility to update that information.

1. Go to www.lesdamesdc.org.
2. Click on either, "sign in" at the top of the page or 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.

WHERE ARE MY BOARD MINUTES?

It has been brought to the board's attention that some members need directions to access the monthly board minutes. They are posted online in the members-only section of our website. It is yet another reason to go online and update your LDE-DC logon info!!!"

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS!

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

Facebook.com/LesDamesDC and 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.

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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