



Les Dames d'Escoffier International  
Washington, DC Chapter

## Entre News



**May 14, 2012**

### **A BIG HURRAH TO:**

Janis McLean on being named the executive chef of Le Zinc, a French Bistro, in NW Washington.

Ruth Gresser on the 20th anniversary of her restaurant company, Pizzeria Paradiso.

Ris Lacoste's eponymous restaurant being named one of the Very Best Restaurants in the January issue of [Washingtonian Magazine](#).

Ann Yonkers and Bernie Prince on being awarded [Washingtonian Magazine's 'Green Giant'](#) award.

*Please send in your professional hurrahs and other news for inclusion to ENTRE NEWS editor Dianne Murphy [Diannem.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:Diannem.murphy@gmail.com)*

### **DUES ARE DUE JUNE 15!**

It is time to renew your LDEI-DC membership dues for 2012-2013. Register online at [lesdamesdc.org](http://lesdamesdc.org) today. Just log in and click on membership option. Dues remain a great value at \$175, \$100 of which goes to the DC chapter and \$75 to LDEI. Or send a check made out to LDE-DC to Treasurer Ann Stratte, 100 Severn Avenue, #506, Annapolis, MD 21403-2622. **Renew your dues by June 15 deadline** to avoid a \$25 late payment fee assessed after the deadline.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

The Chapter will induct new members at the Spring General Membership Meeting on June 19th. Please welcome our newest DC Chapter Dames!

Stacey Adams, Chef/Owner, Tastings Gourmet Market, Annapolis, MD  
Kari Barrett, Advisor, Public Engagement, USDA

Devon Capili, Executive Chef, Renaissance Washington DC DuPont Circle Hotel  
Jill Collins, President, Jill Collins Public Relations Group  
Sara Ducey, Professor, Nutrition & Interim Director, Montgomery College  
Golnaz Feiz, GM/Partner, Assaggi Mozzarella Bar, Bethesda, MD and McLean, VA  
Nancy Hart, GM/Managing Partner, 8407 Kitchen Bar  
Edee Hogan RD,LD, Nutrition Consultant, Washington, DC  
Bridget Sampson, Co-Owner, Dogwood Restaurant, Baltimore, MD  
Danielle Turner, Chef/Owner, Great Taste – A Personal Chef Service, Bowie, MD

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Monday, May 21**

#### **A Culinary Journey Through India – 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](http://www.lesdames.org) or (202) 973-2168

Join Indique Heights chef K.N. Vinod and culinary historian Surfy 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. The menu is available on the Web site.

### **Sunday, June 10**

#### **A Farm-To-Fork Tour: Virginia's Rappahannock County and Conversation with Chef Patrick O'Connell**

Price: \$110 for members; \$125 for non-members

Includes transportation on a luxury coach, continental breakfast on the bus, gourmet luncheon, local wines, Southern Appalachian farmstead cheeses, visits to a premier organic fruit and vegetable farm, a classic orchard, a kitchen garden and a winery, and tastings and presentations.

Enjoy a day-long tour of family farms in picturesque Rappahannock County, Virginia, learn about the agritourism plans for the region, talk with farmers, have a gourmet luncheon in the farm dooryard of the Stonyman Gourmet Farmer Mercantile, tour "Little" Washington, have a conversation with The Inn At Little Washington's renowned Chef/Owner Patrick O'Connell, tour his inn's kitchen garden and enjoy delicious sample tastes throughout the day. A complete schedule is on our Web site.

Departure Times: 8:00am Bethesda Metro; 8:35 am Vienna Metro

Return Times: 6:00 pm Vienna Metro; 6:35 Bethesda Metro

### **Monday, June 18**

#### **Fancy Food Show After Reception - Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar**

Corner of H Street & Ninth Street, N.W. DC

Light Hors d'Oeuvres - compliments of DC Dames

Cocktails - Cash Bar

Dinner (Dutch Treat) Let us know 48 hours in advance to allow for enough seats

R.S.V.P. by June 15 - Email [lesdamesdec@aol.com](mailto:lesdamesdec@aol.com) or call (202) 973-2168

Please provide name, chapter affiliation, email and cell phone number

### **Tuesday, June 19**

#### **Spring General Membership Meeting and New Member Induction**

Washington Court Hotel – 525 New Jersey Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20001

\$54 inclusive (cost of dinner, not the meeting)

5:00 pm Board Meeting

6:00 pm General Meeting and Induction of New Members

7:30 Dinner following the meeting - the menu is on the Web site.

Reservations by June 15 - [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://www.lesdamesdc.org) or (202) 973-2168

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. Biz Bash 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.lesdamesdc.org) and \* Les Dames d'Escoffier International site [www.ldei.org](http://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.**

**Grants** Kate Jansen [jansenkt@comcast.net](mailto:jansenkt@comcast.net)

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### **ENTRE NEWS UPDATES:**

Please submit your Entre News information to Dianne Murphy [Diannem.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:Diannem.murphy@gmail.com)

Deadline for the bimonthly newsletter is the Wednesday before the Monday release

Next Entre News is:

Monday May 28 deadline May 23

Monday June 11 - deadline June 6

Monday June 25 - deadline June 20

Monday July 9 - deadline July 5

Monday July 23 -deadline July 19