



Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



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DAMES IN THE NEWS...

Hats off to our RAMMY Winners!

Congratulations to Jeff and Barbara Black, owners of the ever-expanding **Black Restaurant Group**, who were named "Restaurateurs of the Year," while two of their restaurants took home top honors – **BlackSalt Fish Market & Restaurant** was named "Upscale Casual Restaurant of the Year" and **Black Jack**, the popular bar atop their newest venture earned the title of "Hottest Restaurant Bar Scene". Susan Wallace of BlackSalt was a finalist for "Best Pastry Chef".

Susan Soorenko and Moorenko Ice Cream products were part of the publicity push for the Fancy Food Show airing on WTTG Fox Channel 5 and the Kojo Nnamdi show. Congratulations Susan!

<http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/18777136/fancy-food-show-highlights>
<http://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2012-06-06/starting-specialty-food-business>

Ann Yonkers is a 2012 winner of The Washingtonian's Fifth Annual Green Awards.
<http://www.washingtonian.com/blogs/capitalcomment/washingtonian/toasting-the-2012-green-award-winners.php>

Katherine Tallmadge's recipe for Strawberry/Rhubarb soup is featured in Washingtonian Magazine.
<http://www.washingtonian.com/blogs/wellbeing/healthy-recipes/healthy-recipe-strawberry-rhubarb-soup.php#.T7ahDwGaUeg.facebook>

Amy Riolo was awarded the Milton F. Clogg Alumni Achievement Award by Montgomery College for excellence in the culinary arts. She also participated in the US Endocrine Society's Annual Conference in Houston on June 23-24 in a panel discussion on diabetes and acromegaly and recipe demonstration on the showcase stage. The panel and demos will be available on the Hormone Foundation website soon with free downloadable recipe booklets and resources for patients and healthcare professionals.

Nongkran Daks and Alexandra Greeley signed an agreement with Tuttle Publishing to write a new Thai cookbook. Tentatively titled "Nong's Kitchen", the book will feature 100 recipes covering a range of traditional favorites, hard-to-find dishes outside of Thailand and a sampling of contemporary cooking emerging from the ever evolving Thai culinary scene. Pounding spices for curry as the sun was rising at age 8 because she was forced to, and then cooking for six decades because she loves to, this book will chronicle Nong's amazing culinary and life journey from a small village in southern Thailand to owning a restaurant and appearing on Food Network and Travel Channel. Publication is currently set for 2013.

Please send in your professional hurrahs and news for inclusion in ENTRE NEWS to editor Dianne Murphy, Diannem.murphy@gmail.com. Submission schedule is posted below.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Welcome 2012-13 Board of Directors!

Les Dames DC new fiscal year begins on July 1 when the incoming Board will begin its term.

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DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!

If you have not yet paid your 2012-13 LDEI-DC membership dues, please do so ASAP in order to remain an active member in the upcoming year beginning July 1. Register online at www.lesdamesdc.org today. Just log in and click on membership option. Or send a check made out to LDE-DC to Treasurer Ann Stratte, 100 Severn Avenue, #506, Annapolis, MD 21403-2622, or call Ann with your credit card information (410) 903-2682.

Renew your membership by August 31, the FINAL DEADLINE, to remain an active member of LDEI and Les Dames DC Chapter in the coming year!

LES DAMES DC SPRING CHAPTER ROSTER IS OUT!

Thanks to the patience and perseverance of CiCi Williamson, the Chapter Roster was distributed at the Spring Meeting.

But many members have not updated their information and we ask that you do so ASAP!

Since moving to our new system months ago, **you must reset your password so that you can edit your information online.** It is your responsibility to update your information for our directory!

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 toolbar.

3. Log in using your email address listed in your LDEI directory along with the password Idei 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.

It is 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. If you need assistance, please contact Ann Stratte who will guide you through the process. Without up-to-date contact info, our communications will not reach you!

Do you have a new photo or professional “head shot”? Please send it to ciciwmson@aol.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Save the Date!

Monday, July 23

Les Dames “Summer Social”

Joint Board Meeting

L’Academie de Cuisine

Bethesda, MD

Details will follow.

Wednesday, August 15

Celebrate Julia Child’s 100th Birthday!

RIS Restaurant

Our Chapter is collaborating with AIWF and the Smithsonian on a dinner to celebrate Julia’s 100th birthday. Details will follow.

October 11 – 14

Les Dames d’Escoffier Annual Conference: “Meet Me in St. Louis!”

Members are encouraged to attend; registration will open soon on www.ldei.org

Message from St. Louis Chapter: “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!”

PAST PROGRAMS

Spring General Membership Meeting:

Over 70 members gathered last week at the Washington Court Hotel for our Spring General Membership Meeting to review the business of the Chapter, welcome new members, congratulate scholarship recipients and install our 2012-13 Board of Directors. A festive reception followed with a wonderful buffet prepared by Washington Court Hotel Executive Chef Mario Raymond and delicious wines generously contributed by Dame Dolores Cakebread of Cakebread Cellars in Napa Valley.

Rappahannock Trip :

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

Fifty members and guests enjoyed a fun, food and wine-filled adventure in Virginia’s picturesque Rappahannock County, including hearing from a panel of local agritourism experts, enjoying a lovely

gourmet luncheon at Stonyman Gourmet Farmer Mercantile, touring local organic fruit and vegetable farms and winery. A highlight of the day was a visit to The Inn At Little Washington, where renowned Chef/Owner Patrick O'Connell shared a tour of the inn's kitchen garden, delicious dessert samples and stories about his 30-year experience at his award-winning establishment.

Special thanks to Dames Katherine Newell Smith, Susan James, Drew Faulkner, CiCi Williamson, Bev Bates and Rachel Hayden for their hard work in making this a very special day.

OTHER NEWS

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! WILL YOU BE THE NEXT STAR?

CHOPPED

The Food Network's hit cooking competition show Chopped is seeking skilled, creative, competitive professional chefs in the New York/Tri-state area, Los Angeles, Austin, and Seattle to compete on new episodes. For more information and to apply [click here](#). Chopped is also cooking up some special episodes for amateur chefs, military chefs, moms, chefs with great weight loss stories, unsung heroes, family feud, and teens. If you'd like more information or are interested in applying for one of these special episodes, [click here](#).

NEW COOKING SHOW on ABC

Kelsey Mayfield, Casting Producer for ABC is currently looking for some great chefs to compete on a new primetime cooking show with Anthony Bourdain and Nigella Lawson. They will be New York in a few weeks to hold auditions and are trying to spread the word to make sure to get the best possible competitors. The unique thing about the show is they are looking for chefs at all levels, from people who are great home cooks to executive chefs and everything in between. They are encouraging everyone to attend the open call in New York on July 14th! Contact:

Kelsey Mayfield, Casting Producer
ABC Cooking Show
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KelseyAlayneCasting@gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS!

Connect with Sister Dames Online! Here's how:

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

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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ENTRE NEWS UPDATES:

Please submit your Entre News information to Dianne Murphy Diannem.murphy@gmail.com

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

Next Entre News is:

Monday July 16 - deadline July 11

Monday July 30 - deadline July 25

Monday August 13 - deadline August 8