



Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



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HURRAH!

Monica Bhide for being recognized by Mashable as one of the top 10 Food Writers to Watch on Twitter! <http://mashable.com/2012/07/18/food-writers-twitter/>

Dusty Lockhart and family as they welcome a new baby girl, Nicoletta Ann , born on July 22.

Sheilah Kaufman on her appearance on WUSA Channel 9, representing Cookbook Construction Crew, as she explained how to get your recipes published by writing your own cookbook (with special help from business partner Paula Jacobson).

A Special Thanks...

Barbara Cullen, Patrice Dionot, and Clarice Dionot for hosting the Summer Social Potluck preceded by the July Joint Board Meeting at the newly renovated L'Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda.

More than 45 members gathered for a lovely evening of delicious food, spirits, and friendship.

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Celebrate Julia Child's 100th Birthday!

Dames in many chapters across the country have exciting events lined up to celebrate Julia Child's 100th Birthday in August. So whether you're in DC or traveling to another city, be sure to celebrate the occasion! Visit www.ldei.org for a list of special events by other chapters.

NEW:

Wednesday, August 15

Dames Do Lunch at RIS Restaurant

Visit Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

TOUR: 1:00 p.m at Smithsonian. Members welcome regardless of attending the luncheon

Meet at RIS Restaurant for a special, Restaurant Week lunch (\$20.12 plus gratuity and tax). Each Dame pays her own separate check. After lunch, taxi or carpool to the Smithsonian Museum of

American History for special Julia's birthday events, and tour the temporarily open Julia Child's Kitchen exhibit.

RIS Restaurant, 2275 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. For more information and menu, go to www.lesdamesdc.org. Reservations very limited.

RSVP to CiCi Williamson, 703-533-0066 or ciciwmson@aol.com

Smithsonian's Julia Child's 100th Birthday Fundraiser at RIS

August 15

Time: 6:30 - 10:30

Tickets: \$250.00

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will host a fundraising dinner at RIS to celebrate Julia's 100th Birthday and raise funds to restore Julia's Cambridge Kitchen Exhibit reopening at the museum this fall. . Seats are limited. If you wish to attend, you must call RIS and ask to speak to Natalie Christenson (202) 730-2508 . Tell her you are a Dame.

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. The roster is posted in the members-only section of www.lesdamesdc.org under the "Minutes & Chapter Roster" heading. If you didn't attend the annual meeting, Gina Dakkouni has your printed roster and is mailing it to you. If you didn't receive yours, email Gina at ginadak@gmail.com.

October 11 – 14

Les Dames d'Escoffier Annual Conference: "Meet Me in St. Louis!"

Members are encouraged to attend; registration online at www.ldei.org .

Late registration after September 10, 2012

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!"

Conference brochure is now available at <http://www.ldei.org/uploads/press/39.pdf>.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

FINAL CALL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP!

If you have not yet paid your 2012-13 LDEI-DC membership dues, please do so immediately in order to remain an active member in LDEI and Les Dames DC. The new year began 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.

[DO NOT LET YOUR LES DAMES MEMBERSHIP LAPSE!](#)

LES DAMES WEBSITE - UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!

Many members have not updated their information, and we ask that you do so ASAP! Since we moved to our new system several 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 ldei123. 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 and professional details. Once that is saved, you can register for events. You will see them listed to the left of your information on the "My Account" page.

It is important to 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!

LDEI's New Website 'Members Only' section and New Login!

LDEI has implemented new association management software that is user friendly and easy to navigate. You should have received an email from LDEI on July 9 that contains login instructions and a temporary password for you to use to access the new site. Please update your login information and member profile as soon as possible! If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Greg Jewell at ldei@aecmanagement.com or call (502) 456-1851.

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.

Grants/Mentoring: Kate Jansen jansenkt@comcast.net

Scholarships: Nona Nielsen-Parker nonanp@comcast.net

Green Tables: Drew Faulkner drewcooks@mac.com; Aviva Goldfarb aviva@thescramble.com

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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

Upcoming Entre News are:

Monday August 13 - deadline August 8

Monday August 27 - deadline August 22