



Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



August 13, 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sister Dames,

Our Chapter's new year has barely begun, and already we're revving up for an action-packed season of programs and events that will energize us in the year ahead!

Begin by joining us on Wednesday to celebrate Julia Child's 100th birthday. Start with a special lunch at RIS Restaurant or simply stop by Julia's Kitchen Exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum of American History for special events. I can't imagine a better place to be for this occasion! www.julia-child-s-kitchen-displayed-again-at-smithsonian-aug-15-for-100th-birthday

Gourmet Walking Tours, Green Tables programs, Global Culinary Initiatives and 'Dames Who Dine' lunches, dinners and happy hours are in the works for fall. Contact program chairs Eileen Dykes and Barbara Cullen with your creative ideas for new programs, Drew Faulkner and Aviva Goldfarb for Green Tables activities, and Chair Amy Riolo for Global Culinary Initiatives.

The incredible talent, passion, creativity and generosity of our membership inspire our Chapter to support our mission of education, advocacy and philanthropy and help us achieve our ambitious goals each year. So please get involved and let's So please get involved and let's kick off the new year with renewed spirit, energy and excitement!

Bon Appetit!

Judy Rusignuolo
2012-13 President
Les Dames d'Escoffier Washington DC Chapter

HURRAH!

Congratulations to Monica Bhide for a shout out from The New York Times!

<http://dinersjournal.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/08/10/what-were-reading-498/>

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.

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. All members welcome -- meet at Julia's Kitchen for a group photo!

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

Gourmet Culinary Tour of Rockville, Maryland

DATE: Saturday, October 6, 2012:

PLACE: Meet in front of the Giant Supermarket,
625 Hungerford Drive (Route 355)

TIME: 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

COST: Members \$30; Non-members \$35

Includes Chinese breakfast, gourmet Chinese lunch at MaMa Wok, and many tastings along the way.

RESERVATIONS: www.lesdamesdc.org OR 202-973-2168 (limited to 30 people)

Reservation or cancellation deadline Wednesday, October 3.

Join culinary experts from Les Dames d'Escoffier for a guided,gastronomic tour and tasting

of global foods. We'll make our way via carpool up, down, and behind Rockville Pike to a "baker's dozen" of international food purveyors. Our planned stops include tastings and demonstrations--beginning with a Chinese breakfast at Asian Bakery Cafe and ending with a gourmet Chinese lunch and bubble tea. Menu and more information at www.lesdamesdc.org

Register Now!

October 11 – 14

Les Dames d'Escoffier International 2012 Annual Conference: "Meet Me in St. Louis!"
Members are encouraged to attend; registration online at www.ldei.org.
Early registration by September 10, 2012

Network with Dames from all of our Chapters as St. Louis Dames share experiences of local chefs, farmers, culinary instructors, brewers, entertainers, business, education and community leaders of the region. Exciting and jam-packed agenda includes:

Optional Tours:

"Art of Brewing" Anheuser-Busch VIP Tour
Explore the Italian Neighborhood known as "The Hill"
Visit Chaumette Winery in Scenic Ste. Genevieve
Tour of 4 Hands Brewing Company

Keynote address by Dame Sylvia Weinstock, the "Queen of Cakes"
How Tradition Sets the Table for Modern Menu Design - Greg Drescher, VP, The Culinary Institute of America

Sessions:

"The Joy of *Cooking* in the Digital Age" - John Becker
"Personal Branding with Social Media" - Sabrina Crider and Lisa Weser, SVPs, Fleishman-Hillard
Catherine Neville, Publisher of FEAST Magazine, discusses Trending Topics
"Soy Protein: A Sustainable, Nutrition, Great-tasting Solution to Feed a Growing Global Population" - Solae Innovative Soy Technologies
"Provisioning the Lewis & Clark Expedition" - Carolyn Gillman, Missouri History Museum
The "Bear" Essentials for all Entrepreneurial Women - Maxine Clark of Build a Bear Workshop

Conference brochure and registration at <http://www.ldei.org/uploads/press/39.pdf>.

SAVE THE DATE!

Autumn General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 22

Plans are underway for our Autumn General Membership Meeting. So mark your calendars...details to follow.

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 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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ENTRE NEWS UPDATES:

Please submit your Entre News information to Dianne Murphy

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

Upcoming Entre News are:

Monday August 27 - deadline August 22

Monday, Sept. 10 - deadline September 5

Monday, Sept. 24 - deadline September 19