



Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



November 5, 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see so many Dames at our Autumn General Membership Meeting where we shared Chapter news and an exciting line-up of activities for the coming year. Many members had terrific ideas to expand our programs and committee efforts, and have volunteered your time and resources. Please keep the momentum going and let's turn it into action! Many thanks to Chef Devon Capili and the team at the Renaissance Washington DC Dupont Circle Hotel for a wonderful event and delicious dinner.

We're pleased to launch this issue of *Entre News* which is redesigned to provide a new, easy-to-read format with links to information you need to know. And, the newsletter is being sent to you through our updated email list which will further improve our communications with you. *Entre News* now features a brand new "Dames Corner" section to introduce you to members you may not know and update you on friends you'd like to catch up with.

Mark your calendar for a very special **Holiday Potluck Gathering on Thursday, November 29** at the home of Dame Joan Nathan. While sharing a holiday toast and delicious nibbles, we will welcome guest speakers to discuss the publication of the new book "101 Classic Cookbooks" (details below). I look forward to seeing you there!

My best,
Judy Rusignuolo, President

HURRAH!

Can we include photo of Gail? There's one on website.

Congratulations to Gail Forman, recently honored as the recipient of Les Dames Washington DC Chapter's "**2012 Distinguished Dame Award.**" This coveted award honors Dames whose leadership and contributions have shaped our Chapter and helped accomplish our goals.

A member since 1984, Gail has actively served on the Board as a Director or Officer for many terms. Her special passion, skill and hard work on educational programs have transformed our programs to a high level of excellence. The Chapter is grateful to Gail for her dedication and service.

Gail was surprised and delighted to join a prestigious group of accomplished Dames who have received this award, saying *“what an unexpected and deeply appreciated honor it is to receive this award for my contributions to Les Dames. But participation in Dames activities has given me much, too, especially the friendship of sister Dames, professional opportunities, and an outlet for creativity. Thank you.”*

Special thanks to Chair Goody Solomon and the Distinguished Dames Committee for their work in selecting this year’s honoree.

Lynne Breaux will be honored as one of the region’s most influential business women at the “2012 Women Who Mean Business” awards celebration on November 15. The event is sponsored by the Washington Business Journal and Capital One Bank.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/event/56961?ana=tw>

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER – DON’T MISS IT!

DATE: Thursday, November 29

TIME: 6:30

PLACE: Joan Nathan’s Home, 4221 Lenore Lane NW, Washington, DC

COST: Free (Dames only)

RSVP: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49A5AB2FA31-holiday> by November 26. Limited to 50.

Attendees please bring a dish or beverage to share at the potluck. Prepare a recipe from the book or a favorite of your own. Questions? Contact Eileen Dykes ([link](#)).

Join the festivities and celebrate the holidays at our annual potluck dinner hosted by Joan Nathan. This year’s gathering will feature special guest Clark Wolf, a renowned New York-based restaurant consultant and co-editor of “101 Classic Cookbooks,” the recently published compilation of significant cookbooks and recipes of the 20th century sponsored by New York University’s Fales Library. DC Dames Marian Burros and Joan Nathan, contributors to the book, will join the discussion about why these important cookbooks and benchmarks matter.

BOOK CLUB

The new Les Dames DC Book Club will launch in January 2013 and meet on the fourth Monday of the month (except May) at L’Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda. We will begin with ***Salt: A World History*** by Mark Kurlansky—good holiday reading.

DATE: Monday, January 28, 2013

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: L’Academie de Cuisine Bethesda, 5021 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, MD (Walking distance from the Bethesda Metro stop on the Red Line; free parking across the street from the school)

COST: Approximately \$5 per person per meeting

CONTACT: gailforman@comcast.net OR sbcallahan@umes.edu

PAST PROGRAMS

ShopHouse Southeast Asian Kitchen Event

If Katherine will provides a brief summary of the event.

Green Tables National Food Day Event October 28 – *Food Day Fun!*

Martha's Table "Thank You "Message to DC Dames

*"What a wonderful day Sunday turned out to be! With all the trepidation of the impending storm, we were so concerned that the Food Day event might not have been able to take place. Now I know what a terrible lost opportunity that would have been. With the wonderful hospitality of the **Occasions Catering** staff and the really fantastic programming and demonstrations by all of you, we were able to provide the children, parents and teachers of Martha's Table with a real learning experience, a lot of fun, and delicious food. As I said to Eric Michael of Occasions, one never really knows the impact that an event such as that could have on those who participated -- which child might now imagine a career as a chef, which parent will change his or her food buying habits or what lesson one of the teachers might pass on to our students. (I know, there are 613 seeds in a pomegranate!)*

I so look forward to this deepening relationship between Les Dames and Martha's Table and thank you for helping us spread the word about good food and good nutrition.

*Best regards,
Michael Bartscherer, Martha's Table*

ADD DAMES CORNER

OTHER NEWS:

This has run once or twice, so it can be deleted if space is tight

BAKING PRODUCTION SPACE WANTED

Leigh Lambert, previous Washington Post food section contact has started a company called Naughty Bits Brownies based in Silver Spring, MD. She is currently looking for a baking/kitchen facility to contract out the production, packaging and freezing of 14,000-17,000 units (individual brownies) per month on an ongoing basis. DC Metro area is preferred, but would consider out of area location. If you have a space or know of something please contact her at Leigh@naughtybitsbrownies.com or 202-821-7813.

If space permits

CASTING CALL FOR SEASON 4 OF MASTERCHEF!

Have you wanted to show the world your great home cooking skills? Now you have the chance.

MasterChef is holding an open casting call on November 10 in New York City. Go to www.masterchefcasting.com for more information and to register.

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THE MASTERCHEF JUDGES ARE ONCE AGAIN GIVING TALENTED HOME COOKS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW AMERICA THEIR CULINARY SKILLS!

MasterChef is conducting a nationwide search for the best home cooks in America. The winner receives a **LARGE** cash prize and the title of MASTERCHEF!

ATTEND AN OPEN CALL IN A CITY NEAR YOU!

All open calls held from 10am - 6pm

SAN DIEGO

October 6, 2012
The Westin Hotel 2nd Floor
400 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

MINNEAPOLIS

October 13, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
1315 Mendota Heights Rd.
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

NASHVILLE

October 13, 2012
The International Culinary School
100 Centerview Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

CHICAGO

October 20, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
361 West Chestnut St.
Chicago, IL 60610

MIAMI

October 20, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
3221 Enterprise Way
Miramar, FL 33025

DALLAS

October 27, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
11830 Webb Chapel Rd. #1200
Dallas, TX 75234

CLEVELAND

October 27, 2012
Cleveland State University
Parker Hannifin Hall
2258 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115

LOS ANGELES

November 3, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
6370 Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90028

BOSTON

November 3, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
215 First St.
Cambridge, MA 02142

NYC

November 10, 2012
Flatotel
135 West 52nd St.
New York, NY 10019

PORTLAND

November 10, 2012
Le Cordon Bleu
600 SW 10th Ave. #500
Portland, OR 97205

*Meet Graham Elliot!

*Meet Joe Bastianich!



GO TO: WWW.MASTERCHEFCASTING.COM to apply & for more info, including application instructions, audition guidelines, eligibility requirements and open call details.

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[LES DAMES WEBSITE: HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING INTO www.lesdamesdc.org?](http://www.lesdamesdc.org?)

If you're having trouble logging into the "Members Only" section of our website to make reservations, you must use the email address recorded in your account plus the secret password you created. It is not possible for our The Chapter Web Administrator cannot retrieve your password --only you know the password you created for your account.

THE SOLUTION: If you don't remember your login email address or password, send an email to DC Chapter Web Administrator CiCi Williamson (ciciwmson@aol.com) and she will let you know what email address is listed for your account and assign a new password in the database. Then you can access your account by logging into the members-only area of the website, update your account information and change your password to whatever you like (which will again be secret and not retrievable). Please record your login user id and password in your records for future access.

It is important to update your contact information on [both](http://www.lesdamesdc.org?) Les Dames DC website [and](http://www.lesdamesdc.org?) Les Dames d'Escoffier International site www.ldei.org. If you need with assistance with your LDEI account please contact Executive Director Greg Jewell at ldei@aecmanagement.com or call (502) 456-1851. Without

up-to-date contact info our communications will not reach you!

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Connect with Sister Dames Online!

Facebook.com/LesDamesDC and Twitter.com/LesDamesDC

We need ALL members with FB and Twitter accounts to follow and actively re-tweet our members' tweets to spread the great news about our activities and programs!

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>). 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!

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

Programs: Barbara Cullen bcullen@lacademie.com; Eileen Dykes eileendykes@gmail.com

Global Culinary Initiatives: Amy Riolo amy@amyriolo.com

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Please submit your Entre News information for the next issue in a brief, concise statement to Dianne Murphy Diannem.murphy@gmail.com.