



**Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington DC Chapter**

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A BIG HURRAH TO:

Dame Janis McLean is the new executive chef at **Le Zinc** on Macomb St, NW (across from 2Amys). Previously she was the executive chef at **15 ria** at the Doubletree Hotel at Scott Circle.

Dame Katherine Tallmadge on her recent radio interview with Kojo Nnamdi. She gave insight into fad diets of the day and how to maintain a healthy weight.

Please send in your professional hurrahs and other news for inclusion to ENTRE NEWS editor Dianne Murphy (NEW MEMBER!!!) Diannem.murphy@gmail.com

OUR IMPROVED WEB SITE:

IMPORTANT ACTION NEEDED: YOU MUST NOW RESET YOUR PASSWORD!

All of your member information has been exported into 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 Yet, **you must reset your password and edit your own information.** (*For some of you, your LDEI information is outdated by years! You are responsible for updating that information, not the chapter.)

1. Go to www.lesdamesdc.org.
2. Click on either, "sign in" at the top of the page or on 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 and * Les Dames d'Escoffier International site www.ldei.org.** This information appears in both member directories and without up-to-date contact info our communications will not reach you. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work toward improving our site and our communication with you, our members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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We have two fun events coming up in March that need your help. It is a great way to network, get to know your sister Dames, and support our organization. The dates are March 10 for the Celebrating Food symposium and March 24 and March 25 for the Let Them Eat Cake event.

You can sign up for Let Them Eat Cake via the attached link. Do it today we need you!!
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4EA9AC2BA64-letthem/2749426

CALL FOR NEWS MEMBERS! Nominations Due February 6

Les Dames DC membership period is now open! It is an incredibly important time of year when Dames can nominate talented, accomplished women leaders in the food, beverage and hospitality industries to join us to become active members of the DC Chapter. Please give serious thought to those women who excel in our industries and who you would sponsor as candidates for membership. A committee has been formed (in keeping with our Standing Rules) to manage the membership process. Nominations from Member Sponsors are due February 6, 2012. Please help us expand our exceptional DC membership with candidates who will share our goals and enhance our Chapter's success. Contact Judy Rusignuolo judy.rusignuolo@gmail.com, First VP/ Membership Chair, with any questions.

REGISTER NOW FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Friday, January 27, 6:30 pm – Though we have many guests, only 6 Dames have registered.

CHINESE NEW YEAR AT HOLLYWOOD EAST CAFE

Located inside the Westfield Wheaton Shopping Center (Near Door #12)

11160 Veirs Mill Rd., Wheaton, MD

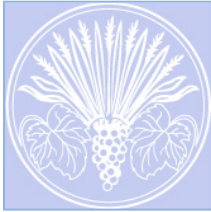
Dames and one guest \$43 per person; Non-members \$50; all inclusive

Celebrate the "Year of the Dragon" with traditional dishes to bring in a new year! Enjoy a fourteen-dish dinner and discussion by Dame Janet Yu, Chef/Owner of Hollywood East Cafe, about the meaning of the foods served for the celebration of the New Year. Lion Dancers will entertain.

Saturday, February 11, 1:00 pm

HEIRLOOM FOODS BRUNCH AT RIS with DR. WILLIAM WOYS WEAVER, speaker

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Food Historian, culinary scribe and gardener extraordinaire shares stories and conversation.

Ris' 2275 L Street, NW Washington, DC 20037

Dames and one guest price \$43 per person

Dr. Weaver is a renowned culinary historian, author and gardener extraordinaire who will do a PowerPoint presentation and share stories.

**Monday, February 20, 6:30 pm
"LUNDI GRAS" AT BAYOU BAKERY**

15515 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201-2909

Price not yet available

Revelry, dinner and a history of Mardi Gras foods. Join Nawlins natives Chef David Guas and Dame Simone Rathle for this Monday celebration on Mardi Gras eve.

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

CELEBRATING FOOD! COOKING * CAREERS * COMMUNICATIONS

Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville, MD

Registration before Feb 29 \$99; After Feb 29 \$110

\$35 for students with I.D. cards.

(\$65 for Dame Volunteers/Speakers)

Les Dames d'Escoffier DC's Eighth Biennial Salute to Women in Gastronomy

Keynote speaker Sara Moulton- Food Editor ABC's *Good Morning America*

Features four hands-on cooking classes. 16 education sessions, and a lunchtime food/product EXPO with Dessert Extravaganza.

The day ends with a Dumpling and Beer pairing reception.

- More than 50 Speakers in 16 sessions
- Hands-on Cooking Classes
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch included
- Culinary EXPO with new products, samples, cookbooks, experts
Festival of Desserts

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- Grand Closing Reception

Co-sponsored by the Hotel-Restaurant Management Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and The Universities at Shady Grove

Co-chairs Eileen Dykes, Gail Forman and CiCi Williamson

**LET THEM EAT CAKE –PROFESSIONAL WEDDING CAKE COMPETITION - VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED !!!!**

Saturday, March 24 10am – 8 pm

Sunday, March 25 12 noon – 5 pm

The Galleria at Tysons Corner, McLean VA

Judges: Dame Carla Hall, David Guas, Heather Chittum Roth, Dame Kate Jansen, Roland Mesnier
(tentative)

We need two more great contestants!

VOLUNTEERS and IDEAS: Contact: Chair Bev Bates bevbates@gmail.com or co-chair Susan Wallace susanwallace@cs.com

Let Them Eat Cake involves a cake competition among some of the area's top pastry chefs, celebrity judges, a display of tabletop designs by mall merchants to complement the cakes' décor, raffles of fabulous gifts, and a cake and coffee café where mall or event patrons can have a cup of fabulous coffee or tea and sample the pastry chefs' wedding cake creations. This is a first year event for us. Our sister Dames in Dallas provided the information and inspiration.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 24

10am – 5pm, Sweet Victories Cake Decorating Competition among top pastry chefs

5pm – 6pm, Competition Judging

6pm – 8pm, Cake Mixer VIP Reception to meet and mingle with celebrity judges and chefs.
Judges' winner announced.

5pm – 9pm, Completed Cakes and Tablescapes on display for popular vote

Raffle sales for amazing gift packages. Cake Walk Café for sales of pastry chefs' cake samples, coffee and tea.



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Sunday, March 25

12 noon – 4:30 pm, Completed Wedding Cakes and Tablescapes on display and for popular vote.

5pm, Popular Vote and raffle winners are announced.

Raffle sales for amazing gift packages throughout the day and Cake Walk Café for sales of pastry chefs' cake samples, coffee and tea.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS!

Les Dames DC Goes Social! Connect with sister Dames online. Here's how:

Facebook.com/LesDamesDC 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.

Twitter: Do you use Twitter? Connect with other LEDI members by using hashtag #LDEI2011 or #Idei2011 when sending tweets about the 2011 LEDI annual conference, Savor Atlanta.

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 LEDI 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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