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Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sister Dames,

"Last call" to nominate accomplished women in the food, beverage and hospitality industry to join Les Dames d'Escoffier International and our DC Chapter. Please submit your nomination by Feb. 20 to Membership Chair **Gail Forman** and join us at the Prospective New Member Reception on March 11 to meet the candidates.

Please join us at our exciting line-up of programs -- **DC Dames Happy Hour at 8407 kitchen bar** (Feb. 25), **Comfort Foods That Hug You** with **Carla Hall** (Mar. 3) and **Sacred Foods of India** with **Monica Bhide** (Mar. 10). We need your support and hope to see you there!

My best,
Judy Rusignuolo, President

DAMES NEWS

We send our very best wishes and positive energy to **Golnaz Feiz** who is tackling stage 1 breast cancer. After a procedure in December, she is undergoing radiation treatment with a positive attitude and says she is thankful that it can be managed at an early stage.

HURRAH!

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Having Trouble Logging into www.lesdamesdc.org?

Some Dames are having trouble logging into the "members-only" section of our website to make reservations. Remember to click on "Members Only" choice on the top menu bar, and then click on "Members Log-in Page." Then sign in to your account. You must use the email address recorded in your account plus the secret password you created. It is not possible for our Chapter Web Administrator to retrieve a Dame's 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. She will assign a new password in the database, and then you can use the new password to get into your account. After you get into the members-only area of the website, please update your account information and you can change your password to whatever you like (which will again be secret and not retrievable). In order to save time for

Congratulations to Chefs **Barbara** and Jeff **Black** for being named "Best Restaurateurs" in this month's Washingtonian Magazine for Black Restaurant Group's www.blackrestaurantgroup.com and to **Polly Wiedmaier** and Chef Robert Wiedmaier for Marcel's www.marcelcdc.com 5th Best DC Restaurant ranking in the same issue.

Thanks to the generous volunteerism of many Dames, last month's "Sips & Suppers" was very successful, raising nearly \$400,000 for DC Central Kitchen and Martha's Table to help feed and nourish those less fortunate in the District of Columbia. Hosted by **Joan Nathan** and **Alice Waters** along with José Andrés, this extraordinary event featured dining experiences in 26 homes across the metro area with renowned chefs, artisan food producers, mixologists and sommeliers from across the country.

Alice and Joan were joined by sister Dames **Mel Davis, Najmieh Batmanglij, Pati Jinich, Bonnie Benwick, Vickie Reh, Janet Cam, Carla Hall, Janis McLean, Linda Roth Conte, Katherine Newell Smith, Olga Boikess, Aviva Goldfarb, Ellen Kassoff and Simone Rathle-Gaus.**



Dame Pati Jinich, Dame Katherine Newell Smith, and Chef Julian Medina

Read more on City Eats
<http://blog.cityeats.com/dc/2013/01/sips-suppers-2013/>

everyone, each Dame needs to record somewhere her login email address and password for www.lesdamesdc.org.

It is important to update your contact information on both Les Dames DC website and 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](#)

Like us on Facebook 

Follow us on 

We need **ALL** members who have 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](#)

Please share news, events and updates. Join the LDEI members-only LinkedIn Group to stay connected with other Dames.



Please send in your professional hurrahs and news for inclusion in *ENTRE NEWS* to editor **Katherine Newell Smith** kns4pr@erols.com

**Join a Committee....
Get Involved!**

It's fun, interesting, and fulfilling.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

DC DAMES HAPPY HOUR AT 8407 kitchen bar

DATE: Monday, February 25

TIME: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 8407 Ramsey Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910

COST: Cash Bar (Happy Hour Prices!)

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres

RESERVATIONS: Barbara Cullen

bamc519@yahoo.com

Join Happy Hour fun with friends at one of Washingtonian's Top 100 Restaurants 8407 kitchen bar www.8407kb.com featuring artisanal American cuisine in their stylish first-floor lounge. General Manager **Nancy Hart** will provide a sampling of complimentary signature hors d'oeuvres. If you'd like to stay for dinner call the restaurant for a reservation and enjoy Monday's half-priced-wine special!

NEW! COMFORT FOOD THAT HUGS YOU WITH CARLA HALL

DATE: Sunday, March 3

TIME: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

PLACE: CulinAeire , owned by Chef **Susan Holt** 1131 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

COST: \$75 for members; \$85 for non-members

(All inclusive with complimentary sparkling wine)

RESERVATIONS: www.lesdamesdc.org or 202-973-2168

Join **Carla Hall**, co-host of ABC's The Chew and author of her new book "Cooking With Love" for a conversation and luncheon featuring stories and personal recipes from Carla's kitchen. Carla will share kitchen tips and tales of her experiences cooking with family, friends and fellow chefs.

[Click for invitation and menu](#)

NEW! SACRED FOODS OF INDIA

DATE: Sunday, March 3

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Passage to India, 4931 Cordell Ave.,

Grants/Mentoring:

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Amy Riolo

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Entre News Update:

Please submit your Entre News information in a brief, concise statement to **Katherine Newell Smith** at kns4pr@erols.com .

Board Meeting Minutes

To view the latest approved board meeting minutes, go to www.lesdamesdc.org and click on the **members only** tab. Log in. Once you are logged in, click again on the members only tab and you will see a link to the board meeting minutes. During each monthly board meeting, the board approves the previous month's minutes and they are then posted to our website.

Quick Links

[Les Dames DC Website](#)

lesdamesdc@aol.com

[Les Dames d'Escoffier International Website](#)

Bethesda, MD 20814

COST: \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members (inclusive of tax and gratuity)

RESERVATIONS: www.lesdamesdc.org or 202-973-2168

Monica Bhide and Chef Sudhir will lead us through temples, mosques and gurudwaras by way of India's sacred foods. Join us for a special presentation on the culinary culture customs of India, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, and the many religions that are practiced. An extensive sampling of "sacred foods" will be served buffet style along with a complimentary glass of wine.

[Click for invitation and menu](#)

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

DATE: Monday, March 11

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Katherine Newell Smith's home
5525 Devon Road, Bethesda, MD 20814
R.S.V.P using [SignUpGenious](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A49A5AC23A46-prospective)
(www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A49A5AC23A46-prospective) and let us know what you will bring.

You're invited to attend a potluck reception to mingle with Dames and meet the candidates for 2013-14 membership in our chapter.

LES DAMES BOOK CLUB

DATE: Monday, March 18

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sheilah Kaufman's home
10508 Tyler Terrace, Potomac, MD 20854
301.299.5282

RESERVATIONS and BOOK INFORMATION:
Gail Forman gailforman@comcast.net OR
Susan Callahan chefsusan@verizon.net

PROGRAMS PLEASE

Have ideas for Programs? Contact Eileen Dykes eileendykes@gmail.com or Barbara Cullen bamc517@yahoo.com who will help organize and promote your event.

ldei@aecmanagement.com

LDEI Quarterly

<http://www.ldei.org/uploads/archives/52.pdf>

LDEI Quarterly ([Click for latest copy](#))

Member Milestones - Share your professional news with Dames in all Chapters in our LDEI Quarterly. Submit your news to:

MemberMilestones@aol.com - Edited by Hayley Matson Mathes (Hawaii) By APRIL 15 DEADLINE for the Summer Quarterly Member Milestones

LIST DAME'S NAME and CHAPTER. Submit up to 50 words about honors or important business-related activities to appear in the LDEI Quarterly. You may email a quality headshot to accompany your news. Press releases and cookbook covers are not accepted. Entries received after the APRIL 15 DEADLINE may appear in a following issue.

Quarterly Guidelines:

Photography/Images

Electronic images must be properly focused, in color with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi (TIFF or JPEG). Cell phone photos are acceptable if they meet resolution requirements. Do not send photos taken off the internet or embedded with text in Word files or PDF files. Identify individuals in photos from left to right in the message of your email. Include photo credits, if required. CAPTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR PUBLICATION.

LDEI NEWS

FedEx Now Offers Discount to Dames



Message from LDEI:

LDEI continues to search for ways to enhance

GREEN TABLES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR COOKING DEMOS

Volunteers are needed for ongoing monthly Martha's Table healthy cooking demos at Washington, DC schools. It's easy to do and lots of fun. Many dates available in the coming months. Pair up with a friend if you like and share your time and expertise to help educate DC kids. Sign up on <http://doodle.com/e43uafzrs8qftbsd> or contact **Aviva Goldfarb** at aviva@thescramble.com. We need your support!

DAMES CORNER



Seven years ago **Aviva Goldfarb** successfully launched [The Six O'Clock Scramble](#), an online membership service that provides weekly dinner plans with seasonal menus and fail-proof recipes for busy families. As the mother of two active teenagers, Aviva recognized the challenges of keeping her household running smoothly and was inspired to start a business that offers solutions to others who want to provide quick, easy and delicious meals on a daily basis. It wasn't long before her creative concept found an audience of thousands of parents who want to enjoy the simple pleasures of the table, nourish their families with healthy home-cooked meals, and keep

your membership in the organization. One way is through the development of affinity programs - partnerships with organizations that provide discounts to members on goods and services.

Our new affinity partner is FedEx. Now, members can save on shipping with FedEx. Details are attached. Details of the program are also available on the Members Only page of www.ldei.org. Once logged in, click on Documents>Member Benefits/Affinity Programs.

their sanity in the process. Aviva is also a weekly contributor to the PBS Parents family cooking blog, Kitchen Explorers (<http://www.pbs.org/parents/kitchenexplorers/>)

Aviva's mission includes helping families make dinner their favorite time of day, making meals as nutritious as possible and promoting eco-friendly practices in the kitchen. She is active in school lunch reform in her home state of Maryland, is involved in Les Dames Green Tables initiatives with Martha's Table, and participates in many philanthropic activities that fund area hunger programs. She is the author of three cookbooks and has won praise from O Magazine, Working Mother, USA Today, Real Simple and The Washington Post.

Check out [The Six O'Clock Scramble](#) where you can enroll in a free trial membership, and follow her on Twitter [@thescramble](#), on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/thesixoclockscramble>, or on Pinterest at <http://pinterest.com/thescramble/>