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Les Dames d'Escoffier International  
Washington, DC Chapter

*Entre News*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sister Dames,

It was great to see so many members at last week's prospective new member reception at the home of Katherine Newell Smith, and a pleasure to meet a number of accomplished women who are interested in joining Les Dames. The membership committee and board nominating committee are hard at work taking care of the business of our chapter during this busy time of year.

Many thanks to Dames who have conducted and attended our exceptional programs this month. And please "save the date" for more exciting programs ahead (see Upcoming Programs).

Just a reminder that our monthly board meeting minutes are available on [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://www.lesdamesdc.org) in the "Members Only" section. When you visit, you will note that we have revised that section. We have added more tabs to make it easier to find information and review up-to-date documents, photos and program announcements. Read more under "Revised Members-Only Section on our Website" below.

My best,  
**Judy Rusignuolo**, President

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### Having Trouble Logging into [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://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](mailto:ciciwmson@aol.com), and she will let you know what email address is

## DAMES NEWS

Monica Bhide and Passage To India Chef Sudhir Seth led attendees on a journey of India's myriad religions by way of their sacred foods. Monica discussed temple foods from Hindu temples, the dishes served during the Muslim celebration of Eid, the delightful dishes of the Jews of India and much more. The well-attended March 3 event offered tastes reflecting the dishes discussed in the talk.



Monica Bhide and Chef Sudhir Seth

Carla Hall, co-host of ABC's The Chew and author of her new book "Cooking With Love" charmed the audience at Susan Holt's CulinAerie cooking school on March 10, sharing kitchen tips and tales of her experiences cooking with family, friends and fellow chefs. She said she "loved being back at CulinAerie. It was like going home." Anna Saint John prepared a delicious array of tastes from Carla's book.

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 everyone, each Dame needs to record somewhere her login email address and password for [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://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](http://www.ldei.org).

If you need with assistance with your LDEI account please contact Executive Director Greg Jewell at [ldei@aecmanagement.com](mailto: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  twitter

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!



Susan Holt, Carla Hall, Barbara Cullen and Anna Sain John

## HURRAH!

Pati Jinich's first book *Pati's Mexican Table* based upon her popular PBS show of the same name is now in the bookstores! And, Pati began her book tour with an appearance on NBC's Today Show March 7. See her in action making molletes with Pico de Gallo.

<http://www.patismexicantable.com/2013/03/nbc-today-show-culinary-melting-pot/>

Vickie Reh was featured in The Washington Post's February 20 banner Food Section story by Bonnie Benwick for her amazing cottage cheese recipe. See the steps here...you will want to make this soon or run right over to Bucks Fishing and Camping to sample Vickie's cottage cheese for yourself.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/cottage-cheese-thats-worth-making-at-home/2013/02/19/df9c05a4-7ae4-11e2-a044-676856536b40\\_gallery.html#photo=1](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/cottage-cheese-thats-worth-making-at-home/2013/02/19/df9c05a4-7ae4-11e2-a044-676856536b40_gallery.html#photo=1)

*Please send in your professional hurrahs and news for inclusion in ENTRE NEWS to editor Katherine Newell Smith [kns4pr@erols.com](mailto:kns4pr@erols.com)*

## 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.



## Join a Committee.... Get Involved!

It's fun, interesting, and fulfilling.

### Grants/Mentoring:

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## Entre News Update:

The next Entre News will be April 1 with a deadline of Thursday, March 28. All entries after that date will go into the next Entre

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

### Save the Date!

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 30

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lebanese Taverna, Bethesda, MD

#### Invitation with details will follow

Enjoy a dinner and talk by NYC Dame Lisa Kartzman on the latest Mediterranean food products and ideas for cooking with them.

**DATE:** Sunday, May 5

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Vidalia Restaurant, Washington, DC

#### Invitation with details will follow

Join Grande Dame Nathalie Dupree of Charleston, SC, for supper and conversation about her new book, Mastering the Art of Southern Cooking, which is a James Beard Award finalist.

### PROGRAMS PLEASE

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

## 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](mailto:aviva@thescramble.com). We need your support!

News.

Please submit your Entre News information in a brief, concise statement to **Katherine Newell Smith** at [kns4pr@erols.com](mailto:kns4pr@erols.com).

## Board Meeting Minutes

To view the latest approved board meeting minutes, go to [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://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.

## Revised Members-Only Section to our Website

Through the creative and diligent efforts of **CiCi Williamson**, our chapter's web administrator, it is easier to find chapter documents and resources, our event archives and past editions of Entre News. Once you log in under **Members Only**, you will see a revised toolbar where you can find:

- past and current Entre News issues posted under the **News** tab.
- archives of 57 past events in the **Events** dropdown menu along with upcoming activities.
- helpful files including chapter letterhead, name tag template, LDEI logos and tax-exempt certificates under **Resources**.
- our chapter's standing rules, bylaws and membership roster

## DAMES CORNER

### Kate Jansen



**Kate Jansen** was always comfortable in the kitchen growing up but she never considered a culinary career until she began taking Italian cooking classes as a way to acclimate to a new city. She had moved to Washington, DC, from her native Iowa in the early 1980's to work in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The classes opened a whole new world for her. She was hooked. Kate took a leap of faith to attend The Culinary School of Washington where the instructors included renowned chefs Roberto Donna, Robert Wiedmaier, Alain Roussel and Walter Scheib. Upon graduation, she began working in catering kitchens around the city and her connection to Donna led to her volunteering to stage a few nights a week at Galileo on P Street. That experience led to a job as Galileo's first pastry chef. In 1989, she left Galileo for a year's work at The Cooking School of Umbria near Todi, Italy, followed by classes, taught in French, at Ecole Lenotre in Plasir, France, aided by an LDEI-DC scholarship. Upon her return to DC, she rejoined Galileo when it moved to larger quarters on 21th Street. Her European sojourn, though, helped her formulate a plan to open her own bakery. Fate stepped in when she met Gene Gathright, the bread baker

under **Bylaws, Roster & Minutes**

#### Quick Links

[Les Dames DC Website](http://www.lesdamesdc.com)  
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[Les Dames d'Escoffier International Website](http://www.ldei.org)  
[ldei@aecmanagement.com](mailto:ldei@aecmanagement.com)

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

**LDEI Board Member is seeking to offer** "Dame-to-Dame" opportunities for you to showcase your products/services and reach our full membership. Through the LDEI website, you are welcome to offer discounts to Dames.

If you choose to participate in this program, email Kathleen Perry (Atlanta) [kathleen.ldei@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.ldei@gmail.com) with your:

- company name,
- nature of products or service
- discounts offered
- website and/or contact information for Dames who choose to take part in your offer.

**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:

at I Ricci Ristorante, during a bread class at Albert Ulster imports. Together, they founded Firehook, one of the first artisan bread bakeries in the region, with Kate creating the company's desserts and pastries.

After a decade helping to run Firehook as its executive pastry chef, she and long-time friend and colleague, chef Tracy O'Grady, opened Willow Restaurant, an upscale neighborhood eatery in Arlington, VA., in 2005. There she wields her considerable talents as executive pastry chef. She also has developed retail and wholesale bakery programs at the restaurant. Kate was honored in 2009 as Pastry Chef of the Year by the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington and the Women Chefs and Restaurateurs' Women Who Inspire Golden Bowl Award. A Dame since 1996, Kate has been an active member and has led our chapter's grants program for the past four years. With Cindy Kacher, she developed the pilot mentoring program with DC Central Kitchen as well.

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Sincerely,  
**Katherine Newell Smith**  
**Les Dames d'Escoffier**  
**Washington, DC Chapter**

## [MemberMilestones@aol.com](mailto: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.

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## LDEI NEWS

### FedEx Now Offers Discount to Dames



Message from LDEI:

*LDEI continues to search for ways to enhance 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](http://www.ldei.org). Once logged in, click on Documents>Member Benefits/Affinity Programs.*