

June 19, 2013



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sister Dames,

It was wonderful seeing you at the well-attended Spring Membership Meeting on June 10 where we covered essential business issues, heard committee updates, welcomed new members, awarded scholarships and introduced the 2013-14 Board of Directors. "Thank you" to everyone who contributed, with special thanks to **Eileen Dykes** for coordinating the meeting, **Kate Jansen** for hosting a lovely dinner, and CiCi Williamson for creating photo presentations and managing a/v details.

During the past year, it has been an honor for me to serve as your president with a dedicated board, hard working committees and a vibrant membership who contributed greatly to a rich and rewarding year of activities and community service for which our chapter should be very proud.

My sincere thanks to each of you for your support and participation that is the lifeblood of Les Dames DC. I look forward to an exciting year ahead as a new leadership team takes the reins and I continue to contribute on the Board of Directors.

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### Having Trouble Logging into [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://www.lesdamesdc.org)?

To log into the "Members Only" section of our website to make reservations and find chapter documents, remember to click on "Members Only" choice on the top menu bar, and then click on "Members Login 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 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

I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Social on July 15th.

My best,  
**Judy Rusignuolo**, President

**HURRAH!**

**Pati Jinich** for her Pati's Mexican Table inclusion in The New York Times Book Review Summer Reading's Cooking feature by Walter Grimes.

**Aviva Goldfarb** for her June 12 appearance on NBC's *Today Show* with Kathy Lee and Hoda. She demonstrated garlic crusted shrimp with cherry tomatoes from her The Six O'clock Scramble family meal planner website.

*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)*

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## PROGRAM NOTES

The Spring General Membership Meeting and Dinner was held on Monday, June 10 at Willow Restaurant. During the meeting, new bylaws to reduce the size of the board from 17 to 11 over the next two years were adopted as were edits to streamline the document and certain officer job details were moved to standing rules. The revised bylaws will be posted on [www.lesdamesdc.org](http://www.lesdamesdc.org) under bylaws on the menu bar when the ratified changes are incorporated. The incoming LDE-DC board for 2013-14, taking office July 1, was introduced during the meeting:  
**Drew Faulkner**, President; **Ann Stratte**,

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!

[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.



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

1<sup>st</sup> VP-Membership; **Gail Forman**, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Programs; **Nancy Hart**, Treasurer; **Stacey Adams**, Corresponding Secy; **Bev Bates**, Recording Secy; Immediate Past President, **Judy Rusignuolo**; Directors: **Linda Roth Conte**, PR Liaison; **Diane Feffer Neas**, Co-Chair Scholarships, Parliamentarian; **Kate Jansen**, Grants/Mentoring Chair; **Theresa Morrison**, Fundraising Chair; **Eileen Dykes**, Co- Chair Programs; **Barbara Cullen**, Co-Chair Programs; **Katherine Newell Smith**, Entre News Editor; **Michelle Poteaux**, Co-Chair Fundraising; **Winnie Steinberg**, Co-Chair Scholarships; **Janet Yu**, Co-Chair Fundraising.

First Vice President and Membership Chair **Gail Forman** introduced the new members who were inducted into the Washington DC Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier International: **Marianne Ali**: Director of Culinary Job Training & First Helping Street Outreach at DC Central Kitchen;

**Jessica Botta**: Director of Training and Culinary Development Fiola da Fabio Trabocchi; **Jennifer Crovato**: Private chef; consultant for Early Mountain Winery; author *Olive Oil, Sea Salt, & Pepper*; **Janna Howley**: Agricultural Marketing Specialist, University of Maryland Extension ; **Elena Clement**: Transfer from the Colorado Chapter; Director at ACF - Nation's Capital Chef's Association; president of The Guiding Knife, Professional Training and Coaching company

The new members were presented with an LDEI pin and an LDEI canvas bag filled with gifts from members. Many thanks to members for your generous donations including products from Roland Foods, cookbooks from **Sheilah Kaufman**, **Carol Cutler**,

It's fun, interesting, and fulfilling.

#### Grants/Mentoring:

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#### Scholarships:

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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](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 and again on *Member Login Page*. Log in. Once you are logged in, click on the *Bylaws, Roster & Minutes* tab. 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

**Nongran Daks** and **Sandy Greeley**, dining coupons from Lebanese Taverna's **Gladys Abi Najm** and Assaggi Restaurant and Mozzarella Bar's **Golnaz Feiz**, QRUNCH Foods coupon from **Katherine Newell Smith**, spices from The Seasoned Palate's **Sara Ingram**, napkins from **Sara Ducey**, and a bottle of wine from **Mel Davis**.

2013 Scholarships were presented "In Memory of **Dolores Kostelni**" to two young women who are pursuing careers in culinary arts and nutrition: Nora Lorraine White of Arlington, VA, was awarded \$6,000 to attend the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Human Nutrition/Dietetics Track in its Master's Program and Brianna Hardester of Hanover, PA, was awarded \$2,000 to attend the Culinary Institute of America, Culinary Arts in Hyde Park for a Bachelor's Degree.

Members of the Kostelni family attended the award ceremony and Jim Kostelni shared memories of his and Dolores' 53-year marriage, her devotion to Dames and her passion for food.

Members voted for LDEI's 2013 Grande Dame Award which honors women of high accomplishment. Our chapter's first choice (by a wide margin) was our own member **Joan Nathan**, followed by **Paula Lambert** (Dallas) and **Dolores Cakebread** (San Francisco). Our chapter vote was submitted; the award will be presented at LDEI's Annual Conference in Austin, TX, in October.

President **Judy Rusignuolo** was

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 under **Bylaws, Roster & Minutes**

### Quick Links

[Les Dames DC Website](http://www.lesdamesdc.com)  
[lesdamesdc@aol.com](mailto:lesdamesdc@aol.com)

[Les Dames d'Escoffier International Website](http://www.lesdamesd'escoffier.com)  
[ldei@aecmanagement.com](mailto: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](mailto:MemberMilestones@aol.com) - Edited by **Hayley Matson Mathes (Hawaii)**

*LDEI Quarterly Deadlines:*

August 1 for Fall Issue

November 9 for Winter Issue

presented with a silver LDEI bracelet, originally designed by Tiffany's, as a token of appreciation for her extraordinary service to our chapter.

A beautiful buffet dinner at Willow prepared by Tracy O'Grady and **Kate Jansen** followed the meeting during which over 50 members gathered, ate, drank and talked well into the evening.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

### DAMES ONLY SUMMER POTLUCK

**DATE:** Monday, July 15

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Home of **Simone Rathle Guas**, 6011 Chesterbrook, McLean, VA 22101, 703-534-8100

**COST:** FREE Bring a dish. Register on [lesdamesdc.org](http://lesdamesdc.org) and -contact **Gail Forman** to let her know what you plan to bring. [gailforman@comcast.net](mailto:gailforman@comcast.net)

**Please note: The Joint Board Meeting has been postponed. Board members will be notified of a new date.**

### DAMES BOOK CLUB (members only)

**DATE:** September TBA

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

**PLACE:** Home of **Katherine Newell Smith**

5525 Devon Road, Bethesda, MD

**COST:** FREE

Beverages and snacks will be provided

**Book to be discussed: *Blood, Bones and Butter*, by Gabrielle Hamilton**

Upcoming books: *Consider the Fork* by Bee Wilson; *Dearie* by Bob Spitz; *The Art of Eating* by M.F.K. Fisher

PROVIDE 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 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 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.*

## GREEN TABLES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR COOKING DEMOS

Grants/Mentoring: Dame chefs will participate on July 24th from 12 p.m. to 4p.m. at D.C. Central Kitchen, 425 Second Street NW, Washington, DC.

**Amy Brandwein, Ruth Gresser, Michelle Poteaux, and Janet Yu** will provide an interactive demonstration of their signature dishes with students at the kitchen. A forum will follow the demos/sampling where chefs will share their culinary journeys. All Dames are welcome to volunteer to help the chefs and interact with students. If you'd like to join please contact **Kate Jansen** or **Cindy Kacher** by July 20th.

DCCK created a new Culinary Advisory Board on which **Kate Jansen, Beverly Bates** and **Susan Callahan** will serve.

#### 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.

#### DAMES CORNER

### Goody Solomon



**Goody Solomon**, a founding member

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 June and July. 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!

from the White House following the publication of her critically acclaimed 1972 book *A Radical Consumer's Handbook*. The Nixon administration did not look kindly on radicals.

Yet she persevered. While working on contract for the New York State Consumer Protection Board, she hosted a weekly talk show on NY public television *The Knowing Consumer*. Under *Washington Star* Food Editor and LDE-DC founding president Anne Crutcher, Goody began writing a syndicated weekly food, nutrition and food policy column; it ran for two decades in a number of papers nationwide. She covered labeling, dietary guidelines, the farm bill, and the new food additives, including saccharin and artificial coloring, among other hot topics of the day. She left the *Star* in 1980 and her column was picked up by the *Journal News*, where **Jane Mengenhauser** was food editor and **Bonnie Benwick** was on staff.

From 1986 to 1991, she was editor of the *Food and Drug Letter* (now named *Executive Briefing Series*), covering all subjects regulated by the FDA. In 1991, Goody founded Food Nutrition Health News Service, to provide reporting services covering news of government and industry policies, regulations and trends affecting the broad spectrum of food, nutrition, health and the environment. Currently, she also is contributing editor of *Food Protection Report*, a monthly independent newsletter covering food safety.

Her articles have won awards from Capital Press Women, the National Federation of Press Women and the National Press Club, including a special citation for outstanding consumer journalism.

of LDE-DC and Distinguished Dame, is a long-time radical, in the sense of getting at the root of things...which has been a good thing for us.

In the 1950s, Goody was an assistant editor for *Stores* trade magazine in New York City and explained to her readers the then-confounding innovations of credit accounts, the manufacturing technologies of the new textiles nylon and polyester, and other ground-breaking retailing issues. She left *Stores* to freelance for *Barron's Financial Weekly* and other business publications. Ahead of her time, Goody tried to market a consumer column to newspapers. They told her that advertisers would revolt.

But, times, they were a changing. Goody and her husband, Ted Braun, a lawyer, moved to DC and she began writing about business and consumer issues for such publications as *Changing Times*, *Money* and *Reader's Digest*. Clearly there was a hunger for reporting about the burgeoning consumer movement. But she had some detractors. An editorship at the consumer affairs office in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare office was curtailed by a call

## Of Interest

**Ruth Gresser** and partner Barbara Johnson are hosting a five-course dinner in their home on June 20th at 7pm to benefit Art Works Studio School, <http://www.artworksnow.org>, that brings weekly arts education to Prince Georges County schools. The dinner price is \$250. Local chefs involved are Ruth, Jamie Leeds of

Capital Press Women also honored her as its 1991 Communicator as Entrepreneur.

The hallmark of Goody's writing as well as her approach to life is radical honesty. She tackles the job of reporting on consumer issues on food, nutrition and health with a balanced, yet tough, view. These can be sensitive, controversial and challenging subjects, but, Goody has found a niche that she says "has been extremely gratifying because I deal with subjects of enormous importance to individuals, including myself."

The Restaurant Association of Metropolitan's **RAMMY Awards** will be held Sunday, June 23 at the Marriott Wardman Park. The Association is inviting Les Dames to have a sponsored table at their annual RAMMY Awards (celebrating the best of the DC restaurant industry) for a special price of \$2500, or \$250 per ticket versus \$3000 a table or \$300 per ticket for non-members. \*\* Linda Roth Conte has purchased two tickets. If you wish to participate with her to secure a table, please contact Linda at [linda@lindarothpr.com](mailto:linda@lindarothpr.com). She will be on an Alaskan cruise June 4-16 so please do so before then. A number of our Dames have been nominated:

PASTRY Chef of the Year: **Bev Bates**, Vidalia; **Susan Wallace**, BlackSalt

FINE DINING Restaurant of the Year: Marcel's - Robert and **Polly Wiedmaier**

CASUAL Restaurant of the Year: Bayou Bakery - David Gaus and **Simone Rathle Guas**

NEIGHBORHOOD Restaurant of the Year: Bastille - Christophe and **Michelle Poteaux**; Willow - **Kate Jansen** and Tracy O'Grady

For tickets:

<http://www.ramw.org/Rammy-s/2013/>

## Editor's Note

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Hank's Oyster Bar, **Amy Brandwein** of Chef Amy B, and **Beverly Bates**, executive pastry chef at Vidalia, Bistro Bis and Woodward Table. Also participating are Elizabeth Falkner of *Next Iron Chef* and Executive Chef of Corvo Bianco, NYC, and Elizabeth Wiley of Meadowlark Restaurant, Dayton OH. Chef and host of "The Chew", **Carla Hall**, will also join the party. For Reservations, contact [ruthgrosser@eatyourpizza.com](mailto:ruthgrosser@eatyourpizza.com)

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Sincerely,

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