

JULY 23, 2013



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sister Dames,

Let me start by saying how grateful I am to all those who have helped me as I have taken the first steps in assuming the role of President. The 2012-13 board has been instrumental in getting our new, 2013-14 board off to a solid start. A big thank you to everyone involved in that process.

I am looking forward to the LDEI conference in Austin. They have a great program planned and I encourage everyone in our chapter to attend. The conference is not just for officers and delegates, it is a wonderful learning and networking opportunity from which any Dame might benefit. I am also incredibly excited about our new Fundraising Working Group headed by Theresa Morrison. This group will be instrumental in raising our chapter to a new level of professionalism. Programs is off to a rousing start for the new year. Do read the list of planned programs below and get them on your calendar.

Once again, I urge each of you to volunteer on one of our committees. Want to volunteer for one day? How about Green Tables Meals for Minds or working at an individual program? Want to develop a meaningful relationship and share your skills and experience? Take a look at Grants and Mentoring. There is an opportunity to fit your skills and timeline on one of our committees.

I look forward to seeing you in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Drew Faulkner
President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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FINAL REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
HURRAH!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

DAMES CORNER-JANE MENGENHAUSER

JOIN A COMMITTEE

LDEI NEWS-AUSTIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCT. 24-27;

LONDON SYMPOSIUM, MAY 2014

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

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

If you missed the June 15 renewal deadline, you will need to pay your annual Les Dames dues by July 31 to retain your membership in LDEI and LDE-DC. You may do this by logging in to the Member Section on lesdamesdc.org or by calling Ann Stratte (410-903-2682) with credit card information or sending a check for \$200.00 (includes \$25 post June 15 late fee) to Ann Stratte, 100 Severn Ave 506, Annapolis MD 21403.

If your dues are not received by July 31, you will lose your membership, be removed from both rosters, and will need to reapply for membership in the future. PLEASE DO NOT LET THAT HAPPEN. You are a valued member of our chapter and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

HURRAH!

Christophe and **Michelle Poteaux** of Bastille Restaurant in Alexandria, VA, aided by **Bev Bates**, prepared a Bastille Day Fête on Monday, July 15 at The James Beard House in New York City.

<http://www.jamesbeard.org/events/bastille-day-f%C3%AAt>

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

PROGRAM NOTES

A big thank you goes to **Simone Rathle-Guas** who hosted our Summer Potluck on Monday, July 15. We had a full house and great, delicious fun. It is a lovely tradition started by **Jodi Lehr** five years ago.

Programs

WHERE GLOBAL FLAVORS MEET: A TOUR OF CUISINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

DATE: Wednesday, August 7, 2013

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Crossroads Restaurant, 1901 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, (entrance on 19th Street next to CVS; when you spot Buddha, you know you are there) 202-331-2112

COST: Dames \$35, non-Dames \$40

The restaurant features a globally inspired menu that complements its sister operation at the same address, Heritage India. Chef Ravi Narayanan speaks about the spice blends that make unique cuisines from

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  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.



Join a Committee....

You were invited to join Dames because of your talents and achievements and you promised to be part of our chapter's committee work; so, now it is time to

Get Involved!

Our committees offer a terrific chance to get to know your sister Dames and to give back to the community through service. Every committee needs dedicated participants. Please contact the committee chairs and offer your time and skills, now..

Grants/Mentoring:

Kate Jansen

jansenkt@comcast.net

Cindy Kacher

Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe and North America.
NOTE: Crossroads is generously donating 80% of its Indian tea sales between now and the end of September to our chapter's scholarship program.
www.crossroadswashingtondc.com

Menu

Yellow Tomato Gazpacho, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole
Duck Confit Tater Tots, Pineapple Ketchup
Shrimp Hushpuppies, Remoulade Sauce
Yucca Fries, Chimichurra Sauce
Roasted Eggplant Tomato Beignet, Roasted Garlic Cream
Oven Roasted Korean Pork Ribs, Daikon Edamame Salad
Asian Spiced Braised Pork Gougere
Mesclun Salad, Grilled Asparagus, Leek Vinaigrette, Buckwheat Cracker
Watermelon Sorbet, Baharat Spice
Almond Tofu, Summer Fruit, Toasted Kaitaifi, Ginger Syrup

DAMES ONLY WELCOME BC DAME CATE SIMPSON POTLUCK

Cate Simpson is visiting DC for the first time; so come meet Cate, share good food, drink and conversations with your sister Dames and learn a bit about what the BC chapter is up to!

DATE:

Tuesday, September 3

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of **Katherine Newell Smith**

5525 Devon Road, Bethesda, MD 301-907-7590

COST: FREE Bring a dish. Register on

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4EA9AC2BA64-meet>

or contact **Gail Forman** to let her know what you plan to bring. gailforman@comcast.net

CRAB FEAST AT ANN YONKERS' POT PIE FARM (Dames Only)

Date: Sunday, September 22

More to come

DAMES BOOK CLUB (Dames only)

DATE: Tuesday, September, 24

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.

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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 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

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

FOOD IS OUR BUSINESS

DATE: October 5, 2013

TIME: TBD

PLACE: Montgomery College, Rockville Campus

AUTUMN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE:TBD

PLACE: TBD

TIME: 6:30 pm

TENTATIVE EVENTS:

Edgar Alan Poe Birthday Mixology Tour in DC and Baltimore

Lunch or Dinner at Tom Yum District and discussion of Thai cuisine with **Aulie Bunyarataphan**
Burmese Cuisine and Discussion

DAMES CORNER

JANE MENGENHAUSER



Jane Mengenhauser wants to make it clear that she is not "a foodie." Rather, she says she is a "pot lid lifter." She is fascinated about what people eat and what is simmering on their stoves. And, she loves to share with others the adventure of what she's learned. She is fearless about food and life.

Perhaps fearlessness has most driven Jane. After two years at Boston University as a home economics and

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 under **Bylaws, Roster & Minutes**

Quick Links

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

[Les Dames d'Escoffier International Website](http://www.lesdamesdinternational.com)
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)

LDEI Quarterly Deadlines:

August 1 for Fall Issue

November 9 for Winter Issue

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.

journalism major, she wanted more of a challenge. So, she left school and got a job with Cambridge Gas and Electric Co. as a consumer educator helping customers understand the intricacies of the latest advanced gas appliances. She lived on Beacon Hill and had a great time, but after five years she decided she wanted to expand her horizons beyond Boston.

The American Red Cross was looking for college-educated women to work in its mobile recreation service in South Korea after the Korean War, so Jane signed up. For sixteen months, she worked as one of the renowned "Donut Dollies" in a mobile unit, with someone riding shotgun when that was a literal term, bringing donuts, coffee, music and good cheer to servicemen. Jane and her colleagues had officer status and dined in the officers' mess. There she met aviator Jim Mengershauser and they began to correspond. After her stint, Jane returned to the Northeast as reporter at *The Manchester Leader* in New Hampshire. But Jim was stationed in El Paso, so she picked up and moved there. She stayed with friends and quickly got a job at the El Paso *Herald Post*. Within a few months, she presented Jim with a list of four dates. Upon asking what the dates represented, he was instructed just to choose a date. April 30 was his reply. Jane congratulated him. They would be married April 30. That was 53 years ago.

From El Paso, the newlyweds moved to San Antonio for Jim's helicopter school, to New Mexico State University for his Master's in physical chemistry and to the University of Colorado in Boulder for his Ph.D. There, after giving birth to son Jon, Jane free-lanced, writing features and food articles. A job for Jim as a chemist at Ft. Belvoir finally brought them to Alexandria, VA.

Jane soon began writing food articles for *The Washington Post*, magazines and military and community newspapers, including *The Journal Suburban Group* papers in Alexandria. When *The Journal* grew from five community publications to one large news operation, Jane became its food editor, where she worked for nearly 10 years. Her focus was on the home cook, accessible recipes and the region's growing ethnic food offerings. During that time, she self-published a book *Bake Sale Bonanza: How to Raise Funds Selling Homemade Food* in reaction to seeing a lot of badly run bake sales.

Jane also wrote *The Celibate Gourmet: A Cookbook for Liberated Clergypersons*. This was just after Vatican II

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

LDEI ANNUAL CONFERENCE - AUSTIN, TX OCT. 24-27.

A Culinary Crossroads: Innovation, Location and State of Mind.

Register now to attend our annual meeting in Austin Texas! You should have received your conference packet by now listing all of the sessions and events. If not, visit www.ldei.org and register there. The Austin chapter and the LDEI Board are presenting a raft of compelling programs, speakers and special dining opportunities. Once you attend one conference, you will want to go every year. It is a great way to meet Dames from all over the US, Canada and the United Kingdom and learn about what they are doing in their communities.

LONDON SYMPOSIUM, MAY 12-18, 2014

Inspired by our chapter's Women in Gastronomy symposium, yes really! LDEI London is planning the first ever London Symposium May 14- 18, 2014. Mark your calendars and let our London LDEI chapter know if you plan to attend.

valentina.harris@googlemail.com The event will focus on the food in and around London and will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our sister Dames "across the pond" and explore an exciting food-centric city.

FedEx Now Offers Discount to Dames



Message from LDEI:

LDEI continues to search for ways to enhance your

where Pope John XXIII's modernizing reforms sent nuns and priests out of convents and monasteries to serve in their communities. For clergy who hadn't cooked for themselves in years, Jane's book offered simple recipes that "even a bishop could follow."

Jane, a Dame since 1982, has served as the proof reader for LDEI's *Quarterly* for over a decade and has sponsored many DC chapter members over the years. And, she continues to fearlessly lift pot lids and let others know what's cooking.

Of Interest

METROPOLITAN COOKING AND ENTERTAINING SHOW - NOV. 2-3 Walter E. Washington Convention Center
<http://www.metrocookingdc.com/>

Editor's Note

Entre News is a bi-weekly, e-newsletter that provides our chapter's members with information about upcoming chapter programs and events, member highlights, LDEI news and some professional non-Dames events/programs/job opportunities that might be of interest.

New this past year is a member profile, Dames Corner. You may have noticed that our founding members have been the focus of these profiles during the past several issues. They are rather amazing and pioneering women. The idea behind Dames Corner is to help you get to know your sister Dames a bit better and, perhaps, give you the impetus to start a conversation.

I would appreciate you sending a BRIEF paragraph with your professional and personal news that you would like your sister Dames to know about in HURRAH! These are due on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. HURRAH! is not meant as an advertising opportunity for a cooking class or event, rather it offers a shout out to members for recent accomplishments and honors. I am

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.

always on the lookout for Dames' news, but I do not catch everything so it is incumbent upon you to send me your reasons for joy!

We are working to get a better reporting, writing, editing and distribution system down so that you get Entre News in your in-box every other Wednesday morning.

If you are interested in being part of the Entre News team, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith
Editor, Entre News

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