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Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



Message from the President

Dear Sister Dames,

Our ninth biennial Salute to Women in Gastronomy on Saturday, March 8 is rapidly approaching. Register today if you have not yet done so. Early bird registration, \$125.00, ends this Friday, February 28th. After that the price goes to \$140.00.

We need you to be active supporters of this event. The profits benefit our scholarships and educational outreach. Go on to our Dames DC website and register. Tweet and blog about Celebrate Food. Post a flyer at your business. Send a link to our website to your clients, family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Please help us get the word out and fill every seat in the auditorium.

This symposium is the largest educational and fundraising event produced by our chapter. Its success is critical to our carrying out our chapter's mission of education, advocacy, and philanthropy and fulfilling our 501(c)(3) charter as a non-profit.

The symposium organizing committee has worked very hard over many months to put together an interesting, informative, and taste-tantalizing event. New this year, are sponsors. At the Expo, Wüsthof is offering such a deep discount on their knives that, depending on your purchase, could easily offset the cost of your ticket.

Salute to Women in Gastronomy will not disappoint. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Having Trouble Logging
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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" on the top menu bar. 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

Warmly,
Drew Faulkner
President

drewcooks@mac.com

HURRAH!

To **Les Dames d'Escoffier** for being included in a Washington Post Food section article "White House memories: Chef John Moeller on pretzels, maple syrup and calorie-counting." Moeller, a former White House chef, named LDE as an influential force in lobbying for a female executive chef to serve at the pleasure of the president.

LDE-DC AUXILIARY ROSTER

Paula Jacobson is in the process of creating an auxiliary roster to be used in addition to the dark blue LDEI roster you recently received and our online roster to which you now have access. It will be organized by vocation so that we can better see what our colleagues do and make it easier for us to know whom to contact when we need culinary services or products. This roster should prove to be a valuable tool for us to take advantage of the wonderful skills that are available right in our own chapter.

In order for this roster to be effective, Paula needs to know how you want your expertise to be represented. Some have been lifted from the chapter and LDEI rosters but the data are incomplete; there are some errors and many omissions.

So, please send Paula a quick email paulagregj@verizon.net with your job description and she will add your info to the roster.

Here are the categories. Please choose from among them

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.

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 info@ldei.org or call (502) 456-1851.

Without up-to-date contact info our communications will not reach you!

Social Media Connections

or offer Paula a new one:

Advertising
Artisan Food Beverage Producer
Attorney
Authors: cookbook, non-cookbook
Beverages: alcoholic, non-alcoholic
Catering/Caterers
Chef
Consultant
Consumer Affairs
Culinary Consultant
Culinary Educator: avocational, vocational
Culinary lecturer
Culinary tours
Decor Consultant
Dietician/nutrition counselor
Distributor
Editor
Event planner
Facilitator
Farmer/grower
Food editor or Newspaper staff writer
Food historian/researcher
Food manufacturer
Food scientist
Food stylist
Food service sales
Food systems activists
Freelance writers/editors
Fundraiser
Home economists
Hotel/motel
Internet writer/editor
Journalist
Marketing professional
Meeting Moderator
Menu Planner
Pastry chef
Personal chef
Photographer
Public relations
Radio producer
Radio show host
Recipe developer

[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 the perfect opportunity to get to know your sister Dames, share your skills and to give back to the community through

Recipe tester
Restaurateur
Restaurant critic
Restaurant Consultant
Retail sales/store owner
Sommelier
Syndicated columnist or food columnist
Tabletop, bar, and banquet specialist
TV host/producer

PROGRAMS

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER RECEPTION

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014

TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

PLACE: home of **Katherine Newell Smith**, 5525 Devon Road, Bethesda, MD

PRICE: \$15 per person for Mediterranean mezza sampler. You will not leave hungry! Wines compliments of Wenté Vineyards.

All members invited to meet the new member candidates at this reception taking place following the monthly board meeting.

RSVP annstratte@aol.com or 410.903.2682.

DAMES WHO DINE

DATE: Wednesday, March 5

TIME: 6:30 Happy Hour 7:00 Dinner

PLACE: Black Salt, 4883 MacArthur Blvd, Washington DC

PRICE: DUTCH TREAT

DAMES WHO DINE - OUI

DATE: Monday, March 24

TIME: Happy Hour 6:30 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bastille 2101 N Royal Street, Alexandria

PRICE: DUTCH TREAT

RSVP annstratte@aol.com

410.903.2682

CELEBRATING FOOD: WOMEN IN GASTRONOMY SYMPOSIUM 2014 ALERT

PLEASE forward information about our symposium to your

service. Every committee needs dedicated participants. Please contact the committee chairs and offer your time and skills, now.

Grants/Mentoring:

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Entre News Update:

Please submit your Entre News

friends. We need attendees for this wonderful, informative and valuable event. Please post on your Facebook page, and if you have a Twitter account Tweet using #CelebratingFood14

As we approach the date of our next Salute to Women in Gastronomy, March 8, 2014, there is still much work to be done. So, we need your help! Please let us know, as soon as possible, what you would like to do to make this Symposium the most successful ever. Time is running short.

Cooking Classes-if you have agreed to conduct or help with a cooking class and have not submitted the requested information, please contact **Beverly Bates**: bevbates@gmail.com

Breakout Sessions-if you are a session chair and have not submitted the requested information, please contact **Eileen Dykes** at eileendykes@gmail.com or **Sara Ducey** at sara.ducey@montgomerycollege.edu with the description of your session, bio, contact information, information from your panelists, and any other needs ASAP. And, if you are a panelist or are otherwise participating in a session and have not submitted the information requested, please contact the chair of your session.

Cookbook Jumble--to donate books, contact **Marianne Ali** at ali51657@aol.com or **Cindy Kacher** at ckacher@aol.com

Volunteers--to offer your time, contact **Goody Solomon**: goody.solomon@verizon.net

EXPO-if you would like to reserve a table to showcase your work, or product, or client, contact **Jill Collins**: jill@jillcollinspr.com There is a \$25 table set-up charge for Dames; non-Dames \$125 exhibitor fee.

If you have other questions, contact one of the Symposium co-chairs: jill@jillcollinspr.com , eileendykes@gmail.com or marie.steffany@marriott.com

Please plan to attend and invite friends.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

PRICE: \$125 pp; \$65 for Dame volunteers who also attend events; \$50 student

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 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 past events in the **Events** dropdown menu along with

DAMES BOOK CLUB - (DAMES ONLY)

DATE: Monday, March 24

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: The home of **Susan Callahan**, 10106 Greenrock Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901, 301-5993-9027

PRICE: FREE. Host provides snacks and beverages

BOOK SELECTION: Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant, Anne Tyler .

Please bring book ideas (ones previously suggested and new ideas)

AN AFTERNOON WITH RUTH GRESSER AND CARLA HALL TO CELEBRATE THE PUBLICATION OF THEIR NEW COOKBOOKS, *KITCHEN WORKSHOP-PIZZA* and *CARLA's COMFORT FOODS*

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT LDE-DC's SCHOLARSHIPS and ARTWORKS STUDIOS

DATE: Saturday, March 29, 2014

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: at the home of **Ruth Gresser** and Barbara Johnson

PRICE: \$150.00 includes food, beverage, cooking and art demonstrations, signed copy of each cookbook

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

EXPLORING TURKEY'S CULINARY HERITAGE WITH BANU OZDEN, THE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AT YESAM (Yemek Sanatlar Merkizi or Culinary Arts Center) IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

DATE: Saturday, April 12

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Café Divan 1834 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007

PRICE: TBA

"SPRING IN THE PIEDMONT" DINNER and PROGRAM WITH AMY BRANDWEIN

DATE: Sunday, April 27

TIME: TBA

PLACE: Alba Osteria, 425 I St NW, Washington, DC 20001

PRICE: TBA

upcoming events.

- 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@aol.com)
lesdamesdc@aol.com

[Les Dames d'Escoffier International Website](http://www.ldei.org)
info@ldei.org

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)**

OF INTEREST

DC Central Kitchen's The Campus Kitchen's Benefit:
The DINING WITH THE CHEFS EVENT on April 21, 2014. To
purchase tickets, please visit:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8f9q8bra1baef14&llr=cqisc9oab&showPage=true>

Editor's Note

ENTRE NEWS is published on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Deadline for HURRAH! and other news is the first and third Thursday of each month. Please send a BRIEF paragraph with your professional and personal news that you would like your sister Dames to know about in HURRAH!

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.

And, we will try this for a while to see how it works: OF INTEREST will now offer Dames a chance to let their sister chapter members know about events they are involved in that might be of interest to a majority of the membership. OF INTEREST entries can be NO LONGER than 75 words. Less is always better.

Send information to EN Editor Katherine Newell Smith
kns4pr@erols.com

Thank you for your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith
Editor, Entre News

LDEI Quarterly Deadlines:

The deadline for sending in Member Milestones and Chapter News for the SPRING issue of the LDEI Quarterly is April 15, 2014. The winter 2014 issue of the LDEI Quarterly is now posted at www.ldei.org and you should have received the magazine by now. If you have not, please check your online contact information. If it is correct, please contact Greg Jewell to make sure you are on the mailing list.

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.

M.F.K. FISHER AWARD CONTEST

The M.F.K. Fisher Award contest is open for entries with a deadline of March 31, 2014 and a \$25 fee per entry. There are three categories in which to win:

1. Culinary Books
2. Print Media (magazine and newspaper food stories)

Internet-based food articles or blogs

Each category offers a \$500 prize. The overall winner will be awarded an additional \$500 plus a trip to Boston to receive her award at the 2014 LDEI Annual Conference on Saturday, November 1. There will be a big do-da ceremony at the Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston, Cambridge, MA! For more information, go to ldei.org or email mfkfisher14@aol.com

LDEI News

**EDIBLE LONDON - A
GASTRONOMIC TOUR
PRESENTED BY LDEI-LONDON
CHAPTER, MAY 15-18, 2014**

Inspired by our chapter's
Women in Gastronomy

symposium, yes really! LDEI-
London is planning the first ever
London Gastronomic Tour May
15- 18, 2014. While the deadline
has passed, you still may be able
to get a spot. Contact
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.

<http://www.ldei.org/images/file/edible%20london%20flyer.pdf>
