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Les Dames d'Escoffier International  
Washington, DC Chapter

*Entre News*



## Message from the President

Dear Sister Dames,

I've just returned from Edible London, 4 fabulous, sunny, fun filled days of exploring London's food culture and networking with our London Dames and 40 Dames from other chapters. LDE-DC was represented by **Judy Rusignuolo, Teresa Farney, Patricia Ravenscroft** and yours truly.

Exploring the host city with locals is a wonderful experience at any symposium or conference. But I cannot stress strongly enough the benefit of networking with our sister Dames from other chapters. I urge you to make plans to attend the LDEI conference in Boston this fall, October 30- Nov 2. It promises to be another wonderful educational event and opportunity to meet and get to know some of the extraordinary members from around the world.

Please renew your membership and register for our Spring General Membership Meeting online, now, if you haven't already done so.

Our Spring General Membership Meeting is at RIS Restaurant on Saturday, June 7th. In advance, a big thank you to **Ris Lacoste** and her crew for hosting us. You will receive written reports from our committee chairs and officers via e-mail in advance of the meeting. We ask that you please read through these reports before we meet. We have a lot of important business to conduct and your advance preparation will help us run through it more

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## Social Media Connections

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Like us on **Facebook** 

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We need **ALL** members who have FB, Twitter and Instagram accounts to follow and actively re-tweet our members' tweets to spread the great news about our activities and programs!

efficiently and knowledgeable. In addition, we will hear about (from??) our latest scholarship recipients and meet and welcome several of our new members.

Bestowing scholarships and the inducting new members is, for me, a highlight our chapter year.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Spring General Membership Meeting.

Warmly,

Drew Faulkner  
President

[drewcooks@mac.com](mailto:drewcooks@mac.com)

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Hurrah!

**Amy Riolo** for representing LDE-DC's Global Culinary Initiatives as a judge in Cultural Tourism DC's 6th annual Embassy Chef Challenge on Monday, May 19. Cultural Tourism DC is a volunteer led nonprofit organization that provides opportunities to learn about Washington's heritage and diplomatic communities.

**Amy Brandwein** for being featured by **Bonnie Benwick** for her halibut recipe in the May 18 edition of The Washington Post Food section:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/plate-lab-alba-osterias-halibut-agrodolce/2014/05/14/f7679254-ccc1-11e3-93eb-6c0037dde2ad\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/plate-lab-alba-osterias-halibut-agrodolce/2014/05/14/f7679254-ccc1-11e3-93eb-6c0037dde2ad_story.html)

**Lynn Breaux** for being this year's recipient of the RAMMY's Duke Zeibert Capital Achievement Award. The award will be presented at the RAMMY Awards Gala on June 22.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME FOR 2014-2015

It's time to submit your annual Les Dames d'Escoffier dues

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

#### Grants/Mentoring:

Kate Jansen

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Sara Engram

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Michele Jacobs

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#### Green Tables:

Danielle Turner

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Aviva Goldfarb

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#### Programs:

for the 2014-15 membership year which begins July 1. The deadline for payment is **June 15, 2014**. Dues received after this date will be charged a \$25.00 late fee, no exceptions. Members whose dues are not received by **July 31, 2014** will not be eligible for membership in 2014-15, will be removed from LDEI and Chapter directories/email lists, and will need to reapply for membership.

Renew online by going to the "members only" section of our website. Please e-mail Treasurer Nancy Mola if you have any questions or concerns [nhmola@gmail.com](mailto:nhmola@gmail.com).

Membership in Les Dames d'Escoffier -DC offers you a wonderful way to connect with women leaders in the culinary and hospitality industries throughout your chapter and with Dames in 27 other chapters throughout the United States and Canada. It gives you a way to offer service to your community, too. Being a Dames also offers you:

1. The up-to-date and fully searchable online membership directory in the members-only section of the Web site.
2. Face-to-face networking and exciting and informative programming at the members-only Annual General Meeting...this year in Boston, October 30- November 2.
3. The quarterly newsletter, appropriately named the *Quarterly*, that brings you chapter news and great information about members' activities.
4. Insurance coverage for chapter events

Please note, Les Dames d'Escoffier International dues will be raised \$10.00 in the fall of 2014. We will not raise DC Chapter dues to cover this cost increase at this time. However, you can anticipate a dues increase for the 2015-16 year.

## PROGRAMS

### DAMES WHO DINE

**DATE:** Monday, June 2nd

Gail Forman

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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).

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## 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.

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## Members-Only Section to our Website

It is easy 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:

**TIME:** 5:30 Happy Hour; 6:30 Dinner

**PLACE:** Ripple, 3417 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington DC

**RSVP Ann Stratte** [annstratte@gmail.com](mailto:annstratte@gmail.com)  
or 410-903-2682.

### SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**DATE:** Saturday, June 7th

**TIME:** Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon, 1 p.m.

**PLACE:** RIS Restaurant, 2275 L St NW, Washington, DC 20037

**MENU & PRICE:** \$43.00, inclusive of gratuity, for three course luncheon with coffee and tea. Cash bar.

**Registration 11:00-11:30**

**Business Meeting 11:30-1:00**

**Luncheon 1:00-3:00**

Freshly baked mini scones and biscuits

Chilled orange juice or mimosa

**First Course:**

Cream of tomato soup with shaved Parmesan

or

Crisp greens and herbs with champagne Dijon vinaigrette  
and shaved Parmesan

**Second Course:**

Grilled salmon

Orange-pistachio basmati rice, pomegranate, spinach,  
Honey-glazed roast sweet potato with sumac vinaigrette

or

Roast quail

Roast beets, sautéed kale with mustard and cherry sauce

**Dessert:**

Baba au "rhubarb"

Classic yeast cake soaked with Canton ginger-liqueur  
Mascarpone cream, spiced vanilla rhubarb and cardamom  
rhubarb sorbet

or

House-made ice cream and sorbet

Cookies

Coffee and tea

\$43.00 Includes gratuity

Please make your reservations online by June 3, 2014 at

- past and current *Entre News* issues posted under the **News** tab.
- archives of past chapter activities in the **Events** dropdown menu along with 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.com)

[lesdamesdc@aol.com](mailto:lesdamesdc@aol.com)

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

[info@ldei.org](mailto:info@ldei.org)

LDEI Quarterly

<http://www.ldei.org/uploads/archives/56.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:*

The deadline for sending in Member Milestones and Chapter News for the AUTUMN issue of the

[www.lesdamesdc.org](http://www.lesdamesdc.org)

**SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO:**

**Culinary Walking Tour of Wheaton**

**DATE:** Autumn 2014

**OF INTEREST**

The renowned Inn at Little Washington in Washington, VA, will offer a tour and tea on Tuesday, June 10th from 1:00 pm to benefit its neighbor, Trinity Episcopal Church. The tour includes the Inn's public spaces, dining room, selected guest rooms and kitchen where visitors can meet Chef and Proprietor Patrick O'Connell. In addition, visitors will see the Inn's presidential cottage, Claiborne House, and its newly completed Parsonage. \$75 per person; \$60 senior citizens over age 65.

**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](mailto:kns4pr@erols.com)

Thank you for your continued interest and participation.  
Katherine Newell Smith, Editor, Entre News

LDEI Quarterly is August 4, 2014. The winter 2014 issue of the LDEI Quarterly is now posted at [www.ldei.org](http://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.