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February 20, 2019

Dear Sister Dames,

Do you have a friend, relative or a colleague wanting to grow and develop their careers? LDEI is looking for stellar applicants who would like to have a chance to experience one of seven awards in the 2019 Legacy Awards. Successful applicants are women who are passionate, skilled and want to grow and develop in their careers. This year's awards include learning about wines at Wentz Family Estates or taste and learn along the trail of Okanagan Valley wineries in British Columbia. Applicants also have a chance to study at the Welbeck Abbey School of Artisan in Nottinghamshire School, UK or have any of the other five experiences. All of the awards include a one-week stay with your mentor. Applications must be in by March 1, 2019. Please go to www.ldei.org click on Awards, then Legacy Awards to learn about all seven experiences being offered.

I would also like to encourage you to attend Les Dames DC Pitch Fest, March 9, Noon- 3 pm. It could change your career.

Please check our [chapter calendar](#) to see what events are planned for the rest of the year and into next year. Each member must attend at least one chapter event each year.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or concerns.
Email: janet4hollywood@aol.com or Janet@hollywoodeastcafe.com
Tel: (301) 537-8822

Yours truly,

Janet Yu

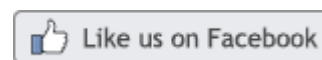
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Les Dames d'Escoffier International, Washington, D.C. Chapter

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TIME CHANGE FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

For those of you planning to attend the memorial service for, BJ Cutler, husband of founding LDE-DC member and our first Distinguished Dame awardee **Carol Cutler**, please note that the dessert reception and service will be from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Grand Oaks, 5801 MacArthur Blvd. (at corner of Loughboro), on Saturday, March 16. RSVP to jeffrhome@aol.com

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

A prospective new member reception will be held at **Lori Gardner's** home on Saturday, March 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lori's address is 13521 Coachlamp Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Please RSVP **Stacey Adams** at Stacey@tastingsgourmetmarket.com, or call (410) 212-2224.

For prospective new member mentors, please note that the new online, fillable application is available on the public section of the LDEI-DC Chapter website and an invite with links will be sent to nominee. Those completed applications are due March 15.

[Click here](#) for 2019 LDEI Application

[Click here](#) to use Eventbrite to pay for the New Member Application Fee (\$25)

CALL FOR 2019-20 LDE-DC BOARD NOMINATIONS

The nomination period for LDE-DC chapter officers and directors for 2019-20 is open until Friday, March 15. You can find full descriptions of these jobs at lesdamesdc.org in the Member Resources Section and under the LDE-DE Board Minutes/Election Documents tab. The login password is ldedc2014, all lower case.

Please nominate Dames who possess leadership qualities to represent our membership and who will work to achieve our chapter's goals in the coming year. Remember, you may nominate any chapter member in good standing or you may nominate yourself. Please consider who will best serve the organization and submit your nomination(s) to committee chair **Laurie Bell** at Laurie@greatfallstegarden.com.

Please be sure that the Dame you nominate agrees to participate as an active member of the board.



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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!

[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.

2018-2019 Committee Chairs

Each Officer is elected for a one (1) year term and is eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term. Exception is the treasurer who may serve total of four (4) consecutive terms. Each term period follows the fiscal year. Directors are elected for two years. After two (2) consecutive terms, an Officer is ineligible for reelection to the same office for a period of one (1) year, but she may be nominated and elected to a different position as either an Officer or Director. No member may serve on the board, as an officer or director, for more than seven (7) consecutive years.

The LDE-DC BOD positions are: president, first vice president (membership), second vice president (education and community outreach), second vice president (development), recording secretary, communications (corresponding) secretary and finance. Database and web-savvy individuals are needed for the communications secretary and finance positions. In addition, two (2) director positions are open.

2019-20 Board Nominating Committee
Chair: **Laurie Bell**; Committee members: **Gail Forman, Linda Forristal, Lori Gardner, and Claire Gill.**

HURRAH!

Nancy Baggett presented a well-received workshop, "Successful Lavender Culinary Products," to more than 100 attendees on January 25 at the bi-annual U.S. Lavender Growers Convention in Charleston. She provided tastings samples of a dozen potential gift shop products ranging from Lavender-Infused Balsamic Vinegar and Lavender-Pear Preserves to Lavender-Herb Popcorn and Pineapple-Red Sweet Pepper Chutney with Lavender. All were a hit.

Amy Brandwein will open Piccolina (little one in Italian) market and café next summer across Palmer Alley from her award-winning Centrolina restaurant. She plans to serve omelets, breakfast crepes, crostatas and eggplant lasagna at Piccolina which also will be outfitted with a wood-fired oven for a new bread program. Centrolina's market will move over to Piccolina to give the mother restaurant more dining and event space.

**A "SHARK TANK" FOR FOODIES
LES DAMES d'ESCOFFIER DC PITCH FEST
FOR WOMEN FOOD ENTREPRENEURS -
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, NOON to 3:00 P.M.**

Membership - Dames Who Dine:

Karen Lippold

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Membership - Engagement:

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Grants:

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TBA

Board Members

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(Membership)

Stacey Adams

**Second Vice President
(Education and Community
Outreach Programs)**

Eileen Dykes

Second Vice President

Mission Navy Yard restaurant, 1221 Van St. SE, Washington, DC

We have a full program of pitches, so come to dine and be part of the audience! Women chefs, authors, culinarians, innovators and entrepreneurs will have a Shark Tank-like opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of professional experts as Les Dames d'Escoffier's DC Chapter presents Pitch Fest, Saturday, March 9.

Enjoy brunch, network with dynamic women in the food industry, and gain valuable feedback and access to resources to help you succeed and grow. Pitch an idea or attend as an observer. All participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panel, build lasting connections, and benefit from the give-and-take. Les Dames members leading the panel include: **Stacey Adams**, president and founder of Annapolis' Tastings Gourmet Market; **Susan Callahan**, chef and lecturer at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, **Jill Collins**, founder of hospitality PR firm Jill Collins Public Relations Group and **Sophia Maroon**, Founder and CEO, Dress It Up Dressing. **Aviva Goldfarb**, marketing executive and founder of "The Six o' Clock Scramble" will moderate. They will provide feedback to the pitches and serve as judges.

The entrepreneurial winner will receive three hours of consulting services from the panelists plus a gift certificate to Michelin-starred restaurant Bresca. The brunch and presentation experience will be held at Mission Navy Yard from noon until 3 pm. Tickets, at \$35 including brunch.

PRICE: \$35 (Dames and the public) includes brunch (cash bar), presentations, networking and an opportunity to grow your business.

RSVP: [Click here](#) for tickets

Interested in pitching your idea? [Click here](#) to submit your idea

DIRECTIONS: [Mission Navy Yard](#) While there is street parking in the area, the best bet is Uber, Lyft or metro. 1221 Van Street SE, corner of Van and N Streets SE, across from Nats Stadium. Navy Yard Metro, take "Stadium" escalator, turn left at the top of the escalator to N Street, Mission is one block to the right. About a 4 minute walk.

Pitch Fest Committee: **Lori Gardner, Tambra Raye Stevenson, Maru Valdes**

Questions? Email: lorigardner6@verizon.net

KITCHEN SPACE SUBLET AVAILABLE

A 920 sq. ft. commercial kitchen space is available for sublet in the Moorenko ice cream factory at the end of February. Amenities include: walk-in cooler, freezer space, commercial ovens and mixers, prep tables, grease trap, loading area and office. For further

(Development)
TBA

Recording Secretary
Julia Rutland

Financial Officer
Claire Gill

Communications Officer
OPEN - TBA

Directors

Laurie Bell
(Programs)
Karen Lippold
(Dames Who Dine)
Susan Lutz
(Green Tables)
Summer Whitford
(Public Relations)

Alternate: Lori Gardner
(Member Engagement)

Past President:
CiCi Williamson

Parliamentarian:
Diane Neas

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 enter the password. Click on the dropdown menu for *LDE-DC Board* 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

information, please contact **Susan Soorenko**, (301) 565-8050, susan@moorenkos.com

they are then posted to our website.

PROGRAMS

COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE: HOW EACH CHANGED THE WORLD

Join **Laurie Bell**, owner, Great Falls Tea Garden, **Jodi Lehr**, co-owner, Santa Lucia Coffee and **Nancy Baggett** award-winning cookbook author, as they share the histories of our favorite caffeinated beverages and how these commodities' trade and consumption changed our societies and cultures.

With origins from around the globe, coffee, tea, and chocolate had colorful histories centuries before they were introduced to the European continent. Taste and enjoy examples of these luxury beverages, paired with creative confections and a variety of taste treats from **Ris Lacoste** and her staff, as you learn about their fascinating evolutions.

DATE: Sunday, March 24

TIME: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Ris restaurant, 2575 L street NW, Washington DC

PRICE: Dames \$40; non-Dames \$45

RSVP: Information to come soon

DAMES WHO READ - DAMES ONLY BOOK CLUB

Our Dames-only book club is open to all members. We meet every six weeks on a Monday evening. The host chooses the book, usually available in the library and in paperback, and provides refreshments. It is a convivial group. If you wish to join, contact **Eileen Dykes** at eileendykes@gmail.com or any of the upcoming hosts (see below). If you are interested in hosting, please let Eileen know. If you have a book you would like to read and discuss, also let Eileen know. Otherwise, we are sure other members can offer some ideas!

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: The home of **Sheila Crye**, 2909 Woodstock Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910

RSVP: **Sheila Crye**, crye4@aol.com

BOOK SELECTION: Cinnamon and Gunpowder, by Eli Brown

PRICE: Free. The host provides refreshments.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB DATES

Monday, May 13 - **Bette Alberts**, bettealberts@gmail.com

Monday, June 24 - **Susan Barocas**, shbarocas@earthlink.net

Optional: Aug. 12 - We usually don't meet in the summer but could if we have interest.

Monday, Sept. 23 - **Kari Barrett**, kpbrtt@gmail.com

Monday, Nov. 18 - **Susan Callahan**, chefsusan@verizon.net

Members-Only Section to our Website

It is easy to find chapter documents and resources, our event archives and past editions of *Entre News*.

We now have a single password that all Dames must use to access the *Members Only* section of the website. The password is **ldedc2014**. Please do not share this password with anyone outside of the Chapter.

If you are having trouble logging into the website please contact our Communications Officer at lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

Under **Member Login**, you will see a revised menu where you can find:

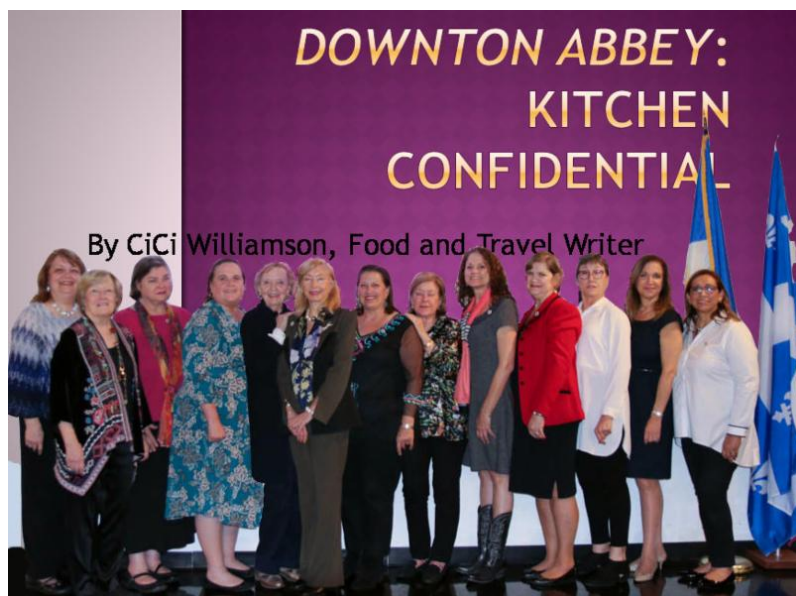
- past and current *Entre News* issues posted under the **Entre News Archives** tab.
- archives of past chapter activities in the **LDE-DC Dame Only Events** menu along with upcoming events.
- helpful files including chapter letterhead, name tag template, LDEI logos and tax-exempt certificates under **Documents and Forms**.
- our chapter's standing rules, bylaws and membership roster under **Bylaws, Roster & Minutes**.
- A **roster of Dames** that can be printed out.

DAMES NEWS



CiCi Williamson celebrating Chinese New Year Dinner with LDE-Phoenix. And, guess who is now a member of that chapter: former LDE-DC member **Theresa Morrison** who now lives in Tucson.

CiCi Williamson presented her program about the foods of Downton Abbey for the Houston Chapter at the Culinary Institute Lenôtre on Tuesday, February 5. Included in the 85 attendees were 13 Dames who enjoyed a very French, innovative dinner prepared by Le Bistro Chef Jimmy Bedard and his crew of six student interns. Houston Chapter President **Marie Lenotre** and owner of the institute presented CiCi with a bouquet of pink roses.



From left: **CiCi Williamson** and Houston Dames **Marian Tindall, Jacqueline Clark, Kimberly Joyner, Peg Lee, Marie Lenotre, Carla Buerkle, Suzanne Fain, Charelle Grant, Barbara Cook, Yvonne Sternes, Debbie Wheeler, Sandra Shafer.**

Quick Links

Les Dames DC Website
lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

Les Dames d'Escoffier
 International Website
info@ldei.org

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Member Milestones - Share your professional news with Dames in all Chapters in our *LDEI Quarterly*. Shout, don't whisper, about your accomplishments. We all want a chance to say "Bravo!"

Submit your news to:
MemberMilestones@aol.com -
 Edited by - **Edited by Dorothy Koteski (Phil)**

LDEI Quarterly Deadlines:
 The deadline for sending in Member Milestones and Chapter News for the SUMMER issue of the *LDEI Quarterly* is April 12th.
 Archived Quarterly magazines are available online. If you are not receiving hard copies of Quarterly, please check your online contact information at www.ldei.org If it is correct, please contact Greg Jewell to make sure you are on the mailing list.

Milestone Submission:
 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

OF INTEREST

Saturday, February 23, Rooting DC, Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, 4800 Meade St NE, Washington, DC 20019. Rooting DC is a FREE, all-day urban gardening forum that provides education about urban agriculture and food systems, cultivates health and protection of the environment, and builds community. The program includes dozens of interactive workshops, cooking and food preservation demonstrations, and panel discussions. The event hosts 60+ green businesses and non-profits from throughout the region at an Information Fair. For more info, [click here](#).

Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. In celebration of International Women's Day, attend the screening of A Fine Line by filmmaker Joanna James. Ana G. Mendez University, 514 V. ST NE, Washington D.C, D.C 20002

A Fine Line explores why less than 7% of head chefs and restaurant owners are women and shares candid insights from world renowned chefs. A personal story unfolds of a small town restaurateur on a mission to do what she loves while raising two kids and the odds stacked mightily against her. Hors d'oeuvres and wine reception 6:30 p.m.; awards and scholarships 7:20 p.m.; the screening of *A Fine Line*, with filmmaker **Joanna James** (NE Chapter) in attendance 7:30pm; a post-screening panel moderated by **Kristen Hartke**, food stylist, recipe developer and frequent food writer for *The Washington Post* and NPR's *The Salt*. Hear insight from leading D.C. chefs, restaurateurs, winemakers and activists 8:45pm. Ticket: \$45. [Click here](#) for more details.

The annual Association of Food Journalists (AFJ) Awards Competition. If you are a food journalist, podcast creator, food photographer, or video producer, consider entering your work in AFJ's awards competition. There are 16 categories and first prize in each category is \$300. The deadline to enter is March 4 at 11:59 p.m. For more information, [click here](#).

LOG-IN INFORMATION

How to Log-in to Idei.org. Members only:

User ID: email address listed in LDEI database

Password: If you have not logged in before, you will need to contact the LDEI office for your password, which you can change at any time.

info@ldei.com or call (502) 456-1851 x4

How to Log-in to the Les Dames DC Chapter website,

www.lesdamesdc.org

Password: ldedc2014 (for Members-only section)

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.

LDE-DC Instagram

Please add Instagram to your social media accounts http://instagram.com/lesdamesdc#_@LesDamesDC

Editor's Note:

ENTRE NEWS is published on the first and third Wednesday of each month. It is on hiatus during the month of August. Deadline for HURRAH! and other news is the second and fourth 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. Please submit your HURRAH to kns4pr@erols.com in a succinct 75 words or less.

OF INTEREST offers 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. Its function is not to promote products, cooking classes, culinary trips, etc., rather to alert members to public programs that might be of professional interest, especially if Dames are featured. We request OF INTEREST entries to be no longer than 150 words. Less is always better.

JOB OPPS can open Dames networks to employment opportunities.

Send information to *Entre News* Editor **Katherine Newell Smith** kns4pr@erols.com

Thank you for your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith
Founding Editor, *Entre News*