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February 6, 2019

Dear Sister Dames,

Happy Lunar New Year - Year of the Pig.

Pigs are a symbol of wealth. They have a beautiful personality and are blessed with good fortune in life.

Please see below for information on three important open nominations. We need new board members that are willing to commit and make decisions for the needs and advancement of our organization. New member nominations are open. Please keep in mind that we need members to have an active role. Also, Grande Dame Nominations are open.

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

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

DAMES DESSERTS FOR A DISTINGUISHED DAME

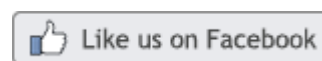
Thank you for your enthusiastic and generous responses to contribute desserts for the BJ Cutler memorial luncheon. All slots have been filled. As you may have read here, BJ Cutler, husband

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of founding LDE-DC member and our first Distinguished Dame awardee **Carol Cutler**, passed away on January 2.

Whether or not you contributed desserts, you are most welcome to attend the memorial service and luncheon which will take place Saturday, March 16 from 12-2:00 pm at Grand Oaks, 5801 MacArthur Blvd. (at corner of Loughboro). Please RSVP to jeffrhome@aol.com

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@greatfallsteagarden.com.

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

Each Officer is elected for a one (1) year term and is eligible for reelection 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**.



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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

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Nominations due February 15. Please consider nominating qualified colleagues and acquaintances who will bring their enthusiasm, talent, and ideas as active members to our Les Dames d'Escoffier DC chapter.

Requirements for membership include, but are not limited to, a minimum of FIVE years as a distinguished professional in the food, beverage or hospitality industry. If you have a candidate you would like to nominate, please send her name and email address to **Stacey Adams** at stacey@tastingsgourmetmarket.com by February 15, 2019.

We will hold a prospective new member reception during the week of February 18. Details to come.

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)

LDEI GRANDE DAME NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Each year, a Grande Dame of Les Dames d'Escoffier International is named. This title is bestowed to a woman in recognition of her extraordinary and unusual contributions to the fields of food, wine, other fine beverage, nutrition, the arts of the table, or other fields that relate to these disciplines. Grande Dame may be awarded to a non-member or member of Les Dames d'Escoffier.

If you wish to nominate a woman with longevity in the dining-, beverage- and/or hospitality-related industries, with outstanding professional achievement and a commitment to excellence in her field(s), and who consistently gives back to her community with contributions of time, product and/or philanthropy, please send her name, contact information (if you have it) and biographical information to Recording Secretary, **Julia Rutland**, juliarutland@me.com. The board will take her name into consideration when making a chapter selection to nominate to LDEI. If the board selects her, you may be contacted to help provide more information.

Membership - Dames Who Dine:

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(Membership)

Stacey Adams

Second Vice President

(Education and Community Outreach Programs)

Eileen Dykes

Second Vice President

FREE WEBINAR FOR DAMES FEATURING DC DAME KATHERINE MILLER ON FEB. 20

TOPIC: #WomenLead: Building Women Leaders in the Culinary Industry

DATE: Wednesday, February 20th

TIME: 12:30 pm

RSVP: Information below

Women make up the majority of the culinary workforce but not the majority of executive chefs, investors or owners of their own businesses. It's more important than ever before to change that paradigm. In today's culinary culture there are women working hard to create value programming empowering women to attain their goals and become culinary leaders. In this webinar you'll hear from two culinary luminaries, **Katherine Miller**, from the James Beard Foundation and **Joanna James**, creator of the award winning film "A Fine Line." Both are working tirelessly to develop and amplify inventive ways to mentor and launch women into leadership. They'll share how they are empowering others to lead through women-focused programming they have integrated into the culinary community.

As with all LDEI Webinars, they are free to members but you must register in advance. Login to the Members Only section of www.ldei.org using your username and password. If you don't recall your password, click the Reset Password link and a new one will be sent to you. Be sure to check your spam folder for the new password as it could potentially end up there. Once you register for the webinar, a confirmation will be sent to you automatically

HURRAH!

CiCi Williamson gave her Downton Abbey food history presentation at an LDE-Houston chapter's fundraiser on Tuesday, February 5.

LES DAMES d'ESCOFFIER DC PITCH FEST SATURDAY, MARCH 9, NOON-3:00PM MISSION NAVY YARD RESTAURANT, 1221 VAN ST SE, WASHINGTON, DC

The DC Pitch Fest is a unique opportunity for women food entrepreneurs to pitch ideas and gain valuable feedback from a

(Development)
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Recording Secretary
Julia Rutland

Financial Officer
Claire Gill

Communications Officer
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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

panel of well-known Dame experts. Enjoy brunch at Mission Navy Yard, network with dynamic women in the food industry and gain 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 build lasting connections and benefit from the give-and-take.

Entrepreneur **Aviva Goldfarb** will moderate the event. Panelists include: **Susan Callahan**, MA Gastronomy, chef instructor HTM, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; **Stacey Adams**, president, Tastings Gourmet Market, Annapolis MD; **Jill Collins**, owner, Jill Collins Public Relations Group.

PRICE: \$35 includes brunch (cash bar), 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.

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

JOB OPPS

ROCK STAR MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS GURUS OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS NEEDED FOR GROWING RESTAURANT GROUP Seeking energetic candidates from recent college graduates to experienced marketing/communication executives to join a dynamic team of professionals working to build visibility and grow volume for a best in class restaurant group. All candidates should be personable, detail-oriented and proven multi-taskers who can anticipate needs and thrive in a fast-paced environment. NOTE: RESTAURANT EXPERIENCE IS PREFERRED! [Click here](#) for more info.

they are then posted to our website.

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.

PROGRAMS

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

DAMES NEWS

A sold out crowd of 41 guests enjoyed a barbecue luncheon buffet on January 19th at Texas Jack's and **CiCi Williamson's** presentation "The ZIP Codes of Our Food: A Quick History of Global Cuisine." Attendees learned that sauerkraut came from China and pasta from the Arabs among other food and crop origins worldwide.



Pictured left to right: Ann Skelly, Alexia Kolias, Carla Seifman, **CiCi Williamson**, and Lynne Ketcham.

Quick Links

Les Dames DC Website
lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

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

[LDEI Quarterly](#)

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[\(click for latest copy\)](#)

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

Our first Dames Who Dine this year took place January 25th at the French Embassy's Petit Bouchon restaurant. There, 35 Dames including founding member **Carol Cutler**, gathered to enjoy a sumptuous feast and beautifully paired wines. Photos courtesy of **Aviva Goldfarb**.



Left to right: **Carole Sugarman, Suzanne DeGalan, Karen Lippold, Olga Boikess, Mel Davis, Carol Cutler, Annie Boutin-King, Patty Collette, and Susan Barocas.**



Left to right: **Michele Jacobs, Karen Vartan, Claudia Kousoulas, Sheila Crye, Summer Whitford, Janet Cam, Amy Riolo, Sheilah Kaufman, Janet Yu and Linda Forristal.**



Left to right: **Odonna Mathews, Mary Beth Albright, Aviva Goldfarb, Golnaz Feiz, Marie Steffany, Katherine Newell Smith, Edee Hogan, Drew Faulkner, Rose Clifford and Nancy Pihö.**

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.



Dessert of Perce Neige, Lemon Chantilly

OF INTEREST

Friday, February 15, 2019 at 1:00 to 2:00 PM, *Cooking Up History*, a FREE live cooking demonstration: Artisan Chocolate and the "Good Food Movement" at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, Coulter Plaza, 1st Floor West, 13th and Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Cooking Up History showcases a guest chef and a Smithsonian historian-host preparing a recipe while exploring the history and traditions behind its ingredients and culinary techniques. February's program will feature the roots of the Good Food Movement in 1960s and 1970s California and explore the rise of artisan chocolate making as part of that movement, as well as its current robust expression around the country. Guest chef **Drew Faulkner** and Smithsonian food historian Ashley Rose Young will discuss this chapter in American culinary history while preparing chocolate desserts-including B giant truffles-that reflect the ethos of the Good Food Movement. Questions? Contact sister Dame **Paula Johnson**, Curator, johnsonpa@si.edu or call (202) 633-3908.

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.

<https://www.rootingdc.org/about-the-event/>

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, go to: <https://www.afjonline.com/2019-call-for-entries-guidelines/>

CiCi Williamson is the 2019 Awards Competition Manager.

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)

LDE-DC Instagram

Please add Instagram to your social media

accounts [@LesDamesDC](http://instagram.com/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 you continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith
Founding Editor, *Entre News*