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January 16, 2019

Dear Sister Dames,

As we enter 2019, let us come together and show the talents and strength of our membership. The only way we can successfully move forward and achieve our mission is to work together, support the organization and attend the events that we work so hard to create, bring a friend or two and spread the word. We need to work on sponsorships and create community partnerships. Please work with our board members with any ideas you may have. We have many educational seminars, however we lag in fundraising. Please send your ideas to me. We can work together.

Please check our chapter calendar to see what events are planned for the rest of the year and into next year.

Click here: <https://www.lesdamesdc.org/lde-dc-calendar.html>

The password is ldedc2014

Please see Member Reminder below. Members must attend one chapter event (public program or fundraiser), apart from a general membership meeting, to remain a member in good standing.

Grande Dame nominations are open. Please see below for more info.

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

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CONDOLENCES

Carol Cutler's husband of 70 years, BJ Cutler, passed away on January 2 after suffering a massive stroke on the previous weekend. A memorial service and luncheon will be held at Grand Oaks, 5801 MacArthur Blvd. (at corner of Loughboro), from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. RSVP jeffrhome@aol.com. Carol has asked that Dames provide desserts for 50 people. We will set up a SignUpGenius for that purpose and send an informational email blast to all Dames later this week. In the meantime, Carol would appreciate calls, (202) 248-3583, and pre-arranged visits to her condominium in Grand Oaks. She and BJ led a full, colorful and loving life together.

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.

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.



@LesDamesDC

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

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

Later this week, a new online, fillable application will be available on the public section of the LDEI-DC Chapter website and an invite with links will be sent to nominees. Those completed applications will be due March 1.

HURRAH!

Ruth Gresser opened a new Pizzeria Paradiso last November at 4850 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. near American University in Spring Valley. Ruth's first Pizza Paradiso debuted 27 years ago in DuPont Circle. Since then her chain-lette has grown to include branches in Georgetown, Alexandria, Hyattsville plus her newest Spring Valley addition. The space, including the patio, seats 165; so it is much larger than her other sites. The pies are baked in wood (mostly oak) ovens that reach 650 degrees and diners have more than 13 toppings to consider including seasonal and weekly specials. At all her restaurants, Ruth has a robust beer program to complement the pies. "Yeast goes well with yeast," she says.

Christianne Ricchi celebrated the 30th anniversary of Ristorante i Ricchi on January 11. D.C. Council will also honor the restaurant with a special proclamation for its longevity as a bright light in DC's culinary scene.

Suzanne Simon and **Bettina Stern** opened their second Chaia taco restaurant at 615 Eye Street NW, in DC's Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood on January 8. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the new 2,000 square foot space is double the size of their Georgetown location and will offer craft beer, wine, and cocktails on tap.

Tambra Raye Stevenson, will co-lead a workshop, "Tone Deaf as F\$%K: Incorporating Black History into Food Education" and exhibit at Rooting DC 2019, a day-long urban gardening forum, on February 23 at the Ron Brown College Preparatory High School in DC. See Of Interest for event details and tickets.

LES DAMES d'ESCOFFIER DC PITCH FEST
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 12:00-3:00PM

Membership - Dames Who Dine:

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Second Vice President

MISSION NAVY YARD RESTAURANT, 1221 VAN ST SE, WASHINGTON, DC

The DC Pitch Fest is a unique opportunity for women entrepreneurs in food to pitch ideas and gain valuable feedback from a panel of well-known Dame and friend-of-Dames experts. The event is open to Dames and non-Dames.

Enjoy brunch, 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. DC Dame and entrepreneur **Aviva Goldfarb** will moderate the event. Stay tuned as we build an exciting panel with expertise designed to match the pitches.

Interested in pitching your idea? Email: **Lori Gardner** at lorigardner6@verizon.net with the following info:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone
4. Email
5. Venture Name and Purpose (i.e. product, service, cookbook, etc)
6. Pitch Idea
7. What kinds of feedback would be most helpful to your idea? (i.e. promotion, business advice, technical advice)

Stay tuned for more information.

WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO FEED FURLOUGHED FEDERAL WORKERS

Jose Andres' WCK has marshalled resources to serve hot meals to federal workers and families impacted by the federal shutdown. All shifts are located at its kitchen at 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20004 near the U.S. Navy Memorial. Because of limited kitchen space, there are NO ADDITIONAL SPOTS available once a shift has filled up; so, please do not show up if you do not have a confirmed volunteer spot. More shifts will be added beyond what is scheduled as needed, so check back if you do not see an open slot. Please wear close-toed, non-skid shoes for all shifts.

[VIEW AND SIGN UP FOR AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER SHIFTS HERE](#)

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CiCi Williamson
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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

Meal Prep: help to prepare meals for federal workers and their families. Duties include preparing meals, cleaning kitchen, and other duties as assigned by the head chef. Volunteers must be able to stand for 3+ hours comfortably and be able to lift 10-50 pounds. Meal Service: help to serve meals to federal employees and their families. Duties include serving hot meals, packaging to go meals, and cleaning/bussing our café. Volunteers must be able to stand for 3+ hours comfortably and be able to lift 10-50 pounds.

Email chefsforfeds@worldcentralkitchen.org if you have additional questions.

MEMBER REMINDER

Members must attend one chapter event and one of the two (2) general membership meetings annually in person or electronically as set forth in the Standing Rules. Proxies do not constitute attendance.

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.

PROGRAMS

THE ZIP CODES OF FOOD: A QUICK HISTORY OF GLOBAL GASTRONOMY WITH CICI WILLIAMSON

CiCi Williamson, culinary historian and author, will lead you on a fascinating journey of 2,000-years of food history to learn where various ingredients and foods originated. Learn how foods traveled around the globe to create today's world cuisines.

DATE: Saturday, January 19, 2019

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Texas Jack's Barbecue, 2761 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201

PRICE: Dames \$29; Non-members \$39 (includes a \$10 tax-deductible donation to LDE-DC scholarship fund).

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.

RSVP: [Click here](#) to buy your tickets on Eventbrite!

DAMES WHO DINE - DAMES ONLY

Join sister Dames at Le Petit Bouchon, the fine dining restaurant in The Embassy of France, for a sumptuous three-course lunch (menu details forthcoming) prepared by Chef Mark Courseille, of Bordeaux, France. He trained with Michel Richard at Citronelle and Yannick Cam at Le Paradou and Le Saint-James (Relais & Chateaux) in Bouliac, France.

DATE: Friday, January 25, 2019

TIME: 12:30 - 2:00 pm

PLACE: Le Petit Bouchon, The Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Road NW, DC

PRICE: \$30 including tax, tip and gratuities (menu below)

PARKING: Metered parking is available on Reservoir Road

RSVP: Please [click here](#) to register on Eventbrite

REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION DEADLINE: January 21, 2019

Karen Lippold, our Dames Who Dine program chair, seeks interested Dames who have restaurants or with clients who have restaurants that would like to participate as a venue for Dames to gather for a meal or drinks and nibbles. Contact **Karen Lippold** at karen@gourmetbykaren.com

MENU

Butternut Squash Soup

Fillet of Branzino, Glazed Vegetables, Sauce Vierge

Perce Neige, Lemon Chantilly

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** 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, January 28, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

RSVP: Katherine Newell Smith kns4pr@erols.com, 703-475-1833

BOOK SELECTION: *The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South* by Michael Twitty. Through **Tambra Raye Stevenson**, we have asked Mr. Twitty to join us via facetime for a Q&A.

PRICE: Free. The host provides refreshments. Dinner from a selection of the book's recipes and food descriptions.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB DATES

Monday, March 25 - **Sheila Crye**, crye4@aol.com

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

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

Quick Links

Les Dames DC Website
lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

Les Dames d'Escoffier
International Website
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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

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

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.

DAMES NEWS



From left: **Eileen Dykes**, **Karen Lippold**, **Janet Yu**, **Christianne Ricchi**, **Claire Gill**, and **CiCi Williamson** shared dinner at Chris Ricchi's luxurious Italian restaurant, i Ricchi, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. It was such a treat to enjoy Chris' fine Tuscan cuisine in the private "Wine Room" after the teleconferenced board meeting on January 15. Calling in remotely, so not pictured, were **Stacey Adams**, **Susan Lutz**, **Julia Rutland** and **Lori Gardner**.

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.

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.

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

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 502-456-1851 x4

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

www.lesdamesdc.org:

Password: Idedc2014 (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 your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith

Founding Editor, *Entre News*

