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March 20, 2019

Dear Sister Dames,

Happy Spring!!

Save the Date - Saturday, June 8 for our Spring General Membership Meeting. We are planning a breakfast meeting at **Jenn Crovato's** 1310 Kitchen & Bar, 1310 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington D.C. at the Georgetown Inn. Look for more details to follow.

Annie Boutin King is assisting our programs committee with a fundraiser lunch program "The Influences of Ritz and Escoffier" at the Ritz Carlton in DC on Saturday, May 4, 2019, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

To keep our costs down we are asking for donations of wine or cheese. If you have contacts with these types of suppliers, please ask if they would be willing to help sponsor the event. Please let our programs committee, **Eileen Dykes**, **Laurie Bell** or me know. We ask for all Dames' attendance and to bring a guest. Look for more details to follow.

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

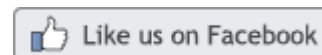
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SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 8

Please mark your calendars to attend our spring general membership meeting and breakfast on Saturday, June 8, at **Jenn Crovato's** 1310 Kitchen & Bar, in the Georgetown Inn, 1310 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington D.C.

Every LDE-DC Dame must attend at least one general membership meeting per year to remain a member in good standing. Stay tuned for details.

HURRAH!

Susan Barocas wrote an article, "[Walking Distance to Everything](#)," for the *Washington Post* Travel Section's March 17 edition. The story described the walking accessibility of New Haven, Connecticut's rich food, culture and history scenes.

Domenica Marchetti's story in the *Washington Post* Food Section on March 13, "[It Takes Some Time but you too can Ragu](#)," describes how to achieve the delicious complexity of the long-simmered Italian sauce.

Tambra Raye Stevenson was accepted into American University's School of Communications PhD program in Fall 2019 with a merit award working with the AU Game Lab. Also Tambra's WANDA session proposal, "Gaming for Development: Using the Power of Games to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" was accepted for the 2019 World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings in April.

JOB OPPS

Program director, a full-time faculty position in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) at the Universities at Shady Grove. [Click here](#) for more information.

The President/CEO position at the National Food and Beverage Foundation is open for applications, [click here](#) for more information.

Full-time events manager, front of house manager, host, and food runner needed at RIS, an upscale neighborhood restaurant serving seasonal American food, run by executive chef and owner, Ris Lacoste. For more information [click here](#).

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

Membership - Dames Who Dine:

Karen Lippold

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Membership - Engagement:

Lori Gardner

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KITCHEN SPACE SUBLET AVAILABLE

A 920 sq. ft. commercial kitchen space is available for sublet in the Moorenko ice cream factory. 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

PROGRAMS

COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE: HOW THEY CHANGED THE WORLD - LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

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 20037

PRICE: Dames \$40; non-Dames \$50

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

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.

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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

THE INFLUENCES OF RITZ AND ESCOFFIER

Join Luke Barr, author of *Ritz & Escoffier-The Hotelier, the Chef, and the Rise of the Leisure Class* as he shares the story of César Ritz and Auguste Escoffier joining forces in 1889 at the Savoy Hotel and of their impact on the hotel and restaurant industry.

DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2019

TIME: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Washington, DC

PRICE: TBA

ON THE HORIZON**BREAD AND BEAUTY AND FARM PROGRAM**

An event planned by **Claudia Kousoulas**. Details to follow

DATE: Sunday, June 9, 2019

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Rocklands Farm, 14531 Montevideo Rd, Poolesville, MD

PRICE: TBA

DAMES NEWS**DC PITCH FEST**

Our chapter's first inaugural Pitch Fest was held March 9 at a brunch program at Mission Navy Yard that attracted more than 40 member and non-member attendees. Six women entrepreneurs pitched

**Communications Officer
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**Laurie Bell
(Programs)**

**Karen Lippold
(Dames Who Dine)**

**Susan Lutz
(Green Tables)**

**Summer Whitford
(Public Relations)**

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(Member Engagement)**

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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.

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 they are then posted to our website.

**Members-Only Section to
our Website**

It is easy to find chapter

their business models to our panel of Dame experts.



Aviva Goldfarb introduces the contestants as she moderates the panel.

Panelists served as judges weighing a variety of criteria including strong concept with research and data, poise and professionalism, ability to communicate market and target and answer questions with base of knowledge. The judges were **Stacey Adams**, president, Tastings Gourmet Market, Annapolis; **Susan Callahan**, MA Gastronomy, chef instructor HTM, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; **Jill Collins**, owner, Jill Collins Public Relations Group and **Sophia Maroon**, founder & CEO, Dress It Up Dressing. The event was moderated by **Aviva Goldfarb**. Mission Navy Yard is a client of Jill Collins Public Relations Group.



Dames panelists **Susan Callahan**, **Sophia Maroon**, **Stacey Adams** and **Jill Collins**.

Pitches were presented by:

Rachel Bush, [Honey and Hive](#), Instagram: HoneyAndHiveCreations
 Tamara Cole, Wilma's Batter, www.wilmasbatter.net, Instagram: wilmas_batter

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.

Quick Links

Les Dames DC Website
lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

Les Dames d'Escoffier
 International Website

Gayle Galbraith, Federal Brewing Company,
<https://www.fedbrew.com/>, Instagram: @fedbrew

Kimberly Lipinski, Elder Nourish, www.eldernourish.com, Instagram:
 #eldernourish

Bridget Meagher, Catbird Hill Farm (Member of Les Dames DC)
<https://www.facebook.com/57802128936/posts/our-little-catbird-hill-farm-is-one-of-750-farms-in-the-us-that-has-received-cer/10156030637118937/>

Jaimie Mertz, [Red Bandana Bakery](#), FB/Instagram:
 TheRedBandanaBakery



Pitchfest contestants **Bridget Meagher**, Jaimie Mertz, Tamara Cole, Gayle Galbraith, Kimberly Lipinski, and Rachel Bush.

The winner, Gayle Galbraith of Federal Brewing Company, will receive three cumulative hours of consulting from **Stacey Adams**, **Jill Collins** and **Aviva Goldfarb** as well as a \$100 gift certificate to Michelin-starred restaurant Bresca, donated by **Maru Valdes**.

Thanks to our committee: **Lori Gardner**, **Tambra Stevenson** and **Maru Valdes** for planning this innovative program.

From Gayle Galbraith:

Thank you so much for the tremendous opportunity to engage and network with knowledgeable and compassionate women leaders. I appreciate you all and I appreciate that you organized this information for me.

From **Bridget Meagher**:

You and your co-chair organized such a successful first Pitch Fest. Bringing everyone together to eat and meet in advance of the pitch was such a great idea. I sat with such interesting women, none of whom are Dames, but all involved in very interesting, highly successful food-related jobs. After the pitches, I was overwhelmed by the interest and enthusiasm of audience members who approached me to discuss their interest in food processing and product development and share their hopes and dreams. I made any

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 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:

number of valuable contacts and I look forward to following up with these amazing women.

FLAVORS OF MEXICO IN OAXACA

Each year this amazing event created and mounted by the Mexico chapter grows and exceeds expectations. **Drew Faulkner, Teresa Farney, Ann Stratte** and **Judy Rusignuolo** were the DC Dames among a record crowd, participating in the 2019 Flavors of Mexico in Oaxaca. [Click here](#) for the program.



Teresa Farney, Drew Faulkner, Ann Stratte and Judy Rusignuolo pose with a local merchant at the Oaxaca market.

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.



Teresa Farney and Judy Rusignuolo showing off their Day-of-the-dead makeup!



CHICAGO DAME **INA PICKNEY** GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN FOR MEDICAL COSTS

Friends of sister Dame **Ina Pickney** (Chicago), aka the Breakfast Queen, created a go fund me campaign to help cover costs for some of Ina's needs during her recovery from a broken femur, an injury complicated by her post-polio syndrome. Ina, whose eponymous breakfast restaurant (1991-2013) in Chicago was an institution, is an extraordinary human being. You can read more about her in the go fund me post by [clicking here](#).

OF INTEREST

2019 World Bank/IMF Spring Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Tambra Ray Stevenson** presenting during Gaming for Development: Using the Power of Games to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals." Free to attend, registration required, [click here](#) for more details.

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 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*