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March 6, 2019

Dear Sister Dames,

Believe it or not, March is here and we still have so much work to do. **Laurie Bell** and her nominating committee are working hard in putting together an awesome board for 2019-2020. **Stacey Adams** and her team are searching for the perfect candidates for new Dames. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Congratulations to **Suzanne Simon** and **Bettina Stern** in the opening of their new Chaia in Chinatown. I grew up just 6 doors down from their new location. Back then, I never even heard of a taco. How times have changed and Chaia's tacos are delicious.

I encourage you to attend Les Dames DC Pitch Fest, March 9, Noon-3 p.m. Our outstanding knowledgeable Dames can give you new pointers in how to start your next business. It could change your career.

Save the date May 4. **Annie Boutin King** is assisting our programs committee with an elegant lunch affair at the Ritz Carlton in DC. Look for more details to come.

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
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Yours truly,

Janet Yu

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

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PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 15

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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)

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.

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.

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

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.**

CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our sympathies to **Julia Rutland** upon the loss of her mother, Helen Krallman Dowling, 86, who passed away in hospice care at St. Martin's in the Pines in Birmingham, Alabama on February 27. Funeral mass at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, March 9.

HURRAH!

Amy Brandwein is a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation's Best Chef Mid-Atlantic. Nominees have been chefs for at least five years, worked in their respective regions for at least the past three years and set new or consistently excellent standards. The finalists will be announced on March 27 by the 2018 JBF Best Chef Hugo Ortega at his eponymous Houston restaurant, Hugo's.

Ruth Gresser has been nominated as Outstanding Restaurateur by the James Beard Foundation. Candidates have demonstrated high national standards in restaurant operations and entrepreneurship; they must be working restaurateurs who have been in the business for at least 10 years and cannot have been nominated for the award in the past five years. Ruth also was featured in the March issue of *Bethesda Magazine* for the opening of her newest Pizzeria Paradiso location in DC's Spring Valley neighborhood.

Marcel's, a restaurant owned and operated by **Polly Wiedmaier** and husband, Chef Robert Wiedmaier, is a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation's Outstanding Service Award. Nominated restaurants have been in operation for five or more years and excelled in hospitality and service.

**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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Lori Gardner

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TBA

Board Members

President

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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. 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, and **Jill Collins**, founder of hospitality PR firm Jill Collins Public Relations Group. **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.

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

RSVP: [Click here](#) for tickets

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

JOB OPPS

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

RIS, an upscale neighborhood restaurant serving seasonal American food, run by executive chef and owner, **Ris Lacoste**, is hiring for several positions immediately, including full-time events manager, front of house manager, host, and food runner. More information [click here](#).

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Julia Rutland

Financial Officer
Claire Gill

Communications Officer
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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

they are then posted to our website.

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

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.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB DATES

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

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.

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

OF INTEREST

The Charleston Chapter is excited to welcome Dames that will be visiting next week for the **Charleston Wine + Food Festival!** If you will be in town, please join us on **Thursday, March 7** from 4-5 p.m. at Millers All Day for a panel discussion called "All About Grits" moderated by **Erin Murray** (Nashville chapter) and featuring Grande Dame **Nathalie Dupree**. The event is free and open to the public, and light drinks and snacks will be served. After the discussion, Dames and their guests are welcome to join us at Nathalie's house at 5:15 p.m. for the Charleston chapter's annual Festival Drop-In. Hope to see you there Friday, March 8, 6:30 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 hearing 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 7:30 p.m.; 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 8:45 p.m. Ticket: \$45. For a 20% discount, use the code: inspire. [Click here](#) for more details.

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Memorial service and reception for, BJ Cutler, husband of founding LDE-DC member and our first Distinguished Dame awardee **Carol Cutler**, Grand Oaks, 5801 MacArthur Blvd. (at corner of Loughboro) RSVP to jeffrhome@aol.com

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.

Quick Links

Les Dames DC Website
lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

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

[LDEI Quarterly](#)

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

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

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 your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith

Founding Editor, *Entre News*

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.