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May 1, 2019

Dear Sister Dames,

It's great to see sunshine and beautiful flowers. Happy Spring!!

In memory of **Marianne Ali**, LDE-DC sponsors an annual brunch each spring for a graduating class of DC Central Kitchen, where Marianne was director of training and mentored so many. We are asking for donations of food and your attendance at the brunch. Please [click here](#) to sign up. More information can be found below.

Saturday, June 8 is our Spring General Membership Meeting. This year our SGMM will be a breakfast meeting at **Jenn Crovato's** 1310 Kitchen & Bar, 1310 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington D.C. in the Georgetown Inn. The general meeting is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and mimosas to welcome you at 9:30 a.m. The board meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please do not forget to sign up. Check below for more information.

I hope you will 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

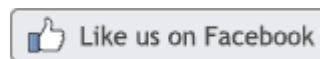
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ANNUAL MARIANNE ALI BRUNCH, MAY 3, 10:00 am THIS FRIDAY. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In memory of **Marianne Ali**, LDE-DC will sponsor its second annual brunch this Friday, May 3 at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at DC Central Kitchen. We will celebrate the 118th graduating class of 16 from DCCK's culinary training program. This year also marks the Kitchen's 30th anniversary of changing lives and serving our community.

Please let us know what you would like to contribute. We need at least 12 different dishes for 35 people for the brunch. Just [click here](#) if you would like to contribute a dish. There is a space on the SignUpGenius form to indicate any special service equipment needs. Also, kindly let us know what you will be bringing.

Please deliver food to DC Central Kitchen, 425 2nd Street, NW, by 9:30 a.m. which is also when street parking near the kitchen becomes available. Dames can leave the food at the DCCK entrance (the alley loading dock), and then leave to find a parking spot. DCCK's Liz Reinert will try to save a few spaces in the lot, but we shouldn't count on it. Look for Liz when you arrive.

SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SATURDAY, JUNE 8

You are cordially invited to attend our Spring General Membership Meeting (SGMM) on Saturday, June 8 at 1310 Kitchen & Bar, by **Jenn Crovato** in the Georgetown Inn, 1310 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington D.C.

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Registration (coffee, mimosas and pastries available)
- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. General Membership Meeting
- 11:30 a.m Buffet Brunch (optional)

PRICE: Meeting: FREE; Brunch \$45.00 per person (see menu below)

REGISTRATION: Registration is a quick, two-part process. Please [click here](#) to register for the meeting (free) and/or to purchase your ticket for the brunch buffet via Eventbrite.

PROXY: Attendance, in person, at one general membership meeting per year is a requirement of membership. If you cannot attend the SGMM, you may ask an attending Dame to serve as your proxy. You will find your proxy form at www.lesdamesdc.org or by [clicking here](#). Please email or send the completed proxy form to Robin Kurtzman (kurtzman4@comcast.net) BEFORE the meeting. Instructions are on the form.

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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

Membership - Dames Who Dine:
Karen Lippold
karen@gourmetbykaren.com

Membership - Engagement:
Lori Gardner

PARKING/METRO: Limited parking is available at the Georgetown Inn for \$24.60. Additional parking is available at the lot across from Cafe Milano on Prospect Street.

MENU:

BREAKFAST BREADS AND CEREAL

Banana Bread, Mini Cream-filled Bomboloni
Steel Cut Oatmeal (vegan), Coconut Milk, Bananas, Cinnamon
Mini Fruit Yogurt & Hippy Crack Granola Parfaits
Blueberries, Strawberries

FRESH FRUIT

Pineapple, Cantaloupe, Watermelon

MAINS AND SALADS

Individual Shakshuka with Tomato, Feta, Spinach, Eggs
Cold Smoked Bacon
Mini Call Your Mother Bagel & Smoked Salmon Sandwiches
Capers, Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion, Cream Cheese
Kale, Quinoa & Brussels Sprout Salad
Apples, Almonds, Pomegranate, Lemon-honey Vinaigrette
Assorted Avocado Toast & Cashew Coconut Toast
Pomegranate, Toasted Almonds

BEVERAGES

Mimosas, Coffee, Tea and Juice

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WOMEN IN GASTRONOMY - CALL FOR PROGRAM IDEAS AND PARTICIPATION

March 28, 2020 may seem like a long way off but not for planning another Women in Gastronomy Celebrating Food! symposium. We are actively seeking Dames who are willing to lead breakout sessions. There will be four hands-on kitchen sessions with 24 attendee participants in each and 12 additional breakout sessions (demos, panels, lectures, etc). Please forward your ideas for sessions and your willingness to formulate and coordinate a session to co-chairs **Eileen Dykes** at eileendykes@gmail.com and **Laurie Bell** at Laurie@greatfallsteagarden.com

There is great name recognition surrounding this event and it is a good way for you to be highlighted in all of our PR materials. It is an excellent opportunity for you to share your expertise and help LDE-DC fulfill its mission of community outreach and education.

We also ask for a sister Dame to volunteer as an additional symposium co-chair so there will be some continuity in planning future Celebrating Food! symposiums.

Thank you for your consideration and dedication to our Les Dames d'Escoffier Washington, DC chapter!

Board Members

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HURRAH!

Gladys Abi-Najm's family's restaurant, Lebanese Taverna, and **Christina Ricchi's** i Ricchi will receive the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington's 2019 Honorary Milestone RAMMY Awards at the organization's annual gala Sunday, June 30, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. This award commemorates local restaurants and RAMW members who have been in business for more than 25 years and is bestowed upon the Washington region's most celebrated dining institutions.

Cecilia Glembocki created and presented the American Egg Board's [commemorative egg](#) to First Lady Melania Trump on April 22. Cecilia used quilling, a centuries-old art form whereby small, rolled strips of paper are shaped and glued together to make designs, to decorate the egg.

Pati Jinich has won her second James Beard Foundation Award. "Pati's Mexican Table - Tijuana: Stories from the Border" received the top prize in the Television Program, in Studio or Fixed Location category. The program airs locally on WETA-TV and is distributed nationally by American Public Television.

Amy Riolo received a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Baltimore for serving as chair of the Baltimore-Luxor-Alexandria Sister City Committee. Amy also was named the first honorary member of Baltimore Sisters Cities, Inc. for securing a \$112,000 grant through the African Urban Poverty Alleviation Program to provide drinking water for a remote rural village in Egypt.



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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

Linda Roth has assumed the role of CEO of LRA Associates where she will continue to supervise business and financial operations for her 37 year-old company that provides media relations, integrated marketing, digital content and special events. Long-time LRA vice president, Anthony Hesselius, has been named president. LRA is located in the burgeoning Adams Morgan neighborhood.

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, May 13

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: The home of **Bette Alberts**, 3107 Cleveland Ave. NW, Washington, DC

RSVP: Bette Alberts, bettealberts@gmail.com

BOOK SELECTION: *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser

PRICE: Free. The host provides refreshments.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

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

PLACE: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Washington, DC

PRICE: \$75 Dames/\$85 non Dames (non-members' price includes a \$10 tax-exempt donation for LDEI-DC scholarships)

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

Reservation or cancellation deadline Monday, April 29.

PARKING: Valet only is \$8 for program's guests with validation sticker provided at event check-in.

METRO: Dupont Circle or Foggy Bottom.

DAMES ONLY - HAPPY HOUR GET TOGETHER

Join us for an informal Dutch treat happy hour at Bayou Bakery. Co-hosted by **Simone Rathle**. Let's gather for some fun and food from

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.

Quick Links

Les Dames DC Website
lesdamesdc.list@gmail.com

this coffee bar and eatery from Chef David Guas, a New Orleans native, TV celebrity and cookbook author.

Don't miss the fun. It's a great way to network with members and enjoy an informal night out.

DATE: Wednesday, May 8

TIME: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bayou Bakery, 1515 N Courthouse Rd, Arlington, VA

PRICE: \$10 per person for New Orleans inspired snacks. Drinks not included.

RSVP: Lori Gardner at lorigardner6@verizon.net

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Take the Orange Line to the Courthouse Metro stop. Exit station through Courthouse Plaza entrance and go left on 15th Street to the corner of North Courthouse Road. It's within a block of the Metro. It's also located along ART bus lines 41, 45, 77 and Metro bus 4B and 38B stop within two blocks of Bayou Bakery. They are located a short walk from two Capital Bikeshare stations located at 15th & N. Uhle St. and Wilson Blvd. & N. Uhle St. For more transportation options, visit Arlington's Car Free Diet.

PARKING: Metered parking available on cross streets Garage parking is on 15th St. just past the eatery. The Bakery offers free garage validation for up to 2 hours, every Monday-Friday from 5pm-close, and throughout the day on weekends (per parking garage hours).

GLENSTONE MUSEUM - DAMES ONLY- SOLD OUT (Another program is planned for September 7 at noon)

Gail Forman has nabbed hard-to-get tickets to visit the new Glenstone Museum in Potomac, MD. Limited to 15. Once you reserve your place, Gail will get back to you with ticket and entry information.

The group will begin with a Dutch-treat lunch at Glenstone's informal café-- soup, salads, sandwiches -- where Brian Patterson, formerly of L'Academie de Cuisine, is the chef. Afterwards, you can visit all areas of the private museum, which encompasses two buildings, several outdoor sculptures and more than 230 acres of landscape. It is an amazing place.

DATE: Sunday, June 2

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PRICE: \$5 to cover reservations and LDE-DC administration fee.

Please register on today, [click here](#), to secure your spot. Space for this event is limited to 15 people so sign up today! No refunds so please make sure you can attend before registering.

RSVP: [Click here](#) to put your name on the waitlist. The password is dames4ever all lower case.

Contact **Gail Forman** at gailforman@comcast.net if you have any questions about the Café or Museum.

OF INTEREST

Volunteer guest chefs are needed at Community Food Rescue (CFR), a program of Manna Food Center, at Silver Spring United

**Les Dames d'Escoffier
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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 AUTUMN issue of the *LDEI Quarterly* is August 1.

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.

Methodist Church. The church, located at 8900 Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring, MD, has a newly refurbished commercial kitchen. The chefs will direct preparation of donated, perfectly usable but unsalable fresh produce - wilted, misshapen or surplus -- into cooked sauces, soups and stews. These cooked foods go to CFR network organizations that serve meals on-site and rely on donations of prepared food that can be warmed and served since they lack on-site cooking facilities. CFR invites guest chefs to sign up for one or more cooking events, plan a menu, and lead a team of volunteers to create food for our neighbors in need. Cooking sessions are scheduled throughout the fall and winter. To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a48afab23a20-cfrcooks>

May 2, 2019 (National Press Freedom Day Eve), Time: up to you.

Dine out to Free Austin Tice. Austin Tice, a multi-award-winning photojournalist, was abducted and imprisoned six years ago while on assignment in Syria for the Washington Post and McClatchy newspapers. He is the only living American journalist still held captive. This past year, the FBI received proof of life and is offering a \$1 million reward for information leading to his release. Susan Delbert, The National Press Club's executive chef, and a coalition including the Washington Post, Georgetown University, The Eagle Scouts and McClatchy newspapers enlisted the following restaurants to pledge a percentage of their May 2 receipts to "sweeten the pot" with additional funds for the reward. Participating restaurants: National Press Club, 1789, Pizza Paradiso (**Ruth Gresser**), Hank's Oyster Bars, Charlie Palmer Steak, Jose Andres' Zatinia, the Fourth Estate and Reliable Source. If you are a restaurateur and wish to participate, kindly phone **Susan Delbert** at the National Press Club chef's office, 202.662.7514 and/or check out www.press.org/austin or www.nightoutforaustin.com. *The Washington Post* is running full page ads listing the participating restaurants. Susan urges you all to dine out, with friends, at a participating restaurant on May 2.

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.

LOG-IN INFORMATION

How to Log-in to ldei.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 your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith
Founding Editor, *Entre News*