

The Communiqué



Les Dames d'Escoffier®

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Dear SF Dames,

We are already halfway through January! And after a bit of a soggy start, it seems we're all hitting our stride and ready to make 2023 a positive and productive year.

The Board and committee chairs recently held the first meeting of the year. We continue to refine and expand our vision for the coming year and for the future of our chapter; stay tuned as there will be many exciting updates to share.

The New Member Reception is quickly approaching! After we had to postpone the customary brunch in November, Dame Dawn Agnew of Eco Terreno Wines stepped in and generously offered to host us at her newly opened Urban Tasting Room and Supper Club. See the "Events" section below for details. And if you are able, please join us in celebrating our new Dames!

As always, we thank you all for your continued commitment to LDEI and to our San Francisco Chapter. For this coming year, please consider serving on the Board, joining or chairing a Committee, or otherwise volunteering your time and talents to keep our organization thriving!

With love and appreciation,
Your Communications Committee

Events

Reminders have been sent out for the **New Member Reception**. Please be sure to RSVP so our hosts can plan accordingly!

When: Tuesday, January 31, 2023
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Where: Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyard Urban Tasting Room and Lyon & Swan Supper Club
124 Columbus Ave, San Francisco, CA 94133

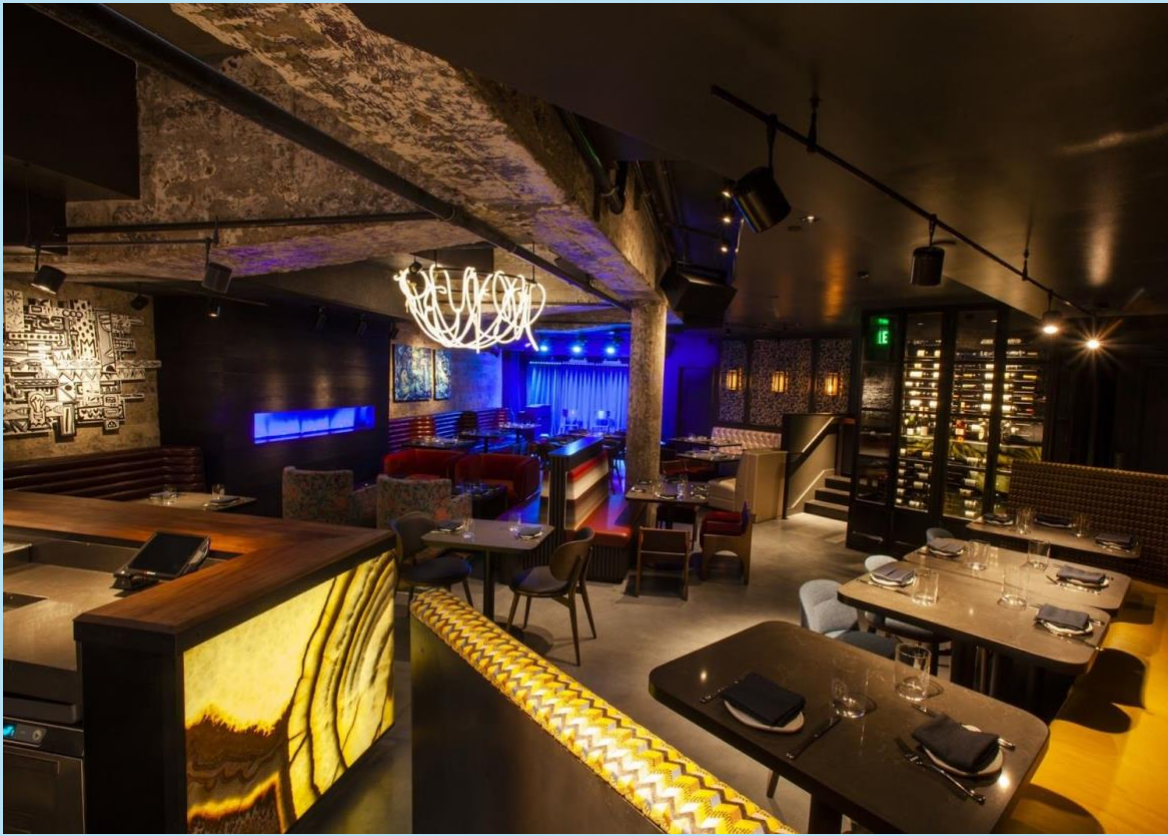
Share a glass and conversation in the new Eco Terreno Winery tasting room in SF with our ten wonderful and accomplished new Dames. The evening will include cocktails, passed sweet and savory bites, a selection of Eco Terreno wines, and live music.

Thanks to the generosity of our hosts, Dame Dawn Agnew and Eco Terreno Winery, this is a free event, but we are gratefully accepting donations which benefit our fundraising efforts.

ICYMI, Eco Terreno's tasting room was recently reviewed in the San Francisco Chronicle as one of the top *11 Best New Spots to Taste Wine in the Bay Area* by Jess Lander. Article [here](#) (might be behind a paywall).

[Click here](#) to reserve your space.

Would you like to make a donation? [Click here!](#)



Upcoming Classes from Dame Linda Carucci!

Friday, January 27, 2023, 10 am to Noon PT

Seasonal Entertaining Menu

Presented by Garden Guild via Zoom

- Savory Ricotta Board
- Mandarin Chicken Salad with Toasted Almonds and Puffed Rice Vermicelli (AKA Almost-Pasadena's-Green-Street Dianne Salad)
- Dark Chocolate No-Bakes

Quite unwittingly, this menu happens to be entirely gluten-free. And you could make it vegetarian with a few simple adjustments. This will be the fourth demonstration cooking class I've taught for our local Garden Guild, and they've graciously allowed me to invite friends and family to join us at the guest rate of \$30. To register, make a check payable to Garden Guild and mail to Cindy Deans, 60 Roble Road, Berkeley, CA 94705. Be sure to include your email address so Cindy can send you the recipes and Zoom link. The deadline to register is Monday January 23.

**Four Wednesdays: February 15 through March 8, 9:30 to 11:30 am PT
Cooking by the Book (a four-part series)**

Presented by OLLI @Berkeley (livestreamed via Zoom and recorded)

For more information, or to

register: <https://olli.berkeley.edu/programs/courses/cooking-summer-produce>

Thursday, February 23, 4 to 6 pm PT

Healthy Cooking on a Budget: More Breakfast Favorites

Presented by the Cancer Support Community of the Bay Area (via Zoom)

- Eggs Florentine with Creamy Spinach and Foolproof Poached Eggs
- Sweet Potato and Caramelized Onion Hash

This free class is open to anyone whose life has been affected by cancer. To create a member account and/or register for any of CSC's classes, workshops, and support groups (many of which meet via Zoom): www.cancersupport.net

Stay tuned...

- I'll be teaching a new four-part OLLI course, **The How's and Why's of Good Cooking**, during Spring term 2023, on Wednesdays from April 5 through 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 am PT. Registration and more

information will be available in February
at <https://olli.berkeley.edu/programs/courses>

- And my upcoming **Healthy Cooking on a Budget** classes will take place on March 30 and April 27 at 4 pm PT: www.cancersupport.net

Membership

Our **Meet a Member** series has launched! We have been compiling your responses to our questionnaire and are excited to help tell the story of our dynamic members via social media.



For our inaugural post this week, we profiled Dame Jerry Anne di Vecchio, one of the founding Members of our SF Chapter. Over the course of her forty-two year career at Sunset Magazine, she published numerous cookbooks, including the

beautifully illustrated children's cookbook, *You've Got Recipes*. She was the 2001 recipient of the LDEI Grande Dame award. To see the full feature on Jerry, check out our Instagram page: [@lesdamessf](#).

This is an ongoing series and Dame Jammir Gray will be sending out reminders with a link to the questionnaire, so keep an eye on your inbox or contact her at jammir@complinewine.com.

Fundraising

Thanks to our fundraising efforts, we have increased the award amounts for both our Scholarship and Fellowship. The Etoile d'Escoffier Culinary Scholarship is now \$2,500 per recipient, and the Karola Saekel Craib Fellowship is \$5,000 per recipient. That's good news!

Member News

Dame Lisa Weiss has resigned from her position as our Chapter Secretary to focus on her health. She of course remains a Member, but is no longer serving on the Board. We wish her well and sincerely thank her for her invaluable service!



We welcome you to submit any items for our biweekly communiqué to Communications Committee Chair Kimberly Noelle Charles at kcharles@charlescomm.com or committee member Danielle Fiala at daniellesfiala@gmail.com by 12 pm on Wednesdays for biweekly publication on Fridays. Please consider the categories of Events, Announcements, or Opportunities for Networking and Volunteering. Also, note that it is rare we would publicize fundraising events outside our own needs, but if a major, national, or significant event is happening with several Bay Area Dames, we want to know about it!