

The Communiqué



Les Dames d'Escoffier®

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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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Dear Bay Area Dames,

Cheers and a very happy New Year to all of you! 2023 literally washed over us. I hope that you, your friends, families, and businesses are all safe and well. We are here for our fellow Dames and the community, so please reach out if we can help in any way.

Our first board meeting for 2023 is on January 18th, and will focus on our long- and short-term goals and intentions for our Chapter. Our diverse membership—in the hospitality industry and at large—is what keeps us vibrant and moving forward. Please reach out with any thoughts or ideas; we need your input!

Our chapter is ready for growth and serving on the board, joining or chairing a committee is vital. If you are interested in making a greater impact this year for our Chapter, please reach out to me directly.

Thank you all for your contributions to LDEI-SF in 2022. For 2023 let's reset, renew, and start the year with intentions to continue mentorships, fundraising, supporting our Members and the community at large.

With gratitude,

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF

Events

Don't forget to register for the **New Member Reception!** Invitations went out recently, but this is a reminder to register.

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 will happily accept donations. Space is limited, so register now. 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 a paywall)

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

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

Fundraising

Great news! In response to our fundraising letter last month, we have received a \$5,000 donation. As promised, Dame Pam Mazzola from Prospect Restaurant will open her beautiful home in Oakland and cook a special meal for our donor and nine guests, with assistance from Dame Denise St. Onge from Sorella Restaurant. Dinner will include a cocktail from Dame Mary Gassen of Noe Valley Bakery, wines from Dame Stevie Stacionis of Bay Grape, and desserts by Dame Emily Luchetti's Sweet Queen. It will be a magical evening filled with amazing food and wine and hospitality, plus a few added surprises. The donation will be split with \$3,000 for our Scholarships and \$2,000 for the Fellowship fund.

Many thanks to our Members who shared the letter and continue to solicit donations to support our Chapter's work!

Member News

We have a **due date of January 10th** for any updates on Membership Milestones and Chapter Programs for the LDEI Quarterly, so please contact Dame Jodie Chase at jodie@chase-ink.com with any news to share, she will submit to National if you make the deadline!



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!