

The Communiqué



Les Dames d'Escoffier®

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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Hello SF Chapter members,

We had a wonderful DEI event on Monday October 10th at Dame Sue Conley's fantastic Silver Penny Farm in Petaluma, organized by Dames Sandra O'Day and Maryam Ahmed. It was an enriching morning with a mini workshop and panel discussion, followed by a tour of the property and a delicious lunch. If you missed the gathering, Dame Maryam Ahmed will be presenting her workshop focused on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the workplace, called "Do the Work" on October 24th and more details are below.

We've got a bountiful series of offerings for the fall, so I hope we see you at the New Member Brunch or our scholarship fundraiser in November. Please remember too, that any news you have for the Quarterly needs to be submitted to Dame Jodie Chase, as we remind you bi-weekly. Let's share our good news with our fellow Dames around the globe.

We have several events as we turn towards autumn, all highlighted here so be sure to try to attend if you can.

Cheers,

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF



Events

November 6th Sunday - Our New Member Brunch will be held at the lovely Tiburon home of Dame Lisa Weiss from 11-1:30 PM. for more detail please log in to the events page of our website <https://lesdamessf.org/> Tickets are free, and cash donations to our scholarship and fellowship funds are most welcomed at the event.

November 11th - 11 AM till 4 PM - The Sonoma chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier has planned a Northern Californian chapter outing at Dame Georgeanne Brennan's tasting room, [L'Apero](#) in Winters for aperitifs and appetizers. This will also include a stop at Berryessa Gap Vineyards Winery for a tour of the winery and a welcome glass of wine with winemaker Dame Nicole Salengo. Out to the

patio to join Dame Corinne Martinez as she cooks her family's paella recipe, and then a lunch of platters of Spanish style salad, paella (with seafood, pork and chicken, homemade chorizo) and a frozen, seasonal dessert. All accompanied by Berryessa Gap wine. Cost: \$120. per person, tax and gratuity included. Register [here](#), space is limited.

November 14th Monday 6-8 PM Nightbird, San Francisco - Join us for a reception at Dame Kim Alter's restaurant, Nightbird, to celebrate and meet the five recipients of LDEI-SF's 2022 Etoile d'Escoffier Culinary Scholarships: Savannah Bundy, Jasmine Dillard, Kannanuth Lert-ariyaphokhin, Silvana Marincola, and Diana Zaldivar.

L'Etoile Scholarships support outstanding female and non-binary students and graduates to achieve their professional aspirations and become the next leaders of our industry, a key mission of our chapter. Proceeds from the event go to our chapter scholarship fund, so invite a friend or two! Register [here](#).

Membership

Repeating this great opportunity here.

Attention chefs! The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) has joined up with Hormel Foods for a professional development program called CEIP (Culinary Enrichment and Innovation Program). It offers advanced culinary leadership training specifically designed for skilled commercial and non-commercial chefs.

This year-long program consists of three 3-day sessions at the CIA and only 18 applicants are accepted each year. Recruitment runs until November 18, 2022.

More information on applying is [here](#).

Fellowship

We announced our 2022 Karola Saekel Craib Excellence in Journalism fellowship in our last communique.

ICYMI [here](#) is the press release. Please visit the Fellowship website page for background, criteria, and previous recipients since 2010! <https://lesdamessf.org/Fellowship>

Member News

Starting October 24th, Dame Maryam Ahmed is offering a series of three 90-minute workshops over three months focusing on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, targeted towards leaders who want to further commit to DEI initiatives by doing the necessary work. The workshops include Power and Privilege (October 25th), Becoming an Accomplice (November 7th), and The Anti-Racism Journey (December 5th), where participants will learn, unlearn and make commitments that can lead to meaningful change. These interactive workshops from 10:30 -12 PM will be held via Zoom, and will use breakout groups to enhance discussion and build community. Suggested for leaders working on DEI initiatives, organizations, and committees. \$150 for three events, more details [here](#).

On October 25th, Dame Linda Carucci will be offering a free cooking demo in concert with Sutter Health in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Linda is a two-time breast cancer survivor and has developed healthy recipes to support patients on their journeys. This 90-minute zoom class will be from 4-5:30 PM on October 25th. More details [here](#).

From new Dame Jammir Gray, "I'm one of the 4 chefs featured for The Charter Oaks next Potluck dinner series on November 13th. Alongside Chefs Mourad Lahlou, Elliot Bell and Rachel Williams we'll be raising money for the Cameron Thompson Scholarship foundation." <https://www.thecharteroak.com/event/potluck-dinner-series/>

Please try to support this great effort and cause.

We have a **due date of November 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!

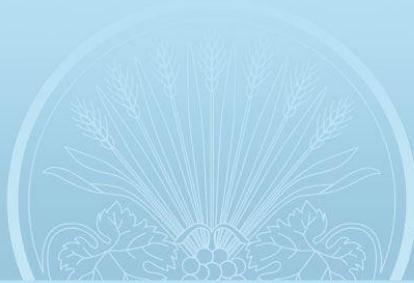
Opportunities

This recent job opportunity was shared with our chapter. My name is Steve Sandblom, and I am the Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for a luxury Senior Living organization with 10 communities around the country. We currently are searching for an Executive Chef for our Palo Alto community. This is a highly desirable position with excellent work / life balance and very competitive pay and benefits. Please contact Steve at:

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LDEI-SF Social Media

Please be sure to join our [Facebook Group](#) if you haven't as yet. Members can post relevant news or events that educate, serve or inform our membership. Also, please follow us on Instagram at [LesDamesSF](#). We will be profiling members going forward, so look out for a mini Q & A coming your way soon!



We welcome you to submit any items for this weekly communiqué to our administrator, Jennifer Cass, at lesdamessf@gmail.com, copying Communications Chair Kimberly Noelle Charles at kcharles@charlescomm.com by 12 pm on Wednesdays for weekly 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!



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