

The Communiqué



Les Dames d'Escoffier®
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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dear SF Chapter members,

There was a lot to take away from the LDEI conference in New York . *New York, New York what a wonderful town*, the song reference used by keynote speaker Dame Jessica B. Harris as she spoke about respect, origins, community, and food. It was a highlight of the conference for me. It was great to see dames from all three Northern California chapters in attendance and even better to spend time with them.



Photo left to right

Lisa Stavropoulos, Sonoma; Eileen Spitalny, SF; Doralice Handel, Sonoma; Tanya Holland, SF; Pamela Mazzola, SF; Erika French-Arnold, SF, Liza Hinman, Sonoma; Nicole Quandt, Sonoma

The New York Chapter pulled out all the stops from food tours, speakers, to a gorgeous celebration at Pier 63 and more. We also celebrated the [Grande Dame](#) lifetime achievement award given to co-winners Dames Bev Shaffer and Paula Lambert. Thank you NYC being such gracious hosts and for bringing us together. There is nothing like a Dame!

I was inspired by other chapters and their commitments to raising funds for local organizations be it scholarships, local food banks or our international woman of purpose award.

The resounding message at the conference was inspiring, we posed, ***What does it take to achieve change, support fellowship, community, and our chapters?*** The answer is commitment and participation. LDEI has a mission, and it means much more than paying our dues every year.

There are many ways to engage: volunteer, host an event, attend an event, reach out to a contact who might be interested in becoming sponsor, attend a conference, ***take advantage of the Table Talks in 2023 which are all online.***

I am hoping to see many of you at the [Scholarship Event](#) at Nightbird on November 14th. This event is open to non-members as well, so encourage friends to support. If you can't attend, invite someone who can, or simply donate to the scholarship or fellowship fund.

For next year's conference in Lexington, Kentucky, I would like to set a goal to sponsor one of our chapter members. Please contact me at presldeisf1@gmail.com with fundraising ideas or just to connect.

Our new member brunch had to be rescheduled from November 6th to the New Year. We'll keep you closely posted on the new date.

I look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Cheers,

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF

Events

November 6th Sunday - Our New Member brunch has been postponed. We are moving it to early 2023, as soon as we have a date, we'll let you know. Please cancel November 6th on your calendars. We look forward to welcoming these dynamic women in the new year.

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 Please note our last communique incorrectly listed the timing of the event. It is 5-7:30 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](#).

NEWS FLASH! - Our 2022 scholarship recipients are seeking internships aka "stages"

Shared by our Scholarship Chair Chantal Martin...

Regarding the stages our intent is to directly and concretely promote the LDEI mission statement of "supporting and nurturing the next generation of women industry leaders." None of us could have ever approximated the levels of success we have achieved without mentors. Our hope/goal is to help these winners embark on their individual paths to success and (fingers crossed) eventual membership in Les Dames.

As for the stages themselves, we have purposefully left them open to maximize matches. One could be 2 weeks of 5 consecutive days per week, while another

could be once every two weeks over the course of 5 months. We feel it is better to leave it to the participants to decide what best fits their needs and availability. **Please contact Scholarship Committee Chair Chantal Martin cmartin@peralta.edu about opportunities in your business.**

Membership

Newly minted Dame Jammir Gray has kindly agreed to help spotlight our members on Instagram on behalf of the Communications Committee. Please look for outreach from her so we can get to know our membership better. This has been a longtime goal of the committee and her kind offer to focus on this is a great example of committing to the chapter and our goals.

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](#).

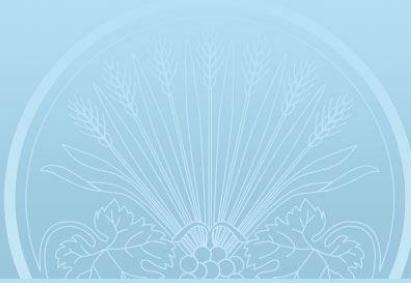
From new Dame Jammir Gray, "I'm one of the 4 chefs featured for The Charter Oaks next Potluck dinner series on November 13th. Alongside Chefs Mourad Lahlou, Elliot Bell and Rachel Williams we'll be raising money for the Cameron Thompson Scholarship foundation." <https://www.thecharteroak.com/event/potluck-dinner-series/>

Please try to support this great effort and cause.

Last call for member news! Some of the membership have told us they thought the Quarterly reached out to us for news. Not the case. We must submit our own news and we have made it easy for you by having a member of the Communications committee, Jodie Chase, compile and submit our great member news. The **due date is 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.

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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