

# The Communiqué



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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dear Dames,

I hope you had a good Veterans Day weekend.

We were sorry to have to postpone our new member brunch but plans for a reschedule will be shared soon. I hope to see many of you at our scholarship fundraiser at Nightbird on Monday, November 14th. You'll be able to meet the [scholarship recipients](#) representing the core of our mission to cultivate the next generation of women industry leaders.

As always, if you have great news to share, please let our editor, Dame Kimberly Noelle Charles know, and we'll endeavor to include it here. She can be reached at [kcharles@charlescomm.com](mailto:kcharles@charlescomm.com).

Have a great idea for an event? Did you know you can fill out an event suggestion form on our site? Send along a description and details and our events committee, co-chaired by Dames Nancy Light and Kara Nielsen will evaluate it. You must be logged into the member portion of the site to see the [link](#), under Events.

Best,

Pam Mazzola  
Chapter President LDEI-SF

# Events

**November 14th Monday 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](#).

**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](mailto:cmartin@peralta.edu) about opportunities in your business.**

**December 8th evening**

The Sonoma Chapter has been hosting a monthly event, called Julia's Table at different Bay Area restaurants/bars. The next one is December 8th at Miracle Plum in Santa Rosa

Membership, more details are forthcoming, generally speaking these are early evening. For more information, contact Sonoma Chapter President, Doralice Handal at [sharpandnutty@gmail.com](mailto:sharpandnutty@gmail.com)

# Membership

Keep an eye for an email from Dame Jammir Gray who will be profiling our members for Instagram throughout the coming year.

# Member News

Hearty Congratulations to Dame Tonya Pitts for winning "Sommelier of the Year" from the 2022 Wine Enthusiast Wine Star Awards. A tremendous honor! <https://www.winemag.com/2022/10/04/tonya-pitts-wine-star-2022-sommelier-of-the-year/>

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Dame Tanya Holland will be signing books at Market Hall Foods (Dame Sara Wilson) on Saturday, December 3rd 12:30 - 2 PM

## **Tanya Holland Book Signing: *California Soul***

Market Hall Foods is pleased to host a signing of ***Tanya Holland's California Soul: Recipes from a Culinary Journey West*** with the acclaimed Oakland based chef. In honor of Tanya's appearance, the Market Hall Foods culinary team will be making a recipe from ***California Soul*** for you to enjoy at home: Braised Chicken Thighs with BBQ White Beans and Scallions.

When: Dec 3, 2022, 12:30pm-2pm

Where: Rockridge Market Hall, 5655 College Avenue, Oakland

<https://rockridgemarkethall.com/events/tanya-holland-book-signing-california-soul>

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Dame Erika French Arnold shares a recap of the National Conference in New York from her perspective as a newly minted dame. We hope you consider attending the next one!

The 2022 Les Dames d'Escoffier conference in New York City was a great opportunity to meet fascinating and dynamic women from around the country (and a few international locations). I most enjoyed the two keynote sessions. The first featured Dame Jessica Harris who spoke about her enjoying all the wonderful cuisines of New York with her mother. The second included food historian Jeffrey Yoskowitz and Niki Federman Russ, the fourth-generation owner of Russ and daughters who spoke about the influence of immigration on the cuisine of New York and the legacy of Joel Russ, a Polish Jewish immigrant who made his daughters partners in his store. Other sessions addressed urban and regenerative agriculture, food policy, marketing and branding, and entrepreneurship.

On Friday evening, we were shuttled to Pier 60 for a "speakeasy" experience including cocktails, appetizers, and a delicious dinner with wine pairings. NYC Dame [Pamela Morgan](#) entertained us with cabaret music and a jazz band accompanied her. On our final night, we celebrated our new Grand Dames, ate and drank more fabulous food and wine. The next conference is in Louisville, Kentucky. Get your bourbon glasses ready!

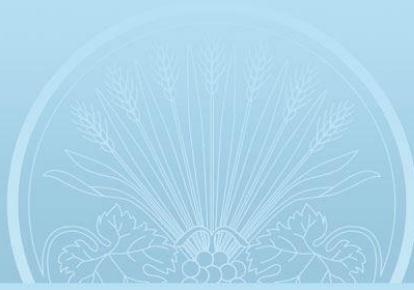
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Please note, for the LDEI Quarterly submissions for Member Milestones and Chapter news, we need a few things from you to make these strong submissions from the chapter and to ease the workload on our committee's volunteer time. For any photo submissions, please follow the guidelines which are as follows... photos need to be jpeg or tiff, minimum 250kb, maximum 1GB and please be sure to include photo credit for artistic and legal reasons!

### **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](mailto:lesdamessf@gmail.com), copying Communications Chair Kimberly Noelle Charles at [kcharles@charlescomm.com](mailto: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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