

The Communiqué



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Dear Dames,

As 2022 comes to an end, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our members for the time, energy, participation, and commitment that you brought to the Chapter this year. I am humbled and honored to be leading LDEI's San Francisco Chapter amid so many accomplished women. Our Chapter roared into in-person events this year with a successful Fellowship fundraiser at Foreign Cinema; a new member induction at McEvoy Ranch where we introduced ten new members; a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Event at Dame Sue Conley's Silver Penny Ranch spearheaded by Dame Maryam Ahmed; and a Scholarship fundraiser at Dame Kim Alter's Nightbird. We also had several key online events this year, including wellness workshops and a compelling Table Talk on Upcycling with the founders of Renewal Mills and Dame Alice Medrich as moderator. The committee chairs, board, and members all worked in concert to make these events happen. Thank you.

We awarded scholarships to five talented up-and-coming Bay Area women from culinary arts programs and a fellowship to a talented food writer, Anne Marshall-Chalmers. The fellowship award was \$2,500 and the five scholarships were \$1,500 each! Next year's Fellowship recipient will be awarded \$3,500 and we would like to continue awarding several annual scholarships. To do this, I am

asking you to consider an additional donation to our Chapter so we can continue to advance our philanthropic missions. It's also a great time to make a charitable contribution before the 2022 tax year ends.

I want to acknowledge how challenging the last few years have been for the hospitality industry. I hope all of you can take some time for yourselves as this year ends to celebrate YOU and those you hold near and dear! It is always a time of reflection for me as I look in anticipation towards the New Year. I am proud to say LDEI-SF accomplished a lot this year.

May you all enjoy your friends and family, and celebrate joyfully in whatever way you do. Our Chapter has some great plans for 2023; I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Best,

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF

Events

Opening: Dawn Agnew's Eco Terreno Urban Tasting Room and Lyon & Swan Supper Club

Located at the crossroads of Jackson Square, North Beach, and Chinatown, 140 Columbus has a rich history. In 1918 it was Jelly Roll Morton's Jupiter Club, a 'black and tan' club where interracial couples could mingle safely in a time that it was illegal. In 1940 it was home to Mona's, the first lesbian bar on the west coast, and in the beatnik era it was the famed Purple Onion, launching acts such as Kingston Trio, Smothers Brothers, Phyllis Diller, and many more.

On the ground level and second floor is Eco Terreno's Wines & Vineyard Urban Tasting Room offering engaging wine tasting experiences, all of which have a food component produced by our Executive Chef, Joe Ball (formerly of La Folie). The second floor kitchen is available to host chef demos, wine or food classes, or private luncheons or dinners for up to 20 guests.

Located under Columbus Avenue, Lyon & Swan hearkens back to a time when food and entertainment were synonymous with celebration. The menu consists of French inspired shared plates, which may be paired with a bottle of wine or a selection of house and classic cocktails. The entertainment is a nod to the past, featuring eclectic music, cabaret, drag, and comedy. [Taking reservations](#) now.

December 11th - 1-4 PM Book Party at Bombera, Chefs of Oakland Event.

Dames Tanya Holland and Dominica Rice are among the five chefs being featured at this event at Bombera Oakland (Dominica's restaurant at 3459 Champion Street) on December 11th. The event promises food, drink, cookbooks, conversation, and celebration. Other participating chefs include James Syhabou of Commis, Preeti Mistry of Juhu Beach Club, and Bryant Terry, Chef in Residence at the Museum of the African Diaspora in San Francisco. \$25 per ticket; includes tacos and a margarita. Cookbooks will be for sale. Buy tickets [here](#).

December 17th 12-4 PM at Omnivore Books in San Francisco 3885 Cesar Chavez Street

Second Annual Jam Pop-Up
Saturday Dec 17th
12-4!!



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Dame Emily Luchetti will have a pop-up selling her delicious jams at Dame Celia Sack's Omnivore Books. Great gift giving and holiday shopping opportunity for both businesses. Perfect for stocking stuffers and hostess gifts. Flavors include: Raspberry, Blueberry, Apricot, Strawberry, Plum, Blackberry.

Membership

Our Chapter's new administrator, AnneMarie Austin, is a Bay Area native who "really likes food." AnneMarie has several years' experience as an administrator to companies large and small, and her excellent organizational skills are the driving force behind her own business, Something Blue Productions (www.sbpweddings.com), which offers planning and management services for weddings and other events. AnneMarie splits her time between Castro Valley and Seattle, and when she's not at her computer (which is rare) she can be found either reading, relaxing on the beach, or cuddling with her cute Corgi-Chihuahua dog Gordo.

Welcome to LDEI-SF AnneMarie!



Fundraising

Check your mailboxes! Pam Mazzola and Mary Gassen have sent out a letter soliciting funds for our chapter to continue building its philanthropic work. Donate what you can and share it with others!

Special Fundraising dinner! As a special offer this year, Dame Pam Mazzola from Prospect Restaurant is offering an amazing one-time opportunity to the donor that pledges \$5,000. Pam will open her beautiful home in Oakland and cook a special meal alongside Dame Denise St. Onge from Sorella Restaurant for up to ten people. 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; but more importantly, the donor will be funding the 2023 Fellowship and Scholarship! It will be a special evening with a few added surprises.

Contact lesdamessf@gmail.com to arrange for this special dinner!

Help find others to donate! We will send you an electronic version of this letter so you can solicit donations from your employer, friends, family, or other people you know that want to support women in hospitality! Let's grow our Chapter's good work!

Member News

CEO of Domaine Carneros and newly inducted Dame, Remi Cohen, was recently on KRON 4's *Live In the Bay* sharing holiday gifting ideas. View her segment here: <https://www.kron4.com/live-in-the-bay/domaine-carneros-wines-for-the-holidays/>



Dame Tanya Holland's California Soul book was profiled on KQED Forum on November 30th, take a [listen here](#), if you missed it.



Want to travel to Greece? The Sonoma and South Florida chapters are organizing a trip May 13-23, 2023. Details shared by Sonoma chapter president Dame Doralice Handal include:

We are thrilled to announce our first dual chapter fundraiser. This coming May Dame Lisa Stavropoulos, along with South Florida Dame Irene Moore, will be leading a small group on a specially curated, once-in-a-lifetime tour of the top food and wine regions of Greece. Not only will guests be treated to amazing food and wine experiences alongside Greece's unparalleled hospitality, but also gain a

broader understanding of the history and role that Greek food and wine play in Greek culture. [More details here.](#)

January 10th is the next deadline if you have updates on Membership Milestones and Chapter Programs for the LDEI Quarterly. 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! 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!

We are pleased to announce that Dames Jammir Gray jammir@complinewine.com and Danielle Fiala daniellesfiala@gmail.com have joined the Communications Committee and have started outreach for the Instagram profiles of our membership. Please be sure to get involved and help us introduce you to the chapter and our followers by filling out the questionnaire they send to you, to help us get to know you better. They can be reached at their emails above

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 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!



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