

The Communiqué



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Dear Bay Area Dames,

I often look at our website to keep up to date. I invite you to do the same! AnneMarie Austin does a fantastic job keeping the site current and user friendly, we are all grateful! But..the one thing she can't do is update your member profiles in our directory. Here is the link <https://lesdamessf.org>, you may have to change your password to update but we would all like to know the latest on your professional front. This is also helpful for networking with fellow dames so please keep it fresh!

Thank you to Dame Alison Jordan for hosting our member meet up at her restaurant Monk's Kettle on Sunday June 4th. I had the lamb burger which was recently featured on an episode of Check Please! Bay Area, no surprise it was delicious! But if that's not enough to get you there, the beer selection is one of the best I've seen, and the soft serve is hard to resist.

If you aren't familiar with Last House, it is where noted writer and author and Grande Dame M.F.K Fisher resided from 1971 until her death in 1992. The house is located on The Bouverie Preserve in Glen Ellen. Dame Jerry de Vecchio was a frequent visitor at the house and a dear friend of MFK's. Jerry has many stories to

tell. We hope to have an event there in 2024. In the meantime, a shelf in her library has been dedicated to books that have been authored by Dames. I know there are many in our chapter who would love to contribute a book to that shelf. Please send a copy to Susie Allen (program coordinator, and an amazing woman) at 84 Woodworth Lane, Sonoma, CA 95476.

Congratulations to Dame Andrea Nguyen on the release of her new cookbook Ever-Green Vietnamese. As I continue to incorporate a more plant-based diet into my life, I am looking forward to cooking delicious recipes she has created.

Best as always,

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF

Events

Thursday July 20: A special Tequila Tasting at Joanne Weir's San Francisco home 6-9 PM - Only 4 spaces left

This intimate event at the stunning Pacific Heights home of noted TV personality and author Joanne Weir, is only open to 12 guests. Taste and contrast a blanco, reposado, and añejo tequila from a top-shelf producer along with an award-winning margarita; a copy of Joanne's book *Tequila: A Guide to Types, Flights, Cocktails, and Bites*; and complementary tacos, salsa, and Oaxacan chocolate milkshakes from Copita, her tequileria. This event will be a fundraiser to support our chapter's philanthropic work. Registration is [here](#).



Photo courtesy: Copita Restaurant

Save the Date: Sunday, August 27th afternoon; 2-4 pm

Enjoy Gin & Tonics and learn the art of craft Gin with Sonoma Dame Tara Jasper, Owner and Distiller of SipSong Spirits at the Santa Rosa Airport Hangar (Charles Schultz Airport) Limited to 20; includes G&T sampling and Dames-supplied nibbles. Registration coming soon. To learn more about this female owned and operated spirit production company based in Sonoma County, visit [here](#)



Photo courtesy: Sipsong

Monday September 18th: Foreign Cinema will once again host our Induction Dinner announces President Pam Mazzola. Mark your calendars for our biggest event all year.



Photo credit: Foreign Cinema

Member Meetups

We encourage you to take advantage of these fun opportunities to informally interact with fellow Dames in a casual setting, and perhaps even to court prospective members.

Monk's Kettle Marin Meetup June 4th - Summary submitted by Dame Nancy Light

SF Dames gathered for a delicious lunch and camaraderie on Sunday, June 4th at Monk's Kettle Terra Linda, co-owned by Dame Allison Jordan. Recently featured on [Check Please! Bay Area](#), the bright and airy neighborhood gathering spot offered enticing brunch and lunch choices along with a large selection of craft

beers, wine and the daily drink special - a watermelon agua fresca mimosa, which several enjoyed. Pre-lunch visits to the busy Sunday Farmers' Market at Marin Civic Center yielded some great cheese finds. We're putting Member Meetups on hold for the summer and will resume in the fall. If you have ideas for interesting gathering spots or would like our group to visit your business, please contact Events Committee Co-Chairs Nancy Light nancyalight@gmail.com or Sandra O'Day saundrao@noevalleybakery.com



Scholarship

The application deadline is extended to June 16th for the Etoile d'Escoffier scholarship. Two people will be awarded \$2500. If you know of an eligible candidate, please encourage them to apply [here](#). There are for candidates who

are planning to attend, or are enrolled in, an educational program targeted to a degree or certificate from a college, culinary school or vocational program at the post-secondary level. The area of study must relate to and support the recipients' culinary career goals. Must be a high school or GED graduate.

Business Grant

The board of LDEI-SF has worked over the last several years to add a Business Grant to our philanthropic work. Now it's not only possible, but it's happening! Mary Gassen and Emily Luchetti will be co-chairs on the committee, and Sue Conley has signed on as a member. This is already a dynamic group, but we are looking for several more Dames to serve. Share your passion to promote women-owned businesses, and be part of the process! If you are interested in joining this new committee, please email Emily Luchetti at emily@emilyluchetti.com.

Membership

Membership chair Dame Frankie Whitman reports we had 22 nominations for new members this year! Way to go SF Chapter! The committee's goal is to review nominations and forward recommendations to the Board by June 30. By the end of July the Board will have reviewed and approved recommendations. We hope to make formal announcements by mid August. If you nominated someone, please share this timeline with them.

Member News

LDEI Quarterly

The next deadline for the summer Quarterly is August 1st. If you're not familiar with how to access our National Quarterly, it is on the ldei.org website and

available archivally in addition to print. The current issue is [here](#). It features Dames Jeanette Ferrary and Andrea Nguyen. Be sure to share your key milestones so you don't miss out.

For any updates on Membership Milestones and Chapter Programs for the LDEI Quarterly, so please contact Dame Jodie Chase at jodie@chase-ink.com. She will submit it 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 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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