

# *The Communiqué*



Les Dames d'Escoffier®

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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dear Bay Area Dames,

We have an exciting weekend ahead with our big event, the induction of new members on Sunday the 18th at the McEvoy Ranch. This is always a warm and welcoming event, meeting old and new friends, it is a time to appreciate all the talents of our membership, and to make great connections.

Our board slate for 2023 is below, and by signing in at our induction, you are ratifying the board. If you have any questions on the slate, reach me at [pammazzola@gmail.com](mailto:pammazzola@gmail.com)

2023 slate

Pam Mazzola, President

Mary Gassen, 2nd Vice President

Kara Nielsen, 3rd Vice President

Nancy Ash, Treasurer

Lisa Weiss, Secretary

We have a full slate of activities for the fall and early winter included in this communicate, and if you have any news to share, contact information is at the bottom of this email.

Cheers!

Pam Mazzola  
Chapter President LDEI-SF

## Events

**October 10th Monday** Indigenous People's Day - 9:30 AM - 2 PM including lunch

Dame Sandra O'Day has organized a panel and luncheon event at Dame Sue Conley's [Silver Penny Farm](#) in Petaluma, to support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the food and wine industry with a day of fellowship, strategy and delicious food. Register [here](#).

**October 20-23** Annual Conference New York City

We recently chatted with Dame Marsha Palanci who is the co-chair of the annual conference in New York City and it sounds like an absolutely superb conference with a great array of excursions. There is still time to buy a ticket, the conference is in Manhattan October 20-23rd. Register [here](#).

**November 6th Sunday** - Our New Member Brunch will be held at the lovely Tiburon home of Dame Lisa Weiss. Mark your calendars, more details to follow.

**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. Further details will be shared in the next communique.

**November 14th Monday** - A scholarship fundraiser will be hosted at Dame Kim Alter's Nightbird on November 14 from 6-8 PM, details to follow.

## Membership

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](#).

We have many committees including Events, Communications, Scholarship, Fellowship, so please let our President Pam Mazzola know if you have interest in learning more about our important committee work, or if you'd like to join and/or volunteer at future events.

## Member News

Dames Tanya Holland and Maryam Ahmed were both nominated by the [Wine Enthusiast](#) Wine Star Awards for Sommelier/Wine Director and Social Visionary of the Year, respectively. The winners will be announced at their annual black-tie gala in January of 2023, please raise a glass to these two stellar talents. To boot, Dame Maryam Ahmed [graced the cover](#) of Wine Enthusiast's Future 40 issue in

September, with her company being honored for its DEI efforts in the food & beverage industry.

Dame Tanya Holland is releasing her new book California Soul, which was covered in depth by [Eater](#) recently. It is her third book, and this one she states, is deeply personal and speaks to the intersection of her African American heritage and California experience. A talk and book signing will be held at Dame Gayle Pirie's Foreign Cinema this fall, details to follow.

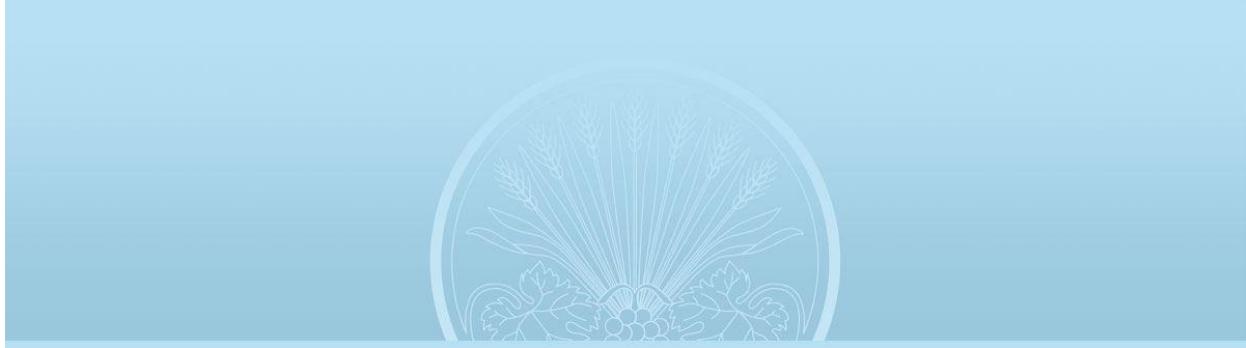
Master olive oil taster Dame Nancy Ash is leading a wide-ranging discussion and tasting of olive oil in Los Angeles on September 24th at Monsieur Marcel Gourmet from 2-3:30 PM. Details [here](#).

With deep sadness, we announce that former chapter president Dame Helen Roberts has lost her son, her only child. A memorial service is being held Saturday September 24th at 11 AM in Oakland at Love Temple Church, 8401 Birch Street.

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](mailto:jodie@chase-ink.com) with any news to share, she will submit to national if you make the deadline!

### 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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