

The Communiqué



Les Dames d'Escoffier®

INTERNATIONAL

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dear Bay Area Dames,

We had a wonderful induction ceremony and turn out on September 18th at the McEvoy Ranch!

The day affirmed our mission and purpose as Dames d'Escoffier, and we are thrilled with the established and new energy of our chapter. We have great news to announce, our new Karola Saekel Craib fellow has been selected, and we're giving you a sneak preview via this communique.

We have several events as we turn towards autumn, all highlighted here so be sure to try to attend if you can.

Our 2022-2023 slate for the board is as follows:

President -Pam Mazzola; **1st Vice President** -Frankie Whitman; **2nd Vice President** -Emily Luchetti; **Vice President of Member Engagement** -Kara Nielsen; **Vice President of and Fund Raising and Philanthropy** - Open; **Treasurer**- Nancy Ash; **Secretary** -Lisa Weiss; **Immediate Past President** -Mary Gassen

Please join me in congratulating this hard-working group!

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF



2022 New Member roster

Events

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

More details are now up on our registration page for this event spotlighting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in our industry. Dame Sandra O'Day has organized a panel and luncheon event at Dame Sue Conley's [Silver Penny Farm](#) in Petaluma. Join us for a day of fellowship, strategy and delicious food. Register [here](#).



October 20-23 Annual Conference New York City

Our national conference is in Manhattan October 20-23rd. It is an eye-opening experience to see the breadth and depth of the work and talents of Dames around the country. New York in autumn? Yes please. Register [here](#).

November 6th Sunday - Our New Member Brunch will be held at the lovely Tiburon home of Dame Lisa Weiss from 11-1:30 PM. Mark your calendars, and a more detailed invitation will follow in a few weeks.

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

Membership

Repeating this great opportunity here.

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](#).

Fellowship

We are pleased to announce our 2022 Karola Saekel Craib fellowship recipient Anne Marshall Carpenter who is a freelance writer and senior reporter with Civil Eats. A California native, she spent several years working as a reporter, writer, and audio producer in Tennessee and Kentucky before returning to the Bay Area. Her work has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Gastro Obscura*, *USA Today*, *Bay Nature*, *Earth Island Journal*, NPR, *Cal Matters*, *Inside Climate News*, and *Louisville Magazine*. She reports on climate change, agriculture, school food, public health, and the spaces where these topics intersect.

<https://anne-marshall-voaj.squarespace.com>



When Anne heard the news of the recognition and the \$2500 award, she wrote, “What amazing honor to be recognized by such an immensely talented group of women journalists. Writing and reporting about food, agriculture and food systems is really fulfilling (and fun!) but also challenging. This is such a boost of encouragement to forge ahead!”

We will meet Anne at the Fellowship fundraiser and panel discussion later in 2023. [A press release can be found here](#) and news goes out broadly early next week.

Seven reviewers including Dames Janet Fletcher, Rachel Levin, and Margo True evaluated the five qualifying nominees.

The board has approved an increase in the Fellowship award to \$3,500 beginning in 2023.

The criteria for nomination have been updated to include:

This fellowship is given annually to a promising Bay Area woman and/or nonbinary food /wine journalist.

Please visit the Fellowship website page for background, criteria, and previous recipients since 2010! <https://lesdamessf.org/Fellowship>

Member News

From Dame Cathy Jorin...I would like to announce that under my direction, with my all-women administrative team in the CIA's School of Graduate and Professional Studies, we have just launched our new Master of Professional Studies in Sustainable Food Systems degree, with an inaugural cohort of 17 students. This is the third professional master's degree we have launched for future leaders in the food and beverage industry since 2018. In September, we admitted our fifth cohort in the Food Business master's program, and our second cohort in our Wine & Beverage master's program. All programs are two years long, primarily online, with two – three short residencies, and are designed for students to complete while continuing their busy professional and personal lives. More information can be found [here](#). Brava to her team!

Dame Kathleen Hill is being honored for her contributions to the Sonoma culinary community with an event at the Sonoma Community Center on Sunday October 16 from 2-5 PM. More details [here](#).

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 with any news to share, she will submit to national if you make the deadline!

Corrections

We mistakenly named Tanya Holland vs. Tonya Pitts as the nominee for the 2023 Wine Star Awards by the [Wine Enthusiast](#) magazine. Tonya was nominated in the leading Sommelier/Wine Director category. Congratulations Tonya! The winners will be announced at the magazine's annual black-tie gala in January 2023.

We had listed the memorial service for Dame Helen Roberts' son correctly in earlier versions of the communique, but our last version listed September 24th vs. 17th. Our apologies!

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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