

JULY 9, 2013



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sister Dames,

I am honored to serve as the new President of our chapter. I know that I follow in the well-placed footsteps of the presidents who have preceded me. I am grateful for their hard work, which has strengthened the foundations of our organization, and for their future guidance. Equally exciting is the prospect of working with the extraordinary group of women you have elected to the board.

My goal as president is to carry us forward through our fundraising efforts, programs, and community outreach. Importantly, we have added a new fundraising working group led by Theresa Morrison with co-chairs Michelle Poteaux and Janet Yu. If you can help them procure symposium and event sponsors and organize fundraising programs please contact Theresa: wine@34south.com.

I'd like to invite you, once again, to use Dames. Get engaged by attending our fabulous programs, volunteering with Dames in your community, or participating on a committee where

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Having Trouble Logging into www.lesdamesdc.org?

To log into the "Members Only" section of our website to make reservations and find chapter documents, remember to click on "Members Login." Then sign in to your account. You must use the email address recorded in your account plus the secret password you created. It is not possible for our Chapter Web Administrator to retrieve a Dame's password --only you know the password you created for your account.

THE SOLUTION: If you don't remember your login email address or password, send an email to DC Chapter Web Administrator CiCi Williamson, ciciwmson@aol.com, and she will let you know what email address is listed for your account. She will assign a new password in the database, and then you can use the new password to get into your account. After you get into the members-only area of the website, please update your account information and you can change your password to whatever you like (which will again be secret and not retrievable). In order to save time for everyone, each Dame needs to record somewhere

you can apply your skills or acquire new ones.

LDEI DC is no more than the sum of its parts. And the parts are us, all of us. Every one of the individual, unique women who comprise our membership make up our whole. And as a whole we have the possibility to make a difference in our communities.

I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Warm regards and thank you,
Drew Faulkner
President

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

If you missed the June 15 renewal deadline, you will need to pay your annual Les Dames dues by July 31 to retain your membership in LDEI and LDE-DC. You may do this by logging in to the Member Section on lesdamesdc.org or by calling Ann Stratte (410-903-2682) with credit card information or sending a check for \$200.00 (includes \$25 post June 15 late fee) to Ann Stratte, 100 Severn Ave 506, Annapolis MD 21403.

If your dues are not received by July 31, you will lose your membership, be removed from both rosters, and will need to reapply for membership in the future. PLEASE DO NOT LET THAT HAPPEN. You are a valued member of our chapter and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

her login email address and password for www.lesdamesdc.org.

It is important to update your contact information on both Les Dames DC website and Les Dames d'Escoffier International site www.ldei.org.

If you need with assistance with your LDEI account please contact Executive Director Greg Jewell at ldei@aecmanagement.com or call (502) 456-1851.

Without up-to-date contact info our communications will not reach you!

Social Media Connections

Connect with Sister Dames

Like us on Facebook 

Follow us on 

We need **ALL** members who have FB and Twitter accounts to follow and actively re-tweet our members' tweets to spread the great news about our activities and programs!

Connect with Les Dames d'Escoffier International

Please share news, events and updates. Join the LDEI members-only LinkedIn Group to stay connected with other Dames.



**Join a Committee....
Get Involved!**

HURRAH!

Bev Bates for winning the RAMMY's Pastry Chef of the Year award presented Sunday evening, June 23 at The Wardman Park Marriott.

Robert and **Polly Wiedmaier** for winning the RAMMY's Wine Program of the year award.

*Please send in your professional hurrahs and news for inclusion in ENTRE NEWS to editor **Katherine Newell Smith** kns4pr@erols.com*

CALL FOR COMMITTEES

Programs

DAMES ONLY SUMMER POTLUCK

DATE: Monday, July 15

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of **Simone Rathle Guas**, 6011 Chesterbrook, McLean, VA 22101, 703-534-8100

COST: FREE Bring a dish. Register on lesdamesdc.org and -contact Gail Forman to let her know what you plan to bring. gailforman@comcast.net

Please note: The Joint Board Meeting has been postponed. Board members will be notified of a new date.

Dames Book Club (Dames only)

DATE: September TBA

TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of **Katherine Newell Smith**

5525 Devon Road, Bethesda, MD

COST: FREE

Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Book to be discussed: *Blood, Bones and*

It's fun, interesting, and fulfilling.

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Theresa Morrison

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Butter, by Gabrielle Hamilton

Upcoming books: *Consider the Fork* by Bee Wilson;

Dearie by Bob Spitz; *The Art of Eating* by M.F.K.

Fisher

Entre News Update:

Please submit your Entre News information in a brief, concise statement to **Katherine Newell Smith** at kns4pr@erols.com.

Board Meeting Minutes

To view the latest approved board meeting minutes, go to www.lesdamesdc.org and

DAMES CORNER

Carole Palmer



Perhaps this is a fitting bon voyage-or, rather *viaggio sicuro*-profile for chapter founding member and past president **Carole Palmer**. She is bound for Spoleto, Italy in September for the next three years with an LDE-DC leave of absence. For many years, Carole has spent a month each summer in a different Italian locale and she chose this picturesque and culturally rich Umbrian town for an extended sojourn.,

It is a long way from Westminster, MD, where Carole was born.

Growing up, Carole was influenced by her dad's love of cooking. While he prepared meals only for special occasions, he was adventuresome. Her mom, on the other hand, was a modest cook. But, she instilled in Carole a respect for authentic ingredients, often procured from neighbors' farms.

Carole attended the University of MD and majored in English. Upon graduation, she married and lived in Oxford, England where she was a secretary to the Bursars of Exeter

click on the *Members Only* tab and again on *Member Login Page*. Log in. Once you are logged in, click on the *Bylaws, Roster & Minutes* tab. You will see a link to the board meeting minutes. During each monthly board meeting, the board approves the previous month's minutes and they are then posted to our website.

Revised Members-Only Section to our Website

Through the creative and diligent efforts of **CiCi Williamson**, our chapter's web administrator, it is easier to find chapter documents and resources, our event archives and past editions of *Entre News*.

Once you log in under **Members Only**, you will see a revised toolbar where you can find:

- past and current *Entre News* issues posted under the **News** tab.
- archives of 57 past events in the **Events** dropdown menu along with upcoming activities.
- helpful files including chapter letterhead, name tag template, LDEI logos and tax-exempt certificates under **Resources**.
- our chapter's standing rules, bylaws and membership roster under **Bylaws, Roster & Minutes**

Quick Links

[Les Dames DC Website](http://www.lesdamesdc.org)
lesdamesdc@aol.com

[Les Dames d'Escoffier International Website](http://www.lesdamesd'escoffier.org)
ldei@aecmanagement.com

LDEI Quarterly

<http://www.ldei.org/uploads/archives/52.pdf>

[LDEI Quarterly \(click for latest copy\)](#)

Member Milestones - Share your professional news

College while her husband attended Oxford University. Returning to the U.S., she taught elementary school in Massachusetts while her husband finished law school, and in San Francisco and Los Angeles during his judicial clerkships. They returned to East Coast for his clerkship in the Supreme Court and Carole, again, taught elementary school.

But something had changed for Carole. While in San Francisco, she attended a wine tasting in Napa and was the only one in the group to identify all of the wines in the blind tasting. She realized that she had a refined palate and, since she loved wines and food, perhaps her career should take a different turn. So, she began working part time at Eagle Wine in Georgetown during the school year, and, later, full time year around.

In the early 80s, Carole partnered with three friends in the wine business to found DOPS, (Dieringer, O'Marra, Palmer and Sunderland) to sell and distribute American boutique wines. At the time, wine distributorships focused on the big producers such as Gallo and Christian Brothers; so, DOPS pioneered selling and distributing special American wines starting with Joseph Phelps, Dry Creek, Saintsbury and Bonny Doone in metro-DC's restaurants.

After 13 years selling wine, and usually visiting with the restaurant chefs to talk about ingredients, Carole decided she wanted to be on the food side of the business. So, she left DOPS to start Good Taste Marketing. Her first client was Bruce Aidells' sausage company; she met Bruce through an introduction

with Dames in all Chapters in our *LDEI Quarterly*. Submit your news to:

MemberMilestones@aol.com - Edited by **Hayley Matson Mathes (Hawaii)**

LDEI Quarterly Deadlines:

August 1 for Fall Issue

November 9 for Winter Issue

PROVIDE DAME'S NAME and CHAPTER. Submit up to 50 words about honors or important business-related activities to appear in the *LDEI Quarterly*. You may email a quality headshot to accompany your news. Press releases and cookbook covers are not accepted. Entries received after the deadline may appear in a following issue.

Quarterly Guidelines:

Photography/Images

Electronic images must be properly focused, in color with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi (TIFF or JPEG). Cell phone photos are acceptable if they meet resolution requirements. Do not send photos taken off the internet or embedded with text in Word files or PDF files. Identify individuals in photos from left to right in the message of your email. Include photo credits, if required. CAPTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR PUBLICATION.

LDEI NEWS

LONDON SYMPOSIUM, MAY 12-18, 2014

Inspired by our chapter's Women in Gastronomy symposium, yes really! LDEI London is planning the first ever London Symposium May 14- 18, 2014. Mark your calendars and let our London LDEI chapter know if you plan to attend. The event will focus on the food in and around London and will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our sister Dames "across the pond" and explore an exciting food-centric city.

Editor's Note

Entre News is a bi-weekly, e-newsletter that provides our chapter's members with information about upcoming chapter programs and events, member highlights, LDEI news and some

by **Ann Yonkers**. Another was Vanns Spices, led by the late **Ann Wilder**.

Selling sausages and spices to specialty food shops and restaurants morphed into another pioneering opportunity: selling American artisanal cheeses. In the mid to late 90s, American cheeses were far outranked and outsold by European imports. But, working with outstanding domestic cheese makers such as Vermont Butter and Cheese Creamery, Cabot Creamery, Rogue Creamery and Grafton Village Cheese Company, Carole built awareness and brand loyalty among her specialty food market, restaurant and supermarket clients and their customers. She served on the American Cheese Society board, lectured, arranged seminars, taught courses, and wrote the monthly "Say Cheese" column for *Food Service Monthly* to promote great American cheeses. Her work helped usher in the tremendous tide of American farmstead and artisanal cheeses we know today.

Perhaps Carole's Italy stay is a ruse to be on the ground floor of the next big trend. Stay tuned.

Of Interest

Linda Roth has arranged for her restaurant client, Crossroads, to generously donate 80% of its Indian tea sales between now and Labor Day to our chapter's scholarship program. The restaurant, located at 1901 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, (around the corner on 19th Street next to CVS) features a globally inspired menu with dishes from Latin America, Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

www.crossroadswashingtondc.com.

202-331-2112

professional non-Dames events/programs/job opportunities that might be of interest.

New this past year is a member profile, Dames Corner. You may have noticed that our founding members have been the focus of these profiles during the past several issues. They are rather amazing and pioneering women. The idea behind Dames Corner is to help you get to know your sister Dames a bit better and, perhaps, give you the impetus to start a conversation.

I would appreciate you sending a BRIEF paragraph with your professional and personal news that you would like your sister Dames to know about in HURRAH! These are due on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. HURRAH! is not meant as an advertising opportunity for a cooking class or event, rather it offers a shout out to members for recent accomplishments and honors. I am always on the lookout for Dames' news, but I do not catch everything so it is incumbent upon you to send me your reasons for joy!

We are working to get a better reporting, writing, editing and distribution system down so that you get Entre News in your in-box every other Wednesday morning.

If you are interested in being part of the Entre News team, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation.

Katherine Newell Smith
Editor, Entre News

**Les Dames d'Escoffier
Washington, DC Chapter**