

The Communiqué



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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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Dear Bay Area Dames,

Wishing you a restful and delicious Memorial Day weekend. It's often a slow weekend for local restaurants as people are celebrating with barbecues and beaches. If you can, take the opportunity to try a new spot and support our Bay Area hospitality industry.

Hoping for a little sunshine!

Pam Mazzola
Chapter President LDEI-SF

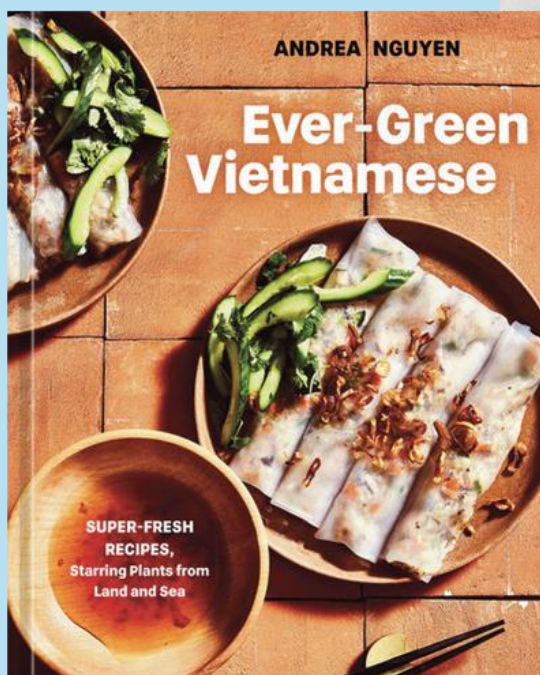
Events

Saturday June 3, 2023 Dame Andrea Nguyen book signing and recipe tasting Market Hall Foods

If you are out and about on Saturday June 3rd, please join Dame Andrea Nguyen at Market Hall Foods in Rockridge to celebrate her newest cookbook, Ever-Green

Vietnamese. In addition, Andrea's recipes will be the stars of Market Hall's Weekend Menu (June 1-4): Char Siu Roasted Cauliflower (Bông Cải Trắng Nướng Vị Xá Xíu), Creamy Turmeric Eggplant with Shiso (Cà Tím Om), Cucumber, Kale & Spiced Cashew Salad (Gỏi Dưa Leo Chay), Weeknight Vegetable Stir Fry (Rau Xào Thập Cẩm) and Spice-Citrus Marble Cake (Bánh Marble Cake) No charge except for purchases.

Address: 5655 College Avenue, Oakland. More information here: rockridgemarkethall.com



Thursday July 20: A special Tequila Tasting at Joanne Weir's San Francisco home 6-9 PM - 9 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. Stay tuned for more delicious details and registration coming soon!



Photo courtesy: Joanne Weir

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.



Induction 2022 Photo credit Marcia Gagliardi

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.

Sunday June 4th Marin Farmers Market and Monk's Kettle - 3 spaces left

Join our June Member Meetup in Marin, a casual no-host lunch at The Monk's Kettle in San Rafael, co-owned by Dame Alison Jordan, on Sunday, June 4th, at 12:30pm.

The Monk's Kettle Terra Linda is a family-friendly craft beer tavern, kitchen, and bottle shop, featuring local and sustainable food and beverages. Nestled in the Terra Linda community of San Rafael, it's the Marin version of the flagship and original Monk's Kettle San Francisco, a neighborhood craft beer tavern that's flourished in San Francisco's Mission District for nearly 15 years.

A true neighborhood gathering spot, The Monk's Kettle Terra Linda was recently featured on Check Please! Bay Area. Check out the episode [here](#) and visit their [website](#) for menus and more.

For Farmers' Market lovers, San Rafael has a fabulous Sunday Farmers' Market at San Rafael Civic Center nearby. Visit the market before coming to lunch and tell us about your favorite buy of the day.

Registration will be set up on the website soon. Dame René Matthew is the ambassador; please contact her for questions at rene.matthew@comcast.net.



Photo courtesy: Monk Kettle

Scholarship

Applications are due **today** May 26th for the Etoile d'Escoffier scholarship, There are two in the amount of \$2500 available. If you know of an eligible candidate, please encourage them to apply [here](#).

These 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.



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

Wednesday May 31st is the deadline for nominations for new members for this year. Our target is 10 new members for 2023. It is great to have a new infusion of energy and talent within the chapter, and we'd like to encourage you to think about and invite [qualified individuals](#) to apply. Our induction events are our most significant gathering of the year, and we'd love to see another strong roster this year. As a reminder, more background is here in our [press release](#), and please contact Membership chair Frankie Whitman at frankiewhitman@gmail.com for more information.

Member News

Congratulations are in order for Dame Dominica Cisneros-Rice whose restaurant Bombera made it into the Michelin Guide this month! Huge congrats to her for this major win. [More here](#).



The summer issue of Bon Appetit magazine features a 10 page spread highlighting Dame Tanya Holland and her California Soul cookbook. Can't wait till the issue comes in the mail! Keep an eye out for it.



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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