



Disciples Escoffier

Association pour la transmission et l'évolution de la Cuisine
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New members inducted into the prestigious Disciples Escoffier International – USA.

During a sumptuous Sunday Brunch at the Historic Deer Path Inn in Lake Forest, Illinois Michel Bouit, President, Disciples Escoffier International - USA held an official induction ceremony adding 6 more members to the growing roster of this international gastronomic society:

Gregory Tornatore, architect, ret. Epicurean Member and as Chef Members: James Bondoc, Executive Chef - Indian Hills Country Club, Winnetka; Richard Fisher, Executive Chef, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Prior Lake, MN, Hagop Hagopian, Executive Chef-Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Christopher Koetke, Executive Director-School of Culinary Arts of Kendall College, Chicago, Yasuo Mizuuchi, Executive Chef-Sodexo Plymouth Place, LaGrange and Matthew Southard, Executive Chef-Barrington Hills Country Club, Barrington for their continued support and contributions to the culinary arts.

This gastronomic society was established in France to maintain the good name and traditions of French Cuisine. The names of these new members will be recorded as USA members with the Disciples Escoffier International in France.

The goals of the Disciples Escoffier International are: To honor the memory of Auguste Escoffier in France and worldwide, promoting and preserving his work and maintaining the great culinary traditions; to promote culinary education and apprenticeship encouraging young people to discover the desire and motivation to work as a professional chef. The Disciples Escoffier International continues to work in close cooperation with schools, establishing contacts between professionals and students; to organize culinary events worthy of these traditions and to honor those in the culinary profession who work to maintain the high standards of French haute cuisine; to unite all Disciples Escoffier from around the world and in the true "*Esprit Escoffier*".

Today, there are more than 20,000 members around the world that includes a large membership in France as well as in China, Hungary, United States, Italy, Japan, Benelux, Canada, Mexico, Portugal Thailand, Germany, South Africa, Morocco and Russia.

It is in this spirit that the Disciples Escoffier International - USA strives to develop a national membership with the establishment of a culinary scholarship fund and continued charitable endeavors. Membership is divided into 3 categories: professional chef, industry leader/food producer and epicure. An official Disciples Escoffier International-USA website with photos, event and travel calendar, member information and professional links will soon be established.

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Disciples Escoffier International-USA Inductees from left to right:
 G. Tomatore, Y. Mizuuchi, J. Bondoc M. Bouit, President, M. Southard, H. Hagopian, C. Koetke
 and not pictured, Richard Fisher



Back row, left to right: Erwin Dreger, Jesse Cobb, Jr., G. Tomatore, J. Bondoc, C. Koetke,
 M. Bouit, Y. Mizuuchi, M. Southard, H. Hagopian, Cary Miller, Jim Calzante
Front row, left to right: John Kaufmann, Nicole Bergere, Joe Aiello