



# Disciples Escoffier

Association pour la transmission et l'évolution de la Cuisine  
Benelux Canada Chine Etats Unis France Hongrie Italie Japon Mexique Océan Indien Suisse

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Five honored with induction into the Disciples Escoffier International-USA.

At the conclusion of a dinner in celebration of the arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau at Kiki's Bistro the following became members of this distinguished gastronomic society, established in France to maintain the good name and traditions of French Cuisine. Their names will be recorded as USA members with the Disciples Escoffier International in France.

**Georges "Kiki" Cuisance, President/Owner - Kiki's Bistro**

**Jim Gould, Principal - Horizon Hotel Group**

**Joanne Madura, Vice-President (retired) - Factory Mutual Insurance**

**Dr. Kenneth J. Kogut, PhD. P.E. - President/Owner Kenneth J. Kogut & Associates**

**Ed Princell, Sales Executive/Consultant - Whitney Foods**

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 4 categories: professional chef, industry leader/food producer and epicure.

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