



Top: 1. Dame Carol Brock (L), LDEI Founder; Ambassador Katalin Bogyay, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. 2. L-R: Dame Linda Lawry, LDNY President; Dame Joan Brower, Event Chair and LDNY Secretary; H.E. Ferenc Kumin, Ambassador and Consul General of Hungary. **Middle:** 3. Dames Beth Allen (L), LDNY Vice President, and Linda Lawry. 4. L-R: Dames Karen Benven Ransom, Janeen Sarlin, and Melanie Young. **Bottom:** 5. L-R: Dames Jeanne Voltz, LDNY Program Chair, and Joan Bloom, Program Committee. 6. Dame Joyce O'Neill, Program Committee.

NEW YORK

Beth Allen

Several Dames from the New York Chapter attended the Cherry Bombe Jubilee at The High Line Hotel in Manhattan Sunday, April 10. It was a fabulous day of news, views, networking, and tastings. Topics of the presentations and panels varied from "Good + Simple," to "How to be the Boss," and "New York's Next Wave." One of the highlights of the day was a "Keynote Conversation" with Martha Stewart and Kerry Diamond, who along with Claudia Wu founded *Cherry Bombe* magazine.

On the 31st of March, 46 New York Dames were guests at the Hungarian Culinary Rhapsody, an elegant, private culinary reception created exclusively for LDNY members at the Consulate General of Hungary. The Dames were warmly welcomed by hosts, H.E. Mr. Ferenc

Kumin, Ambassador and Consul General of Hungary in New York, and Magdolna Fekete, Director of the Hungarian National Tourist Office in New York, and greeted by Ambassador Katalin Annamária Bogyay, Guest of Honor for the evening and the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. The festivities began with a champagne toast, specialty hors d'oeuvres and live Hungarian music, followed by a food and wine tasting of prized Hungarian wines and food pairings, which were conducted by Ms. Helga Gal, Hungary's first female sommelier. The event marks the occasion of the Year of Bocuse d'Or 2016 in Hungary, as Budapest has been named host city this year for the prestigious Bocuse d'Or chef competition finals. Congratulations to Chair **Joan Brower, Joan Bloom, Jeanne Voltz**, and **Joyce O'Neill** for organizing this splendid affair!

Susie Brown hosted another successful Boston Center for Adult Education annual fundraiser, CHEW ON THIS. Chapter members enjoyed fabulous food and drink with the most fun crowd in town. Several Dames participated in and managed The GO SPRING EXPO, A Celebration Of Local Agriculture And Spring. Included were Dames **Kim Gregory** (Kim's Pure Pastry); **Kindra Clineff** (Kindra Clineff Photography); **Jodi Clineff**; **Liz Mullholland** (Valley View Farm); **Mary Bandereck** (Topsfield Bakeshop); and **Brandi Parker** (Willow Spring Vineyards).

Northshore magazine nominees for the Best of the Northshore Awards included several New England Chapter gals! Dames **Lila Haynes** (Heaven On Earth Cooking); **Karen Cook** (Cider Hill Farm); **Kim Gregory** (Kim's Pure Pastry); **Nancy Battista-Caswell** (BRINE Oyster Bar) and Ceia Kitchen + Bar); **Phyllis LeBlanc** (Harbor Sweets Handmade Chocolates); **Mary Bandereck** (Topsfield Bakeshop); **Carolyn Grieco** (Carolyn's Farm Kitchen); and **Krisztina Ronai Perron** (The Wooden Spoon Catering Company).



Dame Jenny Johnson hosts the live auction for the BC&A annual fundraiser CHEW ON THIS. Dame-Chef Karen Akunowicz and friends feed the lively crowd.

PALM SPRINGS

Pamela Bieri

A delicious, successful "L'Affaire Chocolat" on February 21, Palm Springs Chapter's major fundraiser, consisted of high tea, ladies in hats, and our famous 25-foot table of luscious, mouthwatering chocolates from pastry chefs, restaurants, hotels, and our members. Live and Chinese auctions netted substantial



Our stellar L'Affaire Chocolat committee members are L-R: Janet Harris, Dawn Rashid, Andrea Rosenblatt, and Ellen Spencer. At L'Affaire Chocolate, Palm Springs Chapter board members, L-R: Nancy Cohee, treasurer; Lisa Wherry, vice president; Mary Clair Mulhall, secretary; and Pamela Bieri, president.