

# Consider donating or bequeathing your materials to enhance the LDEI Collection at SoFAB Culinary Research Center



In 2019, the Les Dames d'Escoffier Board designated the SoFAB (Southern Food & Beverage Museum) Culinary Research Center as the official repository for LDEI's history, preserving the contributions of its members and housing records for future researchers examining women's roles in the culture of food and drink.

The SoFAB Culinary Research Center serves as a library, archive and material culture collection that reflects the history of food and drink. The collections are publicly available on a noncirculating basis, and the library catalog is accessible online. Many scholars, students, journalists and the general public have used the online catalog to discover resources, leading them to visit the Research Center for further exploration.

The LDEI Collection encompasses books authored, edited, styled or photographed by LDEI members, along with videos, pamphlets and other contributions.

Our team is actively working to acquire works from deceased members to ensure a comprehensive collection. We are particularly interested in personal collections, such as the Dame Bonnie Tandy Leblang (New York) Collection, which includes her published works, personal library, newspaper and magazine articles, syndicated columns, work files, awards and memorabilia.

Additionally, we have received donations from notable food professionals, including Louis Osteen, Paul Prudhomme, Norman Van Aken, Dale DeGroff and Stephanie Hersh. We also maintain historical records from the Washington, DC chapter of Les Dames.

## Want to know more?

We welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and inquiries.  
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## WHAT

The LDEI Collection includes multimedia archives and materials from chapters and individuals, present or past, that illustrate the culture of food and drink throughout history

We welcome books, magazines, videos, audio tapes, menus, posters, special brochures, newsletters and other ephemera, along with personal files. This collection is open for research.

## WHO

The collection is housed at the SoFAB Culinary Research Center at Nunez Community College, which is part of the National Food & Beverage Foundation (NatFAB). It is also home to the Southern Food & Beverage Museum, the Museum of the American Cocktail and the National Culinary Heritage Register. Members of LDEI serve on the NatFAB Board.

## WHERE

SoFAB Culinary Research Center at Nunez Community College  
3710 Paris Road  
Chalmette, LA. 70043.

## HOW

Mail us your materials using the Library Rate.