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**MANN PACKING'S LOREE DOWSE INDUCTED INTO
LOCAL CHAPTER OF LES DAMES d'ESCOFFIER INTERNATIONAL**

SALINAS, CA – October 11, 2017 – Representatives at [Mann Packing](#) announced the company's Foodservice Marketing Manager, Loree Dowse, has been inducted into [Les Dames d'Escoffier International](#)'s Monterey Bay chapter.

Les Dames d'Escoffier International is an organization of women leaders in the fields of food, fine beverage and hospitality. The invitation-only membership is composed of over 2,300 women across 40 chapters in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and Mexico. Past and present members include luminaries such as Julia Child, Alice Waters, Lidia Bastianich and Dolores Cakebread, to name a few.



Dowse has spent equal parts of her career in marketing and public relations roles as well as in the culinary realm. After eight years at companies such as Porter Novelli International and Wells Fargo & Co, she left the corporate world to attend culinary school in San Francisco. Since then she has been a caterer, private chef, food writer and cooking school instructor, until taking her current role at Mann Packing two years ago. At Mann's, Dowse manages foodservice marketing and serves as the company's corporate chef. She oversees foodservice product development, consumer recipes, in addition to successfully launching the blog [Mann, That's Easy](#) last year, and creating the company's first Chefs Panel earlier this year.

"Loree's contributions to the community and to her craft are numerous," said Gina Nucci, Mann's director of corporate marketing. "Her nomination to Les Dames d'Escoffier is richly deserved. All of us here at Mann's are tremendously proud of her achievement."

Dowse is also involved on a volunteer basis with the Drummond Culinary Academy at Rancho Cielo, a learning and social services center for underserved and disconnected youth in Monterey County. She is currently the live auction chair for the academy's annual fundraiser, its Culinary Round-Up.

Along with 12 others, Dowse was welcomed to the Monterey Bay Chapter at the LDEI Induction Dinner which took place at Quail Lodge Golf Club in Carmel Valley, CA, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. In attendance was Michel Escoffier, great-grandson of Auguste Escoffier, after whom the organization is named. Known as the "king of chefs and chef of kings", Escoffier was France's preeminent chef in the early part of the 20th century.

"I am truly humbled to be inducted into an organization as prestigious and well-respected as Les Dames d'Escoffier," said Dowse. "I look forward to partnering with members of LDEI to inspire the next generation of culinary innovators. This honor is truly special."

For more information about LDEI, visit the organization's website at ldei.org, and for information about Mann Packing, visit veggiesmadeeasy.com.

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About Mann Packing Company

Founded in 1939, Mann Packing is an industry leading, third-generation supplier of premium fresh vegetables. Headquartered in Salinas, California, Mann's is one of the largest suppliers of western vegetables, Broccolini® and sugar snap peas in North America. The firm holds the distinguished Women's Owned Business Certification from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council - the most widely recognized and respected certification in the United States for women's business enterprises. Leading the way in product innovation, environmental sustainability and green supply chain management practices, Mann Packing is consistently vigilant in food safety, employee wellness and quality assurance, making for one of the most trusted brands in the industry.