

## Les Amis de Cuisine 's-Gravenhage

Affiliated to Cuisine Culinaire Nederland (CCN)  
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### General information

Les Amis de Cuisine (LAdC), founded in 1975, has the objective of practising 'culinary art' for its members, presently around 265. Membership is open to all, other than professional cooks. LAdC is one of 17 independent clubs affiliated to the Cuisine Culinaire Nederland (CCN). CCN is itself a member of the Confédération Internationale Culinaire. All members of LAdC are registered with CCN.

### Organisation

The club is presided by a Board that is elected by the members. This Board is supported by:

- a menu committee responsible for selecting the menus
- a wine committee
- an exams committee
- a caretaker
- a person who buys the food and other consumables
- a Webmaster.

The club has legally registered statutes and internal rules. LAdC is registered at the Chamber of Commerce (V407385).

### Cooking Sessions

Each session has approx. 15 participants and apart from the summer holiday season (= 1 month) members participate in 11 cooking sessions a year.

Menus normally consist of six courses, with an accent on French cuisine.

Les Amis de Cuisine has 19 cooking sessions each month: 13 of them are for men and 6 for women. Mixed (men/women) sessions do not take place until now, but there is an idea to create a mixed session in the future.

Every session is supervised by a 'chef' who is responsible for the well- functioning of the session. He/she is supported by a 'sous chef'.

The evening sessions start at 18h00 in order that the first course can be served between 20h00 and 20h30. The evening sessions usually end around 23h00. In addition to preparing the meal, participants are also responsible for the *mise en place*, setting the table and clearing the dining area. The dish washing for each session is done by a hired dishwasher. Each participant pays a small amount to cover the cost of this.

The menu of the month can be found on the website [www.ccnafd-den Haag.nl](http://www.ccnafd-den Haag.nl). The menus are also displayed within the kitchen.

In addition to the cooking activities, contributing to a pleasant social ambiance is also considered important. All participants are expected to join actively in the preparation of the meal.

## **Membership**

Membership can be obtained by enrolling oneself at the secretariat. The person who deals with new members (ledenadministratrice) will look together with you for the most convenient session. (If no place is available on the session of your choice, you can be put on a waiting-list).

As an applicant- member you will take part in two sessions at € 40 each (incl. drinks). The amount should be paid in cash at the session concerned. If you wish to become a member of LAdC you can fill in an application form.

## **Finances**

The annual membership fee is determined each year during the Annual General Meeting. Presently the annual membership fee is € 316 a year. This amount includes all ingredients used for the meals. Drinks are not included.

The cost of wine consumed during the meal is distributed evenly among the participants of the session, unless the participants of the session have decided to deal with this differently.

An initial, once only, amount of € 100 as entrance fee will be included on your first invoice.

All mentioned prices, apart from the entrance fee, have a 6% VAT tariff.

Membership fee is due once-a-year in advance, normally between January and April. The club-year coincides with the calendar- year.

No restitution will be given if a member is not present at a cooking session. However, the possibility is offered to substitute a 'missed' session by joining any other session in which a place is available, and in agreement with the chef of the related session.

## **Outfit**

It is obligatory to cook in the so- called 'koksjasje model Hilton' with the embroidered (black) logo of Les Amis de Cuisine and the member's own name embroidered in red, and with interchangeable black buttons, chef's checked trousers and a long, white apron.

## **Smoking**

In accordance with Dutch law, smoking is not permitted within the club premises.

***Starting on 13th of September 2009 LAdC plans to have a new, regular Sunday afternoon session for expats (mixed). The spoken language at these sessions will be English.***

***If you are interested, please call Francine Videler 070 - 362 88 77 who deals with new members of the club.***