



*Pictured left to right: Chef Rafael Perez, Lancaster City Alliance President Marshall Snively, Susan Louie*

The July 2018 Member Spotlight on Citronnelle presented by owners, Chef Rafael Perez and Susan Louie at the July Merchant Meeting of the DID sponsored by the [Lancaster City Alliance](#).

[Citronnelle](#) is a chic and intimate little French BYOB located right in the heart of Downtown Lancaster City, Pennsylvania. Our dishes are classically prepared yet modern, with global influences from Asia, Europe, South America and Africa. The name “Citronnelle” was conceived after dinner one evening on the tiny island of LaDigue in the Seychelles. After our lovingly prepared meal was over, we were served one of the most aromatic teas we had ever tasted. It was fresh and light, with a delicate hint of exotic citrus. This fragrant infusion was called, “citronnelle”, which is French for lemongrass. We learned something new that evening. This versatile stalk is not only native to Asia. It has been cultivated and used in Africa, Asia and Latin America for centuries - a truly global herb.

At Citronnelle, our mission is to use only the freshest local, seasonal (organic where possible) produce, wild-caught seafood, pasture raised meats and poultry (hormone/anti-biotic-free and organic where possible) and the finest all-natural exotic ingredients to create our flavorful, beautifully composed dishes. Why global influences? Today one can find many different ethnic cultures throughout Paris, just by wandering through one of its many wonderful farmers’ markets. There are distinct South East Asian, North African, Japanese, and Middle-

Eastern neighborhoods, just to name a few. Paris' dining options are as ethnically diverse as some of the biggest cities in the U.S. There are also many different regions within France – Basque, Bretagne, Provence, Rhône, Alsace, Normandy, etc, with each region offering its own distinctive preparations. Paris is the country's culinary melting pot, combining flavors from all over France and the world. Citronnelle has chosen to embrace this perfect fusion of French and ethnic cultures and share it with the foodies of Lancaster, PA.

Make sure to follow their culinary journey on [Facebook](#)!