

***Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc.
Announces New League President and President Elect***



Leslie Bates



Diane Stevenson

Leslie Bates – JLOEB President, 2005-2006

Leslie Bates, Vice President of Marketing and Association Manager with Jean Bates Associates in Danville, California, has been elected the 2005-2006 President of the Junior League Oakland-East Bay, Inc. (JLOEB). Formerly the Communications Council Director for the JLOEB, Leslie is currently serving as the Community Relations Chair and sits on the Board of Directors. Leslie's career with the League began in 1997, and has included active placements on committees such as: Marketing and Corporate Relations, Special Events, Programs and Arrangements, Recruitment, and Spring Gala. "As the incoming president, I look forward to working with our talented membership and community partners to continue making a difference for *Children at Risk*. This year our League celebrates seven decades and numerous contributions to communities in the Oakland-East Bay. Our members of past, present and future are women with passion and energy who have much to celebrate, and at the distinguished age of 70, we remain vital, energized and passionate about providing innovative solutions to challenges facing our communities."

Leslie's formal education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Chico in Mass Communications. Leslie holds PCAM®, CCAM® designations, and also serves on the Home Builders Association Department of Real Estate Committee. Leslie was born in Elgin, Illinois, raised in Danville, CA and now lives in Orinda. When she is not working or volunteering, Leslie spends time with her husband Walter Wellsfry, son Chase and their yellow lab named Duke.

Diane LaMarche Stevenson – JLOEB President Elect, 2006-2007

Diane Stevenson has been elected the Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. (JLOEB) President for 2006-2007. Diane, a Senior Account Manager with Aetna Inc. in San Ramon, CA, currently serves on the Board as JLOEB's Community Programs Director. During her first two active years, Diane co-chaired the tutor division of the League's award-winning Signature project, the *Super Stars Literacy Project*; a program designed to improve literacy and life skills in the lowest performing quartile of children K-2 at Hoover Elementary in West Oakland. "I most appreciate the Junior League because it provides a constant, ongoing force of 'women building better communities', and offers women training, leadership and volunteer opportunities, so that they and their communities can thrive," said Diane, who started her League career in 2001.

Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, Diane earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Washington. Diane lives in Alamo with her husband Mark, and their cat, "Kitty". When not working or volunteering, Diane likes to garden, read, shop and travel.

Women Building Better Communities

The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. (www.jloeb.org) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The JLOEB offers women the opportunity to implement change in the community in three major ways: projects, grants and outreach. The common thread in the JLOEB community work is the League's dedicated mission focusing on *Children at Risk*.

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