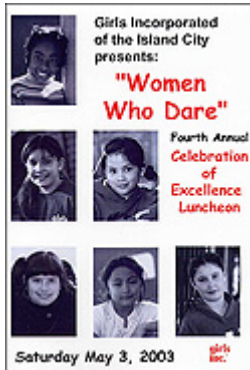




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4th Annual *Celebration of Excellence* Luncheon 2003

Saturday, May 3, 2003
Grand View Pavilion

Keynote Speaker: Janice Lee (*see bio below*)

Award Recipients: Bernida Reagan (*see bio below*)
Jill Ottaviano (*see bio below*)
Sara Heaps (Youth Award Recipient)
Mia Kabasakalis (Youth Award Recipient)

Honorary Chairs:

- Carol Beaver, Community Development Manager, City of Alameda Development Services Department
- Renel Brooks-Moon, Radio/TV Personality 98.1 KISS FM
- Moira Fossum, Owner, Uniglobe Total Travel
- Beverly Johnson, Mayor, City of Alameda
- Melody Marr, CEO Alameda Chamber of Commerce
- Kate Pryor, Owner, Tucker's Super Creamed Ice Cream
- Alejandria Sales, Student, HOMEBASE
- Vickie Smith, CARE Project Student Relations Program Director, Encinal High School
- Dr. Audrey Trotter, V.P. of Instruction, College of Alameda

Event Committee: Samarial Brown (Chair), Juelle-Ann Boyer, Diann Castleberry, Gordon Fullmer, Dorie Guess-Behrstock, Mary Kenney, Renie Stamm-Kirk, John Abrate, Susan Adams, Romy Amos, Kristin Butler, LeConte Dill, Nicole Kidd, Allison Killilea, Sara Mancini, and Cheryl Williams

*Keynote
Speaker:***Janice Lee**

Janice has served the Alameda community as an investment representative for Edward Jones and as a volunteer and generous donor to numerous community organizations since April 1991. In 1995, she was asked to become a partner in Edward Jones and is currently the Regional Leader for Region 67 in California, managing territory from Carmel and Monterey north to San Francisco. She is responsible for the firm's branch offices in this region while continuing to help the people of Alameda with their investment needs. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Managing Partners Award for representing production at the top five percent of the firm's 8,500 representatives.

Prior to joining Edward Jones, Janice was Director of Corporate Development for the national non-profit organization Volunteers of America based in Oakland. She also worked as a speech pathologist and audiologist in San Francisco and San Mateo counties, was V.P. of Operations of National Cookie Co., was a licensed real estate broker of her own firm managing property in San Francisco, and owned a restaurant in Albany. She has a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from San Jose State University and has done graduate work in speech pathology and audiology at U.C. Berkeley. Janice currently serves on the Board of Directors for Alameda Meals on Wheels, was past president of the Alameda Welfare Council and Soroptimist International of Alameda, was a past board member of Girls Incorporated of the Island City and of the Boys and Girls Club, and has been a generous donor to these and other local organizations, including the Family Service League. She is the proud "mom" of three golden retrievers!

*Award
Recipient:***Bernida Reagan**

Bernida is Director of Social Responsibility at the Port of Oakland and an award-winning public interest lawyer. Before her position at the Port, she was the executive director of the East Bay Community Law Center, a non-profit legal service office that provides free legal services to low-income clients in the areas of housing, public benefits, HIV-related law and economic development. A graduate of UCLA School of Law, she has worked with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and Public Counsel. She has served on the board of the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, Urban Habitat, and the CitiCentre Dance Theater. She is a member of the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame and received the State Bar of California Legal Services Achievement Award for Northern California in 1996. She is a co-recipient of the 2002 William Pincus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Clinical Legal Education and the Achievement of Justice. Additionally, in 2002, she was nominated as one of the Top Ten Most Influential African Americans in the Bay Area by City Flight Newsmagazine.

*Award
Recipient:***Jill Ottaviano**

After graduating from college with a degree in P.E. from San Francisco State University (where she played basketball) and owning her own fitness company for 11 years, Jill followed the advice of her mother and enrolled in the Los Medanos Police Academy in Pittsburg. After graduating in 1997, she took a job as a patrol officer at the Alameda Police Department. She worked in the Special Projects, Probation and Parole Special Duty Unit, is currently a detective with the Youth Services Section, and is next in line at A.P.D. to become a sergeant. Jill is dedicated to actively recruiting and mentoring young women who are interested in entering law enforcement and has volunteered as a role model at Girls Inc. She has also been a volunteer for the Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop program for six years and volunteers each summer at the McCullum Youth Court summer camp program for high school students at Mills College. Her passions include mountain biking and playing basketball every Sunday at Mills College, and she is the mother of a 1 ½-year-old son, Eli.