



Kevin Westlye

Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association

From prep cook to bartender to manager, Kevin Westlye has held virtually every job in the restaurant business during his more than three decades of immersion in the San Francisco restaurant industry. As the Executive Director of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association (GGRA), he plans to grow the membership, improve member benefits and raise awareness of the GGRA throughout the Bay Area.

In addition to his vast restaurant experience, Kevin has served on the Board of Directors of the GGRA for almost 15 years -- including a three-year tenure as President from 1998 to 2000. Drawing on his knowledge of both the industry and the region, he has identified achievable goals for the GGRA, steps that will help keep San Francisco's renowned culinary community thriving for decades to come.

Prior to joining the GGRA staff, Kevin was the Managing Partner of the well-regarded Franciscan Restaurant at Pier 43½ in San Francisco. He has also worked for both Borel/Stouffer Restaurants and Kimco/Kimpton. Throughout his career, he has been an active member of the communities he works in, serving on advisory committees for Fisherman's Wharf and Powell Street as well as the San Francisco Convention & Visitors' Bureau. His civic contributions were recognized in 1994 when he was named "MUNI Citizen of the Year."