

Linda L. Bacin
Vice President, [Bella! Bacos](#)
Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Trustees
National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
Chicago, Illinois



Linda Bacin is the Vice President of Bella! Bacos is an Italian trattoria concept that was developed, as well as owned and operated, by she and her husband Dan in the Chicago metropolitan area. Linda and Dan Bacin are well known for the Bacino's Pizza locations in the area since 1978 and a well known favorite as the number one selling stuffed spinach pizza at Taste of Chicago for the last twenty-five years

Linda Bacin was elected to the National Restaurant Association Board of Directors in 1996 and for nine years held the position of an at-large voting member before becoming a Director Emeritus. She was elected to the [National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation](#) Board of Trustees in 1999. Ms. Bacin also remains an active participant in the Illinois Restaurant Association, having served as a board member and in the top leadership role as its board chairman.

Ms. Bacin has been a long time supporter of community and civic activism. The Chicago Mayor's Office of Special Events appointed her to the Taste of Chicago Committee, and the City of Chicago's Sister Cities program. Her credentials include service on the executive board of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Board, on the executive board of the Heart Association, on the board of the National Association of Women Business Owners, and on the board of the March of Dimes. She is a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier and in 1991 was named Pizza Person of the Year by the National Association of Pizza Operators. In addition to her civic activism, Ms. Bacin has testified before Congressional and Regulatory agency oversight committees on behalf of the restaurant industry.