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Meet Gina Maese, General Manager of TGI Fridays – Rosemead

By Chris Ventura

TGI Fridays has hit a milestone year in Rosemead reaching 5 years of service to the community as of December 10, 2017. The store opened its doors in December of 2012 with general manager Gina Maese at the helm. The Rosemead Report spoke with Maese about her background, the company, charity, personal philosophy, and work ethic.

Maese began her career with TGI Fridays approximately 15 years ago at the Puente Hills location. She then moved on to the West Covina location where she became a general manager and was there for about 5 years. Later, she assisted in the renovation of the Long Beach location where she then served as GM for around 5 years. Maese helped in the grand opening of the Rosemead location and was there from the very beginning—during final construction of the building through setup and training as the location’s GM.

Upon arrival, her relationship with the Chamber was immediate and helpful.

“I think that working close with the Chamber, I’ve learned a lot about the community,” Maese said. “I learned a lot about the Asian community, for one, and then working with the Chamber of Commerce, I’ve done a lot of events that help to grow—not just the restaurant, but for myself as well, and it’s just a different culture than from any other location I’ve worked at. I have a pretty strong bond with [the Chamber]. There’s been a lot of [business] mixers at that location...The Lincoln [Training] Center...We’ve hosted a few of their events [too].”

Every year on May 4th, The TGI Fridays in Rosemead holds a large charitable event for the City of Hope cancer treatment and research center of Duarte. As Maese explained, the restaurant throws a “flare” event to raise money through donations and raffles of gift baskets. A flare event is where bartenders put on a show while serving drinks—throwing and juggling bottles and various other tricks and showmanship for patrons.

Management worked with staff from the Chamber and local community members to bring the event to the forefront—spreading the word and educating the community about the event.

TGI Fridays Rosemead also holds a number of other charitable events throughout the year for the City of Hope center and other charitable causes such as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as well as regularly scheduled business mixers where small business leadership can meet with other business leaders and job seekers as well.

Maese explained that TGI Fridays has a culture of internal growth—providing employees with growth opportunities within the company through a number of programs and challenges. There are “bar champs” where bartenders learn tricks of the trade as well as demonstrate and provide instruction on “flare.” There is also “culinary champs” which pertains to the back of the house—sanitation, food prep, recipes, quality checks, and plate presentation. Finally, there is a new program called “server champs” that encourages good table-side manners, efficiency, multitasking, and how to handle busy situations through teamwork at the front of the house.

As a way to make all of these important key quality control checks an integral part of TGI Fridays corporate culture, locations may challenge other locations for scores and achievements with showdowns on a regional and national level—each location striving to be the best that it can be in all areas of quality control and customer satisfaction.

Maese explained some challenges at the start of her career and how she overcame them to become a female executive.

“I think coming up in the company, obviously starting many years ago, it was definitely kind of a challenge to get my name out there—to be respected,” Maese said.

She said that when she first got to the Long Beach location, she was driven to compete and be number one—a character trait that stems from her background in playing team sports as a youth.

Maese stressed the importance of extracurricular activities—most notably, sports. She has played baseball and basketball. Her children have always participated in sports. Maese feels that sports helps build a solid foundation for a person’s character and spirit.

“When you bring someone in and they have a sports background, you know that they’re committed. They’re engaged. They’re not going to quit halfway through. To me, sports changes kids and how they look at life, and I feel that if you have that background, I think it just helps you throughout life.”

It was in Long Beach where she feels that she had earned the respect of her fellow colleagues. Her competitiveness and strive for excellence earned her General Manager of the Year. She said that any feelings of intimidation began to fade and turn into motivation to strive for further achievements, demonstrating her full potential in her position.

According to Maese, TGI Fridays currently has a very high number of females as general managers—a number, in all reality, she says, may be outpacing men—at least in the West Coast region.

“It’s really awesome,” Gina Maese said. “A lot of them are women that I have worked with side by side, one on one [before].”

Maese says that she can sometimes come across as a little structured or competitive, but it is to the benefit of the success of her employees and the business overall.

She has become somewhat of a mentor to her employees and colleagues. She challenges those she works with to find better solutions for overcoming obstacles in the workplace and to strive to be the best that they can be.

Maese said that she feels that employees could always benefit from examining their execution of tasks and to look for improvements in efficiency and quality control. She also feels that employees can also benefit from handling new challenges—leading toward upward growth in the organization.

“At my location, I have two people that just opened up the restaurant with me that I already have in management. Numerous people throughout my career that helped us open up Rosemead...they’re already GMs and continue to grow and prosper.”

Maese said that she faced a number of personal challenges in her life prior to opening up the Rosemead location. At that

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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE



Rosemead Double Tree, Always There for Any Occassion!

The DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles Rosemead team was honored to have participated in the City of Rosemead 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event! This event was filled with children, adults, dogs and lots and lots of candy. The City of Rosemead provided a safe environment for the children to go trick or treat by inviting local businesses to set up their car trunks to pass out candy.

The DoubleTree team had so much

fun distributing candy and seeing all the creative costumes the children, adults and dogs were wearing. It was so good to step outside of the business setting to serve the community and also give back to the children. The DoubleTree is always more than happy to be a part of events for the children because we know the future is in their hands and now is the time we need to be involved to groom them for success.

Attorney General Becerra Files Amicus Brief in Support of Requiring Out-Of-State and Online Retailers to Pay State and Local Taxes

SACRAMENTO – California Attorney General Xavier Becerra joined a bipartisan coalition of 36 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief to urge the U.S. Supreme Court to grant review and reconsider the Court’s outdated “physical presence” rule, which restricts states’ ability to collect certain taxes from out-of-state retailers. In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *National Bellas Hess v. Department of Revenue* that states were prohibited from requiring out-of-state retailers to collect sales and use taxes on goods purchased through the mail. With the rise of online shopping, out-of-state retailers – including online retailers – have used the physical presence rule set forth in *Bellas Hess*, and later reaffirmed in the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1992 ruling in *Quill Corp. v. North Dakota*, to avoid collecting sales and use taxes.

“Our small businesses and local retailers are the backbone of our economy,” said Attorney General Becerra. “But right now, out-of-state and online retailers can do business in California without collecting state taxes. This puts our local businesses at a disadvantage. Given our changing economy, we urge the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider this issue.”

“The Court’s earlier view of sales and use tax nexus no longer makes sense in today’s economy,” said Nicolas Maduros, Director of the California Department of Tax and Revenue Administration. “It’s unfair to both in-state retailers and to all California taxpayers.”

South Dakota recently enacted a statute requiring online retailers to collect South Dakota sales taxes. On September 14, 2017, the South Dakota Supreme Court held South Dakota’s statute unconstitutional because only the U.S. Supreme Court can reconsider its own precedents. South Dakota filed a petition for writ of certiorari asking the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit the matter. Attorney General Becerra is supporting South Dakota’s effort.

Attorney General Becerra filed the brief along with the attorneys general of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawai’i, Illinois, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia


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COMMUNITY



Rep. Judy Chu & Senate Candidate Mike Eng host Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive

Sunday 12/3/17, Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27) and California Senate Candidate Mike Eng for SD22 hosted their 9th annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive at the Arcadia Elks Lodge 2025 to benefit local non-profit organizations in the Greater San Gabriel Valley.

Congresswoman Judy Chu and Senate Candidate Mike Eng both indicated that they are appreciative of all those who joined them to celebrate the holiday spirit of sharing by donating a toy to a child in need in the greater San Gabriel Valley.

Before the toys were distributed, the Dewey Elementary Woodcraft Rangers

Dance Team from the Garvey School District kicked off the event with a holiday Jingle Bell hip hop routine.

Close to 200 guests attended the event and showed support to the cause.

Big toy contributors were Charlie Woo of MegaToys and Jennifer Brawley of William Mark Company. Both and State elected officials were spotted at the event: candidate for 2018 Governor of California Treasurer John Chiang, Arcadia City Clerk Gene Glasco, Monterey Park Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Lam, Monterey Park Councilman Peter Chan, San Gabriel Councilman Chin Ho Liao, Azusa Mayor Joseph Romero Rocha, Altadena Councilwoman Dr.

La Puente Councilman Dan Holloway, Pasadena City College Trustee Linda Wah, Alhambra Unified Boardmember Bob Gin, and former San Marino Mayor Eugene Sun. The Recipients of 2017 Annual Toy Drive were:

- Arcadia Elks Lodge 2025 - critical part of the Arcadia community by helping the local community with a variety of programs such as food drives and Veteran initiatives. In fact, they were a major help with building the beautiful Vietnam Veterans Memorial that sits in the Arcadia County Park.

- Bright Future Scholars - Spearheaded by Altadena Councilwoman Dr. Sandra Thomas, this program provides a helping hand to at-risk youth who have maintained a strong GPA in school despite facing insurmountable odds. Through this program, students from low-income backgrounds receive mentoring, tutoring, classes in financial literacy, youth scholarships and much more.

- SteamCoders - This non-profit organization teaches underrepresented and underserved students and their families the fundamentals of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, also known as STEAM. Students in this program have the opportunity to take classes in coding, javascript, and robotics. And they also get to see how that knowledge is applied by going on field trips to places like Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

- Glendora Ministerial Association - Composed of a community of Churches in the City of Glendora, this association provides a variety of important services to families, including food banks and shelters. They also help put together several of the city's most important events such as the "Mayor's Prayer Breakfast" and the "9/11 Memorial Service."

- Chinese Parents for the Disabled (CPAD) - Open for over 20 years, CPAD provides educational and recreational services for individuals with special needs to help achieve their full potential. CPAD also provides support for the parents of the individuals by offering emotional support and resources for assistance.

- Professional Child Development Associates - PCDA has been serving the San Gabriel Valley for 20 years. Their work benefits children, teens and young adults with autism or other developmental challenges through innovative therapies, services, and professional education.

- Sierra Madre Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3208 - VFW Post 3208 gives assistance to all Veterans by helping them fill out applications for benefits and providing resources on various Veteran related issues. They will be providing these toys to student Veterans at Pasadena City College so that they can give them to their kids.

- Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley - The group has been a cornerstone of the community since it opened its doors in 1972. The Boys & Girls Club provides a safe and structured environment for young people after school, during holidays and on summer vacation. They have a variety of programs that help young men and women develop their leadership skills, promote healthy living and help them succeed in school.

- Pathfinders Ministry - This incredible ministry is an important part of the City of Azusa because it provides a number of community services throughout the year that families rely on. Last year they gave a toy to over 1,600 children in Azusa and we are going to help them pass that number this year.



Assemblymember Chau Honors Leaders Who Make A Difference During the Holiday Season

ARCADIA – On Friday, December 15th, 2017, Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) honored thirteen outstanding honorees with the "Make A Difference" Award for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for so many residents in the community. This year Assemblymember Chau recognized our first responders, local law enforcement, and firefighters. The award ceremony took place during the Assemblymember's annual "Holiday Toy Drive" in the City of Arcadia.

"This year I am excited that we are recognizing the outstanding men and

women of our local Police and Fire Departments for their dedication in keeping all of our communities safe from crime and harm. This is especially important given the tremendous efforts from our local Fire/Paramedics personnel who are involved in fighting to contain the Thomas Fire. I encourage all of our residents and community to thank their local public safety officials and give them the support they deserve."

The 2017 award recipients included: Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain David Flores, Alhambra Fire

Chief Tom Phelps, Alhambra Police Chief Timothy Vu, Arcadia Fire Chief Michael E. Lang, Arcadia Police Chief Robert T. Guthrie, El Monte Police Chief David Reynoso, Monterey Park Fire Chief Scott Haberle, Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith, San Gabriel Fire Chief Derrick Doehler, San Gabriel Police Chief Eugene Harris, San Marino Fire Chief Mario D. Rueda, & San Marino Police Chief John N. Incontro.

Family, friends, and neighbors also met with the Assemblymember during the "Holiday Toy Drive" to discuss legislative issues, services and

programs offered by the district office, and to celebrate the holiday season. All toys collected were donated to non-profit organizations for distribution to families in need within the 49th District.

"In the spirit of the holidays, it is a pleasure to bring together various communities in my district to celebrate," said Assemblymember Chau. "I am extremely grateful for the generosity demonstrated by constituents who donated toys that will bring smiles to many children during this season."

MEMBERS

Member Renewals

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A child needs a Social Security number if he or she is going to have a bank account, if a relative is buying savings bonds for the child, if the child will have medical coverage, or if the child will receive government services. You'll also need a Social Security number for a child to claim him or her on your tax returns.

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The child's condition(s) must be severe, last for at least 12 months, or be expected to result in death; and

The child must not be working and earning more than the Substantial Gainful Activity limit (\$1,180 a month in 2018).

If your child's condition(s) does not result in "marked and severe limitations," or does not result in those limitations lasting for at least 12 months, your child will not qualify for SSI.

Family resources are also considered. If the parents of the child or children have more resources than are allowed, then the child or children will not qualify for SSI. You can read more about children's benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids to learn more about all we do to care for children. Social Security is with you and your children through your life's journey, securing today and tomorrow.

Recap of Senator Hernandez's Reception



First Guest To arrive, West Covina Councilmember Lloyd Johnson



Dr. Ed with Steve Gunther- the executive director of Maryvale, the children's orphanage in our district. They were 1 of the 6 original donors that received our toy donations.



Dr. Ed giving his opening remarks & legislative accomplishments



Dr. Ed with the delegation representing Cal Poly Pomona



El Monte Mayor, Hon. Andre Quintero introducing Dr. Ed.



Dr. Ed with members of SEIU 2015 (they sent 12 members to the reception)



Mariachi Los Broncos de Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona) starting their performance.



Dr. Ed presented Los Broncos with a certificate of recognition

Location: Grace T. Black Auditorium in El Monte, CA
 Event: 10th Annual Community Holiday Reception
 Performance: Mariachi Los Broncos de Pomona from Cal Poly Pomona
 Date: December 8th, 2017

EDUCATION



Dear Rosemead Community and Friends,

In the spirit of the month of November and being grateful, please take a moment for self-reflection and think about this:



What have you done to stay in a place of thankfulness and gratitude? How do you keep yourself embracing the attitude of gratitude on a daily basis?

In the words of John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

ACTS OF KINDNESS – SUPERINTENDENT CHALLENGE

During the recent Annual Educational Foundation Run/Walk Health & Fitness Fair, Superintendent Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez began the challenge and wall of "Acts of Kindness." She challenges everyone to pledge to do one act of kindness a day.

Below is the kindness wall from the Run/Walk on October 21st showcasing those who have already accepted the "Acts of Kindness Challenge."



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ONGOING ENROLLMENT OF NEW STUDENTS FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND 1ST-8TH GRADE

Enrollment of new students continues at the Rosemead School District for the current school year. Are you unsure whether your child can register now or have questions about our enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th grade call us at (626) 312-2900 x213, or visit our website at www.rosemead.k12.ca.us.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

For more information on any event listed below, please visit the Rosemead School District website at www.rosemead.k12.ca.us.

Fri., Dec. 22 – Fri., Jan. 5, Winter Break (Students No School – Schools Closed)

January, 2018

Mon., Jan. 8, Student Free Day / Professional Development Day (Students No School)

Mon., Jan. 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Schools/District Closed)



Kaitelynn Ng Is Youth of the Year:

Mark Keppel High School Senior Selected as Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley's Winner

Washington, DC -- Four House leaders on women's rights today introduced a bill to block recent Trump administration moves to limit women's access to birth control. Co-chairs of the Congressional Pro Choice Caucus Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Louise Slaughter (D-NY), along with Judy Chu (D-CA) and chair of the Democratic Women's Working Group Lois Frankel (D-FL), authored the Protect Access to Birth Control Act to safeguard this right for every woman in America.

The two Interim Final Rules issued this month allow nearly any employer to be exempt from the requirement to cover birth control and other forms of contraception without cost-sharing. The Protect Access to Birth Control Act will treat these policies as though they had never taken effect, thereby securing the right to birth control coverage as guaranteed by the Affordable Care Act.

"Denying access to contraception is denying women access to healthcare. Trump's rule change to give employer's a veto over a woman's ability to plan for her future and her family is a cruel policy, and not one dollar of taxpayer money should go towards implementing it. No other medical treatment is restricted the way contraception is, which not only cuts against women's constitutional rights, it causes harm for the many women who use it to treat everything from acne to menstrual cramps. For them, and the millions of other women who use birth control every day, we must stop this rule from causing any more harm," Chu said.

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essential aspect of health care from millions is incredibly dangerous. A woman's ability to access affordable birth control should not be subject to an objection from her boss, school or insurance company. This is simply not right. Birth control is health care, and the Affordable Care Act's protections were helping millions of women access it at little to no cost. We must protect and extend this progress, not roll it back, which is why it is critical the Protect Access to Birth Control Act becomes law," DeGette said.

"Contraception not only helps women plan their family in a medically-safe way, it is also used to treat conditions like endometriosis and polycystic ovary syndrome. The president's recent move to roll back the Affordable Care Act provision that has allowed women to access birth control with no out-of-pocket costs ignores the reality that birth control is health care. The legislation we are introducing today would prevent the president's interim final rules from having any force of law. We need to pass this bill to give the 62 million women able to access contraception under the ACA peace of mind that their birth control will not be put out of reach by this president," Slaughter said.

"Women, not their bosses, should be in charge of their family planning. Millions of women are at risk of losing birth control due to another Trump action. We must fight to stop him from turning back the clock," Frankel said.

Companion legislation was introduced in the Senate by Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Bob Casey (D-PA).

PUBLIC HEALTH



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the Protect Access to Birth Control Act becomes law," DeGette said.

"Contraception not only helps women plan their family in a medically-safe way, it is also used to treat conditions like endometriosis and polycystic ovary syndrome. The president's recent move to roll back the Affordable Care Act provision that has allowed women to access birth control with no out-of-pocket costs ignores the reality that birth control is health care. The legislation we are introducing today would prevent the president's interim final rules from having any force of law. We need to pass this bill to give the 62 million women able to access contraception under the ACA peace of mind that their birth control will not be put out of reach by this president," Slaughter said.

"Women, not their bosses, should be in charge of their family planning. Millions of women are at risk of losing birth control due to another Trump action. We must fight to stop him from turning back the clock," Frankel said.

Companion legislation was introduced in the Senate by Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Bob Casey (D-PA).



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time, she said she felt somewhat broken and a little unmotivated. The family-like culture of the Rosemead location helped bring her back.

“When Rosemead opened, it was like the arms opened up and the ‘family’ helped re-motivate [me],” Maese said. “It’s a family culture. Like when mom is having a hard time, everyone kind of pulls together. We all have the same goal. We all need to be happy. Rosemead is a very tight community and it just felt like I was at home. I felt like I belonged there.”

Gina Maese said that she always felt like she was a part of the community, and the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce played a large role in that.

The Chamber reached out and welcomed TGI Fridays to Rosemead and TGI Fridays has and will continue to partner with the Chamber on numerous events. The Chamber has provided Maese with tips on marketing and putting her in touch with various business leaders who could assist her on a professional level.

When Maese found out about a recent food drive the Chamber was conducting, she was inspired to help out with a toy

drive and to utilize the Chamber’s resources in order to put her in touch with local schools and charities that her TGI Fridays location could help out during this holiday season. She said that her location donates regularly to various Chamber functions and community causes throughout the year.

“I always donate as much as we can within the budget during those events to support the city as they do us,” Maese said. “They’re just amazing!”

Gina Maese wants her employees to strive for excellence. She also recognizes the challenges and obstacles that people may face in their personal lives.

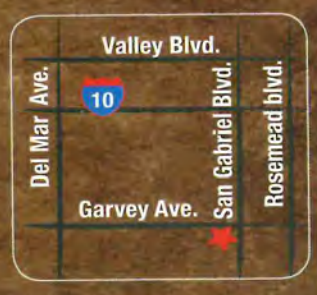
Maese shared some words of wisdom—inspirational quotes that she always shares with new managers and colleagues: “You can’t change the world in one day.” “Be the reason someone smiles.” “Don’t wait for the right moment to start...start and make each moment right.” “I have always believed, and I still believe, that whatever good or bad fortune may come our way we can always give it meaning and transform it into something of value.” “You are capable.”



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