



NEWSLETTER  
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# ISLAND CONNECTIONS

# 2020 HIGHLIGHTS







## BBQ FOR A CAUSE



Triple J Restaurant Group, franchise operator for Red Lobster and Outback Steakhouse in Guam, held a BBQ for a Cause promotion – customers bought a meal to-go to support our healthcare heroes and for every meal purchased, Outback and Red Lobster provided a free meal to a local healthcare hero. The restaurants combined donated 600 plates total to the Guam Memorial Hospital, Guam Regional Medical City, American Medical Clinic, GDOE & DPHSS pandemic support staff and FHP Health Center healthcare heroes.

In honor of our healthcare heroes, the family of the late Mrs. Margaret Jones, and the staff of Triple J demonstrated their appreciation through a project they call "The Mema Project" - a special display of heart signs along the entrances of GMH and GRMC to let our healthcare heroes know how much we value their service and commitment.

Our hope is that when these heroes are driving into work or coming home and feeling stressed, maybe they can see the hearts on display in front of GMH and GRMC and feel loved and know that we are thinking of them.

Margaret Jones is remembered by many as the woman in the pink vest who was always working for charitable causes. A charter member of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association and a beloved "Pink Lady", Jones had a special place in her heart for our island's healthcare workers and would want them to feel our support and gratitude.





## PAND-EPIC CONTEST



Triple J hosted a video contest on Tik Tok for upcoming graduating high schoolers. This was an opportunity for local high school graduating students to share how they were celebrating their graduation this year. Students were tested for their creativity & video skills to win money for college. The top three winners who made the most creative Tik Toks were awarded with money for their college tuition.

## MAKE-A-WISH

On Friday, December 11th, Triple J presented a check for over three thousand six hundred dollars to Make-A-Wish Guam & CNMI from donations made through their employee elective payroll deduction program. This is the second check presentation since the program started in April 2019.

"About a quarter of Triple J employees on Guam and Saipan donate a portion of their checks to support Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI Chapter, they know that with their donation, they are helping bring a child's imagination to life. Wishes don't stop because of COVID, and now more than ever the organization needs the help of large and individual donors to continue giving the gift of hope to a waiting child," said Jay Jones, senior VP of Triple J Enterprises, Inc.



Eric Tydingco, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Guam & CNMI chapter thanked the company for their generous contribution, emphasizing the importance of each and every donor, "Generous individual donors like Triple J employees make it possible for us to continue the mission, especially during such unprecedented times, your support matters so much more and will make it possible for us to share the power of a wish on Guam and CNMI."





## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, our Triple J group of companies put on pink and purple in support of the warriors, survivors, and angels of breast cancer.





## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



On March 10th, the Executive Management team of Triple J Enterprises, Inc., celebrated Employee Appreciation day. The day included honoring all the hard-working individuals by a visit from the Executive Management team and some celebratory pizza!





## HEALTH FAIR



Our annual Triple J health fair was hosted for all of Triple J's employees!

## POP DAY



Triple J is helping spread awareness of Lupus for POP (Put on Purple) Day in honor of May as Lupus Awareness Month.





## OCEANRIDGE HOMES OPENS ITS DOORS ON FEBRUARY 1



Triple J's 3rd low-income community housing project, the beautiful Ocean Ridge Homes opened its doors in February 2020 with a total of 48 three-bedroom and two-bathroom units overlooking Beach Road and the Philippine Sea.

## CHCC MASK DONATIONS



Triple J understood the great demand for resources at Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation during the pandemic of COVID-19. Triple J donated 400+ N95 masks to the CHCC to help alleviate the need for resources.





## TRIPLE J PAYLESS SUPERFRESH TRUCKLOAD STORE OFFICIALLY OPENS DOORS



Triple J Payless SuperFresh Truckload Store officially opened the doors on November 8, 2019 and invited Saipan to enjoy a new shopping experience.

"We are passionately committed to building on our 35 years of success in providing the best quality and service and giving back to the very people who have helped us prosper," Robert H. Jones, Chairman of the Board and CEO.

## PUBLIC MEAL ASSISTANCE



Triple J Restaurant Group was among a few to be selected to prepare and serve meals at Public Schools to students/families.

## BITTERSWEET GOODBYE FROM SAIPAN TONY ROMA'S AND CAPRICCIOSA



After almost 25 years of serving the CNMI community, Tony Roma's and Capricciosa has closed their doors at the Comete Center in Garapan on July 2020.





## SURFRIDER RESORT HOTEL GRAND OPENING



Friday, 22 November 2019 marked the official Grand Opening of the Surfrider Resort Hotel. The hotel facility hosts 52 rooms inclusive of a governor's suite overlooking the beachfront nestled on top of the Surf Club Restaurant as well as a business center and a gym for guest use, and the Great Harvest Bakery and coffee shop on premise.

## RE-INTERMENT OF REMAINS AT SURFRIDER RESORT HOTEL



Partnering with the CNMI's State Historic Preservations Office (HPO), Triple J supported the re-interment of ancestral remains found on the grounds of the Surfrider Resort Hotel during the construction phase. The remains were extracted, cataloged by HPO and then placed into handwoven baskets for the ceremony.





## TRIPLE J BUBBLE COLOR RUN



Triple J hosted it's annual bubble color run on Saipan!

Amidst the threat of economic instability, the Saipan business pulled together to help support those in need through health and entertainment for the masses. McDonald's of Saipan, Docomo Pacific, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and ITE CNMI were present hosting individual color run stations, in which, their teams tossed bright colors along the pathway at participants to create the signature splash on all attire. DFS by T Galleria, Wushin, H.S. Lee Corp., and Serenti Hotel alongside many more business partners also generously donated to support Triple J's efforts to raise money for event beneficiaries - the Make-A-Wish® Foundation, aiding them in their mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening diseases and the Commonwealth Cancer Association (CCA) as they continue in their mission to promote cancer awareness and prevention, provided patient support services, and served as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and region.



Triple J Enterprises Vice President Mike Sablan stated, "Each business partner and sponsor of Triple J has given back to our island community in many ways. A successful organization recognizes the needs within its community and identifies ways it can extend support to those in need; this attribute, among many others, contributes to their achievements. On behalf of Triple J, we thank our sponsors for their kindness in recognizing and supporting our efforts. It is their contributions and dedication that make our efforts for the Triple J 5K Bubble Color Run/Walk a successful event."







## CHRISTMAS PARTY



CM Party January 1, 2020 in the islands.

## NECO PLAZA MGR TEAM



Neco Plaza MGR Team, from left to right, Mike Guevarra WS Supervisor, Ning-Ning Prudencio C-Store/ SFC Manager, Gladdys Molejon Chief Accountant, Peter Gaymann GM, Alma Dela Cruz Retail Manager, Tito Apistar Wholesale Manager.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE



Neco Plaza participated in the annual CM Parade and brought candy to the children of Palau.





## TINIAN DONATION



In partnership with the Tinian's International Women's Association and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian, The Rotary Club of Saipan distributed over 325 relief care bags of household and food items to the community of Tinian on Saturday, 11 July 2020.





## CHRISTMAS PARADE







## RAFFLE



## TRICK OR TREAT



## STAFF







# HR CORNER



## SERVICE AWARDS

### 10 YEARS



Ma. Macrina Tinguha  
Saipan Shrimp



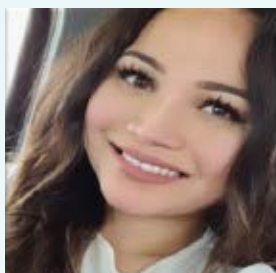
Alfredo "Fred" V. Cuaresma  
Outback Steakhouse



Ashley Nicole "Ash" D. Rosario  
Hertz Rent A Car



Carolina Lucenara  
Saipan Great Harvest



Christal M. Ishmael  
Motors Service HQ



David "Dave" V. Quidachay  
Five Star Wholesale



Elaine C. Leon Guerrero  
Commercial Tire Center



Francisco "Frank" S. Ada  
Corporate Saipan



Hendrix Ngiralmuut  
Five Star Wholesale



Leah E. De Perio  
Corporate Saipan Accountant



Mismark Siren  
Five Star Wholesale



Vanessa L. Naputi  
Motors Service HQ

### 15 YEARS



Eufemia "Fem" Guevarra  
Motors Accounting



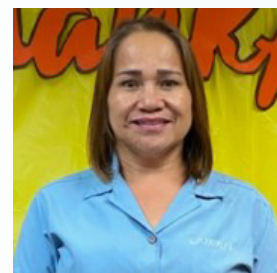
Joyce T. Calma  
Motors Sales HQ



Micah R. Parico-Acuavera  
Corporate Saipan



Natalie C. Geli  
Corporate Saipan Construction



Yolanda "Yolly" O. Guevarra  
Five Star Wholesale





## SERVICE AWARDS

### 20 YEARS



Alfredo "Fred" V. Cuaresma  
Corporate Guam



Elieto "Lito" D. Flores  
Motors Service HQ



Jose Jr. "Jun" B. Delos Trinos  
Five Star Wholesale



Rogelio "Roger" D. Melencio  
Motors Service HQ

### 30 YEARS



Joselito A. Hernandez  
Motors Saipan Service



Leo Bobai  
Motors Saipan Sales



Robert M. Moreno  
Corporate Saipan Construction

### 35 YEARS



Jeff Jones  
Corporate



Vicente C. Lizama  
Motors Saipan Sales