



Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present



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Mersina grew up in the restaurant business as her parents were restaurateurs her whole life. She developed a love for cooking and baking at a very young age. Her mom was a great business woman and a wonderful hostess. Mersina learned so much from her growing up. She was always amazed at how strong her mother was. Mersina believes that she herself is just like her mom. Her mom always encouraged Mersina's dreams, but at the time Mersina didn't have the courage to follow through. Although Mersina loved working in restaurants, she tried venturing out to different fields and it just never felt right. She didn't have the same passion and drive as she did for restaurants so Mersina decided it was time for her and her husband, Chef Jorge Ocampo to open their own place. From the first moment driving into Nyack, she knew this would soon be their new home. She had a vision of making The Breakfast and Burger Club a place where everyone would love to go for great food and ambiance. A place where they would feel like home. Mersina welcomes everyone the same way she would welcome someone coming into her home. She is the queen of hospitality. Her favorite Motto is "No one leaves here hungry!" whether it's in her home or at her diner. It gives her so much pleasure to see everyone enjoying their food and having a great experience. She loves to see people come into the diner, but it's even more gratifying for her when they leave happy. Mersina never had the experience of opening a business from scratch before, she had no idea what she was getting herself into. But she had a vision and she had the passion and most of all she had FAITH. Even with very little money, she somehow managed to open this wonderful diner. "GOD IS GREAT!" is what she always says. "Without God none of this would have been possible. It's true what they say...all you need is a dream, a vision, a mustard seed of faith and steps towards your dreams to make it happen". Mersina is sure that her mom is smiling down on her from the heavens above with so much pride. She is grateful for the love and support of her family, her friends and the wonderful community of Nyack.