



**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FEATURE:
OLDSMAR POLLO TROPICAL® MANAGER ANGLIS D'OLIVERA
FOUNDING EMPLOYEE OF RESTAURANT**

OLDSMAR, FL – As Pollo Tropical® celebrates its third anniversary in Oldsmar this month, Anglis D'Olivera, the restaurant's manager and one of the original employees of the company, celebrates 23 years with Pollo Tropical.

Pollo Tropical restaurants, famous for its citrus marinated chicken-on-the-grill, opened its first restaurant in 1988 in Miami, Florida. D'Olivera started to work at the first Pollo Tropical that same year, when she was 19 years old. She had been a cashier and cleaning staff member of a fast food restaurant in Miami, when Pollo Tropical began building its first restaurant next door.

D'Olivera, 42, fondly remembers all her years with the company. "I watched them build the first store, so when they decided to open, I decided to go over and work with them," D'Olivera said.

Today, Pollo Tropical employes more than 1,500 women. Roughly 65 percent of the general managers at Pollo Tropical are women, and several have grown with the company as has D'Olivera.

"Pollo Tropical is a company that builds the future by investing in its people," said Vicky Timmer, Director of Regional Operations at Pollo Tropical. "Many of our multi unit managers began as hourly employees."

D'Olivera has held several positions within the restaurant. When she first started at Pollo Tropical, she cleaned restaurants. She also held positions in cooking on the grill and working the cash registers. Over time, she was promoted an assistant manager, and in 1993, she was promoted to a general manager, a position she has held in different Pollo Tropical restaurants throughout the years.

After 20 years with the company, D'Olivera was transferred to Tampa in March 2008 to lead the first elevated concept Pollo Tropical restaurant. While helping open the Oldsmar Pollo Tropical, D'Olivera relived the enthusiasm of her earlier days with the company when she worked closely with founding members Larry and Stuart Harris on the preparation of the restaurant's first meals, perfecting the recipes and the signature Pollo Tropical citrus marinated chicken-on-the-grill and famous black beans.

"I love working with the employees, being at the store, prepping the store in the morning before it opens, and all the customer service work we do," she said.

D'Olivera said that when she opened the Oldsmar store she felt the same excitement as when she started at the first store. She tries to cultivate the family atmosphere that made the first Pollo Tropical such a pleasant place to work.

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“[When the restaurant first opened] I would have never envisioned seeing Pollo Tropical expand and open in places like New Jersey, as it has now,” said D’Olivera.

Today, there’s no other job D’Olivera would want. “I tell my employees, from here they will have to take me out with a cane. I’m going to retire with this company. I have Pollo in my blood, this has been my life, and the security that this job has offered me has no comparison.”

About Pollo Tropical®

Born in a Caribbean kitchen with a Latin accent in the melting pot of Miami, the Pollo Tropical signature citrus marinated, tropical-spiced grilled chicken (Pollo in Spanish) created its namesake. People came from all over just to get a taste of the Pollo. Today, that same recipe is being grilled fresh and served fast to about 20 million loyal Pollo Tropical fans at 120 restaurants in six countries. There’s no mistaking the taste, the freshness and the flavor of Pollo Tropical.