

Bartender of the Month: Jorge Gomez, Bartender/Realtor

Not necessarily in order of importance! The traits and skills of a great bartender are honesty, professionalism, personality, speed, accuracy, good memory, multitasking, flexibility, communication, self-discipline, dependability, enthusiasm, a good positive attitude and a good following or network, and a genuine concern for his customers. Jorge Gomez has all these skills and more and that's why he has become a successful realtor as well.

Gomez has lived in the Upper Keys since his family moved here from Nicaragua when he was a baby. Now he is raising a family of his own here among childhood friends in the town and country that he loves. When Jorge is not behind the bar at Cactus Jack's (CJ's to the locals), or at his desk or showing properties for Tropical Realty, he is enjoying precious time with his wife and two daughters, ages 7 and 1.

If you are looking for a place to have a cocktail and relax, stop by MM 104 and meet Jorge. CJ's is a locals hangout because it is locally owned and operated, prices are very reasonable, food is excellent, and everyone is friendly. They open at 4 pm daily and serve food till

closing at 2 am. Stop by for some fried green beans, mozzarella sticks, a fried mac and cheese plate, onion rings, wings, cheese pizza, burgers, grilled chicken sandwich or the bacon-wrapped jalapeños that almost killed this writer. They are delicious but deadly caliente. I ate three, how many can you eat? You'll need plenty of beer to

wash those down, so stop by for Happy Hour weekdays 4 to 7 for \$2 drafts, \$3 domestics, \$3 well drinks and \$3.50 call. Jorge recommends the \$2 shots of Dr. McGillicuddy's or Fire Balls, available all day long.

Jorge Gomez earned his realtor license and has been working with Tropical Realty since last October, but is already successful, says 30 year real-estate veteran and Tropical Realty owner Jane Wasmund, "He is a true professional." Nobody knows the market like a life-long resident.

And of course, if you are interested in a home in the Keys stop by Tropical Realty at 102901 Overseas Highway in Key Largo or call Jorge directly at 305-522-1921.

If you are looking for a drink and conversation stop by C.J.'s 103900 Overseas Highway and see Jorge. Or maybe you want a drink and a house? Just tell Jorge, "Make it a double!"



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