



# Monterey Bay Aquarium Warehouse Manager Rosemary Gill — A true “California Girl” in (almost) every respect!

**A** recent article in wikiHow reported on how one could become a California girl. However, in the case of Rosemary Gill, she doesn't need such tips, she's already a California girl as she has lived in the “golden state” most of her life!

According to the article, **a California girl enjoys the outdoors.** Rosemary's favorite activity is walking outside on paths following the scenic Monterey Peninsula shoreline where she can check out otters, sea lions and birds along the way. When she's not working, she's putting one foot in front of the other and walking here and there.

**Another attribute of a California girl is one who has her own fashion sense.** Rosemary loves to shop. One of her favorite stores is Forever 21, and no, you don't have to be 21 or younger to shop at this store. The clothing retailer offers fresh, trend-driven fashions at reasonable prices. It's the type of place where Rosemary can scour the store for bargains. Her favorite shopping companions are her two daughters: 26-year-old Elizabeth and 19-year-old Kathryn.

**Californians are known to be friendly and approachable.** And that's certainly true for Rosemary. She describes herself as a nice person, but a quiet one. Rosemary shared she's a stay-at-home type of person. While at home, she's usually reading or listening to music as she doesn't watch much television. She emphatically said she doesn't have a computer at home, nor does she have a Facebook or Twitter account.

Her favorite book is the classic *Jane Eyre*, which is filled with drama: fires, storms, attempted murder and of course, romance. She also has collected most of the movies made from that book. Favorite magazines include *Cosmopolitan* and *Marie Claire* magazines, which she turns to for information on fashion, style, beauty, women's issues, health and more.

While the **California girl does listen to surf bands music**, such as the Beach Boys, Rosemary prefers listening to country pop, especially songs written and performed by Taylor Swift.

**Rosemary, like many other California girls, leads an environmentally friendly lifestyle.** Among the things she recycles are bottles – bottles that contain her Diet Coke. It is said you really don't want to talk to her before she has her morning fix of the sugar-free soda. Rosemary laughingly said she is addicted to Diet Coke, but justifies her habit as she doesn't have any other vices. Diet Coke, along with cheese and crackers, is her favorite meal.

**California girls also need to be go-getters.** Rosemary is a person who acts and gets things done. She raised her two daughters and was a help to her husband before he died four years ago. She has been a go-getter in her career. She started working as a part-time sales clerk at the Monterey Bay Aquarium right after it opened in 1984. Through her dedication and hard work, Rosemary worked her way up to the position of Warehouse Manager, where she's responsible for receiving, storing and distributing products for the aquarium's gift and book shops. She shared that one reason she so enjoys her job is that she is very detail orientated. “I like finding the answer when there's a mistake,” she said.

If she wasn't working for SSA, Rosemary said she would like to return to her first career in the banking industry. She started as a teller. However, her first job was working in her Monterey-based parents' deli making made-to-order sandwiches.

**Being independent is another trait of California girls.** Over the years, Rosemary has resisted the pleas of her siblings to move to Las Vegas where they both now live. Rosemary may describe herself as a person who doesn't like to take risks or make changes, but those traits are also known as being independent.

As a “California girl,” it shouldn't be surprising that Rosemary dreams of taking her daughters on a vacation to Hawaii where they could enjoy the fresh, floral air and warm, tranquil waters.

While Rosemary may be a true “California girl,” in most ways, her choice of movies is not at all what a true California girl would watch. Her favorite movie is the action-packed *Terminator*; another favorite is *Transformers*. These science fiction action movies appeal to Rosemary as it's an escape from reality because what happens in those movies can't possibly happen to her in real life.



**The California girls:  
Rosemary,( top)  
and her daughters:  
Elizabeth, (middle)  
and  
Kathryn, (bottom).**



**Flashback!  
How Rosemary  
looked when she  
started working  
at the Aquarium  
in May 1985.**