

Joe's of Westlake bought by Original Joe's owners

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It's the end of an era for Daly City **Joe's of Westlake** (11 Glenwood Drive) - and, quite possibly, the beginning of a new era.

Owner **Melinda Scatena**, whose father, **Bruno Scatena**, opened Joe's of Westlake in 1956, is selling the property to the Duggan family, which owns and operates **Original Joe's** in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood.

The restaurant is slated to close Jan. 26 for an upgrade and remodel, reopening in 2015.

In many ways, the move brings the convoluted history of the Joe's brands full circle and back to **John Duggan** and his family, who expertly revitalized Original Joe's in its new North Beach environs after the Tenderloin original burned down several years ago.

John Duggan's grandfather Tony Rodin opened the first Original Joe's on Taylor Street in 1937. Two years later, Rodin partnered with Bruno Scatena to open Original Joe's No. 2 on Chestnut and Fillmore. In subsequent years, multiple Joe's outposts opened throughout the Bay Area, some from former partners and some not: Marin Joe's, Little Joe's, Original Joe's in San Jose and Scatena's baby, Joe's of Westlake.

News of the Westlake changes came out this week, and the regulars have responded, packing it to get their fill of signature ravioli, meatballs and charcoal-broiled burgers.

Melinda Scatena cites health issues as the reason for the sale, and the two families have a long history together.

"It kind of seemed the right way to go," says Scatena of the sale to the Duggans.

"I'm sure it's hard for everybody. It's hard for the employees, and that part is hard for me. I'm fortunate to have great employees, and a lot have been there for a long time.