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[This week at Rotary - Dr. Ben Weitz](#)

Posted by Scott Kunitz on Apr 17, 2012

Dr. Ben Weitz is a certified sports chiropractor, nutritionist, and strength and conditioning specialist in Santa Monica for over 20 years. Dr. Weitz graduated from UCLA in 1983 with a BA in philosophy and he graduated from the Pasadena College of Chiropractic in 1987 as a Doctor of Chiropractic. Dr. Weitz wrote a book on back rehabilitation, The Back Relief Book, published in 1998, and he is currently at work on a book on sports nutrition for kids. Dr. Weitz will be speaking about how to prevent and reverse chronic diseases like obesity, diabetes, and heart disease by adopting a healthy lifestyle.

[Rotary Club Meeting April 13, 2012 - Evan Kleinman on Good Food](#)

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Meeting Cast:



Bob Klein with Ken Waltzer on piano, and our Greeters were Isabel Cervello & Julia Miele.

At the head table, seated at far stage right of the podium we have our Invocator for today: Bret Carter. Next to Bret we have Irene Passos. Stage left of the podium and here to introduce our Speaker for today, we have Tomas S. Loo. Next to Tom is our speaker for today, Evan Kleiman. Far stage left of the Podium and here to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests, we have Ronald Davis.

Our song leader was



Visitors:



We had 1 visiting Rotarian Joan Behrens from Palos Verde who was a guest of Dee Menzies and exchanged banners with the club.

Janis Morse, Roy Shiuda, Tish Murry and David Ramirez of the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica were guests of Alan Young. Nancy Desser was a guest of Mary Ann Powell. Pat Collins was the guest of George Collins who introduced her as his first wife.



Joan Behrens
April 13, 2012



Alan Monroe
March 30, 2012

Club Videos

Santa Monica
Rotary Club's
90th Anniversary
Slide Show

Santa Monica
Rotary Club's
home makeover effort
at Upward Bound House

Puerto Rico
District Humanitarian Trip's
main project
distributing 110 wheelchairs

Rotary Club of Santa Monica

Announcements:

- Reverend Don Shelby passed. He was a past president of our club.
- Savi, congratulations on being installed as President of the Santa Monica Jaycees.
- Others were honored at the Jaycee event; John Bohn was made an honorary Jaycee, and they implemented a new award called the Bohn-afied Outstanding Community Citizen. Timor Berbergrou, was awarded both Jaycee of the year, and Project of the year. Avo was a great emcee for the evening. Judy was given the Janet Walther Outstanding Supporter award.
- Steve Litvack presented Tish Murry of the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club a \$2,500 Youth Grant. The money will be used to renovate the art room
- Tish Murry introduce the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year David Ramirez, who shared his story and how the Boys and Girls Club helped him.
- Tom Loo - International Food Festival 4/28/12.
- Bret Carter - Paul Harris Fellowship.
- Jean McNeil Wyner - Staff Support Day next week.



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New Members:

- Kathleen Benjamin
- Matt Williams
- David Rosenfeld



Birthdays In April

Merve Hecht, Isabel Cervello and Paul Gualke



Presentation



Evan Kleiman renowned owner and executive chef of one of LA's favorite restaurants, Angeli Caffe, and best-selling author of numerous cookbooks, including "Cucina Fresca" and "Pasta Fresca," is host of Good Food. Kleiman brings to Good Food a rich and varied background -- as scholar of Italian cooking and culture, entrepreneur and trend-setter for the popular trattoria concept, avid gardener, and admired teacher and chef -- which has won her the esteem of her culinary colleagues both here and abroad.

Evan is a LA girl, who grew up with her mother in Pico Rivera. She first started cooking helping her mother prepare dinner. For Evan cooking became a way to communicate with people. The first books that Evan owned were cookbooks, which she needed to learn to cook deserts. She learned that people liked the way

she cooked. She sold cookies at high school to student who seemed to be really craving them. To put herself through college she worked for both a catering company and a producer. Once she graduated she needed to make a decision.

After a short stint pursuing a film career, Evan joined Mangia restaurant as night chef and kitchen manager. She quickly made a name for herself and was recruited by Verdi Ristorante di Musica in Santa Monica to be its executive chef.

After a year at Verdi, Evan decided to pursue a longtime dream of writing her own cookbook, "Cucina Fresca," Evan's first cookbook written in collaboration with Viana LaPlace, a former colleague from her days at Mangia, was published by Harper & Row in 1983 and launched a new side to Evan's career. It became a best-seller, as did her other cookbooks, "Pasta Fresca," published in 1988, and "Cucina Rustica" in 1990. "Cucina del Mare," her first solo effort published in 1993, received a rave review in the February 1995 issue of Gourmet Magazine. Her most recent works are "Angeli: Pizza, Pasta and Panini" released in June 1997, and "Pizzeria," part of a four-color photographed series published in 1997.

About the same time that her writing career was taking off, Kleiman opened Angeli Caffè, the first of the Angeli Restaurant Group. Launched in December of 1984, Angeli Caffè was designed to serve "simple rustic food in a modern environment," according to Kleiman. Garnering rave reviews, the restaurant's success prompted Kleiman to open Trattoria Angeli in 1987 and Angeli Mare two years later.

Now Evan spends most of her time and writing, speaking and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Farmers' Market and on the Board of Overseers of The Chef's Collaborative 2000 -- organizations which are devoted to educating the public on issues of sustainability. She also holds special tastings, teaches at her restaurant and at local schools, and leads travel programs to experience the cuisine of France and Italy.

Thought for the **Day**

"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage."

- Erma Bombeck

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