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Today's Speaker:

Paul Mattison – Mattison's City Grille



Chef Paul Mattison, executive chef and proprietor of Mattison's, operates a successful culinary group on Florida's Gulf Coast. Located in Sarasota, each Mattison's restaurant location is unique to its neighborhood, offering Chef Paul's signature menu items, outstanding service, and quality ingredients, while supporting the community, regional farmers, and culinary suppliers.

Paul grew up in New York, cooking and gardening side by side with his Italian grandmother, Esther. He began his culinary career at age 15 in a local Greek restaurant and was encouraged by the restaurant's owner to attend the Culinary Institute of America. Upon graduating with honors, Chef Paul went to Aspen where he would refine his skills over the next five years working at Piñons, a one-of-a-kind receiving top kudos from Zagat.

In 1991, he relocated to Sarasota as the executive chef and proprietor of the Summerhouse Restaurant on Siesta Key, which quickly became a local treasure and institution, establishing him as a celebrated local chef. In September 2001, he and Jason Sango created the Mattison's concept which includes:

- **Mattison's Catering Company**, a full service in-house and off-site catering company;
- **Mattison's City Grille**, an award-winning al fresco restaurant in downtown Sarasota;
- **Mattison's Forty-One**, a highly acclaimed local restaurant boasting comfortable elegance in South Sarasota;
- **Mattison's Bayside at the Van Wezel**, the official in-house caterer at the waterfront Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall offering pre-show dining and events; and
- **Mattison's City Grille on Bradenton's Riverwalk.**

Upcoming Speakers

November 22: Lee Williams – Herald Tribune

November 29: Diane Alexander - TheMindWorks

Join Us Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!

**Saturday Mornings at 9:00am –
Panera Bread at Bahia Vista**

PREVIOUS MEETING 11/8/2017) by Ron Rayevich

I must admit that I really knew little about the services that our County Health Departments provide. Fortunately, **Dr. Jennifer Bencie**, Manatee County Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health, gave our club an excellent overview of these services.

With an annual budget of over \$10 million and overseeing a staff of 125, **Dr. Bencie's** department provides for public health preparedness and disease control against the Zika virus, Ebola, and Meningitis, and HPV. It also concerns itself with environmental health including the safety of public swimming pools, tattoo parlors, and sewage disposal, especially septic tanks. The department oversees a medical reserve corps, community health outreach, tobacco prevention programs, and women, infants, and children's health programs, including children's vaccinations. It is also responsible for the issuance of birth and death certificates.

While Florida is only rated 30th of the 50 states in public health, Sarasota is the third highest rated county in the state. Manatee is rated lower as the ratings are highly impacted by the socio-economic factors.

Thanks, **Dr. Bencie**, for this worthwhile perspective of what public health departments do for our community.

Save The Dates!!!

- **Wednesday, November 15 - Paint and Sip at Sip N' Create - 6382 North Lockwood Ridge Road.**
- **Friday – December 1st, Happy Hour Social at Amore Restaurant in Burns Court.**
- **Saturday - December 9th, Annual Holiday Party at SaraBay Country Club.**

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Pam Akins	Marketing Consulting	Jim Henry

If no objections are filed in writing to the Board of Directors within seven (7) days, Pam will be eligible for induction into the Rotary Club of Sarasota anytime on or after Nov. 22.

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