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Born in Pennsylvania, Chef Rosendale's training included apprenticeships under several Certified Master Chefs. Rosendale is the former Chef de Cuisine of the Tavern Room restaurant at The Greenbrier resort in West Virginia. Recently, Rosendale was appointed team captain of the 2008 Culinary Olympic team and was awarded the Presidential Medallion by the American Culinary Federation. Rosendales opened in 2007.

Describe a meal you'd make to fire up some romance.

That's an easy one. I would start off with some oysters, the king of aphrodisiacs, served with some champagne. For a main course, I would serve something comforting, like linguine with fragrant basil and red plum tomato sauce. I am Italian, so what can I say?

For dessert, I think chocolate is a definite, but I would do something interesting with it. Like a study of different chocolates from around the world, each used in a different preparation. Here are a few examples: Mexican chocolate sorbet, warm South American chocolate cake and a silky Swiss chocolate panna cotta.

What was the best meal you've ever had?

I've had wonderful meals in some of the finest restaurants in the country, but believe it or not, the best meal was profoundly simple. It was a dish I had in a small town during a trip through Italy, simple pasta cooked perfectly with some local mushrooms, butter and cheese.

That was a real eye-opening experience for me. It is easy to put more and more components on a plate, but to hit the mark of perfection on a dish that is so simplistically executed is inspiring.

What ingredient could you not live without?

I absolutely could not live without butter, pork, bacon, olive oil, foie gras, truffles, salt, ham, cheese and chocolate. It is a tie between those. Sorry.

What are your guilty food pleasures?

I like Oreo cookies and milk.

What's your favorite food-related movie?

It used to be *Dinner Rush*, not a real well-known movie, but fun. But I just saw *Ratatouille* and that is probably my new favorite, especially with my baby boy on the way.