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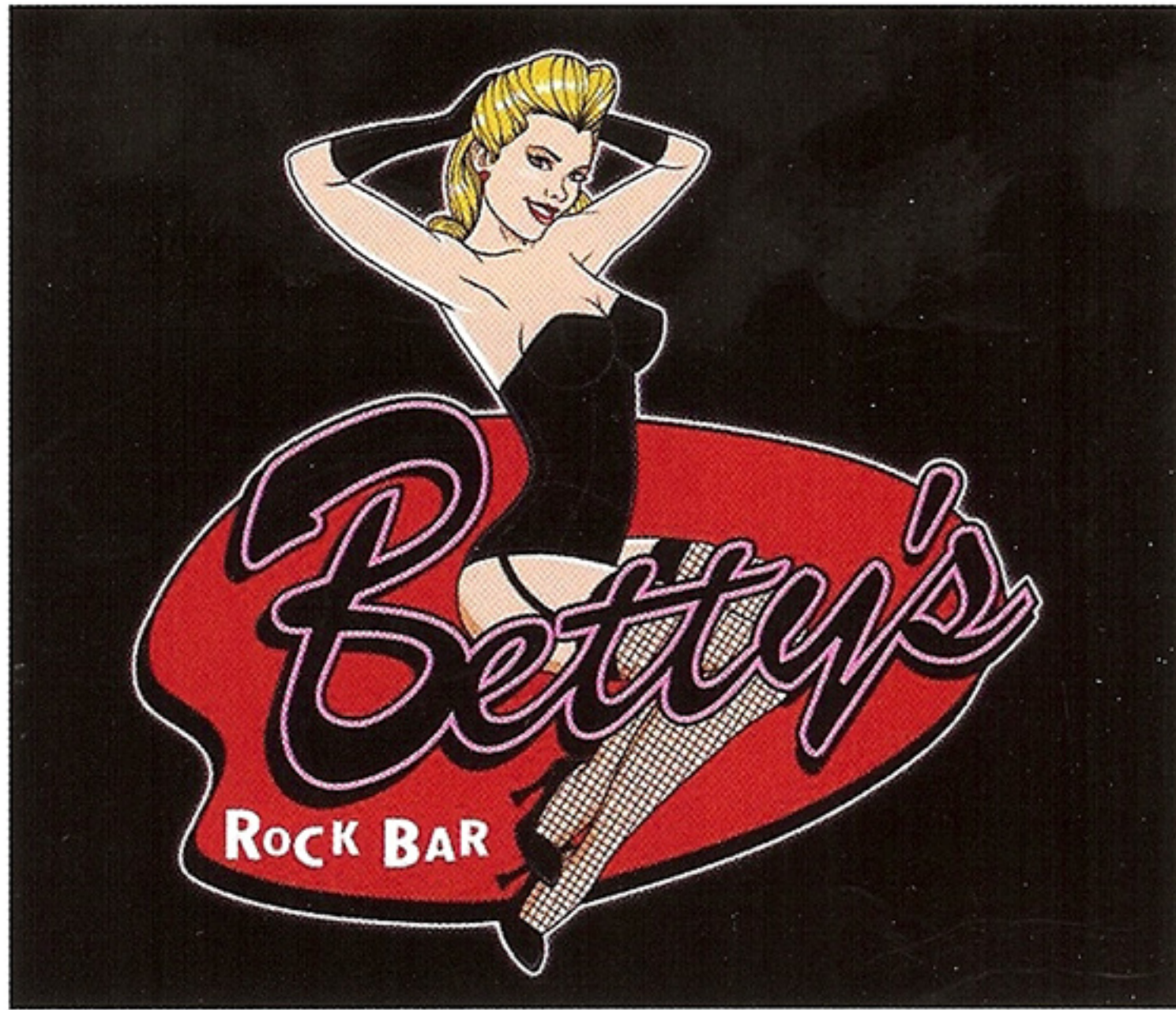
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# Walnut Creek Gets Amplified



If November's grand opening of Betty's Rock Bar (formerly O'Kearney's) was any indication, then Walnut Creek's decibel meter shot through the roof. (You may begin to notice a few burley roadies walking through Broadway Plaza, well, probably not). But sightings of rock royalty are possible at Betty's, according to club co-owner Enrique Montero. The longtime event promoter intends to turn Walnut Creek into a concert destination. And based on the opening, which featured Gilby Clarke of Guns N' Roses and The Phenomenauts, suburbia was itching to let out their collective rebel yells.

"There is definitely a void here. I'm tired of driving to San Francisco to see a show. We finally have a spot that we can call our own," says Montero, who partnered with Bill Russell of Spin Ultra Lounge for the venture. "Walnut Creek is the center of the East Bay nightlife scene."

Promising an atmosphere akin to Tommy Lee's love grotto, with airbrushed walls and rock memorabilia, Montero hopes Betty's will rival San Francisco's rock club Slim's. The Walnut Creek native tracked down Jeff Fogerty (nephew of John Fogerty) to man the soundboard, installed a proper stage and lighting system and got scantily clad women—think Pussycat Dolls—to conjure up drinks behind the bar. (There are pool tables for the dance floor impaired clientele.)

"We are going for a Slim's meets Fillmore vibe. It's the same size as Slim's, but has the plush elements of the Fillmore. We have the rock memorabilia and the luxurious chandeliers. It definitely has a retro feel," says Montero.

If you're looking to sip wine, while a jazz trio improvises into the night, look elsewhere. Betty's Rock Bar is meant to rock you like a hurricane. For more info visit: <http://myspace.com/bettysrockbar>, *1251 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek.*

-Jason Jurgens