

THE SPOKE
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announcements and/or information to share in the Spoke.

DETECTIVE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL: MIKE BREM
(All members are encouraged to share information with the Detective.)

CALENDAR – UPCOMING PROGRAMS

As shown, many great programs are scheduled during the next couple of months.
Please take this opportunity to invite a guest to one or more of these meetings.

April 8, 2008	Dave Williams, Senior Chaplain for the Turlock Police Chaplaincy Program
April 15, 2008	Les Weideman, County Supervisor Candidate
April 18-20, 2008	District Conference at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nevada. Register on-line
April 22, 2008	Vito Chiesa, County Supervisor Candidate
April 29, 2008	Susan Brauner from Blue Diamond on Agricultural Exports

THIS WEEK Gerry Kamilos on the West Park Project

LAST WEEK NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES – Getting to Know our
Newest Rotarians a Little Better...

Hank Harris – Hank grew up locally and attended MJC. He received his
accounting degree from San Francisco State. He has been a CPA for 3-1/2 years.
He was the corporate controller for Victoria Station Restaurants previously. Hank
entered the high technology field and made disks for Winchester disk drives. He
sold the company and became the chief financial officer for Zytel Corporation.

Hank has been married for over 35 years. He has two daughters. He likes to play golf and cards. He also enjoys woodworking as a hobby.

Steve Carkeet – Steve is a 1957 Turlock High School graduate. He attended Lowell Elementary School and started a career in education. He also spent 18 months in Berlin, courtesy of the US Government. Steve married his wife in 1964. He worked at Farmers Insurance and retired 10 years ago.

Steve moved to Turlock 6 years ago and has been involved with the Turlock Community Theater and the City Centennial Committee. Steve is proud to be a member of Rotary. He believes in the importance of giving back to his community and Rotary provides the forum to serve.

Roger McNeil – Roger was born in Montreal, Canada. He moved to San Diego in 1960. He received his degree in Physics from UC, San Diego in 1980. He received his Ph.D in Particle Physics from UC Davis in 1986. Roger worked at the Stanford Linear Accelerator as a graduate student. He married Michelle who is a lab biologist. Roger assumed a post doctoral research position at Louisiana State University. He was Department Chair during the last four years. Roger also had the opportunity to build an accelerator with other physicists in Argentina.

Two years ago, Roger shared a number of milestones in his life; namely, the fact that he turned 50 years old, completed 20 years of service at LSU, his only child, Sean graduated from high school, and he became the Founding Dean for the College of Natural Sciences at CSUS.

Roger concluded his talk saying that he is thrilled to be in Turlock.

Francois Farhat – Francois was born in Lebanon. He came to the United States in July of 1979. At that time he lived in Chicago and spent the last six years in California of which five were in the bay area and the last year was in Turlock.

Francois speaks five languages. By profession, he is a dental lab technician. He is also a realtor and most recently joined the Allstate Insurance industry.

Alex Salcedo – Alex was born in Patterson. He grew up near Donnelly Park and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School. Later Alex attended Brown School, Turlock Junior High, and Denair High School.

Alex worked at Central Valley Concrete. He moved to the Merced office after one year where he launched their trucking company. Alex then joined Teichart Construction where he became a project engineer, manager, and currently is an estimator.

Alex met his wife at Teichart Construction. They married in 2001 when they enjoyed a 21-day honeymoon in Europe. Alex said he works for a great company

that is family-oriented. Alex and his wife have a 2 year old son. Alex loves to golf. Alex joined Rotary as a way to give back to his community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARY AUCTION – April 5, 2008

The Luau Auction is only two weeks away. Only half of our members have responded. Please let Jeff Barton know if you are able to attend or not. See Mike Brem if you are able to be a dinner sponsor.

GIANTS VS. CARBINALS – April 12, 2008

Take me out to the BALL GAME at SBC Park in San Francisco. There are only 5 seats left!! See John Jauregui if you have not reserved your seats yet.

SALVATION ARMY DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT – April 12, 2008

10:00am. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Sessions last 3 minutes. The tournament is open to players 12 years and up. Costumes count! Come and join the fun at the Salvation Army on April 12th.

DIRECTORIES

Rotary directories are now available.

PRESENTATION TO MAJOR DEBI SHRUM

President Tom presented Debi with a \$2,500 check in support of the Salvation Army's youth programs. Debi shared that approximately 50-60 youth participate in after school programs. The piano group is very popular with about 30 youngsters waiting to take piano lessons. Volunteers are needed to accommodate these youth. See Debi if you can help.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Thank you to Pat McGuire who contributed \$100.00 toward her Paul Harris.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Please join us in wishing the following Rotarians a Happy Birthday:

April 2	Michael Mechsner
April 2	Neil Weese
April 2	Darryl Woods
April 3	Tom Sperry

April 16	Kirk Sperry
April 23	Bill Martin
April 30	Hank Harris

If you have a birthday in APRIL, please deposit \$10 with John Vercammen.