

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

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

CALENDAR – UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 29, 2008 Susan Brauner from Blue Diamond on Agricultural Exports
May 6, 2008 Gabriella Frank, Composer in Residence, Modesto Symphony
May 13, 2008 Doug Marks, 2008 Iditarod
May 20, 2008 Carla Castro, Crime Stoppers, Modesto Police Department

THIS WEEK Vito Chiesa, County Supervisor Candidate

LAST WEEK Les Weidman, County Supervisor Candidate

County Supervisor Candidate Les Weidman attended CSUS, received a degree in Business from the University of San Francisco. He worked at the FBI Academy and has 35 years of experience in law enforcement. Les serves on a number of state boards, is involved with Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, to name a few. Les is described by Mike Crowell as a “Self-Made Individual.”

Les said he wants to continue to provide public service and that he has institutional experience. He has the ability to bring people together and listen to them. He provides a reasonable approach that all sides to a situation have value. Les said he has heard from the voters in Turlock that there is a need to improve libraries, roads, decrease crime, increase jobs, and address the homeless issues. He said in 2003 when Turlock was faced with the home invasion robberies, he saw how important it was to partner with other agencies. By doing so, it showed how agencies could work together.

As government leaders, Les said we need to work together and provide outreach. He addressed property taxes and said we are paying our fair share, but we are not

receiving enough benefit. With respect to crime, Les said the southwest area of Turlock needs to be addressed. 30% of the major crimes are committed there. The area represents 12% of the population. Les believes the homeless problem needs to be addressed as well. It will not go away if we do not have a shelter...One size does not fit all. A shelter is important and will work if it is faith-based and nonprofit-driven.

If elected, Les said he would open an office in Turlock. It is important to be near the community to provide support.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

Michael Rose, from B&B Equipment Manufacturing Company in Turlock, has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Turlock. If no objections are received by the Board within seven (7) days, he will, upon payment of admission and initiation fees, be considered to be elected to membership and her name reported to the General Secretary of Rotary International. Michael is sponsored by Dave Muller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COG CLUB GRADUATES

Congratulations to Cog Club graduates Tina Gong, Hank Harris, Steve Carkeet, and Marc LePoullouin. In recognition of this special event, each graduate was fined \$30.00.

DAY OF PRAYER

Bill Gibbs announced the Day of Prayer scheduled for May 1, beginning at 6:45am at the Assyrian American Civic Club.

CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

John Jaureguy announced this new event scheduled for Friday, April 25. Contact John for additional information.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Please keep Dale Pinkney in your thoughts. Dale has requested a leave of absence for health reasons.

DIRECTORIES

Rotary directories are now available.

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.