

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

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 Susan Brauner from Blue Diamond on Agricultural Exports

LAST WEEK Vito Chiesa, County Supervisor Candidate

About Vito Chiesa {Information was obtained from Vito Chiesa's website: vitochiesa.com}

As a family farmer and community leader, Vito Chiesa has deep roots in Stanislaus County. Vito and his wife, Jill, have been married for 17 years and have two children, 15-year-old Caroline and 11-year-old Teo.

Vito is a leader who believes that protecting farmland and the environment is good for Stanislaus County, Vito is a graduate of California Polytechnic University. Vito has served as President of the Stanislaus County Fair Board as well as a member of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau and the California Farm Bureau. Vito has also been a leader in his family business, Chiesa Ranch and has worked across party lines to repeal the "Tractor Tax" that attacked family farmers.

Vito has a vision for our county's future. He believes that our county must work hand in hand with CSU Stanislaus to create partnerships which enhance the lives of our citizens and give colleges the tools they need to deliver a quality education. Vito will fight to increase educational opportunities and build a stronger economy for Stanislaus County Families.

Issues

Protecting our Farmland and Environment

Farmers have a unique partnership with the environment. Our government needs to make smart decisions that protect our way of life while creating the jobs we need for the hard working taxpayers of Stanislaus County. Protecting farmland and the environment is good business for Turlock and Stanislaus County.

Public Safety

We need a Supervisor who will fight for better police and fire protection in our rural areas and put pressure on gangs that threaten our communities. By making sure we receive our fair share of tax dollars we can make Turlock and southern Stanislaus County safer for our families.

A Record of Results to Fix Property Tax Inequities

I will work closely with our state legislators to finally address the inequities of the property tax system that punishes Stanislaus County and returns only 11 cents of every dollar collected. As the President of the Stanislaus Farm Bureau, I successfully worked across party lines to repeal the “Tractor Tax” that attacked family farmers. I will use this experience to finally bring our property tax dollars back to Stanislaus County.

Government Integrity

County government has worked for career politicians for too long, instead of taxpayers. I pledge to be a “fiscal watchdog” on the Board of Supervisors to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and ethically. I pledge to you that I will be a strong voice on the board to hold career politicians and bureaucrats accountable.

A Vision for the Future

Our county needs to work hand in hand with CSU Stanislaus to create partnerships that make life better for our citizens and focus on giving our colleges the tools to deliver higher education to everyone. I will work tirelessly to increase opportunities for education that will build a stronger economy for Stanislaus County families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAY OF PRAYER

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

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.