

THE SPOKE  
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Contact Pat at 667-0663 or at [pmcguire@turlock.k12.ca.us](mailto:pmcguire@turlock.k12.ca.us) if you have announcements and/or information to share in the Spoke. Thank you to Lisa Cedillo for taking notes during my absence on May 6, 2008.

DETECTIVE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Kent Johnson

(All members are encouraged to share information with the Detective.)

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## **CALENDAR – UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

May 20, 2008      Carla Castro, Crime Stoppers, Modesto Police Department

June 3, 2008      Doug Marks, 2008 Iditarod

June 24, 2008      Kick Out BBQ – Save the Date!!

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**THIS WEEK**      Teacher Recognition Day

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## **LAST WEEK**

Past President Kirk Sperry presided during our meeting in President Tom's absence. Kirk declared May 6<sup>th</sup> as Past Presidents Day, and proceeded to ask all Past Presidents to stand and be honored by our Club.

Past President Sperry also reminded the Club members, and explained to our student visitors, that Rotary is an International Service Club and our goals of polio eradication and making "safe drinking water" available to the world through Rotary International's fresh water projects.

## **Students of the Month**

We were also honored with 'Students of the Month' from Denair High School, Roselawn High School, Turlock High School, and Pitman High School.

## **Modesto Symphony**

Modesto Symphony presented Clay Campbell, Director of Community Engagement. Clay has only been in his position about 1 month. It is a brand new

position. Clay comes to us from Arkansas, where he grew up. His job is to create a better dynamic for the symphony and not only be the Modesto Symphony, but the Turlock Symphony, the Ripon Symphony, and eventually the Stanislaus County Symphony. They envision branching out throughout the community and making the community part of the symphony.

Clay introduced Gabriella Frank, who is a native of Berkeley and a free-lance composer. Gabi shared who she is, where she came from and where her love for music began. Gabi is a multicultural person whose father was of Lithuanian decent and a Mark Twain scholar. Her mother is from Mt. Andes in Peru and is of Chinese, Indian, and Peruvian decent. She is also a visual artist. Gabi considers her multicultural background the basis of her compositions.

Gabi started her training as a youngster on the piano. She began mixing styles on the piano which is not traditional. Gabi was a high achiever at Berkeley High School and then took a leap of faith to go into music as a career. Gabi has what is known as “Perfect Pitch”. She studied at the University of Michigan, learning traditional repertoire, spending 10-12 hours on her instrument of choice, and learning her own style.

Gabi said the demographics are changing for music. There are many other styles, cultures & multicultural idioms that are becoming entrenched in the community. Gabi was commissioned to compose and produce a piece that reflects the community. She spent time speaking to kids in Pathways in Modesto, Hispanic Leadership Council--reaching out to kids and encouraging them to stay in school.

Gabi was serving as a representative for the whole community when she was called to compose a piece that reflected the community. This piece was only about 12 minutes long and depicted the rodeo. The rodeo reminded her of her childhood when she came to the valley. Gabi has 2 pieces to compose. She can compose on the spot. She is always faced with deadlines and she treats her music as story-telling.

Gabi is charged with putting an approachable acceptable face on the orchestra. Gabi graced us with a piece she composed as she spoke to our Club and explained that she only uses her keyboard. Gabi can simulate strumming a guitar and uses the keys on the piano to make it sound like water. She also told a story as she played each piece. It was amazing to see what she could do in just a few minutes. Gabi was very informative and entertaining.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Turlock's Centennial Golf Tournament**

Turlock's Centennial Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Turlock Country Club. The Fee is \$75 per person, which includes, but not limited to, a green fees, golf cart, shirt, lunch & much more in raffle prizes & fun. There will be 4 groups. The 1<sup>st</sup> group will be those who were born & bred in Turlock, the 2<sup>nd</sup> group will be those who have lived in Turlock for over 50 yrs, the 3<sup>rd</sup> group will be those who have lived in Turlock for over 20 yrs, and the 4<sup>th</sup> group are those who do business in Turlock or in the Turlock Irrigation District. The only rule is that all players must be over 21 yrs old, men or women.

### **PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION**

Baron T. Bigler, from Bigler Construction, 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 Rick Moen.

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### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

May 4	Debi Shrum
May 13	Bill Gibson
May 16	Sharon Silva
May 17	Luisa Nelle
May 27	Ron Hillberg

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