



Alameda briefs: Friday speaker to address Republican women

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Stephen Patten, editor of Lee & Grant International, which provides news and analysis of the Middle East and South Asia, will give a talk on "Iraq and Afghanistan, Where We Go From Here" at 11 a.m. Friday before Alameda Republican Women Federated.

The event will take place at 1347 Park St. For information, call 800-533-4726.

Event to mark Philippine independence Saturday

Celebrate Freedom will be the theme of the first annual Philippine Independence Day Celebration on Saturday.

The event, which will take place at City Hall, will commemorate the day the Philippine Declaration of Independence from Spain was enacted on June 12, 1898.

Speakers will include San Francisco Philippine Consul General Marciano Paynor, Jr., Assemblymember Rob Bonta and Councilmembers Stewart Chen and Tony Daysog.

The free event will also showcase Philippine history and culture and highlight issues faced by Filipinos and Filipino Americans today. It will begin at 10 a.m. City Hall is located at 2263 Santa Clara Ave.

Kiwanis Club offers several scholarships

Graduating seniors in Alameda high schools can apply for scholarships offered by the Kiwanis Club.

Five four-year awards are available, as is a one-time award. Qualifications for some scholarships include active membership in the ROTC or having a parent who has served in the U.S. military; membership in the Key Club at Alameda or Encinal high schools; a strong background in community service; and financial need.

Scholarship funds are paid directly to the school that the graduate will attend and are applied to tuition, room and board, books and other expenses. All applications must be received by June 12. For information, go to www.alamedakiwanis.org.

City CarShare opens new Alameda location

City CarShare, the largest nonprofit carsharing organization in the country, has added a third location in Alameda.

The new location features two spaces at 713 Santa Clara Ave., near Webster Street, and will serve people in the city's West End, according to the company. City CarShare also has locations at the Bank of America parking lot, 2410 Santa Clara Ave., and in the public parking lot at 2312 Central Ave. The nonprofit company allows members to share vehicles, helping the environment by reducing individual car ownership and usage. For information, go to www.citycarshare.org.

'Alameda Family' BBQ is seeking donations

The organizers of the upcoming 21st Annual Alameda Family Reunion BBQ are seeking donations to help support the free event, including for gift certificates and prizes.

The event will take place Saturday at Washington Park and will feature live entertainment, a sack race, face-painting and other activities. More than 300 people are expected to attend. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made to Living Water Outreach Services, which is overseeing the event. For information, call Derrick Mann at 510-938-0144 or go to www.alamedafamilyreunion.com.

Crochet class offered at Alameda library

Ruth Tillman will offer a free crochet class from 2 to 4 p.m. June 22 at the main branch of the Alameda Free Library.

Participants should bring a size G or H crochet hook, a ball of worsted weight yarn that changes color and a small pair of scissors. Beginners are welcome. The class is open to anyone age 10 and older. The library is located at 1550 Oak St. Those interested should RSVP Jill Russell at 510-747-7713.

Toastmasters to mark its 30th anniversary

Island City Toastmasters will celebrate its 30th anniversary Saturday at the Lucile Harrison Center at Lincoln Park.

Among those expected to attend the event, which will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., is Michael Notaro, an Alameda resident and the immediate past president of Toastmasters International.

The park is located at High Street and Santa Clara Avenue.

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