

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Portlanders Step Up for Philippine Relief

A task force of Filipino American organizations, multi-racial, and inter-faith, non-profit organizations, business leaders, colleges and universities, city and county agencies in the Portland Metro area have joined together to form Portland Emergency Relief Task Force for the Philippines, or PDX Relief, in response to the severe damage of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in the Philippines.

Members of the task Force include, pictured at right, Enrico Tadeo, chair of the Council of Filipino American Associations of Oregon and Southwest Washington; Angelica Lim, educational officer, Portland Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines, Kayse Jama, executive director of the Center for Intercultural Organizing, and Elizabeth Swager, director of the Oregon Fair Trade Campaign.

In addition, from now through Dec. 11, Wells Fargo customers can make a donation for hurricane relief at more than 12,000 Wells Fargo ATMs across most of the nation, including Oregon and Washington. Customers will not be charged a fee for using this service and 100 percent of the

donations will be sent to the American Red Cross.

Wells Fargo has also decided to extend until Dec. 14 a temporary fee waiver for customers who want to send money to the Philippines to support their friends and family. Earlier this month, the company announced it would temporarily waive all remittance transfer fees for ExpressSend transfers from an eligible checking or savings account to people in the Philippines.

Customers can send funds to their family or friends in the Philippines at a number of remittance network members - including Bank of the Philippine Islands, BDO Unibank, Metrobank, M.Lhuillier and Cebuana Lhuillier - by calling Wells Fargo Global Remittance Services at (800) 556-0605, going online at wells Fargo.com, or visiting a Wells Fargo bank. The first remittance for a service agreement must be completed in person at a bank.

To join PDX Relief and for more information, contact Claire Oliveros at 503-869-2361, Claire.oliveros@gmail.com, pdxrelief@gmail.com.



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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday November 28

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and dinner is served from noon until 3 p.m. Turkey, ham, beverages and place setting provided. Please bring a side dish for all to enjoy. NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd.

Saturday November 30

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AT MISSISSIPPI COMMONS. Featuring notable children's performers. Families are in for a delightful treat. 4:30 - 6 p.m. (between N. Failing and N. Beech on Mississippi Ave.)

CANDY CANES AND CAROLS ABOUND AT GRESHAM'S SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. Gresham will sing in the holiday season with the 22nd annual

Spirit of Christmas tree lighting event. The event starts at 5 p.m. Arts Plaza, 401 Second St. Gresham, OR

Thursday December 5

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE EARL BOYLES EARLY LEARNING WING AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER. 10 a.m. located at 10822 SE Bush St. Public is invited to this ground breaking ceremony.

Friday - Saturday December 6 - 7

LEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN HOLIDAY BAZAAR & ARTIST MARKET. You'll find freshly made wreaths, swags, and centerpieces along with baked goods and much more. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 6704 SE 122nd Ave. Portland.

Saturday - Sunday December 7 - 8

ARTISAN FAIRE AT WEST HILLS FRIENDS CHURCH. The faire will feature paintings, jewelry, photography and much more. Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 7425 SW 52nd St. Portland.

86TH ANNUAL YACHATS LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS. You will find a huge variety of clever, beautiful and handmade useful items all made by club members. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days. YLC Clubhouse, 286 W. 3rd and Pontiac St. Yachats, OR 97498