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Rhea Abahazy Photo provided

When two strangers move together, there is a lot of thinking and organizing that needs to take place to harmonize two previously different ways of life. As a newlywed, Rhea Abahazy has

hands-on experience with this transition.

Abahazy also has a knack for organizing, along with training as an interior designer and an entrepreneurial drive. When she moved to Lafayette a year ago with her new husband, she decided to launch her own business, Chaos Tamer, a service that provides professional organization and interior design for home and offices.

"I have always been organized, but it is something that can also be learned," says Abahazy, "It is part of the profession: adapt organization principles to each person, and decide, with them, what items really enhance their lives and which ones are holding them back and need to be let go."

Abahazy studied interior design at the Art Institute in San Francisco. She worked as an interior designer for an architectural firm in Oakland for many years before deciding to combine that experience with her natural talent for planning and organizing. "I have an inherent interest in how people dwell in the spaces they inhabit," she says.

Abahazy does not work with real hoarders who, she believes, need special attention. Her clients are normal people caught in the spiral of busy lives, who are sometimes dealing with emotional attachments to things when they downsize or become empty-nesters. "The amount of time (it takes to get organized) will depend on how decisive people are when it comes to parting from things," she says.

Roos Pal Brings Her Indian Cooking to Farmers' Market

The Owner of Terzetto Cuisine in Moraga is embarking in a new culinary adventure. Every Sunday morning she can be found at the Moraga farmers' market selling the Indian recipes she prepared the night before. Pal offers authentic chicken or vegetable entrees, to be taken home for a real Indian dinner, or warm samosas to be eaten on the spot.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

5 Moraga Way, Orinda (925) 253-4600

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced that John Caronna has joined the company as a sales associate in its Orinda office. Prior to joining Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Caronna worked for the past 12 years as a real estate investor specializing in small to mid-size apartment buildings in addition to owning and managing investment properties locally. Caronna has been on the board of the Educational Foundation of Orinda for the past eight years. He may be reached directly at (925) 253-4648 or by e-mail to John.Caronna@camoves.com.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

- Monthly Mixer, June 8, 5:30-7 pm at The Stratford at Countrywood, 1545 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette.
- Ribbon Cutting at East West Kung Fu, June 9, 5-6 pm at 3684 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

- Shop Lafayette Committee Meeting, June 14, noon-1 pm in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room.

- Free workshop entitled, "Why Blog — and How to Leverage Social Media to Find More Readers," June 15, 8-9:30 am in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Sitting is limited — reserve your seat at workshops@lafayettechamber.org.

- Entrepreneur's Club, June 16, 8:30-9:30 am in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room.

- Movies in the Park sponsored by the City of Lafayette & the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce: June 16th, How to Train Your Dragon (rated PG), Plaza Park, 8 pm.

Moraga

Chamber Mixer, Tuesday, June 28, 6-8 pm, 455 Moraga Road Ste. F, Moraga. Sponsored by 5A Rent A Space and Neighborhood Computers.

Orinda

Business Neighborhood Watch (see sidebar page A6): Tuesday, June 28, 8:00 am at Table 24 Restaurant, 2 Theatre Square #153, Orinda. This meeting will continue discussion about the creation of a business neighborhood watch program. The Orinda Police Department will work collaboratively with the business community to create a downtown program to promote awareness and discourage crime targeted at Orinda businesses. All are invited to attend and provide input as we build a program designed to effectively mitigate crime in our downtown.

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