

Sweet Adelines host open house

Whether its increasing endorphins, reducing stress and building friendships, the benefits of group singing are beyond dispute.

But if you're still sitting on the fence about adding singing to your regular routine, the Oregon Coast Sweet Adeline Chorus is hosting open houses throughout January to help seal the deal.

Guests are welcome to drop in to any of the group's rehearsals, held at 6:30 pm every Thursday at the American Legion, 424 W Olive Street, Newport.

Women aged 14 and older are invited to check out the chorus to see if they



would like to join the sisterhood of a capella singing. The chorus is part of an international choral organization that offers members vocal training along with the chance to learn songs.

Paula Dahl directs the chorus and enjoys helping members ring chords with good

singing. She feels singing brings joy to everyone's life and encourages women to join in and experience it for themselves. Note reading is not a requirement, members are given CDs to learn with.

For more information, contact Sue Debit at 541-270-1577.

Are you ready for some tenth negotiations?

Throughout the past decade, the Lincoln City Cultural Center has perfected the alchemy of transforming everything from lamps and books to pianos and gently used clothing into cold, hard cash. And organizers of the center's Winter Rummage Sale will perform that magic again this weekend, as the popular event returns for its tenth year.

The sale will be open from 9 am to 3 pm, rain or shine, on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18. Among the many items for sale will be a glass display cabinet, a bar-height table and chairs, and other small pieces of furniture. Shoppers will also find a variety of small appliances, books, artwork and clothing.

All proceeds from this annual sale go to the operations of the cultural center. Last year's sale generated \$5,000 — enough to cover the center's utility bills through March. It's a labor of love led by volunteer Clarissa Gillis, who has been "Queen of the Masking Tape and Sharpies" since 2011.

Volunteer clerks will accept cash and checks for all sales, and credit cards on balances over \$10. The cultural center will provide lunch and snacks for sale both days.

There's another opportunity here, of course: donations. If you're doing your annual January clutter-busting, the center will welcome what you can't use: housewares, small appliances, electronics, bed and bath items, books, DVDs and CDs, children's toys, boxed games and puzzles, knick-knacks and clean clothing in good repair.

"We're really thankful when donations are clean, unbroken and in working order, especially electronics," Gillis said. "If everything is complete it saves time, because the marking can go quickly. And, we always need donations of bags: paper, cloth or plastic."

Gillis and her army of volunteers will be accepting donations at the center from 9 am to 3 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 13, 14 and 15, and from



Clarissa Gillis, Queen of the Masking Tape and Sharpies

9 am to 1 pm on Thursday, Jan. 16. These donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be available. To learn more, call the center at 541-994-9994, or Gillis at 541-764-2260.

If you'd like to volunteer as a sorter, bagger, pricer, mover or cashier, call one of the numbers listed above. All volunteers receive complimentary lunch, snacks and beverages.

This party will be jammed

If the idea of getting all dressed up makes socializing seem like a drag, the Newport 60+ Activity Center has the solution — a pajama party set for Thursday, Jan. 23.

The dress code is comfy pajamas and fluffy slippers, and the refreshments will feature comfort-food classics such as hot baked cinnamon rolls and hot chocolate with marshmallows.

There will be table games, door prizes and a "Best PJ and Slippers" contest. Guests should also come prepared with a good story for the Bedtime Round Robin Storyline.

The party will run from 1 to 3 pm at the center, located at 20 SE 2nd Street.

For more information, go to www.newportoregon.gov/sc or call 541-265-9617.

Sounds roast enjoyable

Tickets are now on sale for a special fund-raising feast at the Culinary Center in Lincoln City, showcasing the talented students of the Taft Culinary Program.

The Saturday, Jan. 25, session will see the program's students show how to prepare roast chicken with a white wine tarragon sauce, home-style noodles and sauteed vegetables, followed by apple crisp served with Tillamook ice cream.

A plated roast chicken meal and wine will be served after the demonstration and raffle prizes will be up for grabs.

The event will run from 11 am to 1 pm at the Culinary Center in Lincoln City, located on the fourth floor at 801 SW Hwy. 101

Tickets, \$40 apiece, are available at www.eventbrite.com, search for Taft Culinary Program.

Participants must be 12 years of age or older. To redeem a gift certificate, call 541-557-1125.