

Caledon Cabaret to feature Sweet Adelines

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Dinner and a cabaret make for a fun evening out and there are not that many of them in Caledon.

So, come one, come all to the Cabaret, say Joan Borden and Pat Vipond, co-directors of the Orangeville Chorus of Sweet Adelines, to their show set for April 6.

The show is set for the Caledon Community Complex on Old Church Road in Caledon East, with the Caledon Cabaret being hosted by Roland and Sandy Kirouac, who'll "dance their way to the microphone," as Vipond put it. "This is for fun and relaxation."

A pasta supper is the plan, with a cash bar.

Members of the chorus will offer the entertainment for the evening, singing as quartets and soloists. Naturally, the Chorus will also perform, especially the pieces they are preparing for the upcoming Regional competition in Syracuse, N.Y., in mid-April.

"It's a dress rehearsal of sorts," Vipond said, "but the best thing is to entertain an audience with it. That's more fun."

The annual Regional Competition for choruses, coming from far and wide to Syracuse, brought big news for the Orangeville Chorus last year, for they won it and went on to compete in a series of events up to the World's level. They came in an impressive fourth.

"There were a lot of our supporters at that World's competition," Borden said. "They were all wearing orange. It was really exciting."

With a Silent Auction and proceeds from the sale of the tickets, at \$35 per person, there is an element of fund-raising for the chorus to go toward all their various expenses.

All such groups are worth supporting, for they convey many benefits to the community. The camaraderie within the group is sometimes of great importance to the individuals, forming deep bonds. When these musical groups travel, as they are bound to do, they represent their community in a very positive way and create links with places far from home. They are all part of the bigger picture of the arts as a unifying force that transcends geography and politics.

In fact, the Orangeville Chorus is always happy to have guests attend their Wednesday rehearsals at the Horizon's Banquet and Conference Centre on Highway 10. In the spring, they will be looking to add to their membership.

Whether you ever want to sing or just be entertained, the Cabaret lights are up April 6 at the Caledon Community Complex. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 7. There will be plenty of fun and music.

For all the details, check out www.orangevillechorus.com