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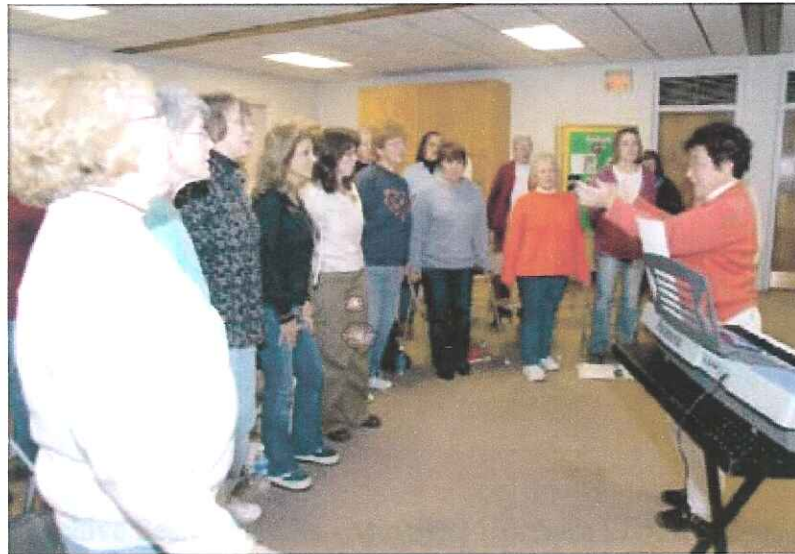
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## Michigan Northern Lights Chorus to perform 'Christmas Through the Year'

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Directing a rehearsal of the Sweet Adelines is Cheryl Wagner. The group will perform a Christmas concert Dec. 1.

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GAYLORD — Michigan Northern Lights Chorus is performing “Christmas Through the Year,” a musical revue celebrating the spirit of Christmas that lives throughout the year.

The show will be at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Gaylord Alpine Alten Zimmer community room, 120 Grandview Drive. Snacks, desserts and beverages will be served during the intermissions.

The Musical Revue includes modern Christmas songs such as “Santa Baby,” “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree,” and “Mary Did You Know,” as well as traditional favorites like “Jingle Bells,” “Little Drummer Boy,” “White Christmas” and “Silent Night.” Interspersed are other tunes that bring the meaning of Christmas to all, including “Carolina in the Morning,” “Blue Skies” and “We’ll Meet Again.”

Also on Saturday, Dec. 1, the chorus will be strolling through downtown Gaylord entertaining the shoppers during the annual Christmas Stroll. The chorus will be singing Christmas favorites from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Michigan Northern Lights is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI), a worldwide singing organization dedicated to the education and performance of four-part a capella harmony. The Michigan Northern Lights are a chapter of SAI’s Border Lakes Region 2, which is the only region that spans two countries, having chapters in both the United States and Canada.

The nonprofit group has performed in Gaylord at Alpenfest, the Otsego County Fair, the downtown Christmas stroll, the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts (GACA) and at local nursing homes. Other performances in the area have included Victorian Days in West Branch, the Historical Museum in Houghton Lake and Wellington Farm Park in Grayling. Those interested in hosting a performance may contact Lillian Paul at 732-2174.

The Michigan Northern Lights chorus is always looking for women of all ages interested in expanding their musical knowledge and vocal skills while combining fun and camaraderie. The chorus has expanded by 11 new members since March 2006 and includes women from Gaylord and Grayling to Roscommon. Anyone interested in joining the Michigan Northern Lights can contact MaryEllen Lyon at 731-2844.