

# Chorale to perform; benefits scheduled

Members of Rogue Valley Chorale are preparing for their spring concert to be presented in three areas in April.

The group of 84 singers includes participants from Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford and other parts of the Valley whose purpose is to share music with each other and the community. They are directed by Lynn Sjolund, who recently returned from Northern Montana Invitational Choral Festival where he directed a massed choir of 370 students from 10 schools.

The Chorale will sing April 19 in Grants Pass, April 21 in Medford and April 25 in Ashland. The program will include Bach Cantata, performed with a string ensemble; a Gabrielli numbers, with the Brass Choir of Southern Oregon

State College, directed by Marvin Belford. There also will be a group of Irish folk songs.

The Chorale is a non-profit organization and does not solicit on a regular basis. However, costs of music and production, occasional guest artists and other expenses make fund-raising necessary in some form.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors, plans were made to encourage any interested individuals or community organizations to entertain with varied types of parties at which members of the Chorale will perform in groups or as soloists.

Suggestions for entertaining include bridge parties, progressive dinners, wine and cheese parties, sing-a-longs, period parties such as 1950s with appropriate dress, barn dance, breakfasts, kaffeeklatsches, teas.

Contributions by guests may be voluntary or assigned.

Individuals or groups interested in sponsoring one of the fund-raising events may contact Carolyn Leavens, 482-8038, Margaret Ewing, 772-4306 or Bunny Pearson, 773-4063. Requests for performers may be discussed and decided according to appropriate party theme.