

## Chorus from page A1

So Todd Clingan has found. He is visually impaired and counts on another chorus member to take him to rehearsals.

Clingan, 32, who grew up in Farmington, started singing when he attended the Michigan School for the Blind. He was mainstreamed into the Lansing Sexton High School chorus and continued with the Agape Singers, which performed at nursing homes and other social events.

His resonant bass voice found a spot in his hometown chorus 11 years ago.

"He's just a sweetheart," Hall said. "He sounds just like Sinatra."

Clingan is a member of the chorus' select subgroup, The Perfect Blend, and will perform a solo of "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" in this year's show.

"I enjoy doing it to make people happy," said Clingan, who lives in Farmington. "It's giving your talent and sharing it with everybody."

"It's kind of my way for me to get what I feel inside me to come out."

Larry Moloney reflects the chorus' church influence. He's joined by Sister Maureen McGarrigle, who is with the Sisters of Mercy.

McGarrigle sang in church choirs but didn't have an outlet for her talents. She's known for her stirring version of "Danny Boy."

"Singing invigorates me," said McGarrigle, who works at McAuley Center. "With singing no matter how tired I am, I'm always more energized after rehearsal."

"What I really enjoy about it is it pushes my musical abilities to the edge."

Moloney was a Catholic priest in the Detroit Archdiocese for 10 years. He left in 1972. The

Farmington Hills resident is married to Anne and has three children: Molly, Maureen, and Sean.

He's been with the chorus for six years as one of its many bass vocalists.

"I've been singing all my life in choirs and at church," Moloney said. "I enjoy making audiences happy."

This year's holiday show features choreographed numbers as well as jazzed up version of "Here Comes Santa Claus." A Hanukkah number will also include a traditional Jewish dance.

Another highlight is the performance of Dick Holmes, who is a social worker but dressed up as a Christmas tree and did a yule rap number at previous shows. Holmes will be dressed up as a fruitcake this year.

"We never know what he's going to do," Hall said. "We always wonder how he's going to top last year's performance."

"We get a lot of characters, that's for sure."

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United voices: Members of the Farmington Community chorus unite in song under the direction of Steve SeGraves.

## Good voices needed

The Farmington Community Chorus is always in search for a good singing voice. However, added organizer Kathy Hall, "It's getting more difficult to get in."

The group has an audition 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Wm. Costick Activities Center, 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

The chorus is open to people 18 and older. Many members have backgrounds singing in church or school choirs.

People with various degrees of talent turn up for tryouts.

"We do get some people who might not be able to hit a note from any place," Hall said. "We have to (tell them) very diplomatically."

"It's not like telling them they can't toast a horn. A voice is a part of a person; They take it very personally."

Some didn't make the cut, but took vocal lessons and became members of the chorus later, Hall said.

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Maas said Gilbert had contacts with several pedophile groups through the Internet and had invited the Novi boy, who was not sexually abused as far

as prosecutors know, to his house twice.

"The (Novi boy, not the victim) one child had had contact with Mr. Gilbert through a bulletin board system and invited him over," she said. "The kid made up a story about visiting a friend."

That lack of knowledge by parents in this case should serve as a warning, Maas said.

"It just tells parents that you need to be very involved with their lives," she said. "Know what area's they are accessing on the computer."

Parker said his client would appeal the conviction because of questionable evidence.

"The court allowed in a ton of info from the Internet that anyone could have put there," Parker said, adding that he was considering handling the appeal pro bono, without asking a fee.

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