



Some of the ladies of the Cradle of Texas Chorus -
Sugar Land's Chapter of the Sweet Adelines

Sweet Music

Sugar Land's New Sweet Adelines Group Welcomes Local Singers

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An endearing women's musical society with 25,000 members worldwide, Sweet Adelines has just established the Cradle of Texas Chorus, a brand new Sugar Land chapter. "You don't have to be a professional. You don't even have to know how to read music," says Charlene Cummings, president of Sugar Land's new Sweet Adeline Chapter. "Sweet Adelines affords you so many opportunities to learn, and we've all got a little ham in us."

There are chapters from Canada to England, Germany to Japan, and now they have a home in Sugar Land and the organization is looking for more singers. The women have varied musical talents of all levels and teach barbershop harmony, a four-part unaccompanied, close-harmony style of singing.

From Barbershop to Modern Pop

"In Sugar Land, we're hoping we can build a chapter that will soar," says Cummings. Established in 1945, Sweet Adelines has become a highly respected source of music education as they learn to apply barbershop harmony to everything from old favorites to modern tunes. Performing for community events and charity functions,



The most beautiful harmonies
fill the room as the ladies rehearse



Having fun and fine tuning at a rehearsal

they also celebrate the camaraderie of sisterhood, forming tight bonds of friendship with fellow singers.

Still in its early stages, the Sugar Land chapter is busily recruiting and teaching new members. "It's just like Sunday school," Cummings says. "Once you go, you love it."

If you're interested in finding out more about Sweet Adelines' Sugar Land chapter, call 713-774-3975. SLM

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