

ORION TWP .**Author to discuss success in the new year**

Sandra Agazzi Chimenti, author of "The Real Me: Awakening Your True Self," presents "A New Year for the Real Me!" from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Unity Church of Lake Orion, 3070 Baldwin Road. Chimenti will discuss how to navigate through challenges in life to create success and happiness. A book signing will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.CreativeBooksAndMusic.com or call (866) 582-7328.

— Special writer Leah English

ROCHESTER**Parenting classes start this month**

Registration is going on now for two Systematic Training for Effective Parenting classes start this month. Classes will be at the First Congregational Church UCC, 1315 N. Pine Street, Rochester. The Early Childhood STEP class is seven sessions, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays beginning Jan. 11, and the cost is \$90 per household. STEP and STEP/ teen class is eight sessions, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 14, and costs \$100 per household. Students may purchase text book the first night of class for \$15. Registration is required. Call (248) 651-9097.

OAKLAND COUNTY**Art Van gives away tickets**

Shoppers can enter for a chance to win a family four-pack of tickets Jan. 12-24 to see "Elmo's Green Thumb" at the Fox Theatre on Jan. 29. Winning guests will also be treated to a meet and greet session with the characters. One family four pack will be awarded at each Metro Detroit store. Additionally, Jan. 29 is Art Van Family Night. All tickets, excluding premium seating, are \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the Fox Theatre, Joe Louis Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

— Special writer Kathy Blake