

Twice Tolloed Tales

AGEHR AREA II

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May 2009

Message from the Chair

Chris Braden

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying the beauty of spring. While our temperatures continue to fluctuate, signs of new growth and blossoming colors are all around us! Before we know it, summer will be here and it will be time for the Area II Festival and Young Ringers Conferences. I hope you are registered to attend. If not, there is still time!! Won't you join us at the University of Scranton? If your entire choir can't come this time, you don't have to miss out. Come with just a few fellow ringers or by yourself as part of our orphan choirs. All information is on our website www.area2agehr.org. If you are registered, remember that all housing forms and T-shirt information must be received by May 15th.

My tenure as Chair of Area II is rapidly coming to a close. This Board has continued its strong work of providing mentoring, organizing workshops and reading sessions, and our chime lending program puts 9 sets of chimes into the hands of many new ringers each year. The CHiME leaders have worked hard to establish contact with schools throughout the area in an attempt to find out just which schools have bell or chime programs. The Area has many long-running local festivals in which many of you participate. As our Past Chair, Kathie Bittenbender said two years ago, "it is because of you that we exist and it is for you that we exist." Our organization is only as strong as its membership. It is important for all of you to be involved whether it be as a mentor or workshop clinician, a host for a workshop or as part of a dialogue with your Board, letting them know how they may best serve you and your needs.

As Chair, I discovered that much of my time was occupied with details of the Festival. The Board has been discussing alternatives to the Chair being the primary "event planner". If this is your area of expertise and you would like to be involved in the planning of future Festival events, we would love to hear from you!

By now you should have received your ballot for the officers of the 2009-2011 Area II Board. Please exercise your right to vote by returning your ballot by the deadline. The new officers will be announced at the Festival, on the web site and in the next TTT.

Next summer, we will be celebrating 50 years of Area II. Plans are for the main summer event to be a "Vibration Vacation", a revitalized read and ring event to be held in two locations. Watch for more information in the fall newsletter.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your chair and I appreciate all your support.

Hope to see you in Scranton!

God Bless you,

Chris Braden



ANNOUNCING...

A new benefit for all AGEHR members...

AGEHR has announced a Handbell Ringers musical equipment insurance program. Highlights include:

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a low \$250 deductible

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Plan year from 8/1/09 to 7/31/10.
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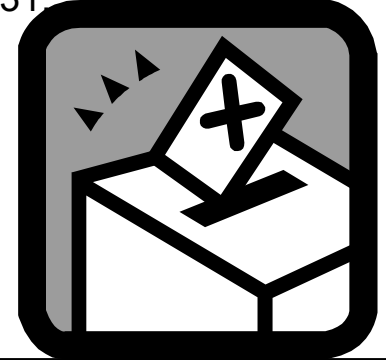
Equipment is covered anywhere in the US and it's possessions, in the insured's care, custody and control.



Log on to www.AGEHR.org and view the sample coverage form for more information.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!

You should have received your ballot for the Area II elections by now. PLEASE exercise your membership right by voting! We are electing a secretary, a treasurer, and a chair-elect. These are the people that govern Area II ! The voting closes May 31.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our new members to Area II.



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TWICE TOLLED TALES is published four times per year for the membership of AGEHR Area II. Publication dates are February, May, September and November. The deadline for articles and photos is the first day of the month prior to the publication date; these will be included as space permits.

It is preferred that articles be sent in the format of Microsoft Office 2000 Publisher as an email attachment. Articles may also be sent in hard copy form, typewritten. Photos should be in black and white and be labeled on the back. A SASE should be included for those wishing to have their photos returned.

All information for publication and advertisements should be sent to the editor: Lynn Rapp 39 Honeysuckle Dr. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 klsrapp@msn.com

Wanted: Festival Assistance

Putting on a Summer Festival requires many hands. We are particularly in need of people to help with the following:

Bell Liaison: We want to thank Sondra Thompson of Clarks Summit, PA who is serving as bell liaison for the Festival Conference. We appreciate so much her assistance in helping find the bell sets needed for classes at the University of Scranton.



us

Monitors: We are need of people to serve as monitors in the classrooms. Monitors are on hand to pass out music or otherwise assist the instructor or attendees as needed.

Ticket Takers: We will need people to help check in people at the Raleigh Ringer concert on Saturday.

If you can help out in any of these areas, please contact Chris Braden at bradencl@aol.com or 201-447-2751.

THE RALEIGH RINGERS ARE APPEARING IN AREA II

The Raleigh Ringers are coming to Area II and will be presenting the opening concert for the 2009 Festival Conference. Tickets for festival attendees are included in the registration fee, but tickets are available to the general public also. Checks made payable to AGEHR Area II. Please include your address and e-mail address when sending your check. An acknowledgement of your purchase will be sent via e-mail and your tickets can be picked up at the door the night of the concert..

Who: The Raleigh Ringers

When: Saturday, June 27, 2009

Where: The Mellow Theater, Lackawanna College,
Scranton, PA.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

Contact: Judy Dinkler, jdinkler@verizon.net to reserve your tickets.



See you there!!



AGAPE RINGERS looking for hosts...

The Agape Ringers, under the direction of David Weck, are looking for concert venues in eastern/central New York for the week of August 2-10th, primarily in the latter part of the week. For more information of if you'd be interested in hosting a concert by this outstanding handbell ensemble, contact KC Congdon at im2bz2p@gmail.com.

Inaugural *Synergy* a Success!

On Mar. 27th-29th, Larry and Debbie Henning and the Westminster Ringers of Westminster, MD hosted the first "Synergy" event for advanced and community handbell ensembles. Guest clinician Dr. Bill Payn, of Bucknell University, put 43 ringers from Alabama, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina through their paces. Pieces rung included "Synergy" (McChesney), "Nocturne in C Minor" (Helman), "Radiance" (Payn), "Rondo Passacaglia" (Dobrinski), "Sherekea Usafari" (Moklebust) and the brand new "Bread of Angels" by Dr. Payn.

Billed as a festival for bronze level choirs, the weekend event also offered the chance to share ideas during roundtable discussions on marketing, fundraising, conducting auditions, advanced ringing techniques, contract writing, stage presence, and choosing concert themes and repertoire. Participants also had the opportunity to learn some massage techniques (very welcomed after hours of intense rehearsal!) Dr. Payn also conducted a Master Class for any choirs so desiring.

The public performance on Sunday afternoon was highlighted by a heavy rain drumming on the performance hall roof during the playing of Radiance. For those of you not familiar with this piece, it was written in memory of a father and daughter who drowned in a flash flood. As the notes died away, the choirs and audience observed a spontaneous moment of silence as the rain also came to an end.

Described by one attendee as "a cross between Pinnacle Lite and Distinctly Bronze Lite", Synergy will be held again in 2011.

Area II Announces Unpublished Manuscripts Reading Session for its 2009 Area Festival Conference at Scranton University (June 27 - 30, 2009).

This class was such a success at the Area II summer's Read and Ring (2008) that it will be held again. Several sessions will read through unpublished manuscripts submitted by established composers, arrangers and hopefully from some new ones!

Many composers have pieces they have not heard rung by choirs - for many reasons- or just have a piece they'd like to share with others. Many ringers have never played from manuscript if they don't have a composer in their midst - and have never played a piece that was not already published. Composers will find out what works (or not) in their pieces, and ringers will see fresh new music - some which doesn't fit the mold of what is generally available from publishers.

Area II invites all composers - whether published or not - to submit an unpublished piece for ringers to play. You might have a piece that you haven't heard yet on bells, or maybe your score is too challenging for your own ringers or too big for the bell set on hand, or you don't have time to rehearse it... whatever the reason - submit your piece for all to ring! Hand written or computer engraved - it matters not. You may submit more than one piece.

Please consider the following when submitting manuscripts:

1. Level 3 and below are best for sight reading.
2. Don't expect too much from a Level 4+ or 5 piece.
3. Time may be limited per piece, depending on the number of score entries.
4. Any sized ensemble is acceptable - 2 oct., 2-3 oct., 3-5 oct., etc.
5. Provide a bells used chart for each submission.
6. Chimes may be available but cannot be guaranteed.
7. Submit enough score copies for a full choir plus a director (i.e. for a 3-5 oct. piece, 15 scores; for a 2 octave piece 11 copies)
8. Print on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets in regular score format.
9. Hole punch all scores for ease of page turns. Ideally, all pages are printed front to back.

Scores will be destroyed after the session or returned to you if you provide self addressed stamped envelope.

Each piece should be on original, public domain, an arrangement, or written with "express permission from copyright holder to arrange" (please send the permission statement.) Between the time of submission and the actual event (June 27 - 30, 2009), pieces may not be currently submitted to any contest or to any publisher for consideration. If you are present at the Read & Ring, you may direct your own piece - or a capable director will be glad to direct it for you.

Please include the following in your submission letter:

Name, description of each composition - title, range, level, (opt. chimes?), performance time, comments desired, any special notes. If you desire constructive comments on your piece, so indicate.

Deadline for receiving scores is June 15, 2009.

There is no provision for making copies at the event. All entries must be received by the deadline prior to the 2009 Area II Festival Conference.

Mail Submissions to:

RJ Ward

99 Sunny Brook Circle

Highland NY. 12528-1324

Nittany Valley Handbell Festival enjoyed by many!!

The 16th Annual Nittany Valley Handbell Festival was another wonderful day. The director, Area II's own Ron Bellamy, led us in an educational but fun day. We had learned the music before we came, but we spent the day learning to play together and play musically. It is such a learning session for both directors and ringers. Experiencing the whole day were 160 ringers from central Pennsylvania. Cam and Judy Bausch, have been going to bell festivals for years since their kids rang in the 1980's, said they felt that this concert was one of the best to date. The music was performed in a very musical, professional manner and it was a pleasure to attend the concert. Watch for our date next April and plan to bring your choir!



Friday, June 5th 8:00 p.m.

Scott Center at Carroll Community College
1601 Washington Rd., Westminster, MD

Tickets available at Coffey Music or Carroll Arts Center,
Westminster, or by calling 410-848-5482

Discount with advance purchase!

Annual Open Ring

Thurs., June 18, 2009 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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Auditions

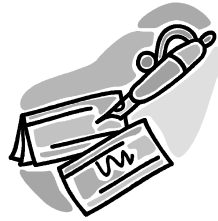
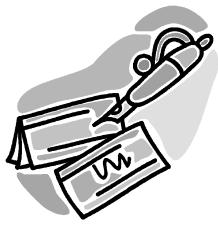
Thurs., June 25, 2009 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Email Larry Henning for an audition time.
director@thewestminsterringers.org

These events will be held at Westminster Church of the Brethren at 5 Park Place, Westminster, MD.

*For more information about any of the above workshops/events, and additional concert dates,
please visit our website or contact:

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Area II Endowment Fund

All new and past contributions made to the Area II Endowment Fund will be acknowledged at the 2009 Festival in Scranton, PA. Donations will also continue to be acknowledged in *Twice Told Tales*.

Area II's ability to provide grants for our members to help them with develop or further their programs or to attend a conference for the first time, or help with seed money to begin a new festival are dependent upon continued support of our endowment fund.

Please consider making a donation to the fund and be part of the celebration at Scranton. Donations may be made by directors, churches, ringers, those who may not ring but help your choirs in other ways --- donations may be made in honor or in memory of individuals, directors and choirs.

If you would like to make a donation to the endowment fund, please complete the form below and return it to Chris Lenti, Treasurer.

If you make a donation to the National Endowment Fund, please remember to request that 10% be returned to our area.

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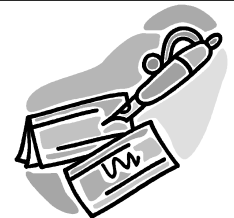
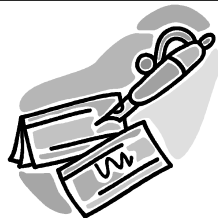
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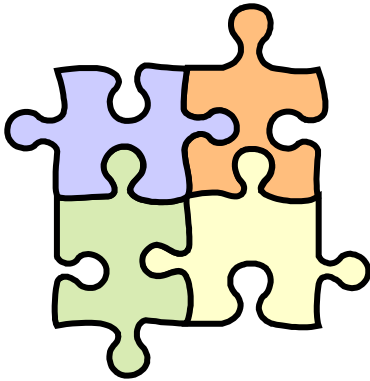
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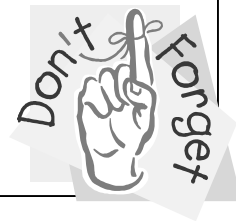


Bits & Pieces



- If you've had a change in your email address, please inform National by emailing Kschlegel@agehr.org

Don't forget, one of the many benefits of being a member of AGEHR is that you can access membership info online through the National website.



Do you have a long standing handbell event in your local area?? (Area II has some that have been in existence for 30 years!) Have you just held your first event? We would love to hear from you. Send us an article about your event for a future issue of *Twice Told Tales*.



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Fall Technique Workshops

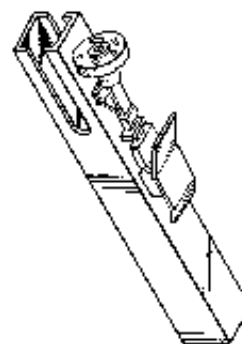
Anyone interested in hosting a Fall Techniques Workshop in 2009, please contact Jackie Anderson at anderson@rpa.net. Anyone with suggestions as to what kind of workshops you would like to see in your area may send those suggestions to Jackie also.

Handchime Lending Program Seeking Applications

We are now accepting applications for 2009-2010 Handchime Lending Program.. All three parts of the application need to be mailed to Jeremy Peters. Application and mailing instructions can be found at www.area2.agehr.org.

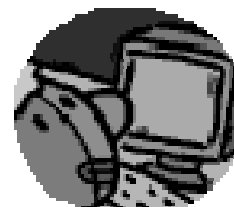
Still not to Late!!

It's still not to late to register for the Area II festival in Scranton PA. The dates are June 27- 30th and the Young ringers Festival is June 30- July 2nd. Visit our website at www.area2agehr.org for more info and registration



Does your *Twice Told Tales* get lost in a pile of papers before you can read it? Do you prefer your incoming information to come electronically versus the written page? Or perhaps, you're interested in helping to "save a tree". If so, you may prefer to read your issue of *TTT* on-line instead of receiving a hard copy. If you save your issues into a file on your computer, it will be easily found compared to if it's filed away somewhere. If you would prefer not to receive a hard copy of *TTT*, please let us know. You will receive notification by email when the current issue is available to you on the website. Please send an email to bradenc1@aol.com indicating that you would prefer to have electronic notification of each issue of *Twice Told Tales*. Regardless of how you receive your newsletter, we hope you are sharing it with all your ringers. They are considered members under your membership number (if you are a director) and it is our hope that you are keeping them informed, too.

Deadline for the next newsletter is August 15



October 17 & 18
2009



Cynthia Dobrinski
leads a choir handbell workshop
in Oneida, NY

Bell a Deux
leads ensemble workshop in
Rome, NY

Falling Leaves

Handbell Festival

First Presbyterian Church
Presents
Bell a Deux
Handbell Concert
In Rome, NY

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Handbell Workshop - 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Bell a Deux Concert - 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 18, 2009
Ensemble Workshop - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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Get by with a Little Help From Your Friends at Area II

It's springtime and everything is growing. With help from the endowment fund your ringers can grow too. Did you know that the endowment fund helps ringers in Area II? With money from the endowment fund, your ringers might be able to attend a festival. What about starting a new festival in your area? We can help you with that too. The fund also helps promising directors get to new festivals locally and nationally. Why not donate to the endowment fund and help plant a seed?



Summer Read & Ring gets a New Title

Congratulations to the winner of the re-name the Read & Ring. Hats off to R. Douglas Reinard from Hickory, PA for his entry for the contest. This years title will be Vibration Vacation. What a great name!! Congratulations!!!

Calling All Ringers!

AGEHR is proud to announce the debut of *ringEr-Notes*. This is a free monthly e-newsletter that focuses on you, the ringer and your experiences with the AGEHR community.

You can sign up for *ringEr-Notes* online at www.agehr.org/ringernotes.

As part of this new electronic newsletter specifically for ringers, AGEHR has created a ringer contest. Winners will receive a 3-octave set of Handchimes in addition to awards of monthly gift bags worth \$100. Each valid e-mail address will earn the sponsoring AGEHR member (usually the director) an entry into the grand prize drawing and the non-member ringer entry into the monthly drawings. Contest is ongoing through August 31.

Once Upon a Time in a Land Called AREA II

Long time ago in a galaxy far, far, away....wait wrong story. This is the story of a local bell ringer who becomes a solo ringer. How did it start you might ask?

In 2005 in a little town in Pennsylvania called Kutztown there assembled ringers from all across the land. Once upon a time approximately 600 attended the Area II bell festival. One of those ringers was Kristi Loper. Little did she know that that small PA Dutch town event would change her passion. While attending one of the concerts at the festival she was awed by the solo ringers. She placed that in the back of her mind and two years later at her second bell festival in a village called Oswego she thought to herself "Could I do that?" Although she had been ringing bells for 20 years she never thought about it. Why not give it a try? Since that day on Kristi has been ringing God's praises as a solo ringer as well. You can learn more about her through her website at www.campanapraise.com.



Since 2007 Kristi has traveled the bell kingdom performing concerts and playing for guests at other churches. She purchased her own bells in the fall of 2007 and they arrived as a wonderful Christmas gift. Kristi says "Until coming to our wonderful Area II festival I had no idea solo ringing even existed!" Hats off to Area II for showcasing the many talents of the wonderful ringers of this kingdom.

Now every good fairy tale has a moral right? And this one "rings" true. You don't know what you can do unless you try and if you try it you just might like it. From this day on they rang happily ever after.

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06/30-07/02/2009

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for info and registration

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Cloths for Polishing

After each rehearsal, use these cloths to clean your bells. Inner red cloth has jeweler's rouge embedded in the cloth for cleaning. The outer buffing cloth wipes away the rouge and light tarnish.

1001	Polishing Cloth	\$3.00
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Polishing cloths may cause staining of gloves or covers. Use with caution.



Cleaning Cloths

Not pictured. Use one cloth to apply the polish to the bell casting. Remove the polish with a second cloth. A third cloth picks up any remaining residue. The lint-free interlocking knit does not unravel. Cloths may be washed and reused, but each washing reduces absorbency.

1011	4 oz. package	\$3.95
1014	16 oz. package	\$11.95

Maybe It's Time for More than Just Polish!

Just like any musical instrument, handbells play and sound better when they are properly maintained. Part of this maintenance should include regular servicing by trained professional technicians. Call us at 1-800-JHS-BELL to find out more about our Handbell Service Department or to schedule an appointment.