

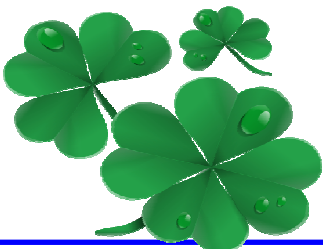


March 2010



<http://www.area2agehr.org>

A.G.E.H.R. AREA II
TWICE TOLLED TALES
March 2010



From the Chairman . . .

Here you have it, ladies and gentlemen, the first all electronic edition of Area II's *Twice Told Tales*. Kudos to our Area II Board, to Kathie Bittenbender (Communications Coordinator) and John Braden (Webmaster) for making this happen. As stated in the November edition of TTT the Board discussed the logistics of this change for a long time and I think this is a major accomplishment for the new 2009 – 2010 Area II Board. Nice work to all of you.

Most of you may not know that the Area II February Board meeting had to be postponed due to heavy snow the weekend of February 5 & 6. Your Board also deserves thanks for making themselves available for another weekend (February 19 & 20) for our winter meeting in Bloomsburg, PA. That rescheduling is the reason this edition of the TTT is coming to you a couple of weeks late. Kathie and John were ready in early February but we wanted to be able to bring you the latest news from our Board meeting.

We want to welcome Cory Davis of New York City to the Area II Board. Cory saw our need for a Historian in the last TTT and on the web-site and generously volunteered to fill that role for us. He attended last weekend's meeting and has already offered good insight and some great ideas.

As the days start to grow a bit longer and Area II seems to be getting a bit of a break from the falling snow, we can enjoy thinking about some fun springtime activities - like attending a handbell Reading Workshop near you. We have three scheduled right now in: Beachwood, NJ; Morris Plains, NJ; and North Tonawanda, NY and a tentative one in eastern PA. Reading workshops are a perfect way to find new music for the fall and Christmas seasons, or just have fun playing bells. Directors often don't get many opportunities to actually RING, do they? So here's a chance to play and maybe meet some new directors in your area. If you've never been to a Reading Workshop before, this is one of your AGEHR benefits. You get to play through about 20 handbell arrangements that you have probably never played or even heard before. The cost is only \$10 to you (unless you want to purchase some of the music) and it's the perfect way to find new music for your choir. It's fun, and you can make new friends.

Another AGEHR benefit is our Mentoring Program. In Area II we now have (as of our most recent meeting) a dedicated mentoring endowment fund. One generous member of Area II recently gave us a donation to start a special endowment fund to support our mentoring efforts. Thank you very much to this anonymous member. We have created a special account for this fund and Area II has also contributed to this endowment from our 2009 Festival Conference profits. Over the last few months Area II has sponsored five mentoring and orientation workshops with two more pending. Thank you to Bobbi Schmid for her work in coordinating these efforts.

Our Chime Lending program is going strong. We own nine sets of handchimes that we loan to churches and schools to help promote ringing. ALL NINE sets are loaned out for the 2009 -2010 season, to five churches and four schools. Good work to our CHiME chair, Bob Ward and his committee for their work in promoting this program in churches and particularly a growing presence in the schools. (By the way, CHiME, doesn't mean just handchimes. CHiME is an acronym for "Committee for Handbells in Music Education.")

A major agenda item of this weekend's Board meeting was the 2010 *Vibration Vacation*. In response to membership requests over the last couple of years we are holding this summer's event in two locations, Liberty Corner, NJ (August 10 & 11) and Hollidaysburg, PA (August 12 & 13). Chris Braden (Past Chair) has

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From the Chairman (continued). . .

been working hard to make this event meaningful, enjoyable and as low-cost as possible. Chris has more information for you about the event later in this newsletter, but the highlights are – it's in locations closer to many of you than past events have been and it's **ONLY \$125.00** for the two days! The only down side is, space may be limited, so get your reservations in early. Registration forms are included in this issue of *Twice Told Tales*.

Another major discussion of the weekend is the other event a little further on the horizon, the 2011 Area II Festival Conference to be held in Kutztown, PA. Dates are: July 5 – 7, 2011 for Young Ringers, and July 7 – 10, 2011 for the Festival Conference. Most of the music has been chosen, and the list will be available on the website as soon as the list is complete. Thanks to all who researched and studied the music selections. I can't mention names yet but we have verbal agreements with internationally known handbell artists to act as director, masterclass conductor and a concert soloist. It's looking good, my friends.

One area of concern for us remains to be our membership numbers. Our State Representatives are beginning to contact the District Coordinators to try to learn what some of the problems and concerns may be with our membership. If you would like to act as a District Coordinator in your area, please contact your State Representative for information. We have some locations with no District Coordinator and your State Representatives could use your help. The list of all Board members is on the website and also within this newsletter.

The next time I write to you about the condition of Area II, *Vibration Vacation* will be much closer to happening, so get your reservations in ASAP. Get yourself to a Spring Reading Workshop to find some new music or a new friend. If there is not one close by, contact Jeanne Elmuccio. She'll get you all organized to hold your own Reading Workshop. It's not too late.

Lastly if you have any concerns or needs about your handbell or handchime program, contact a Board member. We're here to help in whatever way we can.

Jim Rossetti
Area 2 Chair



TWICE TOLLED TALES is published four times per year for the membership of AGEHR Area II. Publication dates for 2010 are March, June, September and November. The deadline for articles and photos is the fifteenth 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 (or later) 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 with TTT newsletter in the subject area:

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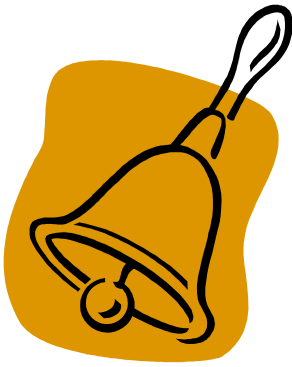
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Next TTT deadline is May 25, 2010



Spring Reading Workshops

For bell ringers and directors

If you are looking for new bell music – or just want to have some fun reading through some new music – then the Spring Reading Workshops are for you.

Cost: \$10 per person to cover our expenses.

Read through 20+ pieces of bell music.

Meet other directors and ringers.

Have fun!

Complete the registration form in TTT and mail it along with the registration fee to Jeanne Elmuccio, 945 Fernwood Ave, Plainfield, NJ 07062.

Continuing education credits are available for participation in the Spring or Fall workshops.

Keep Your Handbells Looking and Playing Their Best!

Simichrome® Polish

Restore that “new” look to your bells with Simichrome Polish, recommended by handbell manufacturers. Apply the ammonia-based polish to the bell surface with a soft cotton cloth (our cleaning cloths are perfect for this). Spread the polish evenly with a circular motion, then wipe off. This polish oxidizes tarnish and restores the original luster to the bells.

1102	50 gram tube	\$10.55
1103	250 gram can	\$31.75
1104	1000 gram can	\$77.30



Cape Cod® Metal Polishing Cloths

Use these treated cotton cloths to polish bronze castings quickly and easily. Safe for most metals, these cloths also protect by leaving an invisible layer of anti-tarnish protection. Each packet contains two 4" x 6" moistened polishing cloths in a reclosable foil pouch. The collector's tin of six 6" x 10" cloths includes one pair of nitrite gloves.

1108	Package of 2 Cloths	\$4.50
1109	Tin of 6 Cloths w/Gloves	\$16.95



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.



For All of Your Handbell and Handchime Needs,
1-800-JHS-BELL
www.HandbellWorld.com

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.

AGEHR Area II Spring Reading Workshops Registration Form

Office Use Only
Reg #” _____
Postmark: _____
Check #: _____

Please make a copy of this form for your records.

(Please copy a separate form for each individual registering.)

Name (Please Print) _____ AGEHR M/S No. _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email _____

Request for Continuing Education Credits

Please register me for the following reading session(s):

April 17, 2010
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Beachwood, NJ
9:00 AM to Noon
Registration must be postmarked
by April 3rd

April, xx 2010 <date tbd>
Eastern PA
Check the Area 2 website for details.

May 1, 2010
N. Tonawanda NY 14120
Pendleton Center United Methodist Church
6864 Campbell Blvd.
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Registration must be postmarked
by April 17th

May 15, 2010
Morris Plains, NJ
The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains
400 Speedwell Avenue
Morris Plains, NJ 07950
9:00 AM to Noon
Registration must be postmarked
by May 1st

Please make checks payable to AGEHR, Area II. The cost is \$10 per person (for each session). Mail your check along with your registration form to: Jeanne Elmuccio, 945 Fernwood Ave, Plainfield, NJ 07062.

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Titusville PA 16354

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Macungie PA 18062

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Scranton PA 18505

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Catherine M. Robinson
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Kirk Schneider
Springfield PA 19064

Marian Nakada
Malvern PA 19355

First Presbyterian Church
West Chester PA 19382

Deborah Matthews
Pottstown PA 19464

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Carol Koch
Wernersville PA 19565

St. Johns UCC
Karen Eddinger
Wernersville PA 19565

Alsace Lutheran Church
David Rutt
Reading PA 19605

Welcome!

Vibration Vacation... a 2-day ringing event!



Previously known as the Read & Ring Seminar, your Area II Board is planning a summer event that includes the best of the Read & Ring with a few changes that we hope you will enjoy.

Two locations: New Jersey and Pennsylvania
Two days + one night = lower cost
Designed for ringers, directors, choirs, or parts of a choir
For teens and adults
Massed Ringing Tracks
Classes
Vendors

Continuing Education Credits available

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 10 & 11
Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church
Liberty Corner, NJ

Housing at a special rate at nearby hotels.

Thursday and Friday, August 12 & 13
First United Methodist Church
Hollidaysburg, PA (near Altoona, PA)

Housing has been arranged at a special rate at the Courtyard Marriot in Altoona.

Yes! The churches are air conditioned!

Day one at both sites will begin with registration at noon.

The first classes/tracks will begin at 1:00.

The event will conclude at 4:00 on Day 2.

Both events will include dinner and ice cream “social” on Day 1

and snacks and lunch on Day 2.

Breakfast is on your own and available at the hotel.

Details on registering for your room will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration.

The registration fee before June 1st is \$125. This includes all classes and track participation, reading sessions, desserts, snacks, dinner and lunch.

Refund policy: In the event of the need to cancel your registration for the 2010 Vibration Vacation, AGEHR Area II will refund the registration fee **less** a \$50 non-refundable deposit if cancellation is made prior to June 15th, 2010. There will be no refunds after June 15th.

Four tracks consisting of 4 sessions (5 hours) of ringing or instruction in all aspects of directing a handbell choir will be offered:

Tins (level 2/3)

Coppers (level 3/4)

Beginner Directors

Intermediate Directors

Both ringing tracks will be conducted by Area II's own Mike Joy.

Nancy Lutz is back by popular demand to teach the directors' tracks.

Ringers will pay for and receive the music packet for their chosen track at registration. Music will not have to be prepared in advance, but ringers will read and work through the music together. You will be informed of the cost of the music packet prior to the event.

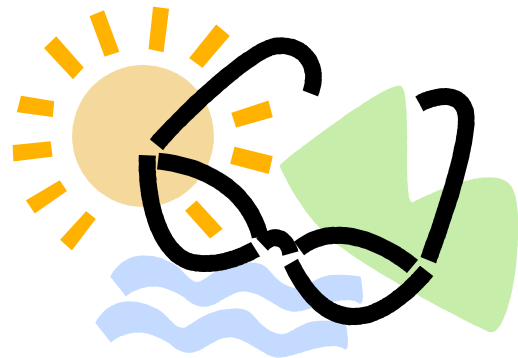
Donna Kinsey (PA) and Marilyn Shenenberger (NJ) will be offering classes that relate to the music for each of the tracks. The Area II Board will also fill in as clinicians.

Some of the classes being planned include:

Treble Bell Techniques	Rhythm & Movement
Mallets, Marts & More	Conducting Advanced Meters
Reading Sessions	Roundtable Discussions for Ringers & Directors
Bass Bell Techniques	Boomwhackers
Handchimes	4-in-hand/Shelley Techniques
Maintenance Classes	Reading Sessions of 2011 Festival Music
Maori sticks	Achieving Musicality
Ensemble Technique Classes	
Rhythm Games and How to teach rhythm to your ringers	

Private coaching sessions for soloists will be available for a \$25 fee. Please include this fee with your registration check.

**VIBRATION
VACATION**



AGEHR Area II 2010 *Vibration Vacation* Seminar

(formerly Read & Ring)

Tuesday, August 10 – Wednesday, August 11, 2010 in Liberty Corner, NJ
 Thursday, August 12 - Friday, August 13, 2010 in Hollidaysburg (Altoona), PA

REGISTRATION FORM (Please duplicate as needed)

Please complete one form for each person attending the 2010 Vibration Vacation. (Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____ **AGEHR Membership #** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **St.** _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address _____

Church/Organization _____

Instructions for registration:

Register by May 31st, 2010 (postmarked) and SAVE!!

Make a copy of this form for your records

Registration includes dinner on day one and lunch on day two; breakfast is on your own.

Payment must accompany this form in order for your registration to be processed
 Mail your registration form and check made payable to **AGEHR, Area II, Inc.** to:
 Christina Lenti, Treasurer
 Third Presbyterian Church
 4 Meigs St, Rochester, NY 14607

Amount Enclosed:	Registration Fee <u>before</u> June 1st	\$125.00
	Additional charge June 1 and after - \$25	_____
	Solo Coaching fee (\$25/individual session)	_____
	TOTAL DUE	_____

I will be attending: _____ **Liberty Corner, NJ** _____ **Hollidaysburg, PA**

Extra bell sets are needed for classes and the mass ringing. If you can offer to bring 3 or more octaves of bells or chimes, you will receive the cost of a one year membership returned to you or your organization via check. Those bringing foam, table covers, or mallets, you will receive a gift certificate for \$10 good for purchases from the vendors.

I can bring _____ octaves of bells; _____ octaves of chimes; _____ feet of foam, table covers; _____ mallets
 You will be contacted about bringing bells, etc.

Questions: Please contact: Chris Braden, Past Chair
 201-447-2751
bradencl@aol.com

Arrangements for housing must be made by the registrant directly with the hotel. Information will be sent.

Registration #	Postmarked	Total Due	Amt Paid	Check #	From

Registration # _____

AGEHR AREA II VIBRATION VACATION SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Please complete one form for each person attending the 2010 Vibration Vacation. (Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____ **AGEHR Membership #** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **St.** _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address _____

Please choose the ringing track that best fits your own needs and ability level. Placement in tracks and bell assignments will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. For the good of those in the ringing track, please pick the level of music you are able to ring comfortably. Music does not need to be learned in advance, so it is important that you are able to ring at the level you choose. Each track will meet for 4 (four) sessions.

Please check only one track:

- _____ **Tins (Level 2/3) Ringing Track**
- _____ **Coppers (Level 3/4) Ringing Track**
- _____ **Beginning Directors Track**
- _____ **Intermediate Directors Track**

HANDBELL ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE

Mark your Handbell Assignment preference with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. Indicating just one choice does NOT guarantee you will be assigned those bells.

- Indicate which positions you are willing to ring. Be sure to mark three positions in order of preference. You will be assigned one of these positions if possible. By indicating a position preference you are indicating that you are competent using all handbell techniques for that position.
- The sooner you return the registration form, the more likely you are to get your first choice. Your ringing assignment will be confirmed.
- Every attempt will be made to give you your first choice but experience shows that many of you will get your second or third choice. We appreciate your understanding.
- Music packets for your track may be picked up at registration. Registrants are responsible for the cost of the music. (Cost to be determined; you will be notified.)

Please indicate your height for placement in a choir (there may be more than one choir for several of the ringing tracks). My height is _____.

HANDBELL ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE CHART

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice

C3-F3	G3-B3	C4/D4	E4/F4	G4/A4	B4/C5	D4/E5	F5/G5	A5/B5	C6 D6/7	E6/E7 F6/E7	G6/ G7 A6/A7	B6/B7 C7/ C8

Make a copy for yourself of this form!

Please send this form to:
 Chris Braden
 328 Queens Court
 Ridgewood, NJ 07450
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Westminster Ringers
A Maryland Handbell Ensemble
presents...

"Victorian Sketches"

Saturday, June 12th 7:30 p.m.

and presenting the
"Homespun Ringers"



Please see our website for ticket prices & availability.
Discount with advance purchase!



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

Early registration ends Feb. 13th.

Young Ringer's Workshop - New Format!

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Westminster Church of God,
640 Lucabaugh Mill Rd.,
Westminster, MD

Clinician: Larry Henning

9:30 am - Set-up, rehearsals, classes
4:00 pm - Music sharing
No required repertoire!

*Thinking of forming a new youth choir? Bring your young non-ringers and turn them into young NEW ringers!
Special activities for novices!*



Interested in becoming a Westminster Ringer? Come
to the **Open ring**, June 17th, and contact the director to
set up an audition.

We are now accepting **bookings** for
late Spring and the 2010-2011 season.

westminsterringersdirector@gmail.com

For more information on all events and concerts, please visit our website or contact:

Debbie Henning ♪ 737 Holland Ln. Westminster, MD 21158 ♪ 410-848-5482 ♪ www.thewestminsterringers.org
The Westminster Ringers, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**GREATER HOUSTON HANDBELL ASSOCIATION
FEBFEST COMPOSITION CONTEST**



PRIZE
One award of \$1000



Submissions are due June 1, 2010

All participants will be notified by August 1, 2010 of the winning composition
**THE WINNING COMPOSITION WILL BE PERFORMED
AT FEB FEST IN HOUSTON TEXAS ON FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

FOR FULL CONTEST RULES, PLEASE EMAIL DEBBIE BUSCH AT
Debbie_Busch@HoustonHandbells.org

OR VISIT <http://www.houstonhandbells.org>



Composition Contest
Window to remain Open
through May 15th!

The Area II Board has announced that the current Composition Contest deadline has been extended through May 15, 2010. Therefore, if you were afraid that you could not meet the original April 20 deadline, fret no more! Find out more about the Area II Composition Contest by navigating to [here](#) and share this information with interested parties!

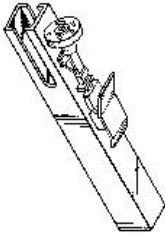
The Raleigh Ringers

David M. Harris, Director

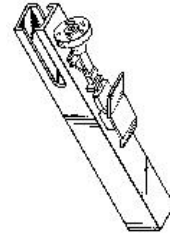
8516 Sleepy Creek Drive • Raleigh, NC 27613

phone/fax: (919) 847-7574 • email: rringer@rr.org • web: www.rr.org

— A community handbell choir —



A.G.E.H.R-AREA II will begin accepting applications for the
Hand Chime Lending Program
beginning March 1, 2010.
Applications will be accepted until all sets have been allocated
for Summer 2010 and the school year 2010—2011.



Handchime Lending Program

The purpose of AGEHR Area II's Handchime Lending Program is to promote the ringing of handchimes in Public or Private Elementary or Secondary schools, Churches, or Community Groups within our area of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Ontario. This program is a valuable introduction to the art of ringing instruments and often becomes a focal point in expanding such programs in the local community.

About the Loan Program

AGEHR Area II has nine sets of three-octave handchimes to loan.

The loan period is:

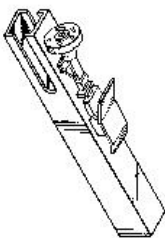
One (1) school year (September 1 through June 1) with return of handchimes to Area II by June 15,

-OR-

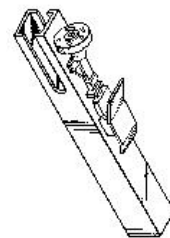
One (1) summer session (July 1 – August 15) with return of handchimes to Area by August 22.

Eligibility Requirements


1. Public or Private Elementary or Secondary school, Church, or Community Group within Area II of AGEHR.
2. Handchimes will be loaned only once to a particular school, church or group.
3. Preference will be given to a new school district before another school within the same district.
4. Preference will be given to organizations with existing music programs.
5. The recipient must be a member of AGEHR, or willing to become a member of AGEHR if loan is approved.



For further information visit the Area II website:
<http://www.area2agehr.org/programs/chimes/chimes.shtml>




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 02/ 27/2010

Ring to Spring 2010
Voorhees, NJ
Host: Gail Posey
Tel: 856-784-4441
gsposey@verizon.net



3/6/2010 

Hudson Valley Young Ringers
Festival
Poughkeepsie, NY
Host: Susan Guse
Tel: 845-452-1550 x1158
sguse@frontiernet.net
Clinician: Kathleen Wissinger

3/20/2010

Concert featuring the Bell Choirs of
Bethany as part of their
100th anniversary celebration!
7:00 PM

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Greece NY


04/17/2010

Western PA Handbell Festival
West Mifflin, PA
Host: Kathy Hayes
Wilson Christian Academy
Contact: Margaret Zabo
Tel: 412-341-1356
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Hudson Valley Handbell Festival
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A reminder: Area II will be 50 years old in 2010!

Our goal is to get the base in the Endowment Fund over \$50,000! If you would like to donate to the Endowment Fund in the amount of \$50, whether in memory or in honor of a choir or an individual, your generosity would be most appreciated!

Next TTT deadline is May 25, 2010