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**A.G.E.H.R. AREA 2
TWICE TOLLED TALES
September 2011**

From the Chair . . .

Dear Area 2 Friends,

By this time most of us have either gone back to school, or started up our handbell season again (or **both**). As I write this last message, some areas of eastern PA and NY as well as areas of NJ have been hit pretty hard with recent flooding. I know that a couple of our Area 2 Board members have been affected and our prayers go out to all of you.

Many of you were present for the 2011 Area 2 Festival Conference in Kutztown this past July. After reading all of your evaluation sheets (yes, I read all 414 of them) I was pleased to see everyone seemed to learn plenty, made lots of good music, enjoyed the concerts and generally had a great time. Being from the Mid-West, we don't get to hear the Agape Ringers very often and watch David Weck in action. What a class act they are! Ron Bellamy and the *Bell Amis* ensemble treated us with great variety, musicality, and were very entertaining. Those present would all agree that Sue Garton's concert was just magical. Her musicality and grace, all under the extra stress of that time for her, was something wonderful and inspirational to witness. I'm pleased to be able to tell you that her vision is improving.

Through the efforts of your Area 2 Board, and a higher than expected attendance, we did have a profitable event. This money will pay for most of the Area 2 expenses for the next two years. Expenses such as: the mentoring program, workshop events, support for the Romanian handhime choir, Board meeting expenses, scholarships, and the chime lending program.

Yes it was hot, probably one of the hotter weeks of the summer. I will promise you now that while I continue on the Board as Past Chair, I will encourage us to **strongly** consider venues with an air-conditioned massed ringing floor! That has been a consideration in the past, but many of those centrally located venues, with AC, are also considerably more expensive, or they have other issues that make a successful festival difficult.

Speaking of the Area 2 Board, I want to thank each and every one of the 2010 - 2011 Board members for their hard work and dedication, not just for the 2011 Festival Conference, but for your help to me during my tenure as Chair for the past two years. I truly could not have done this without each and every one of you, because we did it all together. Special thanks go out to our retiring Board members at the end of their tenure: Chris Braden, Judy Dinkler, Shelley Giaier and Bobbi Schmid. You will be missed. And thank you also, Area 2, for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Chair. Believe it or not, I think I'm actually going to miss doing this! I trust that you will give Jackie Anderson all of the help and support you have shown me over the past two years.

Sincerely,

Jim Rossetti

Area 2 Chair

Greetings Area 2 members,

I am Jackie Anderson, the new chairman for Area 2. My e-mail address is anderson@rpa.net. If any of you have concerns, questions, or comments about anything going on in the area, I would be glad to hear from you.

There are workshops planned for the fall. Information about those is in this issue of Twice Told Tales. Check them out. See if any of them are in your area. If your choir is in need of a mentoring session, contact the mentoring chair listed in the Area 2 Board information.

Thanks to all of you who filled out the evaluations for the Kutztown Festival. We are using those to help us in planning the 2013 Oswego Festival. Also, watch for information on next year's Area 2 summer event.

Lastly, Area 2 is in need of a Membership Chair. This is a very important position on your Board! Please contact me if you might be interested.

Jackie Anderson

Area 2 Chair-Elect

Area 2 Festival at Kutztown—July 2011



Our Area 2 Banner—always a great sight!

Debbie Rice—our fearless leader



The Young Ringers led by Ron Bellamy



What Does a Truck Load of Bells and Equipment Look Like?

by Bob Ward

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so have a look!

Our Festival is more than massed and division ringing, it's educational as well. Area II has a long history of providing great festivals, with talented directors, clinicians, classes and activities. And yet, seldom do the participants even think about where all the equipment comes from or how it gets to the festival site.



And where does a truck load of bells and equipment come from? Well, they come from churches mostly, members and non-members alike, who generously entrust their bells and other equipment to the Area for the period of the festival. The festival budget includes an expense for a truck rental to bring the bell sets to the festival site for the various instructional classes. While in the Area's care, all this equipment is insured by AGEHR Inc. Each lender receives from the Area, a remuneration that is equal to a year's membership in AGEHR. Without the generosity of these people and churches, those unseen and unsung heroes, our festival would only have been a partial success.

Special thanks go to Malmark, Inc. for the loan of C2 through B2 bass bells for our Masterclass participants as well as those who provided equipment for all our classes.

Our thanks go to:

Nancy Stombaugh, Faith Lutheran Brethren Church, Briarcliffe Manor NY
Eileen Laurence, Katonah Presbyterian Church, Katonah, NY
Ron Bellamy, Church of Apostles, Lancaster, PA & Grace UMC, Millersville, PA
Winona Teater, First Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, NY
Bill Bakker, The Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, NY
Georgia Roelof, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, CT
Rev. Paul Lent, Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, LaGrangeville, NY
Chris Braden, Jersey Jubilation, Ridgewood, NJ
Cory Davis, Christ Church UMC, New York, NY
Carol Roman, Warwick Reformed Church & Warwick UMC, Warwick, NY
MJ Phelan, Christ Church on Quaker Hill, Pawling, NY
Chris Lenti, Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY
Judy Dinkler, Easton Bible College, Burlington, NJ
Marilyn Hines, Slippery Rock, PA
Edwina Pratt, Hopewell Junction Reformed Church, Hopewell Junction, NY
Susan Erdley, First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, PA



If you or your organization are willing to lend your equipment to the area for an Area event, please do not hesitate to contact an Area board member.

From our Betty Garee Scholarship Winner.....

Dear Members of Area 2,

Last spring I counted down the days until my very first Area 2 Festival. What a tremendous experience it was! As a scholarship winner, I was excited to explore the mysteries of handbell ringing and become totally absorbed in the art. Little did I know that the talent and energy at the festival would be so magnetic that I couldn't wait to come home and tell the others all about it. I was impressed with the degree of commitment on the part of the Board and the participants alike. The event ran smoothly and the music was outstanding!

I'd like to once again say "thank you" for the opportunity to attend, and bring along two other ringers from our choir. We have already used some of the technics, tips and tidbits that we learned at the festival, and the performance level of our choir has been bumped up a notch. They are excited to rehearse and are less intimidated by something new. None of that would have been possible without the festival experience. My goals for the year include finding ways that handbells can be effectively incorporated into the contemporary worship format and helping ringers to feel more comfortable looking away from their music (and looking at the director, of course). :)

Our eyes and ears are open and ready to ring!!! Let's make it happen. Come see us at the fall workshop on October 29.

Sincerely,
Linda Hoffman
Bellefonte, PA

Did you miss out?

If you attended the 2011 Festival Conference and did not order a t-shirt/polo or were unable to attend and would like to order one, please contact me right away! We need to have a combined order of at least 24 shirts to ensure they can be made. The cost for a t-shirt is \$9.00 (\$1 extra for 2x/3x) and the price for a polo is \$16.00 (\$2 extra for 2x/3x) plus \$4.95 for shipping & handling. Orders will be taken until September 30, 2011. Please e-mail your order (include type of shirt and size) to hack0621@gmail.com along with your mailing address. If at least 24 shirts are ordered, you will be contacted with additional payment information. Seize the opportunity while it lasts!!!

Help Wanted

Handbell Director - 2 choirs

6 ½ oct. Whitechapel bells

The Presbyterian Church

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Contact: Mary Lou Stevens

mstevens@brpc.org

Sept. 15 deadline

Tuesday evening rehearsals at 5:30 and 7:30.
10 month position (Sept. – June). Must have handbell experience, bachelor's degree in music, and experience working in a church as a volunteer or in a professional capacity.



It's Not Too Late! by Bob Ward

The Area 2 Handchime lending program has been one of our most successful programs. Area 2 has lent chimes to churches, a senior citizen center, an international summer camp, school for students with emotional and developmental difficulties. Some of them as a result of the program, have managed to purchase chimes for their organizations.

Applications for the 2011-2012 term began March 1. But the good news is that we still have sets available, if you act quickly. All the information is available on line at:

<http://www.area2agehr.org/programs/chimes/chimes.shtml>

Documents and supporting material can be sent via email to expedite the process. So if you've been thinking about adding chimes to your program, now is the time to act.

Contact Bob Ward at RJWardNY@optonline.net for more information.

AGEHR AREA 2 FALL 2011 WORKSHOPS

Contact Person: Betsy Barr, 585-645-9150, wtbarr@hotmail.com

Register for a Fall Techniques Workshop as an individual or come with other members of your choir

Beginning Techniques:

Topics covered will include: the proper techniques for straight ringing, stopped techniques (such as malleting, marting, and plucking), echoes, swinging, and the singing bell technique.

The group will prepare 2 pieces (one a level 1 and the other a level 1+) and then perform them for the Intermediate Techniques group at the end of the workshop.

Intermediate Techniques and Ensemble Ringing:

This group will focus on an intermediate level of all the above techniques plus an introduction to ensemble style ringing using some of the different techniques listed. This group will also prepare two pieces (one level 2 and one level 2+) and will perform them for the Beginner Techniques group.

The scheduled workshops are from 9 AM to 3 PM (lunch not included) on the day and place noted:

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Park United Methodist Church
30 North Lake Street
North East, PA 16428
Hostess: Linda Schroder
Phone: 814-725-9530
e-mail: linsch@verizon.net

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Faith United Methodist Church
512 Hughes Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Hostess: Linda Hoffman
Phone: 814-355-3929
e-mail: pianogirl1905@yahoo.com

**AGEHR Area II
State Workshops 2011**

Office Use Only
Reg. # _____
Postmark _____
Check # _____

Registration Form (Please Print)

Please make a copy of this form for your records.

Please copy a separate form for each individual registering.) Cost: \$25 per person

Name _____ AGEHR Membership No. _____
Preferred Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____
Church/School/Organization (if applicable) _____

_____ I am interested in receiving a Professional Development Certificate

Check one: ___ Beginning Techniques ___ Intermediate Techniques/Ensemble Ringing

_____ October 29 North East, PA (registration postmarked by October 22)

_____ October 29 Bellefonte, PA (registration postmarked by October 22)

I can bring _____ octaves of hand bells. Manufacturer _____

I can bring _____ octaves of chimes. Manufacturer _____

I can bring _____ feet of foam padding and _____ feet of covers.

Questions, contact: Betsy Barr, 585-645-9150, wtbarr@hotmail.com

Make check out to AGEHR Area II, Inc. Please mail registrations to: Betsy Barr 6057 Independence Way Ontario, NY 14519
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Election Results

Chair-Elect: Susan Guse
Treasurer: Jeremy Peters
Secretary: Christina Lenti

The new Bylaws were passed

Thank you to everyone who voted
(only about 17% of our membership)

New Members

New Jersey

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Welcome!
(and maybe Welcome Back!)

The Raleigh Ringers

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A community handbell choir

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717-697-6257

Next TTT deadline is **October 15, 2011**

Notebook Stands

Our music Notebook Stands come in four sizes and are constructed of durable vinyl with a heavy-duty metal ring assembly. The ring assembly has no tabs to catch and tear the music while turning pages and is attached with a thick nylon web strap that is guaranteed for five years. Each notebook comes with a set of plain black sheet lifters.

3141	1" ring	\$ 9.95
3142	1-1/2" ring	\$10.95
Oversize: Holds music up to 9"x12"		
3143	1" ring	\$10.95
3144	1-1/2" ring	\$11.95
3149	Extra Sheet Lifters (pair)	\$0.95

Notebook Covers

Dress up your notebooks while protecting them for prolonged life with our corduroy notebook covers! Available in seven colors, these are the perfect way to outfit your choir with a professional, finished look. Customization, such as embroidery and velvet, is available (*please allow for extra time- call for a quote*).

	Regular Item #	Oversize Item #	Price
1" Notebook Cover	3141_	3143_	\$6.50
1½" Notebook Cover	3142_	3144_	\$6.50

When ordering, please include color code after item#: Navy= NY, Black= BK, Burgundy= BU, Green= GN, Red= RD, Water Blue= WB, Beige= BE

Risers

Our risers raise the music above the table, helping ringers see the director. Use them with an Acrylic, Metal or Notebook Music Stand. Unused handbells or other equipment can be placed underneath and out of the way. The Acrylic Riser is lightweight with strong hinges and smooth round edges. It weighs 3 lbs. 11 oz., and measures 24" long x 11" wide x 8" high.

3102 Acrylic Riser, ea. \$45.95

The Stackable Metal Riser, perfect for slimmer budgets, features strong steel construction and a convenient handhold in the top. It weighs 4 lbs. 3 oz. and measures 23-3/4" long x 10-1/2" wide x 8" high.

3103 Metal Riser, ea. \$26.95

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Cordura nylon on the outside adds extra strength and durability, while soft corduroy flaps on the inside separate your risers and protect them from scuffs and scratches. Holds four of our newer acrylic risers, three of our "old-style" risers.

3101 Acrylic Riser Bag \$39.95

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9am - 4pm
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New York City, NY
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212-838-3036



October 15, 2011
Bell a deux
First English Lutheran Church
Punxsutawney, PA
7:00 pm
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Park U. Methodist Church
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