

AREA 2  
AGEHR

The Handbell Guild



Handbell Musicians  
of America

TWICE TOLLED TALES

February 2012

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# From the Chair . . .

Greetings from the Area 2 Board,

A lot of you have requested more localized events. There are quite a few of them in our area that have been planned for Spring 2012 – from mini festivals to one-day workshops to half-day workshops/reading sessions. Events are aimed at different levels of ringers. Check out the Area 2 Events Calendar on the Area 2 Web Site to see what is happening in your vicinity. Also, you will find information about, and the registration form for the Area 2 Spring Reading Workshops in this issue. The Reading Workshops are sponsored by Area 2. The other events are planned and run by other groups.

People put a lot of time into planning these events. If you are a director, be sure to share information about events with your ringers. AND sign up to attend!! Individuals may sign up. It doesn't have to be whole choirs.

We are already looking for people to host the Area 2 sponsored one-day Fall 2012 Technique Workshops. It is not too early to offer your church or school as a venue for these events. Check further on in this issue for information on who to contact.

Area 2's 2012 Summer Event will again be called "Vibration Vacation". It will be held at two locations – Liberty Corner (Basking Ridge), New Jersey (July 30, 31) and Dewitt (Syracuse). New York area (August 2, 3). Jim Rossetti has engaged Dr. William Payn, who will be the main clinician, to work on Musicality in Ringing with the attendees. Watch for information on how to register.

On the National level, we are now being marketed as Handbell Musicians of America. On our incorporation papers, we are officially still AGEHR, but National thought that this new "BRANDING" better describes who we are. When you are "Googling" or using other search engines, you may use either "Handbell Musicians of America" or "AGEHR" to get links to the National Guild's Web page.

National is trying to provide you with access to new resources. I am trying to figure it all out so that the Board and I can be of some assistance to those who need help accessing these resources. We'll all learn together!

Happy Ringing!

**Jackie Anderson**

Area 2 Chair



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## New Members

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### New Jersey

St. Peters U. Methodist Church  
Kathy Heller  
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Elise Figa  
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Findley Lake, NY 14736

Megan Walters  
Livonia, NY 14487

Berea SDA Church  
Joanne Turnball  
Nanuet, NY 10954

**Welcome!**  
**(and maybe Welcome Back!)**

# Thank You!

We want to thank the hostesses and clinicians for the Area 2 Fall Techniques Workshops. In Bellfonte, PA Linda Hoffman was the hostess and AnnaCarol Buffington and Gail Ritchey served as clinicians. In NorthEast, PA Linda Schroder was the hostess and Alex Mysliwec and Andy Seay were the clinicians. Both workshops were deemed successful with glowing feedback for both the clinicians and the hostesses. Thanks to all for the wonderful job.

It is never too early to contact us about fall 2012 workshops. These workshops usually concentrate on teaching and reviewing bell techniques. They are usually scheduled for a 6 hour period with a 1 hour lunch. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, contact our Workshop Chairperson, Betsy Barr, at [wtbarr50@gmail.com](mailto:wtbarr50@gmail.com).

# Can You Help?

Handbell directors working with children and youth in churches, could you please take 10 minutes and complete a survey? The website is below. Results will be reflected in my final paper, required for the Master of Church Music degree at Concordia University, Wisconsin. For survey results or clarifications, contact me: ([bethannedwards@msn.com](mailto:bethannedwards@msn.com) or 515.490.9408). Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8T3S3R8>

Beth Ann Edwards  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Westpres.org

# SPRING INTO NEW MUSIC

## AGEHR AREA 2 2012 SPRING WORKSHOPS

Contact Person: Betsy Barr (315)524-3816 or [wtbarr50@gmail.com](mailto:wtbarr50@gmail.com)

**Register for a Spring Read and Ring Workshop as an individual or come with other members of your choir.**

**In a Spring Read and Ring Workshops participants will read through 20 pieces of music. The idea is to get a feel for the sound and the difficulty of each piece.**

The workshop will cost \$10 and the times are listed below for each date. Registration forms (on next page) are also on the website (see the events calendar). If you would like to host a workshop, please contact Betsy Barr.

### **Saturday, March 17th**

Community Church of Mountain Lakes  
48 Briar Cliff Road  
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046  
Hostess: Donna Garzinsky  
e-mail: [garwarnj@yahoo.com](mailto:garwarnj@yahoo.com)  
time: 9AM -12 noon

### **Saturday, March 24th**

First Presbyterian Church  
31 Bedford Road  
Katonah, NY 10536  
Hostess: Eileen Laurence  
e-mail: [laurence@concentric.net](mailto:laurence@concentric.net)  
time: 1 - 3 PM

### **Saturday, March 24th**

First Congregational Church  
109 Continental Ave  
River Edge, NJ 07661  
Hostess: Gloria Norton  
e-mail: [glorinor@aol.com](mailto:glorinor@aol.com)  
time: 9AM -12 noon

### **Saturday, April 21st**

First Presbyterian Church  
400 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601  
Hostess: Lynn Morgan  
e-mail: [lkmorgan@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:lkmorgan@twcnny.rr.com)  
Time: 10 AM to 1 PM

### **Saturday, June 9th**

Mount Lebanon U. Methodist Church  
3319 West Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
Hostess: Mary Paine  
e-mail: [education@threeriversringers.org](mailto:education@threeriversringers.org)  
Time: 10 AM to 1 PM

AGEHR Area 2  
State Workshops 2012

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: \$10 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AGEHR M/S No. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church/School/Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in receiving a Professional Development Certificate

- \_\_\_\_\_ March 17 Mountain Lake, NJ (registration postmarked by March 10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ March 24 River Edge, NJ (registration postmarked by March 17)
- \_\_\_\_\_ March 24 Katonah, NY (registration postmarked by March 17)
- \_\_\_\_\_ April 21 Watertown, NY (registration postmarked by April 14)
- \_\_\_\_\_ June 9 Pittsburgh, PA (registration postmarked by June 2)

Questions, contact: Betsy Barr, 585-645-9150, [wtbarr50@gmail.com](mailto:wtbarr50@gmail.com)

I can bring \_\_\_\_\_ octaves of hand bells. Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

I can bring \_\_\_\_\_ octaves of chimes. Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check out to AGEHR Area II, Inc. Please mail registrations and check to:  Betsy Barr  6057 Independence Way  Ontario, NY 14519
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## AGEHR AREA 2 MENTORING PROGRAM

**New bells, new ringers, new director?  
Old ringers need refurbished?**

Due to a special grant, Area 2 is able to offer a **free** half-day workshop for any church or school, at your facility at a time convenient for you. We will design the workshop to meet your needs. We can help you get a new program started, hone your ringers' skills and techniques, or just help you work through a difficult piece. You decide what you and your ringers would like to work on, and we will send a clinician to work with your group on those specific needs.

**Your Area 2 Mentoring Chair is waiting to set up a  
workshop for your choir!**

Contact Marilyn Shenenberger  
Phone #: 609-871-8819  
email: [handbelle@comcast.net](mailto:handbelle@comcast.net)



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### Young Ringers Workshop

Larry Henning, Clinician  
Saturday, March 17, 2012

For ringers in grades 2-12, regardless of experience level. Some required repertoire.

### Ringers Workshop

Ron Bellamy, Clinician  
Saturday, September 29, 2012

For adult & high school ringers in full or partial choirs, and individuals. Some required repertoire.

*Accelerando*

is looking for new members!

This intermediate handbell ensemble, sponsored by the Westminster Ringers, Inc., is looking for ringers. Rehearsals: Mondays at 7 PM. For more information, contact Debbie Henning.

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
7:30 p.m.

Scott Center at Carroll Community College  
1601 Washington Rd., Westminster, MD 21157



Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Check our website for ticket availability and pricing.  
Discount with advance purchase.

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

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737 Holland Lane  
Westminster, MD 21158

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[www.thewestminsterringers.org](http://www.thewestminsterringers.org)

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**  
**FOR VIBRATION VACATION 2012**  
**Focus on Musicality**

Cost will be the same as  
two summers ago - \$125

**Dates: July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Place: Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church**  
**Basking Ridge, New Jersey**  
**Hostess: Shelley Gaier**  
We are working on reserving rooms.

**Dates: August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Place: DeWitt Community Church**  
**Syracuse, New York**  
**Hostess: Pam Spirko**  
**Rooms Reserved at:**  
Comfort Inn, Carrier Circle, Syracuse, NY 13206  
Ph. 315.437.0222      Email – [GM.NY198@choicehotels.com](mailto:GM.NY198@choicehotels.com)  
Vibration Vacation Special rate - \$84.00 per night, Double occ.  
  
Quality Inn, 6611 Old Collamer Rd., E. Syracuse, NY 13057  
Ph. 315.432.9333 Email – [GM.NY449@choicehotels.com](mailto:GM.NY449@choicehotels.com)  
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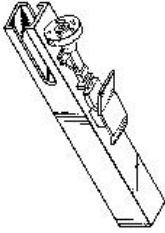
**CONTACT PERSON FOR BOTH EVENTS IS: Jim Rossetti**  
e-mail address: [jdrmaestro@comcast.net](mailto:jdrmaestro@comcast.net)      phone number: 412-913-5728

**Main Clinician and Director - *Dr. William Payn***

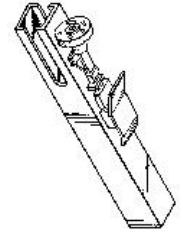
**Yes, THE Dr. William Payn:**  
Director of the Rooke Chapel Ringers at Bucknell University;  
Artistic Advisor to the Raleigh Ringers;  
Master Teacher at the Handbell Musicians of America Conducting Masterclass;  
World-Renowned composer;

**Beginning and Intermediate Directors Track – *Martha Alford***  
director of Church and Community Choirs in eastern PA.

**Watch your email for more information and registration.**



A.G.E.H.R-AREA 2 will begin accepting applications for the  
**Hand Chime Lending Program**  
beginning March 1, 2012.



Applications will be accepted until all sets have been allocated for  
Summer 2012 and the school year 2012—2013.

## Handchime Lending Program

The purpose of AGEHR Area 2'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 2 has several sets of three-octave handchimes to loan.

The loan period is:

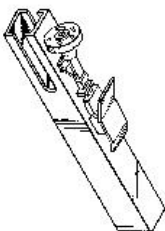
**One (1) school year** (September 1 through June 1) with return of handchimes to Area 2 by June 15,

-OR-

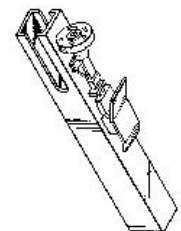
**One (1) summer session** (July 1 – August 15) with return of handchimes to Area 2 by August 22.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Public or Private Elementary or Secondary school, Church, or Community Group within area 2 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. Must be a member of AGEHR, or willing to become a member of AGEHR if loan is approved.



For further information visit the Area 2 website:  
<http://www.area2agehr.org/programs/chimes/chimes.shtml>





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**AREA 2  
2013  
COMPOSITION CONTEST**

**2013 Young Ringers'  
Festival Composition**

**Prize: \$1000**

- An original handbell composition suitable for Young Ringers' massed ringing
- 2-3 octaves, AGEHR level 2 or 2+
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Intended playing time: Not to exceed 3 minutes

**2013 Festival Conference  
Composition**

**Prize: \$1000**

- An original handbell composition suitable for massed ringing
- 3-5 octaves, AGEHR level 3
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Intended Playing time: Not to exceed 4.5 minutes

**Deadline: May 1, 2012  
Contest Rules**

1. ONLY ORIGINAL, UNPUBLISHED WORKS MAY BE SUBMITTED. **Any composition using a pre-existing melody will not be considered.** Entries may not be published or under consideration by any other contest or publisher while being considered by Area 2. **Failure to observe this rule will result in immediate forfeiture of any prizes awarded.**
2. Please use AGEHR publication *Handbell Notation and Grading System* as a reference guide for all compositional notation.
3. Composers may enter as many manuscripts as they wish, but each one is to be sent under a separate cover.
4. To enter, choose either A or B from the following:
5. A) MAIL TEN(10) copies of the original piece on 8.5" by 11" paper printed double sided, and hole punched. Include title, category, bells used chart, optional instruments, and duration. DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPOSER'S NAME ON THESE COPIES. Include one (1) cover sheet containing **title, intended playing time, composer's name, e-mail address, address, and evening telephone number.** Notification of the receipt of each entry will only be sent via email.  
B) Electronically send One (1) File containing the following, each tested for usability prior to submission:
  - i. One(1) pdf file of the original piece formatted for printing on 8.5" by 11" paper. Include title, category, bells used chart, optional instruments, and duration. DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPOSER'S NAME OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING MARK(S) WITHIN THIS FILE. Include one (1) file containing **title, intended playing time, composer's name, e-mail address, address, and evening telephone number.** Notification of the receipt of each entry will only be sent via email.
  - ii. Any type of Audio file of the composition (DO NOT INCLUDE ANY AUDIO CONTAINING COMPOSER'S NAME OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING AUDIO COMMENTS)
6. Decision of the judges is final. Area 2 reserves the right to select entries that, in its sole judgment, are suitable for its festivals' purpose. **Area 2 reserves the right not to award a prize in either or both categories.**
7. Winning entries will be performed at the 2013 Young Ringers' Festival and Festival Conferences.
8. Area 2 will request a suitable dedication line when the composition is published. Area 2 reserves the right to be the sole dedicatee.
9. Winning compositions may **not** be presented or played in any national, area or local festival or ringing conference prior to the 2013 Area 2 Young Ringers' Festival and Festival Conferences.
10. Area 2 adheres to copyright laws. Copyright obligations and adherence to copyright laws is expected of all composers.
11. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 1, 2012.**

Send to: Jackie Anderson. Home address 337 Allenboro Drive, Webster, New York 14580

Questions? For questions, please contact Jackie Anderson at (585-703-2381) e-mail: [anderson@rpa.net](mailto:anderson@rpa.net)

# The Raleigh Ringers

David M. Harris, Director

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*A community handbell choir*

**Next TTT deadline is  
May 15, 2012**

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St. John's Lutheran Church  
Sayville, NY

Contact: Rex Holden  
aam2001reg.aol.com

March 10th, 2012  
Hudson Valley  
Young Ringers Festival  
Presbyterian Church  
Mt. Kisco, NY  
Clinician, Michael Glasgow

Contact: Susan Guses  
guse@frontiernet.net

April 14, 2012  
Western PA Handbell Festival  
Moon Township, PA  
Clinician, Elisabeth Heath Charles

Contact: Kathy Hayes  
724-235-0202

April 14, 2012  
Nittany Valley Handbell Festival  
State College High School  
State College, PA

Clinician, Hart Morris  
Contact: Gail Ritchey  
814-234-2655

April 21, 2012  
Challeng@ing II  
Webster Presbyterian Church  
Webster, NY

Contact: Betsy Barr  
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April 28, 2012  
Hudson Valley Handbell Festival  
Nyack College  
Nyack, NY

Contact: Yvonne Roux  
yrouxrings@gmail.com

April 27th & 28th, 2012  
North Hills Handbell Festival  
Marshall Middle School  
Wexford, PA

Clinician, Michael Glasgow  
Contact: Peggy McNamee  
peggymc@malachy.com

May 5, 2012  
12:30 - 5:00 pm  
New England Ringers Workshop  
Webster Presbyterian Church  
Webster, NY

Contact: Jackie Anderson  
Anderson @rpa.net

Check updates at the area website: [www.area2agehr.org](http://www.area2agehr.org)

# When It's Time To Talk About Bells...

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