



Area 2 Twice Tolloed Tales
TWICE TOLLEED TALEES
November 2013

From the Chair . . .

Greetings from the Area 2 Board!

The Area 2 2013-2015 Board met for the first time October 4 - 5, 2013 in Scranton, PA. Present at the meeting were recently elected Jill Fedon, chair elect; Eileen McIntyre, treasurer and Pam Spirko, secretary/registrar as well as Jackie Anderson, past chair. Newly appointed board members include Cynthia Reineke, historian; Diane Dick, mentoring; Rich Pinkerton, workshop coordinator and Bob Reineke, webmaster along with continuing board members Reylene Starego, membership chair; Kathie Bittenbender, newsletter editor and Robert Ward, education chair. As the new chair for Area 2, I am excited by the wealth of talent and experience on the board at this time and by the possibilities for their leadership in the future.

In 2010, the **National AGEHR** board of directors announced a three part plan to bring handbell ringing into the modern era. The first step was a major investment in technology to allow for a web based solution to connect members. Within a month, Area 2 will have a new website using the Handbell Musicians of America website platform. The national office will be responsible for setting up a structure for the Area 2 website and Area 2 will be responsible for keeping the information on the website up to date for our membership. The second step in the three part plan is rebranding and a new identity for the National organization. While keeping the tradition of AGEHR, the Guild began doing business as **Handbell Musicians of America** which is a name that identifies all of our members as musicians in the mainstream music world. To that end, Area 2 initiated legal paperwork several months ago to allow "A.G.E.H.R.-Area 2, Inc." (our legal name) to do business as "Handbell Musicians of America/Area 2." As of this past July, the paperwork was complete and legally allows us use of the assumed name, "Handbell Musicians of America/Area 2." The third step of the three part plan is the restructuring of membership levels and a subject for another newsletter (please remember to renew your membership as noted in this issue!).

For the past ten years, the Area 2 website has been administered by John Braden. When he took over the website, the previous webmaster had abandoned it. John designed, maintained and kept Area 2 information secure and in good order for use on the website throughout the duration of his tenure as webmaster. We are most grateful to him for his technical expertise, insight and professional skills used while taking care of Area 2. Thank you John!

Many thanks to outgoing board members: Jim Rossetti, past chair; Jeremy Peters, treasurer; Christina Lenti, secretary/registrar; Marilyn Shenenberger, mentoring; Betsy Barr, workshop coordinator and Cory Davis, historian. Added together, these outgoing members represent over twenty five years of service to our area and we thank them for their dedication.

Happy Ringing!

Susan Guse

Susan Guse, Area 2 Chair

New Members

New Jersey

Joyce Aitken
Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Pennington School
William Alford
Pennington, NJ 08534

Robert Gardner
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Diane Soper
Palmyra, NJ 08065

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Manhattan Country School
Maiya Jackson
New York, NY 10128

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Buffalo, NY 14220

Jennifer Yenping Tung
Kew Garden Hills, NY 11367

NY Institute for Special Education
Kim Benisatto
Bronx, NY 10469

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Kingston, NY 12401

Church of the Assumption
Janie Marini
Fairport, NY 14450

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Terry Pawlenko
Red Creek, NY 13143

Marilla U. Methodist Church
Melissa Streit
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Julie Maciejewski
Lockport, NY 14094

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Ontario

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Andreas, PA 18211

United Lutheran Church
Bonita Campbell
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Pittsburgh, PA 15228

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Blairsville, PA 15717

Carol Edwards
West Chester, PA 19380

Jacqueline Garden-Marshall
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Welcome!

(and maybe Welcome Back!)

Is your membership due for annual renewal?

WE WANT YOU TO RENEW!!

But how do I do that?

When your membership is about to come up for renewal, you will be sent an e-mail 60 days prior to the due date, as a first reminder. If you don't renew your membership within a couple of weeks, a second reminder will be sent 30 days before the due date by snail mail. If we still have not received a renewal, a third reminder will be sent the day after the date of renewal with a follow-up e-mail 2 weeks later.



Please be sure all your contact information is up-to-date when you renew so that there is no error in trying to contact you. Your membership can be renewed by returning the form that comes by snail mail or at the national website at www.handbellmusicians.org.

Please know that your membership also helps to support Area 2! The area receives \$10 for every regular membership and \$5 for every student membership. These funds help to support area events, such as festivals and workshops.

So invite your friends and ringers in your choirs to join us. There are many different levels of membership to choose from and we want to continue the great events like the festival at Oswego this past summer.

THANK YOU for your continuing support of Area 2!!

The Area 2 Website will be changing during the month of November to the H.M.A. national platform. Be sure to check it out for events happening in Area 2, for scholarship and grant information, and for information on handchime lending. See the listing of our current Board Members and contact people if needed. See current information about our Area's upcoming workshops and festivals, as well as music lists needed. Registration applications are posted as soon as they are available. See past issues of our Twice Told Tales in case you missed any. We are a "happening" area in The Handbell Musicians of America—and proud of it!

Visit the Area 2 website at www.area2agehr.org often!

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS ISSUE TO YOUR RINGERS.

Magic Bells

We hope everyone had a wonderful and educational time at the Handbell Musicians of America conference in Oswego last June. Participants were able to ring in a large group setting under the direction of David Weck, and were able to take classes from a number of nationally known clinicians. Have you ever wondered where all those bells in the classrooms come from? It would be wonderful if they magically appeared, but that's not the case. The bell sets are loaned to us from members and non members, churches and individuals who generously allow us to use their bells for the duration of the conference. During this time, the bells are fully insured by AGEHR Inc. Each lender receives a remuneration that is equal to a year's membership in AGEHR. Without the generosity of these people and churches, the conference would not be as educational and as successful. Also many thanks to the individuals who helped lug and haul all the bell sets and pads in and out of the truck, to and from the classrooms and back into the truck.



Special thanks goes to Malmark, Inc. for loaning C2 through B2 bells and chimes for the Orphan Bronze choir, Masterclass and the low bell techniques class.

Our thanks go to: Laurie Russell, Fayetteville Methodist Church, Fayetteville, NY
Rev. Paul Lent, Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, LaGrangeville, NY
Margie McClain, Gestheme Church, Syracuse NY
Vince Guainairi, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fayetteville NY
Rosey Oaks-Lee, Manlius Baptist Church, Manlius, NY
Lynn Morgan, Carthage, NY
Bob Ward, New Hackensack Church, New Hackensack, NY
Bette Kahler, Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church DeWitt, NY
Rene Hebert, Fayetteville, NY
Maddie Horrel, Plymouth Congregational Church, Syracuse, NY
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Marilyn Shenenberger Morrisville Presbyterian Church, Morrisville, PA
Chris Braden Jersey Jubilation, Ridgewood NJ
Rae Rau, Guilderland, NJ
Ken Gray, Omemee, Ontario Canada
A. Cynthia Weber, North Hampton PA
Barbara Sands, Evangelical Lutheran Friedens Church, Bernville PA
Ron Bellamy, Church of Apostles, Lancaster PA & Grace UMC Millersville, PA
Jackie Anderson Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, NY
Sue Garton, Slippery Rock, PA

If you or your organization is willing to lend your equipment to the area for an Area event, please contact an Area board member.

Spring Read and Ring Workshops

We are looking for locations to hold the Spring Read and Ring Workshops for Area 2. Please contact our Workshop Coordinator, Rich Pinkerton if you are willing to host! Rich can be contacted at rich@spchurch.org or by phone at 412-841-3937.

Vibration Vacation...

VIBRATION VACATION 2014



Vibration Vacation 2014 will take place during the week of August 11th.

West Side of Pennsylvania

Monday, August 11, 2014 and Tuesday, August 12, 2014
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
1965 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101

New Jersey Site

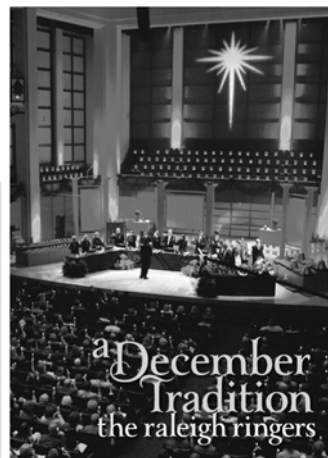
Thursday, August 14, 2014 and Friday, August 15, 2014
Trinity United Methodist Church
213 Main Street
Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840

Ron Bellamy will be the main clinician directing two levels of ringers in group ringing.

Complete Registration materials will be on the Web site after January 1, 2014 and will be in the TTT February edition. Questions should be addressed to Jackie Anderson anderson@rpa.net.

Although handbells are not just for Christmas... In the hearts of thousands, The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts are

a December Tradition



Wizards in Winter (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) arr. Morris; **Boughs of Holly** (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) arr. Morris; **Pat-a-pan** arr. Gramann; **Valse Brillante** Buckwalter; **March of the Toys** arr. Freeman; **Coventry Carol** arr. Eithun; **You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch** arr. Morris; **Little Fugue** (Fugue in G minor) trans. Kastner; **Farandole** arr. Griffin; **Linus and Lucy** arr. Morris; **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** arr. Raney and Sherman; **Flight of the Bumblebee** arr. Thompson; **The First Noel** arr. Moklebust; **Good King Joy** (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) arr. Morris; **Stille Nacht** arr. Garee; **Livin' on a Prayer** arr. Burt; **Bohemian Rhapsody** arr. McKlveen; **BONUS SONGS: Fiddle Faddle** arr. Yoshida; **Dueling Banjos** arr. Morris; **Legends** Payn; **Yakety Sax** arr. Krautheim; **Malagueña** arr. Thompson; **Don't Stop Believin'** arr. Burt; **Firebird Finale** arr. Smith

a December Tradition

Blu-ray # _____ @ \$30 ea. = \$ _____

DVD # _____ @ \$25 ea. = \$ _____

Shipping & handling \$3 each, maximum \$12 = \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

CD recordings and other products also available online at www.rr.org
 Make checks payable to The Raleigh Ringers and Mail to 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613; Fax your order to 866-914-7578.
 Contact rringer@rr.org for more information.

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Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

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Email _____ Home Phone _____



Upcoming Events

JUBELLATION

Saturday, Apr. 26, 2014 12 - 5 PM
 New Windsor Middle School
 For intermediate level ringers.
 Includes public performance.



JuBELLation 2013 Debbie Henning, Clinician

Concert and Event Information:

www.thewestminsterringers.org
 Debbie Henning 410-848-5482
wmanagingdirector@gmail.com

Upcoming Concerts



ARTY DE PYLE'S
Sweet SIXTEEN
 CELEBRATION

FAVORITES
 FROM OUR PAST

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013 4:00 pm
Westminster Ringers
 St. James Episcopal Church Mt. Airy, MD

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013 7:30 pm
Accelerando
Westminster Ringers
 Scott Theater at Carroll Community College
 Westminster, MD

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 4:30 pm
Westminster Ringers
 Nat'l. Shrine of St. Eliz. Ann Seton Emmitsburg, MD

Saturday, May 31, 2014 7:30 pm
Accelerando
Westminster Ringers
 Scott Theater at Carroll Community College
 Westminster, MD



FESTIVAL 2015

Festival 2015

June 27 - 30, 2015 (Saturday - Tuesday)

Scranton University, Scranton, PA

Bill Alexander, Director

It is hard to believe we are talking about Festival 2015 already. But it takes a lot of planning so we do start immediately following a festival to plan for the next one.

In our new organizational plan, Susan Guse, the chair for 2013 -2015, will oversee all board members. Under her, the past chair (Jackie Anderson) will oversee the Festival Committee. Someone at national seminar suggested we call it the Festival Design Team instead of Festival Committee. That's a great idea as we may decide we want to do some restructuring of the festival.

A couple of people have already talked with Susan and Jackie about wanting to serve on that committee. If you are interested, contact Jackie at anderson@rpa.net or Susan at sguse@frontiernet.net . You do not have to be a director of a bell choir. If you, a director, are reading this, think about having one of your ringers volunteer. Of course, we will be limited in the number that we need, but please let us know if you or one of your ringers is interested.

Some of the areas of responsibility include: obtaining bell sets and assigning the borrowed bells to classrooms, organizing the housing with the housing person from the campus, publicity, displays, arranging for classes, etc. etc.

2015 Scranton Festival - Here We Come!

We will be selecting music for the 2015 festival between February and May of 2014. If you have a piece that you would like us to consider, please submit the name and identifying code to Jackie Anderson, anderson@rpa.net. There is no guarantee that it would be selected, but we like to have several pieces offered up for the selection process.

**AREA 2
2015
COMPOSITION CONTEST**

**2015 Young Ringers'
Festival Composition**

Prize: \$1000

- An original handbell composition suitable for Young Ringers' massed ringing
- 2-3 octaves, AGEHR level 1+ or 2
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Intended playing time: Not to exceed 3 minutes

**2015 Festival Conference
Composition**

Prize: \$1000

- An original handbell composition suitable for massed ringing
- 3-5 octaves, AGEHR level 2 - 3
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Intended Playing time: Not to exceed 4.5 minutes

Deadline: May 1, 2014

ONLY ORIGINAL, UNPUBLISHED WORKS MAY BE SUBMITTED. Entries may not be under consideration by any other contest or publisher while being considered by Area 2.

Failure to observe this clause, will result in immediate forfeiture of any prizes awarded.

- 1 Please use HMA/AGEHR publication Handbell Notation and Grading System as a reference guide for all compositional notation.
- 2 Composers may enter as many manuscripts as they wish, but each one is to be sent under a separate cover.
- 3 To enter send a PDF file and MP3 Audio of the piece. The manuscript of the piece should include title, category, bells used chart, optional instruments, and duration. **DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPOSER'S NAME ON ANY PAGE OF THE MANUSCRIPT.** Prepare a cover letter containing **title, intended playing time, composer's name, address, and a telephone number.**
- 4 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.**
- 5 Winning entries will be performed at the 2015 Young Ringers' Festival and Festival Conferences.
- 6 Area 2 will request a suitable dedication line when the composition is published. Area 2 reserves the right to be the sole dedicatee.
- 7 Winning compositions may not be presented or played in any festival, area or local, prior to the 2013 Area 2 Young Ringers; Festival and Festival Conferences.
- 8 Area 2 adheres to copyright laws. Copyright obligations and adherence to copyright laws is expected of all composers.
- 9 **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2014**

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Questions? For questions, please contact Susan Guse at e-mail: sguse@frontiernet.net

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A community handbell choir

THANK YOU!

For your donation to the Area 2 Endowment Fund:

Jackie Anderson in honor of the Area 2 Board

**Next TTT deadline is
January 15, 2014**

TWICE TOLLED TALES is published four times per year for the membership of AGEHR Area 2. Publication dates for 2013 are February, 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 2003 (or later) Publisher as an email attachment. Articles may also be sent in MS Word format (2003 or later) or in hard copy form, typewritten. Photos are always welcome. All information for publication and advertisements should be sent to the editor with TTT newsletter in the subject area:

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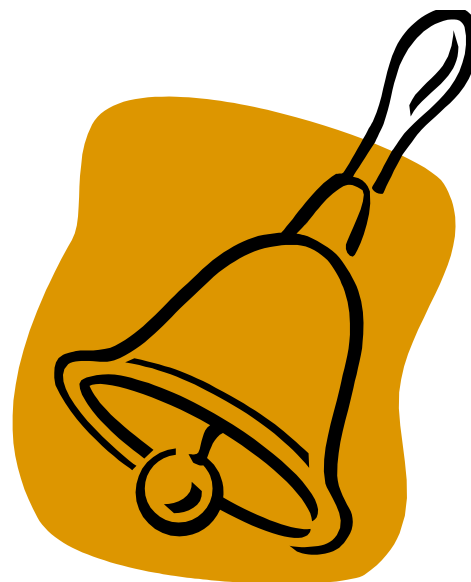
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Saturday, March 1, 2014
Alliance of Christian Musicians
Handbell Festival

Cairn University
Langhorne, PA

Clinician: Kimberly Strepka

Contact: Martha Alford
martha.alford@acmusicians.org
610-299-9174

Weekend, March 1 & 2, 2014

St. John's Lutheran Church
Handbell Festival
Sayville, NY

Clinician: Eileen Laurence

Contact: Rex Holden
631-567-8913

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Hudson Valley Young Ringers Festival
First Presbyterian Church
Katonah, NY


Clinician: Carol Roman

Contact: Eileen Laurence
Laurence@concentric.net

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Challeng(R)ing IV
Webster, NY

Clinician: Ron Bellamy




Contact: Betsy Barr
585-645-9150

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Nittany Valley Handbell Festival
State College High School
State College, PA

Clinician, Bill Payn



Contact: Gail Richie
814-234-1655

Check updates at the area website: www.area2agehr.org