

Twice Tolloed Tales



AGEHR AREA II

Fall 2003

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Read and Ring Seminar 2004

The Read and Ring Seminar will once again be held this August at the beautiful Lancaster Host Inn and Resort in Lancaster, PA. This fun-filled, two and a half day event is filled with opportunities to ring and learn from some wonderful clinicians including Deborah Rice, Michael Helman, Jeffrey Honore and Charles Kelley. Their bios are listed on pages 8-9. Ron Bellamy and Bobbi Schmid will once again be teaching the ensemble track.

Area II is introducing two new tracks: the Beginning Directors' Track and the Reading for Non-Readers Track. The Beginning Directors' Track will help directors to understand the many facets of directing a bell choir. Some of the issues that will be discussed include rehearsal techniques, bell techniques and selecting level appropriate music for your choir. The track will be led by Nancy Lutz. The Reading for Non-Readers track will help inexperienced ringers to learn to read music and apply the music reading skills to ringing handbells. The track will be led by Gail Posey and Deborah Kettering.

The Read and Ring Seminar has something for everyone. From the brand new ringer to the experienced ones, all will be able to find something to challenge and enlighten themselves. Come by yourself or bring your choir. Either way, you will have a wonderful time learning and ringing at the Read and Ring Seminar. Learn more about the seminar in this issue, on the Area 2 website and in future notices!

Message from the Chair!

As you are reading this, your fall calendar is full and you are well into planning and practicing your advent and Christmas pieces, or preparing for your school holiday concerts. It's a busy time for directors, ringers and program planners. As you put your time and effort into these programs, let's remember that we are indeed uniting people through a musical art.

As your new chair, I look forward to working with you over the next two years to develop the "uniting of people through the musical art of handbells." Area II offers many educational opportunities. Next August we will hold our Read & Ring Seminar in Lancaster, PA. The 2005 Area II Festival Conference will be held in July at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA with Dr. William Payn as conductor. The Board has worked hard to find excellent clinicians for both of these events. Information on the Read & Ring Seminar and Festival Conference can be found in separate articles in this issue of Twice Tolloed Tales.

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NEW MEMBERS

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

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Message from the Chair (con'd)

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excellent established programs and started some new ventures. A mentor program is being developed for NEW members of the guild, a handbook is being designed to help those wanting to start local director groups to host local festivals and workshops and to offer support to other directors in their endeavors.

We are finishing the fall workshops and will be planning workshops for the spring, our mentor program for directors and choirs is expanding, and many of you are planning local festivals. I hope you take advantage of ringing at an event, going to a workshop to learn new techniques, and also that you take the time to listen and support other choirs and festivals.

You have a wonderful board in Area II. Please look at the names of the board members as listed in the newsletter and feel free to call any us if you need help in developing a program, need a mentor, or want information on any of the programs offered in Area II.

Don't forget the AGEHR 50th Anniversary Celebration in Norfolk in July of 2005 I hope to see many of you there. Let's all celebrate our first 50 years!

Again, as Area II chair, I look forward to working with you for the next two years.

Raggy McNamee
Area II Chair



NATIONAL NOTES

silent action returns!

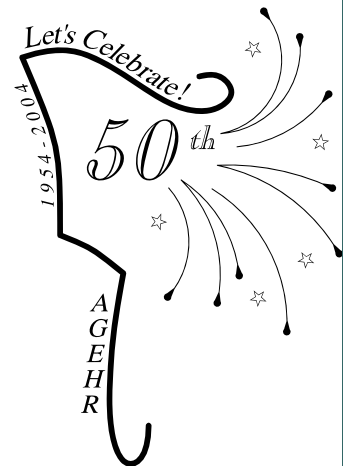
As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Norfolk in July of 2004, the Silent Auction will return! We heard that you missed it last year and want to give this historic feature another "go" during our Birthday Bash!

Since the theme of "50 Years in 50 States" is being used, we'd like to have an item to be auctioned from each state. This could be something that is made in that state, it can be a hand made item, a basket of specialty items, whatever you come up with! Be creative! The items do not have to be handbell related, of course, just things that are interesting and enticing to others. All contributions are welcome.

HIC has given us two booths to display the items to be auctioned. We will be asking for people from all the Areas to help with the display during the celebration. What a good time to get to know people from other Areas, to share ideas, gifts and crafts: the flavors of our nationwide diversity. We rejoice that we will once again have the opportunity to come together, to ring, to share, to learn and to compete for the goodies at the Silent Auction.

Please let me know about your ideas for the auction. Email the information at peggymc@malachy.com If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 412/281-4050 (day), 412/761-8910 in the evenings.

Peggy McNamee
Area II Chair



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For More Information:

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Area News!

Fourth Annual Western Pennsylvania Handbell Festival

The Fourth Annual Western PA Festival especially organized for choirs ringing two and three octaves featuring Level 1 and 2 music will be held Saturday March 21, 2004. The site will be the Church of the Covenant in Washington, PA. Cost for the festival will be \$50 per choir payable in advance.

We are most excited to have Charles Kelley as our director. Charles E. Kelley began ringing handbells in 1972 under the direction of Betty B. Garee at the New Hackensack Reformed Church in New York. The circle was completed in 1995 when he moved back to the Hudson Valley from Florida, and was asked to direct the handbell program at New Hackensack. The program has since flourished and now encompasses 6 ringing choirs ranging in age from 9 to adult.

Special Addition: This year an additional educational opportunity will be available for directors. There will be a separate track intended for beginning directors during the morning session. Nancy Lutz will teach rehearsal techniques and how to teach basic bell techniques, and Ron Hann will teach basic conducting techniques. There

will also be a director's discussion forum during this morning session. There will be a fee of \$20 for this session. Act 48 credits will also be offered for teachers.

Music List:

Ring Together Easter: "The Strife is O'er"

Arr. McChesney JH S923

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Arr. Geschke AGAPE 2256

Creator of the Stars of Night

Arr. Moklebust Choristers CGB 268

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Arr. Linker & McFadden AGEHR AG 23020

Gaudio Exultans

Valerie Stephenson AGEHR AG 35208

Fantasy On KINGSFOLD

H. Dean Wagner

Again this year there will be classes on the festival day for ringers and directors. Advance registration will be required and space in some classes will be limited. Registration Forms will be posted on the Area II Web site. <http://www.area2agehr.org>

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Nittany Valley Festival

The Nittany Valley Handbell Festival will be April 17, 2004 in State College. Our director will be Jefferey Hall of Memphis, Tennessee. Jeff is Minister of Music at the Cathedral in Memphis and a native of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania (just a few miles from State College.) He was composer of the year for Jeffers Handbell Publishing in 2002. His compositions are very popular with handbell choirs! Jeff is excited about coming to Central Pennsylvania to be with us for our Festival, and we are excited about having him with us. He is also the composer we have commissioned to write a piece for the 10th anniversary of the Nittany Valley Festival. He has decided to arrange Le P'ing, a lovely hymn tune for general use, for us. We will let you know as soon as it is available.

Music List

1. Christmas Processional and Medley, arr. Jefferey Hall Jeffers # 9278
2. Johnny Comes Marching Home, arr. Jefferey Hall, Jeffers
3. Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire, arr. Jefferey Hall Concordia 97-6615
4. Suo Gan, arr. Jefferey Hall, Alfred
5. For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Jefferey Hall
6. Be Thou My Vision, arr. Lloyd Larson, Beckenhorst HB 231
7. Seasons of the Heart, Karen Buckwalter, AGEHR 35197.
8. Commissioned Piece, Jefferey Hall.

Middle School Festival

All Middle School Handbell Choirs is welcome and invited to join us at Milford Middle School in Quakertown, PA on Saturday March 20 for an exciting one-day festival event. This festival is jointly sponsored by AGEHR and PMEA. Interested choirs must be a member of one of the organizations.

We are proud to announce that Mr. Michael Helman will serve for the day as our guest conductor. All choirs will prepare the pieces listed below for massed ringing. Each individual choir is also invited to choose a favorite piece to share in our final performance that afternoon.

For more information regarding this festival please contact: Marcia Vanderslice (mvanderslice@qcsd.org) or (215-529-2243).

Music List:

- Passacaglia No. 2 in "C"
Valerie Stephenson Concordia 97-6979
- Prayer for Peace
Michael Helman AG36023
- Shalom Chaverim
Sondra Tucker CGB312
- Dance of the Morning Stars
Hart Morris CGB306

North Hills Handbell Festival

The 2004 North Hills Handbell Festival will be held April 23-25 at the Marshall Middle School. Howard Moser is the Guest Conductor. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Hines at MHinesSRPA@aol.com.

Music List

TINS

- Beside Still Waters, Howard Starks, Agape 1047
Deep River, Arr, Linker/McFadden, AG35086
Climbin' Up the Mountain, Arr ML Thompson
Alfred AP19643

COPPERS

- In the Bleak Midwinter, Arr Karen Buckwalter
Flammer HP 5317
Jesus Loves Me, Arr Arnold Sherman, Agape 1734
Fancye, Tim Waugh, JH S9336

MASSED

- Change Ring Prelude on Divine Mysterium
Arr Fred Gramann, Lorenz 20/1239L
Song Without Words, Arnold Sherman, National HB329
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Prize: \$1000

An original handbell composition suitable for massed ringing.

3-5 octaves, AGEHR Level 3 or 4

Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used.

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2004

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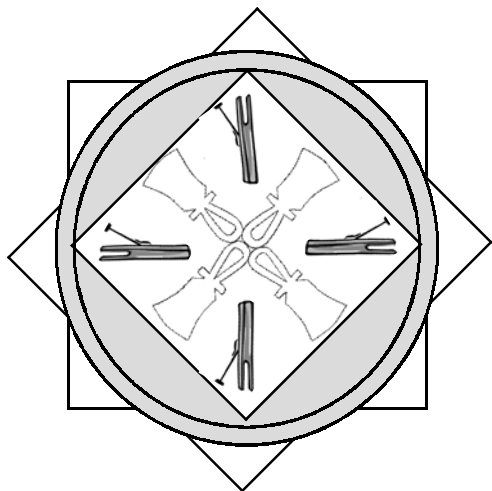
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Beginning Directors' Track

Reading for Non-Readers

Deborah Rice is the Director of the Handbell Ministry for Becks Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. This ministry includes multicultural and intergenerational choir groups for all ages utilizing the largest sets of handbells and handchimes commercially available. Her bronze group, Rejoice Ringers released a compact disc "Christmas Reflections" in 2001. This group has been featured in showcase concerts for denominational, regional and national handbell events across the country. Debbie has authored numerous articles for *Overtones*, conducted mass festivals from beginning to bronze level groups and been a frequent clinician for national handbell events. She is currently serving AGEHR as President-Elect after completing elected terms as an Area Chair (1997-99) and National Secretary (1999-2003).





Michael Helman is currently Director of Music/Organist at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Wilmington, DE where he directs 4 handbell choirs, a bell quartet, two adult vocal choirs and one of three children's choirs. Michael is also accompanist for the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware as well as the organ instructor at Immaculata College. Michael did his undergraduate work in organ performance at Lebanon Valley College and did graduate work in Music History and Literature at West Chester University. He is an active composer of handbell, organ, and choral music with over a hundred pieces in print. Michael has also won nine composition contests including the 1997, 1998, and 2000 AGEHR National Composition Contests. Mr. Helman is in demand as a handbell festival director and clinician all over the country. He is a past Dean of the Delaware Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is currently Chair elect for Area III of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. In the fall of 2000, he founded and is the artistic director of the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble, which is the first auditioned community handbell choir in Delaware.

Jeffrey Honoré is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin Parkside. He has worked as professional trombonist, high school, junior high & grade school music/ choral teacher, and for the last 18 years as full-time pastoral musician. Serving as Director of Liturgical Music for St. Matthias Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is his present position, as well as Director of the Archdiocesan Choir, Milwaukee Archdiocese. In 1999 he received the Vatican II Award for Distinguished Service for his work in liturgical music. Since 1987 Jeff has been active in music publication as arranger/composer of handbell, organ and choral works represented in various catalogs. His wife, Debra, is also an active pastoral musician who collaborates in keyboard duets for concert and recitals. Jeff and Debb have three sons, Aaron, Matthew and Nathan all of whom play brass instruments – two in the University of Wisconsin system and one in High School.



Charles E. Kelley is director of The Klokken Ringers handbell program at the New Hackensack Reformed Church in Wappingers Falls, NY. He began ringing handbells 32 years ago at age 9 when he was part of the first children's ringing choir at New Hackensack under the direction of Betty Garee. Today the program spans 6 choirs. Additionally, he teaches middle school choral music, and directs a 70-voice community chorus in the Hudson Valley

Bell a deux is a performing handbell duet from Lancaster, PA. They have performed at Handbell Exploration in Hershey, PA and the Solo/Ensemble Extravaganza in Colorado Springs, CO. Bobbi Schmid discovered the joy of ringing in 1990, and fell madly in love with the instrument. She is the AGEHR Area II district coordinator for Lancaster County, PA. Bobbi serves as a consultant for area churches, helping them to get their handbell programs up and running, and has been an instructor at many AGEHR handbell workshops and festivals. She and her husband and two children reside in Lititz, PA. Ron Bellamy began ringing handbells in 1980. In 1993 he was introduced to ensemble ringing when he auditioned for a 5-member professional ensemble that was forming in Lancaster. Ron plays the clarinet and guitar and is presently directing six handbell choirs at two Lancaster churches. Bobbi and Ron traveled to New York and Colorado Springs last summer where they taught classes and performed at solo and ensemble workshops.



2004 READ & RING SEMINAR MUSIC SELECTIONS

LEVEL 1 - 2

Charles Kelley, Conductor

Procession and Bell Chime	Margaret Tucker	Choristers Guild CGB 319
Trampin'	Martha Lynn Thompson	Alfred 21857
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson	Agape 2268
Ring Joy	Kirsty Mitchell	Jeffers JHS9345

LEVEL 2-3

Jeffrey Honoré, Conductor

A Prayer on SLANE	Arr. Jeffrey Honoré	Concordia CPH #97-6846
Go To Dark Gethsemane	Arr. Jeffrey Honoré	Concordia CPH #97-6976
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy	Arr. Jeffrey Honoré	Concordia CPH #97-7024
Now We Offer (Te Ofrecemos)	Arr. Jeffrey Honoré	Augsburg-Fortress ISBN#0800674898
Ring Out Your Joy!	Karen Schneider-Kirner	World Library Publications #3407

LEVEL 3-4

Michael Helman, Conductor

Rondo of Praise	Arr. Michael Helman	Choristers Guild CGB 310
Metamorphosis	Michael Helman	AGEHR AG35214
In the Beauty of Holiness	Arnold Sherman	Red River HB0038
CWM Rhondda Festal	Anna Laura Page	Jeffers MRO3239
How Can I Keep From Singing	Arr. Michael Helman	Alfred 21850

LEVEL 5-6

Deborah Rice, Conductor

Transfiguration	Michael Keller	AGEHR AG57002
All Glorious Above	Fred Gramann	AGEHR AG37002J
Remembrance	Cathy Moklebust	Lorenz 20/1131
For As the Rain Comes Down	Lee Afdahl	Augsburg 11-10981
Te Deum	H. Dean Wagner	Red River BL5027
Dorian Dance	Michael Joy	Jeffers JHS9365

Solo/Ensemble Track **Bell a deux, Clinicians**

Music will be provided by Bell a deux

Below are listed some of the classes that participants at the Read and Ring Seminar will be able to attend in addition to doing one of the previously listed tracks!

12 Bells	Four-in-hand
Advanced Conducting	Funding Ideas
All 8th Notes are not Equal	Handchimes
Bass Bell Techniques	Mallets , Marts and More
Beginning Techniques	Movement
Bell Change Techniques	Rhythm Games
Bells in Worship	Working with Elementary Level
Conflict Resolution	Working with Middle School Students
Demystifying Change and Asymmetric Meters	

FESTIVAL CONFERENCE 2005

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

Make your plans NOW to attend the Area 2 Festival Conference in July of 2005 at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. This is a festival that you and your ringers will not want to miss. Here are some highlights to entice you to attend.

The Festival conductor will be the eminent Dr. William Payn who is also director of handbells at Bucknell University. To ring handbells under his direction is a wondrous experience! Complimenting Dr Payn at the helm of the Young Ringers will be Jason Wells of Ring of Fire fame. Jason's outstanding team of young ringers are known for their extraordinary technical wizardry and their amazing skill at memorizing all of their music.

Other outstanding clinicians include Christine Anderson and Nancy Jessup who will teach the solo and ensemble tracks at FC. Arnold Sherman will be on hand to teach classes in composition.

The Lewisburg area provides many opportunities for family fun so why not make this your 2005 vacation destination? Located 50 miles north of Harrisburg, Lewisburg is a beautiful town filled with exquisite examples of Federal and Victorian architecture. The Lewisburg farmer's market on Wednesdays is not to be missed. Hershey Park is less than 90 minutes away and Knoebel's amusement park and campgrounds in Elysburg are even closer. This area of central PA is an "antiquer's" delight as well as opportunities for camping and hiking galore. The nearby State College area offers many amenities including the annual crafts fair that is traditionally held in early-mid July. If you have never visited the Penn State Creamery for the world's best ice cream cone...the time is at hand!

The Bucknell campus is nestled compactly on a lightly rolling hill right on highway 15. The facilities are outstanding for our event. ALL of the dormitories that we will be using are air-conditioned. A recently constructed field house will provide the best ringing floor ever! It is fully climate controlled and can accommodate as many as 1000 ringers.

Let's make the outstanding clinicians and wonderful facilities the reason for having the biggest Festival Conference in Area 2 history!

And if you need help with fundraising for this event, attend the Area 2 Read and Ring Seminar this coming August in Lancaster. We'll have classes in how to do effective fundraising.

HANDBELLS GO NATIONAL!



The Raleigh Ringers PBS program, "*One Winter Evening At Meymandi - A Holiday Special*" is being syndicated across the country in December. Check your local listings (and contact your local PBS station) to see when this program will air in your area!





COMMITTEE FOR HANDBELLS AND HANDCHIMES IN MUSIC EDUCATION

My recent internet study on AGEHR has shown that most Areas have set(s) of handchimes which are lent to schools/churches/community groups through their C.H.I.M.E. venues. By recent board action and in cooperation with Malmark, Inc., our 8th 3 octave set of handchimes was purchased and sent out to an OASIS center in Rochester NY, under Direction of Gail Stephens, for 2 months. On December 1, while attending NYSSMA, I visited the facility and reviewed ways in which Special Needs are being addressed with this Seniors group using our handchimes. Our eighth set of handchimes will be available for use with "special needs" in January, 2004. Variable time frames will be considered at the time of application by groups serving those with Special Needs.

Our handchime sets are now distributed for use throughout Area II until the end of this school year, June 2004. Thanks for your help in getting the word out to people who wish to build their programs in this way. Also, it is not too early to encourage others to apply for next year! I would like to extend a warm thank you to Pam Spirko (NEW YORK STATE Representative) for her setup and work at the Summer NYSSMA conference booth and Andy Stengrevic (NY C.H.I.M.E. Representative) for his set up and staffing of our display booth at the NYSSMA Winter conference this fall. Our presence at these conferences allows teachers in each of our states to become acquainted with AGEHR, our Area programs and resources available to them. We're sharing our unique art - uniting people, making music with handbells and handchimes. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas 2003 Season - making music with handbells and handchimes!

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LOAN PERIOD:

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 II by August 22.

OR

As specified by the board for the Special Needs Groups.

ELIGIBILITY:

Public or Private Elementary or Secondary school, Church, Community or Special Needs Group within Area II of AGEHR. Handchimes will be loaned only once to a particular school, church or group.. Preference will be given to a new school district before another school within the same district. Preference will be given to schools with existing music programs.

CRITERIA:

1. Reason(s) why handchimes are being requested (20%)
2. How handchimes will be used for school music program (20%)
3. Estimated percentage of students and age levels who will be using handchimes (10%)
4. Name of teacher responsible for handchimes and their use including evidence of teacher training in handbell or handchime education (10%)
5. Strategies for continuation of program when loan period is over (20%)
6. Does school have handbells or handchimes/ If yes, how they are presently used and how will loaned handchime set support existing program (10%)
7. Evidence of support of music program and handchime program from school or school district administrator , church or sponsor (10%).

HOW TO APPLY:

Send letter of application, on official school/church stationery, addressing all criteria above and indicating time period for which handchimes are requested to current secretary of AREA II AGEHR, INC. Michael Joy 224 Parker Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19128 Home: (215) 508-0742 Work: (610) 525-4300 Email: mwj81751@aol.com Include, on separate sheet of official school/church stationery, letter of support from school or school district administrator/church pastor, or sponsor.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

May 1 postmark of year of summer session or traditional fall start of school.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

School or school district/church/community group. pays shipping or transportation fees for handchimes to and from. School or school district/church/community group assumes responsibility for repairs or replacement handchimes if need is determined after loan period. A Summary letter explaining how handchimes were used during the loan period is due no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the loan period.

QUESTIONS? Grace at 800 553 8742, ext 604 Tues through Sat or evenings 724 375 5584. email: gmcclester@volkweins.com or kegm@access995.com.

Endorsement Fees and Why We Charge Them

The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers endorses educational events such as a festival, a conference, a seminar, a reading session or a workshop. What does the endorsement mean?

An event will receive the following benefits:

1. **Liability Insurance:** The event is covered by the AGEHR umbrella liability policy. If the facility requires the form to include additional insured, there is a \$35.00 fee, payable to AGEHR.
2. **Borrowed Equipment Insurance:** Equipment that is borrowed for the event, including classes, is covered against loss due to theft or disaster by an AGEHR umbrella insurance policy. There is a \$1,000 deductible. This does not include equipment used in massed ringing.
3. **Site Insurance:** If the site requires that its name and facility appear on the AGEHR policy, a rider must be purchased.
4. **Dishonesty Insurance:** Individuals who handle money for the event in an official capacity are covered by an AGEHR insurance policy.
5. **Performance Royalties:** Under the AGEHR license agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP,) performance royalties will be paid for the event by AGEHR.
6. **Mechanical Royalties:** Audio recordings of concerts during the event are approved by the Handbell Industry Council (HIC) This applies only to official recordings.
7. **Advertising:** The event will be listed in *Overtones*
8. **Mailing Labels:** AGEHR will provide labels at no cost for the market region of the event.

How does an event become endorsed?

The Event must not conflict with another sponsored/endorsed events that covers the same market area within 2-3 hours and scheduled within two months.

The sponsor of the event must complete an endorsement application that includes a budget form. Forms can be secured from AGEHR office in Dayton, OH

Part of the budget must include the payment of an endorsement (participation) fee to Area II. Following the event the fee is submitted to the chair along with the Report Form portion of the endorsement application. The Report form is also sent to AGEHR.

The fee is based on paid registrants as follows:

1 to 99 paid registrants:	\$.75 per registrant per day
100 to 499 paid registrants:	\$1.00 per registrant per day
500+ paid participants	\$1.50 per registrant per day

Area II requests endorsement for all Events taking place in the area. The recent loss of several bells at the 2003 Festival in Kutztown was covered less the \$1,000 deductible.

If you are considering having your event endorsed you can call AGEHR at 1-800-878-5459 for more information.



A MUSICAL WAY TO HELP OUT SOMEONE IN NEED!

Jerry Jones, handbell director/clinician/composer and past Area III Chairman was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer a little over a year ago. Jerry is aggressively fighting back against his disease with a combination of prayer and spiritual care, therapy, nutrition, vitamins, supplements, cutting-edge testing and chemotherapy. Today, 14 months after his fight began, CAT Scans reveal some shrinking in the tumors, and at present the disease is being held at bay. His goal remains to seek a cure.

Because the financial burden of these treatments is very high, the Raleigh Ringers and Ridge Road Baptist Church (Raleigh, NC) are working together to help Jerry continue his fight. They have jointly commissioned an original composition for handbells by Paul McKlveen, entitled Faith. All receipts from the distribution of this work will be applied directly to Jerry's ongoing treatments.

If you'd like to assist Jerry in this effort, more information can be found at:
<http://www.webcom.com/mcklveen/faith.html>

Membership Form—The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers

Membership Type

- Platinum Membership.....\$170.00
- Sterling Membership.....\$120.00
- Regular Membership.....\$60.00
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AREA II BELLETIN BOARD

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	INFORMATION
Jan. 15-18, 2004	Pinnacle	Dallas, TX	National Office	
March 12-13, 2004	Area III Spring Festival	Ocean City, MD	Charm Peterman Rpeterman@erols.com	Dave Harris Conductor Nancy Cappel Guest Clinician
March 20, 2004	Middle School Festival	Milford Middle School Quatertown, PA	Marcia Vanderslice 215-529-2243 Mvanderslice@qcsd.org	Michael Helman Conductor
March 20, 2004	WPA Level 1-2 Festival	Church of the Covenant Washington, PA	Margaret Zabo 412-341-1356 Mzabo@adelphia.com	Charles Kelley Conductor
March 27, 2004	Finger Lakes Handbell Festival	Presbyterian Church Geneva, NY	Judith Treisback Jetmusic@lynnet.com	
March 27, 2004	Christine Anderson Workshop	Hillcrest Church Monroeville, PA	Hillcrest Church 412-824-5600	Cost is \$35 per person
March 28, 2004	Christine Anderson Concert	Trinity United Methodist Church McMurray, PA	Peggy McNamee 412-761-8910 Peggymc@malachy.com	
April 17, 2004	Nittany Valley Festival	State College, PA	Gail Ritchey GGRITCHEY@aol.com	Jefferey Hall Conductor
April 23-25, 2004	North Hills Handbell Festival	Marshall Middle School Wexford, PA	Marilyn M. Hines 724-794-8615 MHinesSRPA@aol.com	Howard Moser Conductor
July 22-27, 2004	Handbell Spectacular	Norfolk, VA	National Office	
Aug. 3-7, 2004	International Symposium	Toronto, Canada	National Office	
Aug. 12-14, 2004	Area II Read and Ring Seminar	Lancaster Host Resort and Inn Lancaster, PA	Ken Kelley 609-924-0103 Ken_Kelley@nassauchurch.org	Deborah Rice Michael Helman Jeffrey Honore Charles Kelley
August 27-28, 2004	Solo/Ensemble Workshop	Grove City, PA	Marilyn M. Hines 724-794-8615 MHinesSRPA@aol.com	Nancy Hascall, Sue Garton Instructors
July 5-7, 2005	Area II Young Ringers' Festival	Bucknell University Lewisburg, PA	Kathie Bittenbender 717-697-6257 Rbittenben@comcast.net	Jason Well, Conductor
July 7-10, 2005	Area II Festival Conference	Bucknell University Lewisburg, PA	Peggy McNamee 412-761-8910 Peggymc@malachy.com	William Payn, Conductor

Repertoire List Golden Oldies Selections

A request was made recently to board members to include a list of recommendations for repertoire in issues of Twice Told Tales. The goal is to provide our members a resource when looking for suggestions of music. Since most board members have been ringing and directing for years, attend several events a year and assist in planning many festivals, they are exposed to a lot of music.

This month Nancy Lutz, the Membership Chair, has submitted a list of Golden Oldies to help you in planning your selections. If you have a favorite Golden Oldie, you can submit it to our webmaster, Erin Glendening at erg@ontv.com. These recommendations and your suggestions will be posted on our website at <http://www.area2agehr.org/resources/>.

Beside Still Waters	Howard Stark	L2	Agape 1047	3 Octaves
Canticle	Arnold Sherman	M/4	Agape 1676	3-5 Octaves
Carillon	H. Dean Wagner	M/A	Agape 1849	4-5 Octaves
Children of the Heavenly Father	Hermany	E/2	National HB 446	4 Octaves
Elegy	William Payn	L4	Agape 1277	4-5 Octaves
Fantasy #1 in F minor	Arnold Sherman	A/4	Agape 1698	3-5 Octaves
Gaudeamus	Arnold Sherman	L3	Agape 1764	3-6 Octaves
Jesus Loves Me	Arnold Sherman	L3	Agape 1734	3-5 Octaves
Jesus We Want to Meet	Perry	M	AGEHR 35064	3-5 Octaves
Joyous Spirit	Valerie Stephenson	L2+	Red River BL5019	3-6 Octaves
Laudation	Arnold Sherman	M	Agape 5306	3-5 Octaves
Londonderry Air	Donald Allured	E/M 2	Flammer HP 5093	4 Octaves
Now the Green Blade Riseth	Kevin McChesney	L3	Agape 1892	3-6 Octaves
O God, Beneath Your Guiding Hand	William Payn	M	National NMP 118	3-5 Octaves
O Worship the King	Arr. Lloyd Larson		Agape 1322	
Pie Jesu	H. Dean Wagner	L2	Agape 1693	3-5 Octaves
Praise and Reflection	Mary Kay Parrish	M/4	Jeffers JHS 9030	3-5 Octaves
Prelude on Herzliester Jesu	Fred Gramann	L5	AGEHR 47002	4-7 Octaves
Prisms	William Payn	A	Shawnee SPHP 5030	4 Octaves
Radetsky March	Strauss/Martha Lynn Thompson	M/A	Shawnee SPHP 5194	3-5 Octaves
Reverberations	S. Lloyd	L4	Beckenhorst BEHB15	4 Octaves
Rondo Passacaglia	Cynthia Dobrinski	L3+	Agape 1237	4-5 Octaves
Siyahamba	Robert Ward	L3	AGEHR AG 46014	3-5 Octaves
Soliloquy for Bells	Karen Buckwalter	M	Shawnee SPHP 5194	3-5 Octaves
Song Without Words	Arnold Sherman	E/M	National HB 329	3-5 Octaves



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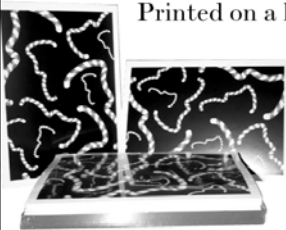
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