

# Twice Told Tales

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AGEHR AREA II

June 2007

## Message from the Chair

*Kathie Bittenbender*



Dear Members of Area 2,

The Area II Festival Conference and Young Ringer Conference in Oswego are only about four weeks away! We hope you're joining us, it promises to be a good time! Many people have put many hours into planning this event for all of us. I know many of you have participated at one of the many successful local festivals, so you can imagine how much bigger and better the Area Festival will be! I hope to meet many of you in Oswego!

Many other exciting things are happening in Area II:

- We currently lend out nine sets of handchimes each year.
- We have established an endowment fund which continues to grow. Our endowment committee works hard to review applications and direct monies to worthy applicants.
- Our mentoring program continues to be a leadership model for the national AGEHR organization.
- We now will be having spring Reading Workshops as well as our fall Ringing Workshops.

As I write this, I realize it is my last official note to you as chair of Area II. The past two years have gone by quickly! I've met so many new people during my years on the board. Handbell people really are exceptional! We love our jobs! I hope you will think seriously about becoming more involved in the AGEHR organization – especially Area 2! It is because of you that we exist! It is for you we exist! But an organization is only as good as its membership. Become involved and stay involved!

Host a workshop, teach a workshop, or go to a workshop! Become a mentor – helping others to know and love this art of handbell ringing. Give to the endowment fund so we can help even more people! Go to concerts, bring new members, or meet old members! Become a district coordinator (DC) or join the board! We're always looking for new people! If you aren't sure what you can do, just ask! Make yourself known!

I thank you for your support these past two years. As I step into the position of past chair, I know your support will continue. Chris Braden takes over as chair of Area II after our Festival and she may be calling you! Say yes! It will be a great adventure I promise!

God Bless all of you,

*Kathie Bittenbender*



## *Area II Says Goodbye to Past Editor of Twice Tolloed Tales*

~ Remembering Art Morgan ~

**Art Morgan (Area II's TTT Editor) recently passed away.**

**Art was a solid member of Area II for many, many years. Over the past three years, he managed the production of Twice Tolloed Tales and, more recently, had been appointed as Area II Historian. The twinkle in his eye, the sharing of his talent, his willingness to participate and his sense of humor will be sorely missed.**

**Please keep his wife, Lee, in your prayers now and through the Conferences in Oswego.**



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It is preferred that articles be sent in the format of Microsoft Office 2000 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.

## AGEHR AREA II MENTORING PROGRAM

### Off to a great start!

New bell choirs, take advantage of Area II's half-day **Orientation/Getting Started Workshop**. It is **offered free of charge** to any choir who has recently purchased a set of bells (3 octaves or larger) and to the chime-lending program participants. We have several Orientation workshops coming up; it's time to get your choir on the schedule. Area II provides the clinician who will arrange a time convenient for you and your ringers; they will come to your facility, and work directly with your ringers on ringing basics, bell changes, and special techniques. Our list of clinicians is quite impressive, and we guarantee both you and your ringers will benefit!

### Need a fresh start?

Area II also offers a half-day, or full day **Mentoring Workshop** for a reasonable fee for all choirs who would like to brush up on their skills and techniques. You decide what your choir needs most, and we will send a clinician to work with your group on those specific needs. We have mentoring workshops available for elementary school

chime choirs, school handbell choirs, churches who have dug the bells out of a closet but aren't sure what to do with them, multiple choirs who want to combine their forces for a workshop, and workshops for ringers who would just like to hone their skills on bass bell technique, stopped techniques, weaving, or Shelley and 4-in-hand ringing.

We have 24 top-notch clinicians ready to assist you. Get your calendar out, and call or email to get your workshop scheduled. **Your choir is in expert hands with Area II!**

## Your Area II 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)

## Benefits of Endorsed Handbell Festivals

The Alliance of Christian Musicians hosted its AGEHR endorsed Handbell Festival 2007 on Saturday, March 3rd at Proclamation Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, PA.

Tammy Waldrop was an energetic, encouraging and inspiring clinician. Rehearsals began at 9 am, followed by a gourmet lunch and a 2:00 concert.

The repertoire:

Trilogy on *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* - Waldrop

Amazing Grace -McChesney

The Lamb of God -Waldrop

Jesus Christ is Risen Today -Moklebust (complete with raise-the-roof organ and timpani)

I highly recommend having your even endorsed by AGEHR! The benefits include mailing lists, insurance, and expert guidance. Join us next year on March 1st as we are conducted by Arnold Sherman.





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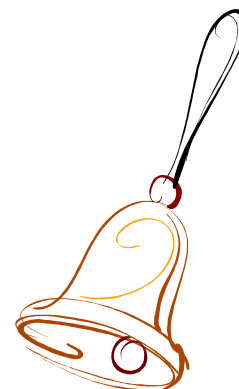
## CHIME Lending Program

We are happy to announce that we have loaned out four 3-octave sets of Malmark Handchimes for 2007-2008. This leaves us with five sets still to loan out. Therefore, we are still accepting applications for next school/church year. So, if your choir does not have chimes, you would like to start a chime choir with the younger members of your church, you are a teacher and would like to use chimes at school, belong to a community organization where you could use chimes, or any other reason you can think of to use three octaves of chimes, please go to our website and read a little about the program. You might also know of others that do not read TTT that might be interested.

If interested, please send a letter answering all the required information, a letter of support from a supervisor and a completed contract to Jeremy Peters, 171 Meigs St. Apt.1, Rochester, NY 14607. We will be approving applications at our June Board meeting. We review applications in the order which they were received. If you are approved, and you are not already a member of AGEHR, you will have to become a member in order to receive the chimes. Our website is [www.area2agehr.org](http://www.area2agehr.org). We look forward to reading your applications!

# Hudson Valley Handbell Festival Donates Bells to New Orleans

This years Hudson Valley Handbell Festival was a huge success in that it was able to raise enough money to purchase a two octave set of bells to donate to the Grace Episcopal church in New Orleans. Joe Foxwood, the director of music, said his desire was to not only use the bells in worship but to also start a community bell choir for young people as well. The mission group of Hudson Valley Handbell Festival not only raised the money but were able to meet Joe when they went down for mission work in the winter. Way to go Hudson Valley!



## Area II Endowment Funds

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If you would like to make a donation to the endowment fund, please send your check to: Judy Dinkler, 1300 Salem Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016

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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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## Congratulations!!!

Handbell music composer Don Allured recently received an honorary doctorate degree from Westminster Choir College in May. Congratulations from all of us in Area II. Keep that music coming!



## Pike's Peak Ringers to Tour New York State

Pike's Peak Ringers, Kevin McChesney, director, will be touring northern and central NY State from July 11-15. The highlight of this tour will be the performance with the Lake Placid Sinfonietta of Kevin McChesney's Concerto for Handbells and Orchestra on Sunday July 15 at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts. The Sinfonietta concerts are always sold out, so call for tickets well in advance. You may reach the Lake Placid Center for the Arts at 518-523-2512.

Other concert dates are as follows:

**July 11th** 7 pm Christ the King Spiritual Life Center 574 Burton Rd. Greenwich NY

**July 12th** mid afternoon with a possible workshop at Keene Valley Congregational Church Rt. 73, Keene Valley

**July 12** 7:30 pm Plattsburgh United Methodist church, Beekman St. Plattsburgh

**July 13th** 7:30 pm First Presbyterian Church 23 Cayuga St. Seneca Falls, NY \$10.00 for tickets call 315-781-5398

**July 14th** 7:30 pm The Wild Center Museum 45 Museum Dr. Tupper Lake, NY 518-359-7800

**July 15th** Morning Worship, First United Methodist Church 19 Church St. Saranac Lake

**July 15th** 8:00pm Lake Placid Center for the Arts with the Lake Placid Sinfonietta

For further questions contact Karen Robards, 518-523-9381 or [handbells@adelphia.net](mailto:handbells@adelphia.net)

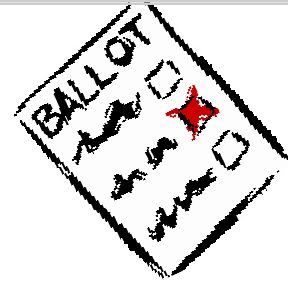






## News Flash!!!!

Coming soon to a mailbox near you. Ballots for the upcoming Area II board elections. Deadline is June 15th for returning them.



### *The Raleigh Ringers in Concert :*

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- > *Friday, November 30th - 8:00 pm*
- > *Sunoco Theater at The Whitaker Center*
- > *Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*
- > *For information, contact Alan Berlin at [adberlin@comcast.net](mailto:adberlin@comcast.net)*
- > *<<mailto:adberlin@comcast.net>>*
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- > *Saturday, December 1st - 7:30pm*
- > *Soldiers & Sailors Hall*
- > *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*
- > *For information, contact The Raleigh Ringers at [rringer@rr.org](mailto:rringer@rr.org)*
- > *<<mailto:rringer@rr.org>>*



### SONOS Handbell Ensemble Looking for Hosts

The Sonos Handbell Ensemble recently confirmed 2 Concert dates for 2008 in the NY area. The first concert will be held in Rochester on April 4 2008, they then move on to Ithaca on April 6th. Anyone interested in hosting SONOS should contact Craig Knudsen at [craig@knudsenproductions.com](mailto:craig@knudsenproductions.com) or by visiting the website at [sonos.org](http://sonos.org). Standard fee for the group is \$9,000.00- \$12,000.

### Brand new Festival in 2007!!

Plans for the first annual Oil Region Handbell Festival are underway. The Festival will be held Saturday October 20, 2007 at the Titusville Middle School. Howard Moser will be conducting. Rehearsal starts at 9:00 am with a concert at 7:00pm. For more information contact Rosemary Winton at 814-827-2047 or visit our Area II website.



## What is a District Coordinator?

The District Coordinator is the local contact to provide members with information about Area II activities and for members to voice issues and concerns that should be brought to the Area II Board. D.C.'s are responsible to the state representative. Information regarding any workshops or festivals held in your district should be provided to the state representative.

A complete list of members in a district will be supplied once a year. Mailing labels are available upon request from your state representative. Expenses for postage and telephone should be cleared in advance. Forms for reimbursement are available.

### Duties:

- make contact with the new members of your district.
- Contact dropped members to encourage them to renew their membership.
- Seek out non-members and unused bell sets.
- Make oneself known and available as a resource person for the directors in your District.

Develop a line of communication that will help keep members informed of all events that take place in the District and Area II.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Rome, NY with support from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians would like to invite you and your choir to a special handbell concert and workshop.

The weekend activities will start with a **concert** at 7:30 pm Friday by Christine at the First Presbyterian Church in Rome, NY. On Saturday, starting at 10:00 am there will be a **workshop** for 3-5 octave choirs (Level 3 music) at the Kallet Center, Oneida, NY. At the end of the workshop, there will be a free performance of the music that was practiced. Lunch will be provided.

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For more information, visit [fpresbyt.com/News/HandbellConcert.htm](http://fpresbyt.com/News/HandbellConcert.htm)  
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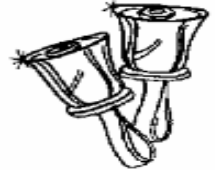
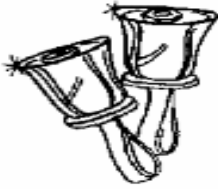
Full or partial choirs may attend

Fee: \$35 before Aug. 25, 2007; \$40 before Sept. 8, 2007; \$45 after Sept. 15, 2007

**For more information about any of the above workshops/concerts,**

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