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A.G.E.H.R. AREA II
TWICE TOLLED TALES
September 2010



From the Chairman . .

As summer draws to a close, I always find it fun to recall the best times of the season. This Labor Day weekend is no exception. The difference now is that over the last few years, my interests have broadened to discover the wider world of handbells. Being Area II Chair has afforded me the opportunity to join others from across the country as we explore the possibilities of our art. This summer held wonderful times as I traveled to Nashville for the AGEHR Pinnacle event featuring the best handbell performers from across the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. Area II was certainly well represented at this nationwide event with three of our handbell soloists performing concerts: Susan Carscardden-Mifsud, Heather Keith, and Sue Garton. Ron Bellamy, Kermit Junkert, and Michael Joy were all honored to be asked to teach at Pinnacle. We are all proud and grateful to have our native “sons and daughters” be recognized in this way.

As if Pinnacle wasn't enough fun, later in the summer I met many of you at Area II's Vibration Vacations. If you were part of one of these events I'm sure you came away with new ideas and new or renewed friendships. Area II Board member, Shelley Giaier, hosted us at her church in Liberty Corner, NJ, and Susan Brandt was our hostess at her church in Hollidaysburg, PA. Thank you both, ladies for all of your efforts on behalf of Area II. Vibration Vacation was something new we tried this year to bring Area events closer to home. As organizer of the event, Chris Braden, Past Chair, did a magnificent job of pulling everything together in two locations. We also send a big thank you to Chris for another great job for Area II.

But enough of looking back. It's time to look ahead!! Ahead to 2011 and the Area II Festival Conference and Young Ringers Festival, July 5 – 10, 2011 in Kutztown, PA.

I am pleased to be able to make some major announcements about next year's Festival. Both of the major clinicians have been selected. First, Deborah Rice is our Festival Conference clinician. Deborah is now the President of the International Guild and an excellent conductor. I have had the privilege of ringing with her and taken some her classes at other events. She is an excellent teacher, masterful conductor (easy to follow) and knows how to make music with massed ringing. You don't want to miss the opportunity to ring with Debbie Rice.

Ron Bellamy will be the clinician for our Young Ringers. A native son of Area II, Ron has been ringing bells since 1980, directs seven handbell choirs in the Lancaster, PA area and is in demand as a handbell soloist, ensemble ringer and clinician.

Always an important part of every Area II Festival, the 2011 Masterclass in Ringing will be directed by Arnold Sherman. Yes, the same Arnold Sherman whose music you love to play. If you are an advanced ringer, then this will be your chance to ring with one of the best. My wife, Mary Rita, and I both rang in Arnold's choir at Pinnacle and it

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From the Chairman (continued) . . .

was great fun. He too, is a great conductor with an easy style that makes one want to do well. Mr. Sherman will also be teaching a track on musicality. More about that in a future TTT.

Other highlights of the 2011 Festival Conference will be a solo concert by Sue Garton; an ensemble concert by Ron Bellamy and members of the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble; classes on teaching the disabled; how to be a good accompanist; new approaches to teaching rhythms, and many more. Also in the mix is a feature concert by a nationally known handbell choir. (Sorry, no name here yet, we're still negotiating!)

An exciting new feature of the 2011 Festival Conference, thanks to our friends at Malmark and Schulmerich, will be tours of both factories! They are located less than an hour away from Kutztown and the companies have graciously agreed to let us take a peek at how our bells are made. Tour sizes may be limited, so when the registration packets are available in late December make sure you register early! If you have any ideas about classes you would like to see offered, please feel free to email me at JDRMaestro@comcast.net and we'll see what we can do for you! Now is the time!

Looking forward to 2011,

Jim Rossetti

Area II Chair

A reminder: Area II is 50 years old in 2010!

We're going to have a party at the 2011 Festival!

Our goal is to get the base in the Area II Endowment Fund over **\$50,000!** If you would like to donate to the Area II Endowment Fund in the amount of \$50, whether in memory or in honor of a choir or an individual, your generosity would be most appreciated!

Contributions may be mailed to the Area II Treasurer. A form for giving can be found on our website, or by following:

http://www.area2agehr.org/programs/endowment/2009_endowment_gift.pdf.

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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.

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Welcome!

We welcome our new Pennsylvania Rep—Mr. Alan Hack!

Alan says.....

Just a little bit about myself: I am married to my wonderful wife Danielle, and we have a one year old golden retriever named Lily. I will be starting my 4th year of teaching at Danville Middle School in their 8th grade mathematics department. I recently began my 6th year as Director of Music at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg, PA. I direct two church choirs, a community choir of about 65+ voices, a community orchestra, and most recently a community handbell choir. As you can see, I am actively involved in my community and wish to contribute as much as possible to those who have helped me develop personally, professionally, and musically.

I am very excited to be part of the Area II Board and am here to serve in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to contact me with ideas, suggestions, or anything for which I can help contribute to the forward movement of Area II. My email address is hack0621@gmail.com.

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Vibration Vacation 2010



Lost and Found Items:

Lost: one light brown (blond) wooden singing rod, 8" long, has an "S" on the bottom

Found: one Malmark clear acrylic riser



Clinician Mike Joy - helping with Rhythm



Nancy Lutz and her Beginning Directors

Pinnacle 2010

Area II was well represented at Pinnacle this past July! We had a great time—even had dinner together one evening! Ringing, Classes, Concerts - WOW! We even had some “famous” Area II people there:

- Andrew Seay was a scholarship recipient for this event and one of his compositions was submitted for the unpublished reading session.
- Solo Concerts were given by Sue Garton, Heather Keith, and Susan Carscadden-Mifsud.
- Ron Bellamy, Michael Joy and Kermit Junkert were teachers.
- Erin Glendenning and Todd Peterson (past members of Area II) are both members of the Raleigh Ringers.



In Memory of Jacob H. “Jake” Malta
Founder of Malmark and an honorary life member of AGEHR

Jake Malta died Monday night, August 9 at his home in New Britain, PA, at age 91. Jake Malta founded Malmark, Inc. in Plumsteadville, PA in 1974. As president and chief engineer, he was responsible for designing the Malmark handbell along with its further improvements and innovations throughout the years. He also designed the first American handchime in 1982.

Considered the “Father of American Handbells” Mr. Malta has been directly involved in the design of handbells through nine octaves and handchimes through seven octaves. He also designed and produced the first acceptable aluminum bass handbells for the lower 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th octaves.

He had listed his greatest gratification as, “participating and contributing towards achieving the goal of the AGEHR of uniting people through a musical art.” Mr. Malta was made an honorary life member of AGEHR in 1994.



In Memory of Deb Heine
Past National Chair and a member of Area II

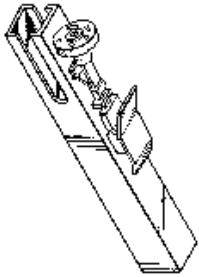
Deborah Ann Heine, of Newtown, PA died peacefully on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Chandler Hall Hospice in Newtown. She was 60. She was the beloved wife of 38 years to Richard J. Heine, whom she married on May 27, 1972 in Fargo, ND. She also is survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandsons.

Their family moved to Wheaton, IL in 1989 and then to Newtown, PA in 2002. While in Wheaton Deb began a life-long love with handbells. She was a founding member of the Agape Ringers in Chicago as well as Quadrille, a handbell quartet. When she moved to the Philadelphia area, Deb also was a driving force in the founding of the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble. She was a past president of PHE.

Deb was the director of the Newtown Presbyterian Church handbell choir since 2003. She expanded and enhanced the program and the skill of the ringers during her 7 years leading the program. She also served as a part-time office staff for the Newtown church.

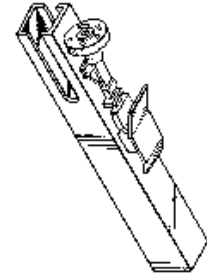
She has co-chaired many National AGEHR Festivals including Pinnacle 2010. She will be missed by many bell ringers both nationally and throughout Area II.





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Visit our website:

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

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Non-members are eligible to apply, so if you know of a church or school that might be interested, please pass this information onto them.



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Are you a closet composer? Do you have original handbell pieces that you would like to hear played? Is there an arrangement you've done that you'd like to hear?

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Massed Music							
Rondo Jubilate	Douglas E. Wagner		Agape	1400	Organ, Brass	3-5	2+
Celebrate with Joy	Cynthia Dobrinski		Agape	2515		3-6	3-
The Blessing	Paul McKlveen		Lake State Pub	HB95039		3-5	2
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing		Cathy Moglebust	Concordia	97-6925	Chimes	3-5	3-
When In Our Music God is Glorified		Arnold Sherman	Agape	2414	Organ, Brass	3-6	3-
Tins Division							
Round of Praise	Michael Helman		Alfred Publishing	31750		3-5	1+
Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella		Cathy Moglebust	Choristers Guild	CGB496 CGB594	Optimal chime tree, Triangle, Tabourine	2-3 3, 4 or 5	1+
I'm Just a Wayfaring Stranger		Tammy Waldrop	Hope Publishing	2343	opt. 3 oct. Handchimes	3-5	2-
Joyful Reflections	Cynthia Dobrinski		Hope Publishing	2433		3-5	2+
Coppers Division							
Meditation on Beautiful Savior		Cathy Moglebust	Choristers Guild	CGB175		3-5	3
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La Paix		Julie Stitt	AGEHR	AG35212		3-5	5-
Festival Sanctus	Cathy Moglebust		Choristers Guild	CGB570		4, 5 or 6	5
Crosswind		Sondra K. Tucker	Augsburg Fortress	9780800659882		3-5	4-5
Reunir	William Payn		Agape	1564		4-5	3+

2011 Young Ringers Music Selections

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Massed Music							
Morning Has Broken		Arnold Sherman	Choristers Guild	CGB421 CGB422		2-3 3, 4 or 5	1
Ring Joyfully	Susan E. Geschke		Choristers Guild	CGB351 CGB352		2-3 4-5	1+
How Great Our Joy		Bill Ingram	Ring Out Press	RO3275	Keyboard, Organ, Chimes, Piano	2-3 3-5	2
Four Processionals		Jane McFadden	AGEHR	AG35164		2-3	2
<i>Young Ringers Composition Winner</i>				Details available approx. January 2011			
Division A							
The Water is Wide		Judy Phillips	Alfred Publishing	AP27067		2-3	1
Our Hymn of Grateful Praise		Michael Helman	Alfred Publishing	AP25366		2-3	1
Division B							
Amazing Grace		Sandra Eithun	Red River	RRBL5056	singing bell, opt. hand-chimes	3-5	2
Glad Adoration	Cathy DeRousse	Kevin McChesney	Hope Publishing	2426	opt. 3-4 octaves hand-chimes or flute or violin	3-5	2

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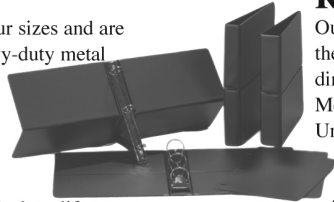
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