



**Area 2 Twice Tolloed Tales
September 2013
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From the Chair . . .

Greetings from the Area 2 Board.

Since the last TTT we have had our 2013 Festival. Over 350 people attended. Some areas that are part of the national organization have had to cancel their festivals due to lack of interest. Even though our attendance was down from previous festivals, we are pleased that so far we do not even have to consider cancelling.

I have read ALL of the evaluations from the festival. Where possible we will use the comments to help us in planning the next festival. We went from a very hot ringing floor in Kutztown to a very cold ringing floor in Oswego. We hope that the ringing floor at our next festival will be a more comfortable temperature!

I noted that people would like more localized events. The board has heard that kind of comment in the past. In order to do that, we need you to step up and volunteer to host a workshop or reading session. Then we need to have enough people sign up to attend to make it possible to hold the event. The last workshop chair had set up local events that had to be cancelled due to lack of registrations. We too would like to see more of those localized events. But we need your help in order to make that happen!

The next Area 2 Festival will be at the end of June 2015 in Scranton, PA with Bill Alexander as our director. As I stated in the last TTT, we have a new organizational set up for the Area 2 Board. It does not go against our by-laws. Part of the new structure allows for a Festival Committee. The past chair will oversee the committee. It allows for members not on the board to serve on the committee and to be a viable part of the festival planning.

As of October 1st, your new chair will be Susan Guse. The Treasurer will be Eileen McIntire, and the Secretary/Registrar will be Pam Spirko. I want to thank the 2011 – 2013 Board for all the work they did for Area 2 over the past two years and for the support they gave me as chair. Thanks to Cory Davis and Betsy Barr, who are going off the board, for your service. Jim Rossetti has finished his 6-year stint as Chair elect, Chair, and Past Chair. Thanks, Jim, for leading Area 2 for those years! A special thanks to Chris Lenti and Jeremy Peters who have been in the Treasurer/Secretary positions for a number of years and who will also be leaving the Board as of October. You have all served us well!

Jackie Anderson

Jackie Anderson



OSWEGO!!



Young Ringer's Cup Game



Chapel Service



Classes!



Jim Terry was the Betty Garee Scholarship recipient at the Festival Conference in Oswego, NY

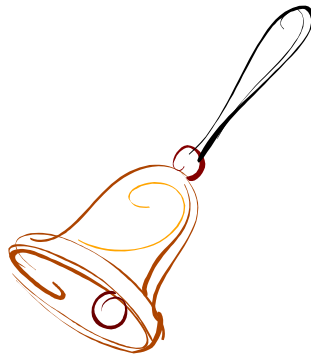
Dear Members of Area 2,

As a relative newcomer to the world of handbells,(coming to it after 30 years of music teaching and directing vocal groups) I had little idea of what lay in store for me at the Oswego Festival this past June. The number and variety of opportunities for improving skills and learning new ones was truly impressive. Each session I attended provided helps in specific areas and gave encouragement and challenge to build on what was presented. I am looking forward to passing on to my own group much of what I learned at the festival.

And of course the opportunity to practice and perform with so many fine ringers was a great inspiration and enjoyment. Just being a ringer (rather than a director) was great fun. It also gave me a new awareness of the problems my ringers routinely face. I sincerely thank the scholarship committee for awarding me the Betty Garee Scholarship this year. The experience was most enriching, and I have already begun to nudge several of my ringers to plan on attending the next festival in Scranton.

Jim Terry

Betty Garee Scholarship Recipient, 2013
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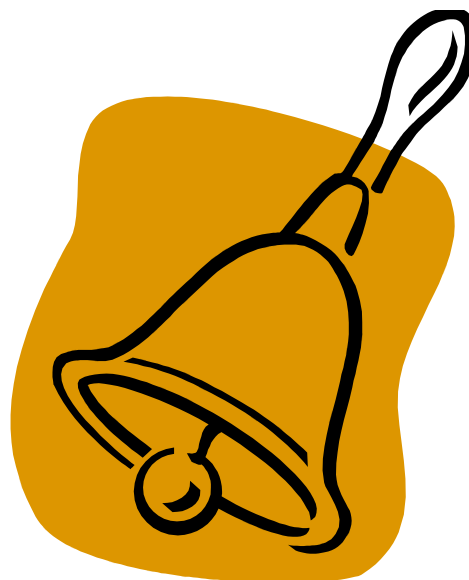
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Handbell Musicians of America/Area 2 Fall 2013 Workshop

Handbells and Handchimes for Educators

Saturday, October 26, 2013
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Christ Church United Methodist
520 Park Avenue, New York, 10065

Contact Person: Cory Davis, 718-255-6317, cbdavis@gmail.com

Designed specifically for use in the classroom and based on content standards in music education, this workshop will include the following topics: setting up the classroom, bell assignment and ringing techniques.

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: \$15 per person**

Name _____ HMA/AGEHR Membership No. _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____

School/Organization _____

_____ I am interested in receiving a Professional Development Certificate

Questions, contact: Cory Davis, 718-255-6317, cbdavis@gmail.com

Make check out to Handbell Musicians of America/Area 2

**Please mail registrations to: Cory Davis
Christ Church United Methodist
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New York, NY 10065**

Handbell Musicians of America/Area 2 Fall 2013 Workshops

More with Less - Techniques & Repertoire

Saturday, October 19 2013

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Contact: Susan Guse, 845-227-7696

sguse@frontiernet.net

Saturday, November 2, 2013

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Webster Presbyterian Church

Webster, NY 14590

Jackie Anderson, 585-265-9054

anderson@rpa.net

Does the size of your handbell choir change over the course of the year due to travel or illness? This workshop will introduce directors and their ringers to techniques and repertoire designed for ringing with less than a full choir.

Check one:

_____ 10/19/2013 (Poughkeepsie, NY)

_____ 11/2/2013 (Webster NY)

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Postmark _____

Check # _____

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53 Marges Way
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

**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**

Send to: Susan Guse. Home address 53 Marges Way, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533
Questions? For questions, please contact Susan Guse at e-mail: sguse@frontiernet.net

From the Chair-Elect . . .

Where did the summer go? It always seems to fly by, faster every year! It was great to see so many Area 2 members at the Oswego Festival at the end of June. Your Area 2 Board is already hard at work, planning for next summer's Vibration Vacation in August 2014 and the June 2015 Scranton Festival. We are pleased to announce more details in this issue of Twice Told Tales, including the 2015 Festival Director, Bill Alexander. Bill is from Duluth, Minnesota in Area 3.

In July, chair Jackie Anderson and I spent a very full week in Portland, Oregon at National Seminar. We were privileged to hear choirs from Reno, Nevada; San Diego, California; Japan, Hong Kong and, of course, Portland, Oregon. Some of these West Coast Handbell Musicians will be joining us in Scranton PA in 2015.

With the advent of fall upon us, it is time for school activities, church handbell choirs and community groups to start up once again. I would like to thank our chair, Jackie Anderson, for her service to the Handbell Musicians in Area 2 for the past two years. I will be taking over as chair October 1, 2013 and Jackie will be a hard act to follow. Jackie is a very quiet but observant leader. She is deeply committed to doing things the right way. Sometimes sitting next to her I can almost hear the ideas forming in her mind and the discussion she has with herself before she presents a carefully thought out and planned course of action. I am excited that she will be in charge of the Festival Design Team for two more years. Happy Ringing!

Susan Guse

Susan Guse
Area 2 Chair-Elect

In October our new Board Structure will look like this:
Are you interested in filling a vacant spot? Let Susan know!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

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Historian

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Financial Advisor

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Webmaster

John Braden

Communication Coordinator

Kathie Bittenbender

Legal Advisor

???



Vibration Vacation for 2014 will take place during the week of August 11th. One of the 2 day sessions will be held in the Pittsburgh, PA area and the 2nd one will be held in the eastern part of Area 2. We are still looking for this second site.

Ron Bellamy will be the main clinician directing two levels of ringers in group ringing. As in the past two VV's, we will give you a list of hotels in the area for your overnight stay, and the ringing sessions and classes will be held in a church facility. Watch for more details about locations, dates, etc.



FESTIVAL 2015

Festival 2015

End of June 2015

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!

New Members

New Jersey

Susan Hostler
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

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Welcome!
(and maybe Welcome Back!)

The Raleigh Ringers

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A community handbell choir

**Next TTT deadline is
October 15, 2013**

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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THANK YOU!

We have received two donations lately for the Area 2 Endowment Fund:


From Kathie Bittenbender in memory of Peggy McNamee

From Jackie Anderson in honor of the ringers of Area 2

AGEHR Area 2 BELLETIN BOARD

 September 21, 2013
Benefit Concert by Ron Bellamy
Grace UCC
Lancaster, PA
7:00 pm

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717-314-5606

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April 5, 2014

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

Clinician, Bill Payn

Contact: Gail Richie
814-234-1655

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