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## From the Chair:

*Happy New Year!* There is no better way to start 2013 than by attending an Area 11 Rings in the New Year event on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Read and Rings will be held in 10 locations around Area 11 (Casper, WY; Cheyenne, WY; Brigham City, UT; Salt Lake City, UT; Colorado Springs, CO; Grand Junction, CO; Albuquerque, NM; Scottsdale, AZ; Payson, AZ; and Sun City, AZ) so there is one near you. The cost is only \$7/person. The registration forms are available on the Area 11 website: <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/read-and-ring-2013/>. Don't delay! The registration deadline is January 12, 2013. We hope to see you!

*Area events:* Please also take the time to look at information on the website regarding other upcoming events. There will be a spring ring held in each state in our Area in 2013, and the Young Ringers' Camp in July is now accepting registrations.

*New Area 11 webmaster needed:* Area 11 is currently looking for someone to take over the responsibility of webmaster. Marcy Hontz, our current webmaster, has done a wonderful job of transitioning our website to the Handbell Musicians of America format using Word Press. She is ready to hand this off to someone else, and is willing to provide assistance to someone new. Previous website experience is not required, although the person must be willing to spend the time initially to learn Word Press. Please contact me directly if you are interested, or have more questions. You may send me an e-mail to [chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org), or call 303-489-9485.

*Sue Hahn*

**Deadline for February Newsletter  
January 25, 2013  
Advertising deadline 01/20/13**

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### PLEASE

Be sure to keep your e-mail address up-to-date to receive the latest news.

Check out our Calendar to see what's planned in Area 11.



[www.area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area11.handbellmusicians.org)  
Look under the "About Us" tab

December 2012

Dear Handbell Lovers—

What an exhilarating season and an amazing time for bells! I am excited by our Area's mission: **“Uniting and enabling through opportunities and communication,”** which is an outgrowth of the mission of Handbell Musicians of America: **“Uniting People through our Musical Art.”** It certainly speaks to me as my own bell choir prepares for several different types of opportunities to communicate through our unique art form.

It's been a busy year for your Area 11 Board of Directors.

- This summer, we presented a very different and successful festival, which received good reviews from all the participants.
  - We hope you are planning to participate in the “all area” Read and Ring on January 26, 2013. Imagine hundreds of ringers ringing at the same time in different venues in every state throughout Area 11! What a way to “ring in the New Year!” You can find more information about this event in this e-Newsletter.
  - Also on the docket is our Young Ringers Camp: “Christmas in July” in Durango, Colorado.
- In addition, many members of your Board of Directors are new this year, and we are learning the ropes as we seek to serve you better in the coming year.

As 2012 comes to an end and you evaluate your own personal giving situations, please keep Area 11 in mind. Won't you consider a small gift so that we can continue providing the services, scholarships, and resources for ringers in all parts of the Area? If every member would contribute just \$10, our available funds would increase by almost \$3,000!

The November e-Newsletter included a “Christmas Wish List” for Area 11. If you wish, you can designate how you want your contribution to be spent. Remember, Area 11 is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donation is fully tax deductible. If you would like to contribute to the Area 11 Giving Campaign, please send your check to:

Rick Meurer  
Area 11 Secretary/Treasurer  
5431 E. Grovers Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Be sure to note the purpose (general donation, chime program, scholarships, composition fund, etc.) on the memo line.

Thank you for thinking of Area 11, and we wish you a happy New Year! See you at the “Read and Ring”!

*Jeannine Holt, Chair-Elect*

*And Your Area 11 Board of Directors*

Sue Hahn, Chair

Rick Meurer, Secretary/Treasurer

Libbie Randels, Desert Sub-Area Chair

Mary Moffett, Mountain Sub-Area Chair

Claudette Rothwell, Past-Chair

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**Wish List (in brief) from past newsletter**

Donation for the Composition Contest Fund for the 2014 Festival

Monetary Gift to Scholarship Fund so that more people can attend Area 11 Festivals and National Handbell Musicians Events



Donation towards Camp Expenses  
\$30 Music for 1 camper  
\$24 Meals for 1 camper/day  
\$123 Meals for 1 camper/full camp  
\$350 Sponsor 1 Youth - full Camp  
\$250 for Swimming Pool Rental

## *Ring in the New Year!*

*Saturday, January 26, 2013*

*All over Area 11 - 9:00a.m. to noon*

Have you ever heard someone who plays the piano say, "I play for my own enjoyment." How many times have you heard a handbell ringer say the same thing? Except for a solo ringer, probably never. Area 11 is providing the opportunity to "play for your own enjoyment" and Ring in the New Year with a Read and Ring of newly released music! We will be ringing at 10 sites all over Area 11. (Grand Junction, Co has just been added.) Since this is a sight reading event there is no pressure to learn music ahead of time and no expectation of a polished performance of any of it. Everyone will be seeing the music for the first time that day but there's no concert at the end. Just enjoy ringing - maybe even try out a new place at the table. Invite your friends. The cost is only \$7 per ringer. You will need to bring your own bells, table pads, music binders, (or stands) and mallets. Tables and chairs will be provided by the host site. If you are the purchaser of music for your ensemble, discounted music will be for sale and you'll also save postage by purchasing your music and taking it with you that day.

*Registration deadline for all locations is January 12, 2013.*

Complete information and a registration form for each site (please register for the site you plan to attend) is available at [www.area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area11.handbellmusicians.org). Look for Read and Ring under the EVENTS TAB.

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### **YOUNG RINGERS' CAMP**

For ages 10 (by July 1, 2013) – age 18

**Dates:** July 20 – 24, 2013 (*note change*)  
**Location:** Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO

**Registration Fee** = \$340

Includes: Lodging, Meals, and Linens

Arrive Saturday for Supper/depart Wednesday Morning

Lots of RINGING, swimming, climbing wall, games, and surprises!

**Registration Forms I and II are now available!**

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/young-ringers-camp-2013/>

Early Registration (\$340) closes April 1, 2013

A \$50 deposit **PER REGISTRANT** will be accepted at the time of registration.

The balance is due no later than April 1, 2013

Late Registration (Registrations received after April 1st) = \$425



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