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From the Chair.....

**20 Days and Counting.....WoW!!!**

**2012 Area 11 Festival/Conference**

**June 21 - 24 in Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Beeeeeeeeee.....PREPARED!!**

I can't believe that we are only 20 days from the start of our 2012 Area 11 Festival / Conference!! It seems just like yesterday that we were in Tucson for the 2010 Festival and our event planners were beginning to make plans for the Salt Lake City Festival. I am so excited about the new format for this event!! Are you **PREPARED** to become a better ringer, a better director, a better handbell musician? The Swarm is ready and **PREPARED** to help you achieve your goals!! And I am looking forward to personally greeting each of you in Salt Lake City and getting to know you!! I will have many "worker bees" **PREPARED** to assist you with any questions or needs that you might have.

This issue of the e-Newsletter is primarily devoted to Festival News. Be sure to read it from cover to cover so you will be informed. Check out the Area 11 website frequently at [www.area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area11.handbellmusicians.org) for the latest updates.

Here are a few tidbits that I find exciting as I see the registrations that are coming in:

- Almost ½ of our registrants are first-timers to an Area 11 Festival!!! That is fantastic!!!
- 12 states are represented!!!
- 68 of our registrants are YOUTH!!! And 15 chaperones will be accompanying them – THANK YOU!!!

Don't forget to be **PREPARED** to bring something for the basket drawing. This will be a fun activity and you may be one of our lucky winners who goes home with some very nice "treats"!!

**Deadline for July Newsletter  
June 25, 2012  
Advertising deadline 6/20/12**

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**E-notes** - Sign up for your monthly national GUILD news or ringEr-Notes at [www.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.handbellmusicians.org)  
Click the Music and Resources tab.  
You do not have to be a member of Handbell Musicians of America to get E-notes or RingEr-Notes.  
Tell your friends!

#### PLEASE

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

(from the Chair cont.)

Be **PREPARED** to shop, as we have several exhibitors from the Handbell Industry Council on site. I've already started my shopping list – gloves, new notebooks, some t-shirts, music, music, and more music.....

Are YOU coming??? **Registrations are still coming in and being accepted.** I know that not everyone will be able to attend, but here is what you will be missing:

- Individuals will have a concentrated time of ringing and instruction from some of the best clinicians in the handbell world. Everyone will go home a better handbell musician!!
- We are being treated to a wonderful concert presented by the Bells on Temple Square.
- You will have the opportunity to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir as they record live a broadcast of Music and the Spoken Word on Sunday morning. The program will be broadcast at a later date.
- It's PARTY TIME on Friday night to celebrate Area 11's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Our Ring of Fame recipients, both past recipients and the newest inductees, will be honored at a very special luncheon in a beautiful setting, the Grand America Hotel.
- The Saturday evening Showcase Concert will be an extravaganza with all ringing tracks sharing what they have learned as well as performances from several individual bell choirs and ensembles.
- You will miss out on all the FUN as well as the opportunity to make many new friends!!

On another subject – are you **PREPARED** to cast your vote for the candidates of your choice for Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer? The 2012 Election packets have been mailed out with bios and personal statements from each candidate. Only Handbell Musicians of America members with voting privileges are eligible to vote. The yellow ballots should be postmarked no later than June 16, 2012. We have a great slate of candidates this year, all of whom are **PREPARED** to represent you and Area 11. If you have not already done so, send in your ballot today!! Your vote is important!!

Until next month .....Come **PREPARED** to have FUN!!! See you in Salt Lake City!!!

*Claudette*

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## CHIME LOAN PROGRAM UPDATE - WIN A PRIZE!

Will you accept a challenge? (with a prize for your help!) Here's the plan:

1. Print out the Chime Loan Application pages available at the education tab on our website, [www.area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area11.handbellmusicians.org)
2. Make a personal contact with an elementary teacher or church musician and give them the application forms with your encouragement to apply. This should be a site where we will introduce chimes as a new musical experience. Add your name and address to the back of the first page.
3. With haste mail the forms as directed.
4. The first 4 applications received which meet the specifications of an introductory program will reward **YOU**, as the promoter of the CHIME Loan Program, a rather neat prize at the Festival in Salt Lake City or by mail if you're not attending.

Will you make chime experience for the next school year a reality for children at a site where this has not been possible before now? Valid research indicates that early musical training enhances the ability to learn in other academic areas. Besides... "Teachers call it learning, students call it FUN!"

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# ELECTION UNDERWAY FOR CHAIR-ELECT AND SEC./TREASURER BALLOTS SHOULD BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 16, 2012 REMEMBER TO PUT A STAMP ON YOUR BALLOT!!!!

Voting for Area officers is one of the privileges and responsibilities of members of Handbell Musicians of America. Ballots were mailed recently to Area 11 members to vote for a new Area Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

Candidates for **Chair-Elect** were asked to answer the following question by the nominating committee:  
**Handbell Musicians of America -Area 11 is one of the largest geographical territories in Handbell Musicians of America. Area 11 also has one of the smallest membership rosters. How would you go about leading Area 11 and developing Handbell Musicians of America membership - considering our large 5-state area?**

Candidates for Area 11 Chair-Elect are **Jeannine Holt** and **Jane Wolfarth**.

**Jeannine Holt** is a graduate of Baylor University (Bachelor of Music) and has been ringing/directing for 25 years. After directing children, youth and adults in various locations she currently directs the Sanctuary Bells at Village Seven Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs and a beginner senior women's ensemble that performs in nursing homes and community venues. Jeannine is also the president of the board for the Southern Colorado Handbell Alliance. Her passion is in training and educating Adult Ringers.

**Jane Wolfarth** discovered handbells when she moved to Utah where she has been a member of Bells of Joyful Sound for seven years. In addition to her own ringing experience she has written pieces for handbells including a presentation for six ringers intended to introduce kids to handbells. She also plays the French Horn in the Salt Lake Symphonic Winds and teaches international students at the University of Utah.

Complete bios, pictures of candidates and their answers to the questions asked by the nominating committee are available at:

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

Candidates for **Secretary/Treasurer** were asked to answer the following question by the nominating committee: **Handbell Musicians of America - Area 11 uses computer software and online banking to maintain records. What computer technology experience do you bring to this position? How would you use your skills to accomplish the tasks for this position?**

Secretary/Treasurer candidates are **Catherine Cmiel**, **Rick Meurer** and **Paul Young**.

**Catherine Cmiel** has been involved in Instrumental Music Education since graduating from Northern Illinois University in 1981. She became the Director of Music at Fountain of Life Lutheran School in Tucson in 1996 where she directed the Band, Steel Drum Ensemble, Musicals, Handbell Choir and Chime Choir. Currently she is doing many of the same things at The Academy of Tucson where she is using a set of Chimes provided by the Chime Loan Program to instill a love of Chimes in her students. Catherine is a member of Joyous Bells in Tucson and occasionally subs for Sonoran Bells.

**Rick Meurer** started in music playing oboe and English horn in high school and college. In January 2007 he and his wife decided to join the handbell choir at church and were immediately smitten with "bell fever". During the past five years they have been busy playing in multiple bell groups, including church, community, community college, participating in Area 11 events and a bell concert tour to Italy. They currently ring with the adult bell choir at La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church. Rick is a graduate of ASU, where he majored in math and took courses in finance, accounting, marketing and management. He worked for 34 years in the title insurance industry holding various positions including Chief Title Officer. Rick is familiar with Microsoft and Adobe programs and online banking and has been bonded several times.

**Paul Young** has been playing handbells for about 10 years and has attended several Bay View Week of Handbells Festivals. He is a member of Bells of Joyful Sound and serves as their Treasurer. He has a BS degree in Accounting and is currently employed as a Staff Accountant for Geneva Rock Products. He has Extensive experience with Quick Books accounting software which he used in his previous job. He is also familiar with other software programs and quite comfortable with online banking.

## LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IN SALT LAKE CITY

Flying to Salt Lake City for the Area 11 Festival/Conference? Here is some information about local transportation from the airport to The Little America. This information is current at eNewsletter press time. You are encouraged to follow up to confirm your travel plans.

### Taxis/Cabs (under \$25 for a one way trip)

Yellow Cab (801-521-2100)

City Cab (801-363-5550)

### Small Group Transportation (ranges from \$25-\$80):

Ryan's Express (801-652-9956)

VIP Transportation (801-244-2227)

Beehive Transportation (801-474-2002)

City Express Transportation (801-381-3443)

### Additional Group Transportation (Suggestion:

Reserve in advance/up to \$10 per person)

All Resort Express (800-457-9457)

Express Shuttle Utah (801-596-1600)

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## WYOMING SPRING RING - April 20-21, 2012 HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH CASPER, WYOMING - CLINICIAN - Monica McGowan

Mary Moffett, our Sub-Area Chair entertained and educated us with a cool rap! There were 70 ringers from South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and our Area 11 chair and Sub-Area Chair attended from Utah. People loved working under Monica McGowan's direction, as they did in 2010. She gave a clinic on playing chimes and on techniques such as plucking, as well as answering questions.

## SOLO NUMBERS

The *HIGHLAND PARK RINGERS* of our host church, Highland Park Community Church rang "Following in the Footsteps" arranged by their member, Paul Searcey.

The *PHOENIX RINGERS OF CASPER* played the Wagner arrangement of pieces from *PHANTOM OF THE OPERA*.

*THE SHEPHERD'S BELLS* of Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian of Casper played a non-bell related piece. Their Director, Connie Taylor, had presented a program for the Casper Chamber Music Society entitled "The Humor of Music." For that program and again for the Spring Ring, they became the *Shepherd's Half-crooked Ringers*, and performed Joplin's "Peacherine Rag" on bottles filled to the proper pitches using percussion effects and wearing outrageous hats!

The audience of 160 gave the full concert rave reviews!

- By Carolyn Deuel

## ETIQUETTE FOR EVENTS IN THE TABERNACLE AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Area 11 Chair, Claudette Rothwell, a local resident advises Festival/Conference attendees:

"Women should wear a dress, skirts or dressier pants.

Men should wear nice shirts and pants - no tie required.

While we may consider ourselves as "tourists", we will be given special attention for the Friday concert with reserved seating, etc."

**In addition, our Area Chair who lives in Utah and has attended several concerts in the tabernacle has provided the following information:**

- Patrons should not bring cameras or audio or video recording devices into the performance halls. Photographs are not permitted during the performance.
- Sunday dress is encouraged.
- Patrons should turn off pagers, cellular phones, and similar electronic devices during the performance.
- Food and beverages are not permitted in performance halls.
- Patrons may not bring packages or backpacks into performance halls.
- The Tabernacle doors will open 60 minutes before the performance start time.
- Ticket holders are requested to be in their seats no later than 15 minutes before the performance begins.
- The length of the performance is approximately 90 minutes.

### **For information about The Bells on Temple**

**Square:** [www.mormontabernaclechoir.org/bells/](http://www.mormontabernaclechoir.org/bells/)

**Friday, June 22, 2012- Concert at 7:30pm in the Mormon Tabernacle.**

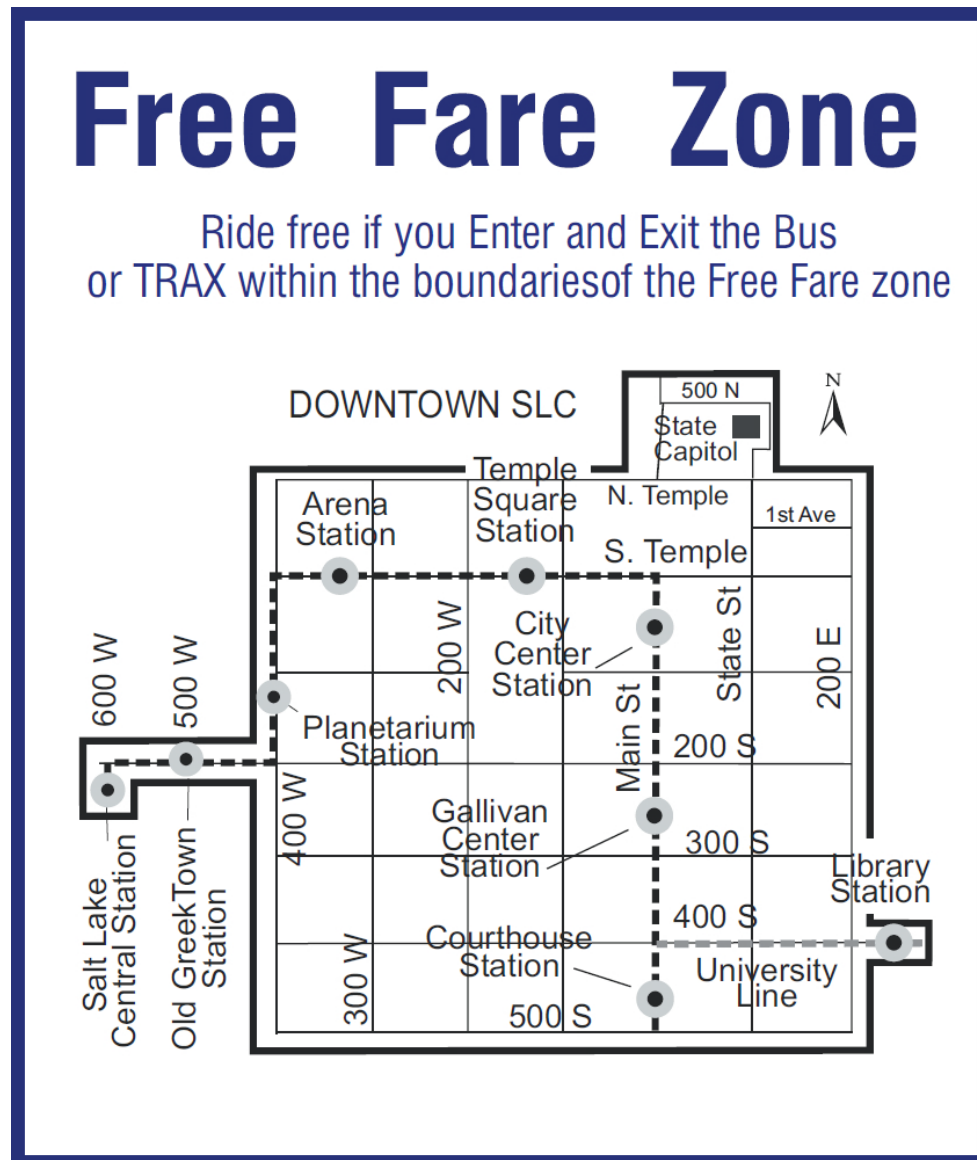
### **For information about Music and the Spoken Word**

[www.musicandthespokenword.com](http://www.musicandthespokenword.com)

**Sunday, June 24, 2012 at 9:30am in the Conference Center.**

**Please note:** Both these sites say that doors are closed 15 minutes before programs begin. So take seriously the advice to be in your seat 15 minutes BEFORE the performance begins.

**2012 FESTIVAL LAST MINUTE INFO - ALWAYS POSSIBLE CHANGES.** Your Festival Committee is doing their best to get you correct information in a timely fashion. They are handling changes being made daily and sometimes more than daily. Keep checking [www.area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area11.handbellmusicians.org) The latest information will be posted there.



Courthouse Station is closest to hotel. We will use the Temple Square Station for events on Temple Square. City Center Station (or Temple Square Station) would be used for the new City Creek Shopping Center. Planetarium Station or Arena Station is for another shopping center - the Gateway.

Public transportation is EASY in Salt Lake City. The Little America Hotel is located at the south end of the "Free Zone." The "Courthouse Station" TRAX stop is right outside the door! (Bottom of the map.) Just hop on TRAX to visit City Center, the "BRAND NEW" City Creek Shopping Center, The Gateway and other popular sites for dining and shopping in Salt Lake City.



## **FESTIVAL REGISTRATION and HOTEL CHECK-IN** (In that order!)

You must complete the Festival Registration process **BEFORE** checking in to your hotel room.  
**Festival Registration opens at 11am (Thursday, June 21)** – on the first floor of The Little America Hotel.

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## **DON'T FORGET THE BASKET DRAWINGS!!!!!!**

"Basket Drawings" are fun! All registrants are invited to participate! Proceeds from the drawings will support Area 11 Special Projects – event scholarships, the Composition Fund, Young Ringer Camp, etc.



How can you participate? Bring something to donate – ANYTHING! Could be a basket full of goodies or a single item without a basket. Even if you're flying to Salt Lake City you can think of something small you can tuck into your suitcase. Use your imagination! Bring your item/s to the Beehive Central area and add them to the display. Items will be on display until the Birthday Bash Friday night.

What's next? Here's how it works!

Purchase tickets - available for sale at Beehive Central – \$1 per ticket  
Clearly PRINT your name on the back of each ticket that you purchase.  
Place ticket/s in the labeled container\* near the basket/item you would like.  
The ticket drawing will take place during the Birthday Bash.  
If a ticket with your PRINTED name on the back is drawn, YOU WIN THE ITEM!

\* Containers will be provided for the tickets.



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## **BIG REMINDER! DON'T FORGET TO PACK.....!!!!!!**

Black 'stand up' 3-ring binder

Mallets for your ringing position

Bell polishing cloth - the **Sunshine Cloth** brand is recommended, or  
a **well-used rouge-type** cloth

Gloves

A plastic bag containing sharpened pencils with erasers

Some mini-clips - if you use them for page turns

A water bottle

Comfortable shoes



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## **EXHIBITS!!!!!!**

Don't worry if you forget something!

Jeffers Handbell Supply (Tom and Jill Jeffers) and Handbell Services (Dave Berry)  
will have large exhibits at the Festival!

Plan to SHOP! SHOP! SHOP! and support them!