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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1

From the Chair -

As much as I love summer, I am almost giddy with excitement as I think about the upcoming bell ringing season. I look forward to getting my group of ringers together again, and I am thinking of what goals I have for the group for this year. I have been busy listening to all of the CDs that have arrived from the music publishers over the summer. It is exciting to select music and anticipate what it might sound like rung by my choir. My bell choir has become like a second family to me. Not only do we make music together, but we celebrate life's joys and pray together for life's sorrows.

I am also imagining that every bell director in Area 11 is currently working on fall repertoire and going through similar preparations as I am. Every bell ringer is also getting excited to be ringing again. The handbell community is also like a big family that ties us all together.

This fall has an added excitement for me as I take over as Chair of Area 11 from Claudette. I am thrilled that she will remain active as the Past-Chair. I am equally excited about working with the other members of the board. The Board will be meeting in Loveland, Colorado the first weekend in September. I will have more information to share regarding the goals of the new board in the October newsletter.

My hope for Area 11 during my tenure as Chair is to move the Area to a higher level; much like the Area 11 Festival Conference in Salt Lake City was designed to help everyone become a better ringer. I would like to see more members, more workshops and festivals, more resources available to new ringers and new directors, and more participation in events.

On a personal level, this fall also brings many changes. My daughter Sarah, who has been living at home since graduating from college last year, just moved into an apartment as she starts a one year program with AmeriCorps. My son, Stephen, just started his sophomore year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ. My husband, Rick, retired recently. My mother just moved from Nebraska into an assisted living facility near my house. One thing I know for certain, life never stays the same!

Happy Ringing Everyone!

Sue

Deadline for October Newsletter

September 25, 2012

Advertising deadline 09/20/12

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E-notes - Sign up for your monthly national GUILD news or ringEr-Notes at

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.



DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!



Temperatures are still often in the 100's here in Arizona but school has started and the mail brings offers of "free" magazine subscriptions for Christmas gifts if you re-new your subscription NOW, so I suppose it's not too early to make suggestions for some really "special" Christmas gifts for your handbell choir or handbell friends. Or maybe you'd like to drop some hints to those who might be shopping for you to do their shopping early.

Did you know that **logo items with the beautiful 2012 Salt Lake City Festival logo are still available** and would make great gifts? Plan to spend some time "shopping" in the comfort of your home because there are all kinds of items from T-shirts through polo shirts, button down shirts to sweat shirts and fleece jackets - not just one brand but many and in a rainbow of colors. Maybe you need a nice cozy fleece jacket, vest or a sweatshirt for winter. Something to wear for those outside Christmas Concerts you'll be scheduling. Or maybe your choir is ready for a uniform look for their casual indoor Christmas Season appearances. Check out the t-shirts and polo shirts. Caps and tote bags are available too. Order online at: www.Thread-Logic.com or by phone 800-347-1612.

All prices include embroidery if using the Salt Lake City Festival logo! The logo was previously set-up for those who wished to purchase items to wear at festival. Just be sure to use "Area 11 Handbells Salt Lake City" on your order for the correct logo.



GOOD NEWS - Thread Logic is currently having a sale on overstocks and our logo can be used on those. Check them out. Overstocks are listed on the left side column of their website. Just click on that and you will go directly to viewing those bargains. But hurry, supplies of those are very limited.

SOME POINTERS - Thought I would share these and perhaps save others some time. There are full instructions on their website, but sometimes things aren't right in front of your eyes. Once you pick the item you want, the place to enter your color, quantity, and size is near the bottom and on my computer it was off the screen. So remember you'll have to scroll down.

You'll have to sign up for an account.

The place where you need to enter the logo information is when you put in the shipping information. There are a series of blanks marked with * which must be completed. The first space didn't make any sense to me so I skipped it, filled in the rest of them (including putting the logo name in the special instructions box!) but my work was rejected. I called the number on their web site and was told to put in anything I wanted in that first blank and then things went okay. I think that was where you would put your church or business name if you were ordering for a group. After telling you the order total (shipping is added), the last thing they ask for is your credit card number.

They were very helpful when I called with questions and there was no waiting when I called the 800 number on the web-site. (I called twice.) However, when I checked for a "live chat" via e-mail there was no one available for that.

If you're not comfortable ordering things on line, it might be easier just to call the phone number (800-347-1612) to place your order.

--/Marcy Hontz

THE TALE OF TWO LADIES WHO LOVE GREEN - by Linda Maloney

"It was going to be a cold day so I wore my favorite cozy sweater. Gail Masinda had the same idea! I had not yet met Gail - we had shared several email exchanges and one phone call - as she was to host a "Christmas Treasures" concert at her church.

I was touring with Kathie Fink - handbell solo artist in the "Christmas Treasures" program. Kathie and I arrived in Belleville, IL in the late afternoon. She dropped me off at the front door of the church and I went inside, to make my first personal contact with Gail. The secretary told me I'd find Gail in the sanctuary practicing the organ for Sunday services and that she had a sweater on...."just like mine." I thought to myself - "this is a popular color this year." Then the secretary said: "Gail's sweater is EX-ACTLY like yours!" And indeed it was!

Gail and I renewed our friendship through FaceBook in 2011. When she read my FB posts about the Salt Lake City event and what was planned she contacted me to see if I would like for her to attend and be our staff photographer. Gail is a member of 'the Guild' and we both thought it would be interesting to have the event photographed from a handbell director's perspective.

You may now view Gail's festival photos at www.AsWeSeeNature.com. Not only can you order photos, but images can be placed on mugs, jigsaw puzzles, mouse pads - lots of fun ideas for Christmas giving. You can design some "Christmas Treasures" of your own!

I am so happy to have met Gail - a very neat lady - and she has such great taste!"

Linda



To order festival pictures from Gail:

There are hundreds to choose from so allow plenty of time when you start looking. "The photos from the festival can all be found at Gail's website, www.AsWeSeeNature.com. Click on "Galleries", then on "Handbells - Salt Lake City." Now you have three choices depending on which day's events you want to see. Pictures are in groups of 100. If you click on them you can see a large picture. If you need to go back at any time, in the upper left corner you can click on "Go back to thumbnails" or "Go back to Gallery.". Scattered throughout there are individual pictures. You might see yourself looking very involved in ringing. Notice the happy expressions? Well, not many. Looks like moving to the next level was hard work. At least a lot of us seem to have learned to "watch the director." You will also find some interesting pictures of handbells and their arrangements on the tables. Once you find the pictures you want to purchase, click on one and you will get the "Buy Image" button. Click there and you will see tabs indicating:



Prints - A variety of photo finishes and sizes are available.

Products - Choose from Photo magnets, mouse pads, mugs or jigsaw puzzles.

Downloads - 500 pixel images are available for download for your personal use.



Photos can also be shared via Facebook, Twitter, and email **FREE OF CHARGE**

Online payment is sent directly to the Festival Photographer, Gail Masinda, at As We See Nature.

Questions? Contact Gail at AsWeSeeNature.com. Click on "Contact" on the Home Page.

TIPS FOR STAYING ON TRACK ON OUR NEW WEB SITE

Think of the tabs at the top of the screen as file folders. The main ones are **Home**, **About Us**, **Education**, **Events**, and **Communications**.

HOME is where you land when you go to www.area11.handbellmusicians.org by typing it into your computer. There are 3 rotating pictures which will change from time to time. This page also may contain Posts of important news which will change more frequently than news on the rest of the web site. If these posts seem to be cut off before the end, just click on the title of the post and you will go to a page which shows the whole post. There is a limit to the number of pictures we can use and the posts which will be displayed.

ABOUT US - gives general information about Area 11. Under this tab you will find subdivisions of

- a. *Board of Directors* (list of all officers)
- b. *Calendar* (listing ALL the events being planned.) Check here if you want to plan something and need to find out dates which are available. As finalized details are provided for events, links are made to the Events page where details or links to details are listed.
- c. *Ring of Fame* (as you hover over this, you'll see parts of the Ring of Fame info displayed to the right. You can click on any of these and go to that page.)
- d. *National Website Link* - Find out what's happening with the Handbell Musicians organization everywhere.



EDUCATION -

- a. *The Handchime Grant Program*

EVENTS -

- a. *Desert Sub-Area Events*
- b. *Mountain Sub-Area Events*

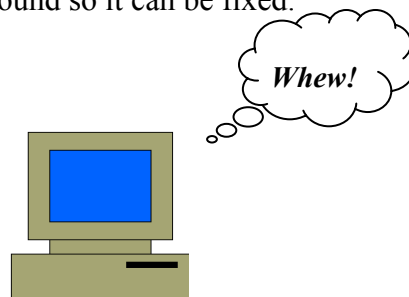
Here are lots of details to events with links to registration forms and music repertoire lists. Links are provided between Sub-Areas. When Festival planning, Youth Camp or other Area wide events are scheduled, a home page for them will be under this category.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. *Newsletter* - on the newsletter page you click on the issue you want to read.
- b. *Advertising Policy* - information on size and cost of advertising in the newsletter and how to provide copy.
- c. *Forms* - a list of forms used by Area 11 with a link to each. All are .pdf files

NOTE: About .pdf files: Some folks report a black screen when they click on a .pdf file. You need Adobe reader to read .pdf files. Be sure you have it installed. If you do, the screen WILL turn black momentarily but you will see a gray bar in the middle of the screen which indicates a file is loading. Speed of loading may also depend somewhat on your computer setup.

If something isn't working, please e-mail mrhontz@cox.net
newsletter@area11.handbellmusicians.org
webmaster@area11.handbellmusicians.org
and explain the problem you're having or error you found so it can be fixed.



COLORADO READ AND RING



You are invited to a Read and Ring Session, with option to buy, on September 22nd at :

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

3031 W. 144th Ave.

Broomfield, CO. 80023

Come and work on your sight-reading skills. Twenty titles of music will be supplied for sight reading by Jeffers Handbell Supply and music may be purchased at a discount.

The Facilitator/Director is Michael Kastner, Artistic Director of Bells of the Rockies.

Cost is only \$5 per person.

The Schedule for the day is:

8:00am - setup

8:30am - check in and coffee

9am - workshop

12pm - lunch

1pm - workshop

3:30pm - finish

A lunch of soups and chili will be served by members of the church Handbell Program from noon to 1pm as a fund raiser . Free will donations will be appreciated.

Registration is limited to the first 50 people who register AND pay.

HURRY!!!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT. 15!

Links to other information and a registration form may be found on the Area 11 web site

www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

If you still have questions after reading the information on the web site they may be directed to Anne Kleve at 303-410-9913 or alkleve@msn.com



BELLS ON VACATION?

PUT THEM BACK TO WORK

If you know someone who has handbells stored in a closet, help get the word out about this church that would benefit greatly by borrowing them for a while.

Jefferson Avenue UMC in Wheat Ridge, CO, is exploring the possibility of starting a small handbell choir during this church year. The only problem: JAUMC does not have handbells. As a way to get started and help gauge the interest in a bell choir, the church is looking for a congregation that would be willing to spare two octaves of bells for the time being. JAUMC believes this will be a blessing to the congregation and to those who will ring. Please contact Jefferson Avenue's Director of Music, Bill Gnegy, at [646-417-3107](tel:646-417-3107) or at billgnegy@hotmail.com



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