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From the Chair:

Each year, as I turn my calendar from October to November, I find myself reflecting on all the things I have to be grateful for. Certainly, high on my list is involvement in the handbell community. I have met some incredible people and great friends through handbells. For me, serving as Chair of Area 11 is one way for me to give back for all I have received through ringing handbells. However, there are many ways to “give back” other than serving on the board. The Area 11 Christmas “Wish List” is available in this newsletter.

One way you can help is to donate to the 2013 Young Ringers’ Camp. Our youth are our future. Young ringers become lifelong ringers. The Young Ringers’ Camp is held every other year, and is a wonderful opportunity for youth to really develop a love for handbells and to connect with other young ringers. However, when you add the cost of lodging, food, music, etc, the cost will be around \$340/person. Many families cannot afford to send their kids to camp. Your donation to the Camp Scholarship Fund will assist with sending our youth to this wonderful camp. For example, \$30 will buy music for one student. A donation of \$123 will pay for food for one ringer for the duration of the camp.

Other options are also available. Area 11 also has a general scholarship fund that is used to help send our members to other events. We also have a fund for a Composition Contest for the next Area Festival. See the “Wish List” for more options.

Please consider what YOU can do to support the art of handbell ringing in our Area.

The other opportunity I would like to bring to your attention is the upcoming Read and Ring (*Area 11 Rings in the New Year*) on January 26, 2013. This will be a fun morning of ringing new music releases. We currently have 7 locations confirmed around the Area, and it is not too late to add your church/facility. Locations and registration information are also in this newsletter, as well as on the website.

- Happy Ringing, Sue Hahn

Deadline for December Newsletter
November 25, 2012
Advertising deadline 11/20/12

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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.

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



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Look under the “About Us” tab

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST FOR AREA 11

"All I Want for Christmas is....."

Does this little Christmas song bring a smile to your face and perhaps a memory from your childhood? Please consider a tax deductible donation to one of the items on our list.

Wonder if I'll be able to go to handbell camp next summer. Sure sounds like fun.

Area 11 Christmas Wish List

Contribute to the costs of our Young Ringers Camp this next July.



\$30 - music for one camper

\$24 - meals for one camper/day

\$123 - meals for one camper/full camp

\$250 - swimming pool rental

\$350 - sponsor one youth for the full camp

A donation to the Composition Contest Fund for the 2014 Area 11 Festival in Colorado.

A monetary gift to the Area 11 Scholarship Fund so that more people can attend Area 11 and national Handbell Musicians of America events.

Give the Area 11 Board AND yourself a Christmas gift by putting aside the money now to attend the Area 11 Festival in Colorado in 2014. When someone asks what you'd like for Christmas say, "I'd like a contribution to my trip to the Area 11 Handbell Festival in June of 2014."

Send your tax deductible gifts, payable to Area 11 to:

Rick Meurer

Area 11 Treasurer

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COMING SOON!!

Watch for more information regarding the Handbell Musicians of America Area 11 Festival 2014 to be held in Colorado. Dates and location will be announced soon.

Ring in the New Year!

Saturday, January 26, 2013

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

Ring in the New Year with a Read and Ring of newly released music! Our goal is to have many sites ringing all over Area 11 on the same day, at the same time. We are looking for smaller (no cost) sites that would house approximately 50 ringers. The music (15 titles) will be both sacred and secular and either Level 2 or 3. We will ask the registered directors to indicate if they would like to conduct a piece or two, so no clinician is needed. The cost will be \$7 per ringer. Listed below are the responsibilities of both Area 11 and Local hosts. For more information, contact Libbie Randels (623)-925-2320 or Mary Moffett (801)-510-6105.

Registration deadline at all locations is January 12, 2013.

AREA 11 RESPONSIBILITIES:

Submit all paperwork to National.
Make Registration Form.
Handle all registrations and fees.
All information will be sent to site coordinator via e-mail.
Order and rectify music payment to Jeffers.
Based on site report complete all paper work for National.
Handle all advertising through newsletters, etc.
Assign a sub-area chair to assist.

LOCAL HOSTS RESPONSIBILITIES

Appoint a site coordinator and committee.
Secure a FREE venue.
Provide and set up tables and chairs.
Provide and set up a sound system if needed.
MUSIC - receive and verify music shipment, handle sales of music at venue, return unsold music to Jeffers, send copy of sales statement to Area, all monies to be sent to Area (directions will be provided).
Submit site report of attendance, sales, and evaluations to Area.
Contact bell friends and invite them to attend.
Stay in contact with sub-area chair.

The following locations are set to go. Registration forms are provided at www.area11.hanbellmusicians.org. Look under the EVENTS tab.

UTAH - Salt Lake City UTAH - Brigham City COLORADO - Colorado Springs
WYOMING - Casper WYOMING - Cheyenne ARIZONA - Payson ARIZONA - Sun City

We are awaiting additional information so registration forms can be made for:
ARIZONA - Scottsdale

More hosts are needed! Join in the fun! Develop your sight reading skills! You CAN do it!
Don't delay. Call Mary (801)-510-6105 or Libbie (623)-925-2320.



WyoRing

Wyoming is holding their **WyoRing** on November 9 and 10. It may be too late to participate because ringers were encouraged to learn their music ahead of time, similar to the Spring Rings. However, if you live near Torrington, Wyoming you might want to attend their closing concert at 3pm on November 10. It will be in the Eastern Wyoming College of Fine Arts Auditorium, 3200 West C St.

Michael Kastner is the conductor/clinician for the event. Concert repertoire is:

Joy to the World, John Behnke

America Give Thanks, Valerie Stephenson

Simple Song of Praise, Arnold Sherman

Los peces en el Rio, Matthew Prins

Prayer, Jeanne Warzyn

More information is available at:

www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

(On the Events Tab - Misc. Events)



YOUNG RINGERS' CAMP - 2013

SUMMER CAMP INFO - Dates have been changed slightly for Youth Bell Camp. It is now July 20 to 24, 2013. The location is Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO.

Page 5 of this newsletter is a revised flyer with the new dates. You can print it and give it to your Young Ringers to encourage them to attend.

Christmas is a prime time to earn some money for summer camp as so many people are looking for a group to ring at their special Christmas event. So take advantage of opportunities to ring wherever and whenever you can work it into your schedule and add to your camp fund.



Next Summer your Young Ringers could be here!

JOIN THE VIRTUAL HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Virtual Handbell Ensemble is an exciting new project of the Handbell Musicians of America in which you will have the opportunity to perform a new work of music via video uploads.

Misterium, by James Meredith, consists of 135 musical segments to be recorded separately by individuals and small groups of players from around the world over a seven month period and uploaded to the web. All of the segments will be assembled by the editing videographer and the composer into the final work to be premiered online in July, 2013.

For a video introduction by Mr. Meredith and all the information you need to participate, please visit the project website at:

virtual.HandbellMusicians.org.

Don't delay as the deadline for submitting your recording to this project is March 1, 2013 even though the work will not be premiered until July 2013.

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GET READY! CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!!

Area 11 Young Ringers' Camp

Ages 10 (by July 1, 2013) – 18 years

NEWS FLASH – NEW DATES ANNOUNCED!!!

Due to unforeseen circumstances the dates for Young Ringers Camp were changed by Ft. Lewis College. Watch the Area 11 website for more information and registration forms!!

www.area11.hanbellmusicians.org Look under the EVENTS tab.

Don't delay your fundraising – July will be here before we know it!!

July 20-24, 2013

Ft. Lewis College, Durango Colorado

Arrive Saturday for Supper / Depart Wednesday Morning

Registration Fee = \$340

Registration Fee Includes

Lodging, Linens

All Meals – Saturday Supper through Wednesday Lunch

Lots of RINGING!!!!

In Addition to Ringing Activities

Craft Projects

Climbing Wall

Indoor Swimming Pool

Games

Hiking

Animas Float trip

....and some surprises!!!!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

More details to be released soon!!