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From the Chair:

Uniting people through the musical art of handbell ringing. This is what the Handbell Musicians of America is all about. And, what better way to “be united” than by participating when Area 11 Rings in the New Year on January 26th. If you need a reason, here is a “top ten” list.

Top 10 reasons to attend

Area 11 Rings in the New Year -January 26th, 2013:

10. There's a location near you. (The Read and Ring is being held in 10 different locations in Area 11)
9. “Try out” new handbell releases from several publishers.
8. Music may be purchased for a 10% discount. (No sales tax)
7. No need to learn the music ahead of time.
6. All you need to bring is bells, pads, music folders and mallets (tables and chairs provided by the host)
5. Think of your own reason. (After holiday letdown, rather play bells than do chores, want a morning away from kids, etc.)
4. “Sharpen” your sight-reading skills.
3. Spend the morning with your fellow ringers.
2. Meet new people.

And the #1 reason: **HAVE FUN!!!**

Registration forms and additional information regarding the Read and Rings are available on the Area 11 website:

www.area11.handbellmusicians.org. Don't wait! Register now!

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Concerts are also a great way to “Unite people through the musical art of Handbell Ringing”. This year, we would like to post as many handbell concerts as possible on our website. Members of the Area Board frequently get requests from people who are traveling through the area and are looking for a handbell event/concert to attend. What better way to advertise all that is happening in our area than on the website. See page 4 for instructions on getting your Christmas concert posted. Send us the information, you never know who might show up!

Have a great ringing holiday season. Best wishes to all of you.

Sue Hahn

**Deadline for December Newsletter
extended to December 28, 2012
Advertising deadline 12/20/12**

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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.

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



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.”*** As we approach this special time of year, everywhere we see groups getting ready for Christmas concerts and special bell presentations in our churches and communities. 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 very merry Christmas and 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

Wish List (in brief) from last 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

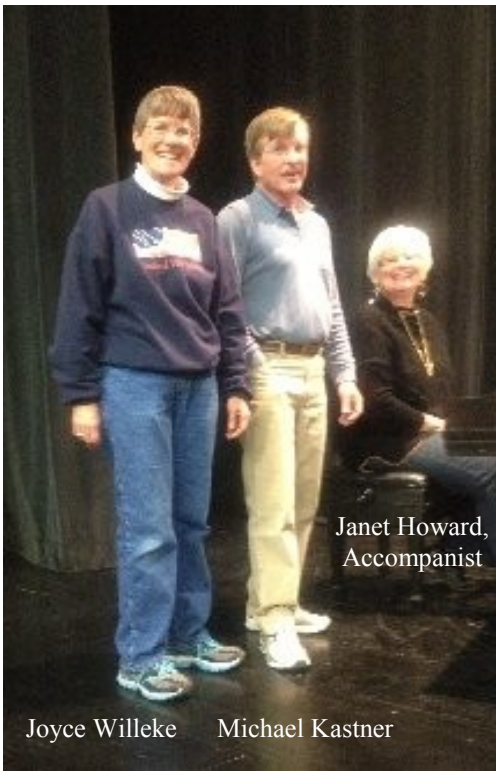
Have you ever heard someone who plays the piano say, "I play for my own enjoyment." How many times have you heard a handbell ringer say the same thing? Except for a solo ringer, probably never. Area 11 is providing the opportunity to "play for your own enjoyment" and Ring in the New Year with a Read 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. Look for Read and Ring under the EVENTS TAB.



WyoRing (fall event in Wyoming) - How it happened - by Diona Savoy-McDaniels



Janet Howard,
Accompanist

Joyce Willeke Michael Kastner

In the spring of 2012 there was an email from Mary Moffett, Area 11 Mountain Area Sub-Chair, inquiring about the possibility of someone hosting a handbell program/seminar in Wyoming in the autumn. I talked to our handbells director Joyce Willeke, also a member of Handbell Musicians of America, and we decided it might be fun. But it was only an idea, so that thought was emailed back to Mary. Imagine our surprise when we got to the Area XI Festival in Salt Lake City in late June and discovered it was noted in the festival packet that there was going to be an event in Torrington, WY in the fall with exact dates to be announced later. Mary and Claudette Rothwell were beaming – and hugely supportive – they just knew we could do it.

Due to several summer obligations, Joyce and I were both unable to focus on this project until the end of August. A grant from the Wyoming Arts Council seemed like a good idea, so that was successfully pursued immediately. Michael Kastner was available the weekend of Nov. 9-10 so we had our dates established and we secured the Fine Arts Auditorium at Eastern Wyoming College for those days. Within two months the event was planned, financed and promoted by two women who “did not get the memo” stating you cannot pull together a regional handbell event in so little time. We didn’t know we couldn’t do it – so we just did it anyway. In the end, there were 39 registrants participating in the two-day workshop. They represented six bell choirs from five communities. After two days of working with our fabulous clinician/director/soloist, Michael Kastner, we presented a closing concert to an audience of approximately 200 people on November 10, a snowy/icy Saturday afternoon.

Evaluations from participants and audience alike were favorable with many comments reflecting a desire for this to be an annual event. Hmmmm, well it seems silly to start the next one so soon.....but is it best to wait until the last minute so we can stay focused? I think not (and I know a good many people who can vouch for that!).

WyoRing was partially funded through the Wyoming Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and was an endorsed event of the Handbell Musicians of America.

HURRY - List your Christmas Concert (s) on the Area 11 Website

If you would like to list your Christmas concert on the Area 11 website, just copy and paste the following into an e-mail message, fill in the information, put “Concert” in the subject line, and e-mail it to mrhontz@cox.net. Only concerts open to the general public should be listed, not those played before a private audience such as a nursing home.

Group Name:

*Guild Membership Number:

Concert Date:

Time:

Concert Location:

Address:

Contact Person Name:

Contact Person e-mail:

*Please note: This service is for Guild members only. Your Guild number must be included. Info should be submitted at least 10 days before concert date.



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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!!