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From the Chair:



ELEVATIONS! What would it look like if your ringing was *elevated* to the next level? **ELEVATIONS!** This is what the Area 11 Festival will be all about in June 2014. Plan to be there! Debbie Rice will work with Ringing UP! Tracks to *elevate* the ringing. Twin Cities Bronze will teach classes, in addition to presenting a Showcase Concert. Marilyn Lake and Monica McGowan complete the **ELEVATIONS!** Faculty. If you start saving \$1.50 per day (or \$10/week) as of June 1st, 2013 you will have enough to pay for the registration

in FULL!! You can attend **ELEVATIONS!** Are you like me, and have trouble actually *saving* for something? Put an envelope in a drawer and add to it each day/week. Do you need ideas for fundraising for **ELEVATIONS?** Have your church or community choir set up an account and each ringer can add to it. Start fundraising as a group. Find more fundraising ideas in future editions of the Area 11 e-newsletter. Do you have a great fundraising idea you would like to share? Send it to me in an email! See page 2 for more news about **ELEVATIONS!**

Do you get “rusty” over the summer? Would you like a review of ringing techniques? Watch the website (www.area11.handbellmusicians.org) for more information regarding Fall Tune-ups in various locations around the area. Interested in hosting a Tune-up? Contact either Libbie Randels at desert.area11@handbellmusicians.org (623) 925-2320 or Jane Wolfarth at mountain.area11@handbellmusicians.org (801) 865-4622, our two Sub-area chairs. The morning will be spent reviewing all of the various bell techniques. In the afternoon, the group will work on music that features all of the techniques.

Enjoy your summer, and start saving for the 2014 Festival!

Sue Hahn

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Area 11 Website

www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

www.handbellmusicians.org

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Handbell Musicians of America - Area 11

Area 11 Festival/Conference

ELEVATIONS!

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June 19-22, 2014

Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado

FACULTY

Debbie Rice

Twin Cities Bronze

Marilyn Lake

Monica McGowan

Registration, class descriptions and pre-registration for classes available Fall 2013

Festival Registration Fee:

Double occupancy \$545.00

Triple occupancy \$529.00

Registration includes three nights lodging with full cooked-to-order breakfast and evening reception daily; Welcome Reception, two meals and box lunch; music and all equipment furnished. Registration also includes meeting space, classes, workshops, roundtables and educational handouts.

SATURDAY ONLY registration (\$95.00) includes meeting space, classes, workshops, roundtables, educational handouts and buffet lunch.

Watch the Area 11 website, www.area11.handbellmusicians.org for news and updates

The Wesley Bell Ringers Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

In 1963, The Wesley Bell Ringers, a music ministry of Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, UT, began with 9 youth ringers and 25 bells. They never gave any thought to how long the choir might last or to how big it might become. From the very beginning, though, it was expected that if you wanted to participate you would be dedicated to the group, commit to play handbells to the best of your ability, and most importantly, to caring for, and about, the other members of the group.



The Wesley Bell Ringers 50th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, June 29, 2013

7:30 PM

Abravanel Hall

123 South West Temple

Salt Lake City, UT

Free admission

Fast forward 50 years! The 37 current ringers are the most recent of the 473 youth who have participated in the choir. The expectations have never changed. They provided a foundation to which were added traditions, awards and travel. The choir developed a reputation for musical excellence that has, and continues to open doors to exciting opportunities.

The 48 summer tours have taken the choir to all 50 states and most of the Canadian provinces. They have performed at the US Capitol, Cathedral of the Pines National Monument, Mt. Rushmore, Disneyland and Disneyworld. The choir has par-

ticipated, as the featured choir, at numerous handbell festivals around the United States, and performed for The National Music Educators convention. Performances with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and The Utah Symphony Orchestra have been repeated honors over the choir's history.

The 50th anniversary concert includes sacred, classical, jazz and secular repertoire, including a few of the signature pieces the choir has played over the years.



Area 11 Fall Tune-Up Events

Area 11 will be holding Fall Tune-Up events in each state this fall. The Area 11 Board will handle several of the details of these events, but we are seeking members who would be willing to host this event in their city.

The duties of the site hosts are listed below, along with the details our Area 11 Board will be responsible for handling.

If you are interested in hosting this event, or for more information about hosting, contact Libbie Randels (623) 925-2320 or Jane Wolfarth (801) 865-4622.



AREA 11 Board Responsibilities

LOCAL HOST Responsibilities

Submit all paperwork to National, and make registration form	As coordinator you may appoint a committee as needed
Provide lesson plans, worksheets, evaluation forms, and support	Secure a local FREE clinician and set a date for the workshop (the Board can help you with this)
Handle all registrations and fees. All information will be sent to site coordinator via email	Venue: Secure a FREE venue, provide and set up tables and chairs, provide and set up a sound system, if needed
Order and rectify music payment to Jeffers	Music: Receive and verify music shipment
Based on site report, complete all paperwork for National	Submit site report of attendance, and evaluations to Area 11
Handle all advertising through newsletters, etc.	Contact bell friends and invite them to attend
Assign an Area 11 board member to assist	Stay in contact with sub-area chair

2013 Events



Handbell Musicians of America
NATIONAL SEMINAR
Portland, Oregon
July 24-27, 2013

DATE: JULY 24-27, 2013

LOCATION: PORTLAND, OREGON

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pre-registration is required for all classes so register early to guarantee space in the classes you want
- All-Star Choir under the direction of Fred Gramann and Debbie Rice
- Three additional ringing tracks and one new performance track
- More new classes and faculty
- Certification classes available
- Concerts by performers from around the globe
- Handbell Industry Council Exhibits, Reading Sessions and Showcases

Visit Seminar.HandbellMusicians.org for all the details and to register today!

IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!

Area 11 Young Ringers' Camp

Ages 10 (by July 1, 2013) - 18 years

July 20-24, 2013

Fort Lewis College, Durango CO

Arrive Saturday for Supper / Depart Wednesday Morning

REGISTRATION FEE = \$340 per registrant

Includes Lodging, Linens, Meals, Music Packet and
LOTS OF RINGING!

Also included: swimming, white water rafting, games, crafts,
and 'Christmas Morning' surprises!

**A non-refundable \$50 deposit per registrant
IS DUE APRIL 1, 2013.**

The balance is due May 1, 2013

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

Registration Forms are available at
www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

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**NORM HEITZ & CAROL SCHEEL
PRESENT:**



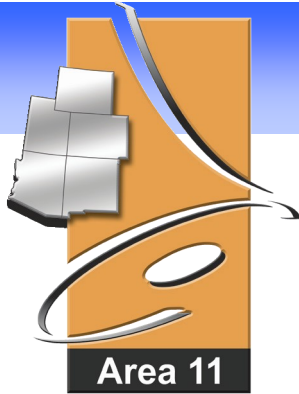
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Area 11 Concerts



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The Area 11 Concerts section will feature concerts given at Area 11 sponsored and endorsed events as well as additional concerts submitted for inclusion. *If you have a concert you would like to advertise in the Area 11 newsletter, please send the following information to Mary Moffett at Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org*

Your Name

Name of Handbell Choir/Concert Name

Handbell Musicians of America membership number

Concert Date and Time

Concert Admission Price

Concert Location

Concert Address

Contact person name and email address

E-Notes

E-notes is a wonderful short newsletter produced by our National staff each month. It can be found at <http://handbellmusicians.org/>. You can also sign up to receive it through email each month if you would like.

In addition to other articles of interest, they will feature a different member's story each month. They would love to hear from you! What handbell program you are part of; how your membership in Handbell Musicians of America has helped your handbell journey; and what inspires you as a handbell musician. It would be wonderful to read about some of our Area 11 members in *E-Notes* one day! So, submit your story today to our Regional Membership Coordinator and maybe we will see you in a future issue of

E-Notes. Members of our area should send their submissions to Ellie Hodder, ehodder@handbellmusicians.org Include your name, your home city and state, your member number, and your role in handbells. Keep your story to 300 words or less and include a photo of yourself that they can include with your story.

Deadline for July Area 11 Newsletter

June 25, 2013

Advertising deadline June 20, 2013

Email submissions to Mary Moffett at

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