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From the Chair:



When I think of summertime, I think of sunshine, swimming pools, bike rides, hiking in the mountains, gardening and cooking on the grill. My bell choir, as with many others, takes a break over the summer. In fact, I hadn't thought much about bells all summer until I attended the National Seminar in Portland last week. As always, I came away from the seminar with lots of ideas to "try out" on my ringers, and with renewed enthusiasm and excitement to start the new

ringing season in September.

Over the next couple of weeks I will be busy with planning our schedule and selecting music. I will be looking at the Area 11 calendar of events and planning what events to attend with my ringers. I will be looking at music repertoire for the spring rings and determining how to incorporate it into my ringing year.

This newsletter is full of information regarding upcoming events. Some events are still in the planning stages with more complete information to be available for the September newsletter.

I hope you will look at the Area 11 event calendar and plan to attend a Fall Tune-up, a Read and Ring, a Spring Ring or the Area 11 Festival next summer.

If you have an idea for an event you would like to see, please send me an e-mail. The Board would love to hear your ideas!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Area 11 Fall Tune-Up Events

Area 11 will be holding Fall Tune-Up events in Utah and Arizona this fall.

These events are wonderful opportunities to learn and/or brush up on ringing and percussive techniques as your choir begins a new season of ringing.

The first Fall Tune-Up Event will be held in Lehi, Utah on **Saturday, September 21** at Lehi High School. The Bells on Temple Square will be conducting workshops on the following:

Bass bell playing

Tinker bells (Shelley and 4-in-hand)

Movement and Dynamics

Effects (malleting techniques)

After the workshops and lunch break, there will be a Read and Ring of the Utah Spring Ring repertoire for March 2014.



Our second Fall Tune-Up Event will be held in Sun City, Arizona on **Saturday, October 19** at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City.

Session 1 will discuss and teach healthy ringing skills for bells and chimes including:

Notations and Markings

Weaving and extra bell pickups

Marking your music

Visual Effects

Session 2 will discuss and teach percussive methods including:

Mallets, marts, echoes, plucks, and vibs.

Following a lunch break, there will be a ringing session using 3 pieces of music selected to reinforce the skills covered during the technique sessions earlier that day.

More information and registration forms for each of these events can be found on the Area 11 website at <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/fall-events/>



Area 11 Festival/Conference

Update: **ELEVATIONS!**

Plans are underway for the Area 11 2014 Festival/Conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa in Loveland, Colorado from June 19-22.

Registration Forms will be available in October!

Things to do now!

- Plan to attend.
- Mark the dates on your calendar.
- Encourage others to attend.

Would you like to be considered as a member of the teaching faculty?

Send information to Co-Event Planner, Claudette Rothwell at claudette.rothwell@gmail.com

Include:

1. Your name
2. Contact information
3. At least two (2) Handbell Musicians of America references
4. Name of class
5. Class description and length
6. Special equipment or requirements for the class

Is there a class/topic that you would like to have offered? Let Claudette know!

The deadline for faculty and class idea submissions to Claudette is September 1, 2013.



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River City Radical Ring Event

Our Desert Sub-area chair, Libbie Randels, shares her experience attending this wonderful handbell event

I live in Phoenix, and it's HOT in the summer.....but the "HOTTEST" place to be on June 28 and 29 was Omaha, NE at the River City Radical Ring Event! We spent 2 full days rehearsing 12 pieces of music and ended with a concert on Saturday night. I reunited with bell friends that I had met at Distinctly Bronze West and met a whole new crew of friends from ALL OVER four different states! My bell neighbor on the left was from Alaska and works the Iditarod in the winters (brrrr) and my roommate was from Wisconsin, and less than half my age! Linda Ashley, from the River City Ringers and our host, provided all the equipment and fed us like queens! Larry Sue, of Low Ding Zone (in northern CA) and accomplished composer fame, was our clinician. We laughed and rang and then did it some more...I had a BALL (or a ringing good time if you are into puns). One of the highlights was that Cathy Moklebust drove up from Iowa to hear us ring two of her songs (the scary part was that she sat right in front of me)...and then joined us for dinner. Bell people are wonderful!



Omaha is way out of my Area 11 geographic, but I heard about the ring at another festival and really wanted to ring under Larry. So I searched it out and went. Handbell Musicians of America offers all kinds of things to attend, local and in other places. If you are visiting family or vacationing in another area, look them up and see if something's going on, or better yet, find an event that you would

like attend and plan a vacation! Are you looking at our Area 11 website and newsletter to see what we might offer? I am looking forward to the Fall-Tune Ups that are to be offered and the Read and Rings in February and of course I can't WAIT for our Summer 2014 Festival in Colorado! So many opportunities to ring and meet new friends. My bumper sticker says "I ❤️ HANDBELLS" and I really do! See you (or meet you) in Loveland in 2014!

Libbie Randels

If you have attended a Handbell Musicians of America event and would like to share your story in an upcoming newsletter, contact Mary Moffett at Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org.



Deadline for September Area 11 Newsletter
August 25, 2013
Advertising deadline
August 20, 2013

Email submissions to Mary Moffett at
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Dinner with friends, including Cathy Moklebust and Larry Sue