



# Handbell Musicians OF AMERICA

## Area 11

# Newsletter

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## From the Chair:



Good morning, Area 11!

I'm sitting here this morning looking out at snow which has been around for more than a week now! In Colorado, it's only supposed to stay a couple of days. Where is Spring?

We just received notification from Amazon that our "Smile" account generated less than \$5.00 this quarter! I know you all order through Amazon. By using Amazon Smile for your shopping, you can help us fund our Young Ringers Camp, which will be occurring in the mountains of Colorado in June. When you use Amazon Smile, there are no additional charges for your items (no extra shipping, no extra anything). Please

use this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/85-0347083>. All of your eligible shopping will benefit Area 11 (don't be surprised – it will show up as *Area Xi American Guild of English Handbell Ringers* – it's all the same). It's a painless way to encourage the youth of Area 11 to become lifelong ringers and supporters of our art!

That leads right into reminders for Young Ringers Camp to be held at Snow Mountain Ranch (YMCA of the Rockies) in June. Look for details in this newsletter. Please help us spread the word. If you have (or know of) youth choirs in your locale, make sure they are aware of this awesome opportunity to work with Marilyn Lake and Bonnie Tranby (check out their bios at the Young Ringers Camp tab on the website). If a whole choir cannot come, check with Claudette Rothwell on how to send a smaller group or even an individual ringer. Discounted fees are in affect right now. This is one of the hidden gems offered by your Area 11 Board of Directors.

Finally, check into the Spring Ring opportunities being offered in March and April all around Area 11. These are smaller, lower cost events designed to develop ringers in the art of handbell ringing. Almost all have classes on techniques, mass ringing, and high caliber clinicians. Check out the events tab on the website to find a Spring Ring near you.

Happy ringing . . .

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[www.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.handbellmusicians.org)

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Check out our Calendar [here](#) to see what's planned in Area 11.



*Young Ringers Camp 2015 is just around the corner!*

# Rockin' and Ringin' on the Ranch

with clinicians Marilyn Lake and Bonnie Tranby

**We're all about that Bass. . .BELL!  
And that Drum**

**And that Fun**

**And that Treble!**

Area 11 invites you to

## **Young Ringers Camp**

**Ages 10-18**

**June 14-18, 2015**

**Snow Mountain Ranch**

**Winter Park, Colorado**

**Register by March 15, 2015**

**and save \$75!**

**Come enjoy plenty of ringing, a talent show,  
games, crafts, a challenge course, campfires,  
hiking, and making new friends!**

**For more information and to register, click [here](#)**





# Rockin' and Ringin' on the Ranch

*Young Ringers Camp June 14-18, 2015*

**THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS.....we are less than 100 days away from the experience of a lifetime at our Area 11 Young Ringers Camp!** Snow Mountain Ranch is the place to be, where something new and exciting will be happening, because you know.....**We're all about that Bass...BELL, and that drum, and that fun, and that treble!** Read on to see what other young ringers have had to say about previous Young Ringer Camps.

*Bell camp to me means meeting people who share the same love for handbells as I do! The experience that you receive at bell camp is priceless! The people you meet, all the new techniques that are available for us to learn, the recreation, and much more! I always look forward to seeing all of my friends that I have made at previous bell camps! Bell camp is one that I look forward to the most during my summers! Kaitlyn – Age 17*

*Best bell camp ever! Handbell ringers are amazing and there are not many people who can do what we do. I learned to believe in myself and know that I CAN DO IT!! Austin – Age 10*

*Camp was great. I have never seen so many kids be so different and still come together to make such amazing music. The time I had was great. So many memories made in 4 days. I look forward to the next one. I hope all the same people come and more. Casey – Age 14*

*Bell camp was a lot of fun this year! I loved meeting new people but still having time to be with my old friends. I loved mass ringing and ensemble work, and I especially loved meeting so many young, passionate people. I'm glad to know that there are other teens as excited about ringing as I am. I hope to see all of them again, and ring with them too! Katie – Age 15*

*Bell Camp has been great! I've made new friends and learned new strategies with bells and chimes. Thank you sooooo much. I had sooooo much fun! Brianna – Age 11*

*This is my second time to come to camp and it was really fun this year! I learned to do four-in-hand! JayCee – Age 13*

*Camp was awesome! This was my first year and it was really fun! A lot of people made the camp even more fun and special, but also very memorable. Everyone encouraged me! My favorite part was ringing bells all the time and getting to have the experience of a life time. I LUV BELLS! Jenny – Age 12*

**Come experience the creativity and FUN of Young Ringers Camp this summer!**

**A deposit of \$50 will hold your spot with the balance due by May 1, and remember that full choirs are not necessary!**

**Families are encouraged to plan a family vacation around Young Ringers Camp.**

**Check out <http://snowmountainranch.org/> to see what kinds of accommodations are available for families. Snow Mountain Ranch has so much to offer - horseback riding, hiking, biking and much more!**

**See you on the Ranch June 14-18, 2015!**

**Registration Fee: \$300 per camper if registered by March 15, 2015**

**\$375 per camper if registered after March 15, 2015**

**The Registration Fee includes:**

**Meals: Sunday dinner - Thursday lunch**

**Four nights lodging**

**Music packet**

**All activities**

Click [here](#) to register!



## 2015 Area 11 Events

*Information about all of our Area 11 events can be found at:*

<http://area11.hanbellmusicians.org/events-4/events/>



### Utah Spring Ring

**Date:** March 7, 2015

**Clinician:** Jason Wells

**Location:** Riverton, Utah

For more information and the registration form, click [here](#).



### Wyoming Spring Ring

**Date:** April 10-11, 2015

**Clinician:** Michael Glasgow

**Location:** Casper, Wyoming

For more information, click [here](#).



### Ring in Spring in Colorado

**Date:** April 17-18, 2015

**Clinician:** David Harris

**Location:** Golden, Colorado

For more information and the registration form, click [here](#).



### Arizona Spring Ring

**Date:** April 18, 2015

**Clinician:** Monica McGowan

**Location:** Sun City, Arizona

For more information and the registration form, click [here](#).



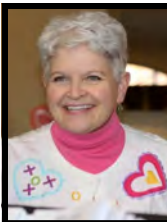
### New Mexico Spring Ring

**Date:** April 25, 2015

**Clinician:** Tammy Waldrop

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

For more information and the registration form, click [here](#).



### Young Ringers Camp

**Date:** June 14-18, 2015

**Clinicians:** Marilyn Lake and Bonnie Tranby

**Location:** Snow Mountain Ranch in Winter Park, Colorado

For more information and the registration form, click [here](#).



**Register for Young Ringers Camp by March 15 to save \$75!**



## *Area 11 Festival/Conference 2016*



### Little America Hotel Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mark your calendars *NOW* to attend!  
Watch for more information by going  
to [www.area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area11.handbellmusicians.org)

## **Boots & Bells**

2016 Area 11 Festival / Conference  
June 9-12, 2016



# WANTED

## **LOGO for our 2016 Area 11 Festival / Conference!**

### **Announcing LOGO Contest for 2016 Festival**

***Winner will receive \$100 discount on Festival Registration!!!***

**Contest deadline is April 15, 2015**

***“Boots & Bells”*** is the theme, and now it is your turn to put your creativity to work!  
Submit your ideas for our logo to be used in all Festival publicity and for our Festival pins.  
Winning logo will be chosen by the 2016 Festival Committee.

Logo can be submitted as a drawing or in digital format.  
Winning logo becomes the property of Area 11 and will be submitted to  
Symbol Arts Company for final digitizing, coloring and sizing.

Logo must have the following info to be considered:

**Area 11  
Handbell Musicians of America  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
2016 or June 2016**

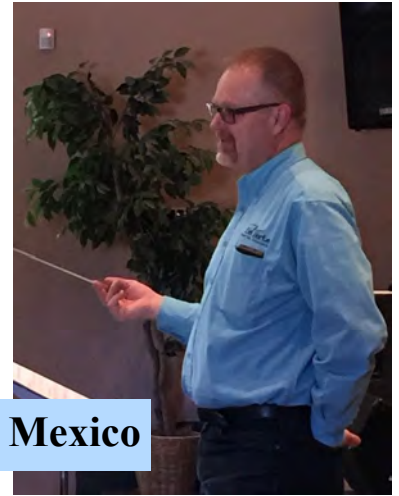
Please send logos to Claudette Rothwell at:  
163 West 4800 South, Ogden, UT 84405 or [claudette.rothwell@gmail.com](mailto:claudette.rothwell@gmail.com)



## *Ringin' Around Area 11 Area-wide Read and Ring*



**Albuquerque, New Mexico**



The third annual Area 11 Area-wide Read and Ring was held on Saturday, February 7 in several locations around Area 11.

The participants in each location had a wonderful time sightreading a great variety of handbell pieces and visiting with fellow handbell ringers! Enjoy a few pictures on the next two pages from four of our 13 venues this year.



**Phoenix, Arizona**



**Do you know a  
school teacher or  
church musician?**  
Will you make a point  
to inform him/her of  
our CHIME loan  
program?

The deadline to apply  
for the 2015-2016  
school year is May 15.

Details can be found  
on the Area 11 website

[http://  
area11.handbellmusicians.org/  
education/handchime-grant-  
program/](http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/education/handchime-grant-program/)





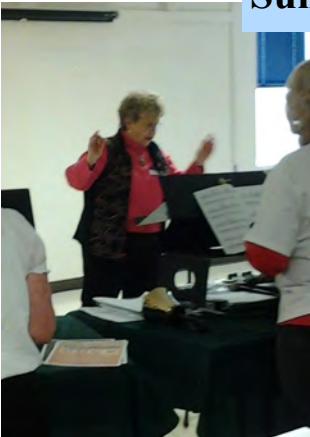
*Ringling Around Area 11  
Area-wide Read and Ring*



**Sandy, Utah**



**Sundance, Wyoming**





## *Message from Shannon Casey, Area 11 Chair-elect*

We'd like to remind you of the great new benefits to being a member of Handbell Musicians of America. First is the new Member Referral Program. For each new member that you sign up, you will get "Handbell Bucks" that you can use toward your membership or towards national events.

This is a fantastic way to get people involved and expand our membership ranks! Check out the details here: <http://handbellmusicians.org/bucks/> If you have questions, please let me know.

The other new feature is Member Chats. The March member chat will be on March 15 with National Board President, Ed Rollins. Visit <http://handbellmusicians.org/memberchats-and-membernote/>

As the year begins, I am looking at forming a Membership Committee for Area 11. Ideally, there would be 1-2 people from each state that can help contact bell choirs in the area and encourage people to become members or renew memberships. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact me at [chairelect.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chairelect.area11@handbellmusicians.org). This is a great way to get involved with the Area and learn more about Handbell Musicians of America.

Shannon Casey  
Chair Elect  
Membership Chair  
Area 11  
Handbell Musicians of America



# Earn Rewards for Sharing Your Love of Handbells

For every **NEW MEMBER** you refer, you will earn valuable **HANDBELL BUCKS**

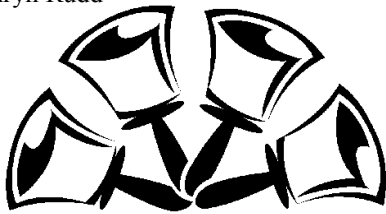
**Redeem your Bucks toward membership dues and event registration**

Details at [HandbellMusicians.org/bucks](http://HandbellMusicians.org/bucks)  
Restrictions Apply



## Fall Handbell Workshop

The Bells of the Rockies handbell ensemble hosted a half day handbell techniques workshop this past fall in Greeley, Colorado. The workshop started with a short concert presented by Bells of the Rockies. Technique *break out sessions* presented were: beginning 4 in hand, advanced 4 in hand, score study, performance and musicianship. Ringers were then given the opportunity to practice learned skills in a massed ringing session directed by Michael Kastner. *Forty-eight* ringers attended the event. it was a fun afternoon for everyone!  
Kathryn Rudd



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## Additional Area 11 Happenings



***Shopping and Donating to Area 11 in one Easy Step --***

***And it doesn't add any money to your purchase!***

If you shop through Amazon.com, you can help the Area 11 Youth Fund by simply logging on through their AmazonSmile program and doing your shopping as usual. It doesn't take any extra time since the link below will take you right to the AmazonSmile page that shows Area 11 as the designated charity. It doesn't cost any extra money either, but a small percentage of your purchase total will be donated to the Area 11 Youth Fund! What a great way to donate to our Area! Your friends and family can do it as well! Simply log on to AmazonSmile to begin your shopping at

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### **Blast from the Past!**

Pictures from Young Ringers Camp 2011 and 2013!



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May Area 11  
Newsletter is  
April 25, 2015  
Advertising deadline is  
April 20, 2015  
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