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From the Chair:



May is a busy month for most of us. Many of us are putting the finishing touches on music for spring concerts or May performances. The school year is winding down. Most church choirs take a break over the summer. Most groups are not thinking past the end of May. However, your Area 11 Board is busy with finalizing classes and schedules for *Elevations!*, the Area 11 Festival in June in Loveland, CO. It is not too late to sign up! The deadline is May 15th. Can't attend all four days? Consider coming on Saturday. There is a Saturday-only registration option this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

The deadline to apply for the Chime Loan program for 2014-15 is also May 15th. [Click here](#) for information and the application.

Fall events are also in the planning stages. Check the [website](#) periodically throughout the summer for more details. Save these dates!

September 20th

Utah Fall Tune-up

Salt Lake City (Davis High School)
Clinicians: Bells on Temple Square

October 3-4th

Rhythm and Movement Workshop

(for ringers and directors)
Denver, CO
Clinician: Michael Joy

October 10-11th

Fall Event in Phoenix, Arizona

Clinician: Doug Benton

November 7-8th

WyoRing

Torrington, WY
Clinician: TBA

Would you like to see a fall event in your community? Send me an email with your interests and ideas.
Have a wonderful summer!

Sue Hahn

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See you in Loveland!

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www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

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www.handbellmusicians.org

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

ELEVATIONS! Area 11 Festival / Conference



ELEVATIONS!

2014 Area 11 Festival / Conference

June 19-22, 2014

Embassy Suites Hotel

Loveland, Colorado

Registration Payment is due in full by May 15, 2014

A wonderful list of FAQ can also be found on the website, as well as the track descriptions by lead clinician, Debbie Rice.

[Click here](#) to visit the website for all the Festival information!

What do I need to bring to Elevations!!!

- a table-top/stand up/folding 3-ring music binder
- mallets for your ringing assignment. Ringing assignments will be released soon, pending confirmations of equipment. Once the assignments have been made, they will be posted on the Area 11 website.
- gloves – can be black, white, or whatever! You will use 'loaner' equipment – gloves are required.
- comfortable clothing and shoes
- some cash/credit card!!! There will be fun stuff and necessities available for purchase. Be prepared to SHOP!
- energy for fellowship and friendship and an attitude and openness for learning and returning home a better and improved handbell musician

Equipment Needed for Elevations!

Bells and Chime sets needed for Elevations!!!

One of the unique features of *Elevations!!!* is that there is nothing to do but get there; ring, learn, and fellowship; then return home a better handbell musician. Nothing to schlep but your suitcase, gloves, mallets and a black folding binder.

It's time to identify equipment that is available to loan to Area 11 for *Elevations!!!* You may deliver equipment to the Embassy Suites Loveland or Area 11 will make arrangements to pick up and return the loaned equipment to you. Complete and return the Loaner/Borrowed Equipment Form found [here](#) and forward to events@area11.handbellmusicians.org. We will contact you to confirm dates and times.

Twin Cities Bronze will soon launch their summer concert tour to Colorado with music that elevates each season.

"Peak Season" will be the featured showcase concert for **ELEVATIONS!** Handbell Musicians of America Area 11 Festival/Conference. The concert will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 8:00pm in the Canyon Maple Ballroom located in the Loveland, Colorado Embassy Suites. The concert and reception to follow is open to the public. Admission is \$10 and tickets are available at the door. Admission is free for full Festival Registrants. Other concert locations are New Brighton, MN; Des Moines, IA; Lincoln, NE; North Platte, NE, and Torrington, WY. Visit the Twin Cities Bronze website, www.twincitiesbronze.org for all the latest updates on their 2014 concert tour.



ELEVATIONS!

Festival Schedule

What's Happening at ELEVATIONS! in June?

We've got a wonderful line-up to fill each day with fabulous classes, rehearsals, socializing, and more! Check the schedule below! While the Festival Schedule is subject to change, this will give you a great idea of what's in store! A final schedule will be included in the Registration Packet.

If you would like Area 11 Festival logo products (shirts, mugs, water bottles, tote bags, etc), you may order items now. Ordering information can be found [here](#).

Thursday, June 19

Registration Opens 11:00 am

Noon -- Classes and rehearsals begin!

4:30-6:00 pm ***Dinner on your own***

6:00 pm – Welcome and Opening Bell

8:00 pm “Peak Season” Twin Cities Bronze Showcase Concert followed by gala reception

Friday, June 20

8:00 am – Ring in the Atrium

Classes and Rehearsals

12:15-1:30 pm ***Lunch on your own***

Classes and Rehearsals

6:00-7:30 pm ***Dinner on your own***

Rehearsals and Reading Sessions

Saturday, June 21

7:30 am - Registration for Saturday ONLY attendees

8:00 am - Classes and Rehearsals

Noon - Lunch

1:30-2:15pm Solo/Showcase concert

Classes and Rehearsals

7:00 pm-9:00 pm Ring of Fame Banquet followed by “Handbell Speed Dating!”

Sunday, June 22

8:00 am Worship Service

Rehearsals

11:00 am – 12:45pm Lunch

Check-out by noon

Final Rehearsal

3:00 pm Closing Concert and Closing Bell



Area 11 CHIME Loan Program

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/education/handchime-grant-program/>

WANTED

You...

to help spread the word to public and private school teachers and church musicians that Area 11 has seven sets of 3 octave chimes to loan for the next school year!

Tell them that past recipients have introduced chimes to their students, giving them a rewarding new experience. Tell them that
“Teachers call it learning; students call it FUN!”

In the March issue of our Area 11 newsletter, we featured wonderful stories and pictures from 3 teachers in our area that were recipients of the Chime Loan program this past year. If you missed it, you can read it [here](#) or share it with a teacher or church musician you know!

Our past experience tells us that getting the information about this opportunity to possible recipients is a challenge. Please help us place our loaner chimes where students can find the fun in ringing and perhaps even later become members of bell choirs in Area 11.

One former chime recipient said, “Using the hand chimes sparked interest in students to try music again. I think this program is wonderful!”

If you would like to apply for the CHIME loan program for the 2014-2015 school year, or know a teacher who could enrich their music program with the use of the chimes, visit our website for the application. Applications are found [here](#) and must be submitted by May 15.

Area 11 Spring Events



Sixteen public school, church and community choirs recently had a wonderful experience at the annual **Utah Spring Ring**. Lara Kimball and members of her Jordan High School Bell Choir hosted the event, helping to direct traffic, serve breakfast, and tear down after the afternoon concert. A total of 261 ringers spent March 8th working under dynamic guest conductor Michael J. Glasgow, who flew in from Raleigh, North Carolina.

After the set-up and breakfast, Michael started the choirs off with yoga-inspired warm-ups, and then jumped into rehearsing the pieces for the concert. Michael kept the ringers energized and engaged throughout the long practice sessions with advice on ringing techniques, counting, and malleting, always with a sense of humor.

The well-attended 5pm concert started with the intricate, attention-grabbing *Dorian Dance*. Davis High School, the Bells of Joyful Sound, the Wesley Bell Ringers and the Bells on Temple Square performed solo pieces, and the massed choirs rang five more numbers. Highlights of the concert included the contemplative arrangement of “Jesus Loves Me,” with Linda Bowe on the piano, and the toe-tapping spiritual “Keep Your Lamps.” One unexpected high point of the concert was a power outage. Michael leaped in to take questions from the audience in the darkness, running around the bleachers and engaging the spectators with witty remarks. A personal musical favorite of many of the ringers was Michael’s arrangement of Katy Perry’s “Firework,” with community members on electric bass, guitar, and synthesizer. In addition, handbell conductor Andrew Smith provided his drum talent. This rockin’ piece concluded the concert on a high note! Positive feedback from the participants and audience members reflected the conductor’s own experience. After the show, Michael called the Spring Ring “a delightful event” and commended Utah’s “amazingly well-prepared ringers.” We look forward to gathering again on March 7th, 2015, at Riverton High School, under the direction of clinician Jason Wells!

~ Jane Wolfarth



Area 11 Spring Events



The Northern Colorado Spring Ring was held on Saturday, March 8 at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Loveland, CO with 143 ringers from 12 choirs from Colorado and Wyoming. Thanks especially to our very talented clinician, Monica McGowan for a wonderfully successful NOCO festival! Monica started the day off with warm-up exercises and stretching. Throughout the day, she was able to keep the ringers inspired and on task and learn a piece with really difficult meters and have it ready to ring by the concert that afternoon.

Music selections included: *Grazioso* by Arnold Sherman, *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* by Cathy Moglebust, *Toccatto for a Joyous Day* by Paul R. McKlveen, *This Is My Father's World* by Cathy Moglebust, *Contemplations on Ubi Caritas* by Catherine McMichael, and *Exultate* by Josh Bauder.

In addition, two youth handbell choirs performed solos during the concert. The ROCKn Ringers from Immanuel Lutheran Church performed *Pirates of the Caribbean* and Ring Tones from Risen Savior Lutheran Church performed *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*.

Thank you to the NOCO Committee: Anne Kleve- Chair, Kathy Schlecht, Linda Larson, Miriam Lindahl and Sue Hahn- Area 11 Chair, for their hard work. Can't wait for 2016!
~ Anne Kleve and Sue Hahn



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We were delighted to welcome J.D. Frizzell and 105 ringers from Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming for the **Wyoming Spring Ring** on April 4-5, and Jane Wolfarth, Mountain Sub-Area Chair, representing Area 11. We had included J D Frizzell's "For The Beauty Of The Earth," in past festivals, and we were glad to add his "Lamentation" and "Easter Triumph." We enjoy learning about the pieces from the composer, and we especially enjoyed the moment when he said, "OK, J.D. the Director is asking J.D. the Composer – "Why did you do that?" concerning a certain key change that was tricky to negotiate! J.D. Frizzell was a fine communicator, and his technique workshop was valuable.

Michael Kastner's Bells of the Rockies performed "Prelude on 'Herzliebster Jesu'" arr. Fred Gramann, and Kastner did a beautiful solo ring on Bach's "Arioso." Carolyn Deuel's Phoenix Ringers enjoyed playing "Pirates Of The Caribbean," and the other two mass numbers were Gramann's "Celebration" and McChesney's "Holy, Holy, Holy" with brass quintet and roto toms. 150 audience members thoroughly enjoyed the concert!

Michael J. Glasgow will be our Guest Director for the 2015 Wyoming Spring Ring April 10-11 at Casper's Best Western Ramkota. We would love to have you join us! For more information, contact Carolyn Deuel, ARTCOREWY@aol.com.

~ Carolyn Deuel



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Twelve directors from Arizona, and Russell from Montana, met on Friday and Saturday, April 4 & 5 in Goodyear, Arizona at the **Directors' Seminar** to learn the 3 Ps of being a director from none other than Tammy Waldrop. We did a "specialized" Read & Ring that included Tammy teaching us how to **p**osturize and **p**erfect a piece **p**ersonalizing it. What an experience!!!!...up close and personal with Tammy Waldrop! We rang, we learned and we laughed...what a great way to spend a weekend! Now home to put into practice the 3 Ps of being a director....my choirs will never be the same.

~ Libbie Randels



Seminar participants enjoying a meal together during the seminar



New Area 11 Officers Announced

Area 11 recently held elections to fill the positions of Chair-elect and Secretary/Treasurer. We are pleased to announce that **Shannon Casey** has been elected to serve as our new Chair-elect and **Janet Lake** has been elected to the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Each of them will begin serving in their new positions in September 2014.



Additional Area 11 Happenings



The Wesley Bell Ringers from Christ UMC in Salt Lake City will be performing on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Green Mountain United Methodist Church located at:

12755 W. Cedar Drive
Lakewood, CO 80228
303-989-3727

Admission is free, but a free will offering will be collected.

This is the first stop for the 2014 tour of the Wesley Bell Ringers; the concert will feature 30 teenaged ringers, playing more than 225 handbells and handchimes.

Director of Handbell Ensembles Needed: Bethany Lutheran Church is seeking an experienced director to lead its bell program. Bethany is a leading congregation of the ELCA, with a large and active traditional music program. Our bell ensembles practice once a week from September through May, and typically perform once or twice a month. We have a full set of recently refurbished Malmark bells, as well as handchimes, and excellent rehearsal facilities. Position open beginning August 2014. Interested applicants, please contact Rick Seaton, Director of Music, email rick@bethany-denver.org.

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We have added a sub list to our Area 11 Facebook page. If you would like to be included on this sub list, send Jane Wolfarth your contact info and preferred bells played to mountain.area11@handbellmusicians.org.



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The Area 11 Board would like to know where all the bells are within our Area — including those closeted bells! Do you know of any church or school that may have bells stored in a closet that they are not currently using? Or a church that has a handbell choir that we haven't heard about yet? Would you be willing to help by making some phone calls to churches within the area?

Contact Jeannine Holt at

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This is the beginning of something new for the Area 11 Newsletter. Beginning this year, the newsletter will be published on a bi-monthly basis, with issues in January, March, May, July, September, and November.



**Deadline for July Area 11
Newsletter is
June 25, 2014**

**Advertising deadline is
June 20, 2014**

**Email submissions to
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