



Newsletter



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From the Chair:



Hello Area 11! This spring sure has been busy so far with Spring Rings in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming! There are some great pictures from those events in this issue. Coming up on May 6th is the New Mexico Spring Ring with Michael Kastner. Check out information about Young Ringers Camp that is coming up in June.

There is a fantastic article from Libbie Randels about great youth music program in Carefree, AZ. They are applying for the Area 11 Chime

loan program and looking to buy some chimes as well.

Speaking of the Area 11 Chime Loan program, the application deadline is fast approaching. Check out the information as we celebrate 10 years of the Chime loan program in Area 11. See if any schools or youth programs in your area would like to apply for this great program.

I hope your spring concert programs are going well and that you are thinking about attending National Seminar in Anaheim in July! I would love to see as many Area 11 folks as possible at National Seminar and get a great photo of all of us!

Happy Ringing!

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Accepting Submissions for Special Feature Articles

If you and/or your choir would like to share an event you have participated in or organized, we would love to feature you in our Area 11 Newsletters. If you would like to submit an article, send your submissions, including any pictures you have, to Mary Moffett at Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org. We're looking forward to hearing about the wonderful things happening with the handbell ringers in Area 11!

Read this issue's special feature article on page 3!

Special Feature Articles may be sent at any time and will be included in any future issue of our Area 11 Newsletter. You will receive an email telling you in which issue your article will be featured.

Handchime Loan Applications being accepted NOW

CELEBRATING 10 Years



Our CHIME loan program is now in its 10th year of providing school teachers and church musicians the opportunity to give children a fun-filled music experience by borrowing 3 octaves of chimes and all the teaching material needed from Area 11 – free of charge!

If you would like to apply for the CHIME loan program for the 2017-2018 school year, OR if you know someone who might be interested, tell them about this amazing opportunity! We have seven sets available to loan!

If you would like to read about some of this year's recipients' experiences, you can find their short articles in our March issue of the Area 11 newsletter on pages 3-4. Find the newsletter by clicking the following link <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/files/2011/11/Area-11-Newsletter-March-2017.1.pdf>

Here's what the students have said:

"I like playing chimes with my friends because I get to spend time with them and play music at the same time."

"I love when we get in sync and our arms all move together like a giant octopus dancing or something."

"I learned how to hold two notes in *one* hand! I'm pretty awesome at it too."

"When we performed together in front of all the people, it was so much fun. I want to do it again if the teachers will let us."

**Handchime Loan Applications are being accepted
for the 2017-2018 school year!**

Visit our website at

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

for the application and for more information.

***Applications are
due by May 15.***



Jubilate Performing Arts, Handbell Ringers of Sun City, and Praise Ringers of Christ are bringing music to children in Arizona

Many school districts across America are eliminating music in their curriculum. Arizona, where I live, is at the top of that list. So, how do we reach children and youth to bring music into their lives? And the second question is how do bells fit into this? Handbell Ringers of Sun City and the Praise Ringers of Christ Presbyterian Church found one organization dedicated to just that: Jubilate Performing Arts at Christ Anglican Church in Carefree, AZ! The Praise Ringers loaned bells and chimes and the Ringers of HBRSC (Jane Edwards and Michele Southerland) spent part of a morning ringing with the children from the ages of 4 – 12.



Laya Field and Raymond LaFleur coordinate the program. (www.cccgaz.org). They offer three semesters of classes and a Performing Arts Camp in the Summer. The classes vary from 8-12 week courses, to a single Saturday workshops, to week long workshops of morning classes. The Jubilate program is open, not only to church members, but is an outreach to the community. The Musical Curriculum includes: ear training, music theory, sight singing, harmonization, and the technical mastery of voice or instrument. The choral music is a mixture of both sacred and secular works. The Performing Arts classes focus on the fundamentals of acting onstage. Private lessons or classes in acting, violin, voice, guitar, ukelele, percussion and piano are also offered.

The morning we joined them, there were 15 kids in the orchestra ranging from 6-12. I was amazed at the quality of the music they were producing. After orchestra rehearsal they moved to the bells. Parents were there to help and we explored the physics of sound, the 3 S's (stance, seat and strike) of bell ringing, and of course playing. Even the little guys, with help from Mom, got into this. For the finale they playing chords on the chimes, and Laya played the melody on violin. This was an incredible experience for all! The kids and parents were so entranced with the bells, they wanted to know how to proceed. Of course I told them about the chime loan program we (Area 11) offer, but more than that, they want their own. So we will get the loan process started with the application (www.area11.handbellmusicians.org or 516colds@gmail.com) and then on to the purchase of chimes. I think with the turn out, they will definitely need 2 sets!

As Handbell Musicians of America we are each charged with introducing our youth to the art of handbell ringing. We should be checking out programs, like Laya's, and providing an introduction to the wonder and joy of ringing. I challenge each of us to find, or even start such a program!

Submitted by Libbie Randels



Spring Ring Events Around the Area

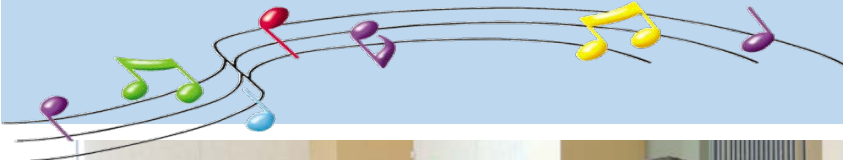
Utah Spring Ring

March 11, 2017
with Tim Waugh



Colorado Ring in Spring

March 25, 2017
with Doug Benton





Handbell Musicians of America Membership

Area 11 Welcomes our New and Renewing Members

Jane Chavers,CO
Ben Purvis,CO
Marcia Rainey,CO
Raymond Ryder,CO
Marta Neill,CO
Ann Sturm,CO
Dianna Gragert,CO
Gina Williams,CO
Deanna Daniel,CO
Louise Semino,CO



**10-Day Panama
Canal Cruise**

January 2019



More details are coming soon. Receive the latest information by joining our mailing list at:

www.bellsofthecascades.org/signup

Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and start planning for

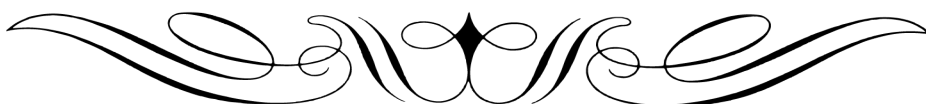
PANAMA!

Bells of the Cascades

Membership in Handbell Musicians of America...

- Gives you opportunities to connect and form life-long friendships with other handbell musicians.
- Provides you with unparalleled access to opportunities for learning from the most innovative, talented and knowledgeable people in the art.
- Makes you an integral part of an organization that is THE principal voice of the handbell/handchime art form and is dedicated to advancing the art through education, community and communication.

We can do together what no one can do alone.



Area 11 Upcoming Events

For additional information about each event on this page, visit our Area 11 website at <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/events/>

Young Ringers Camp Can't Stop the Ringin'

Date: June 11-15, 2017

Clinicians: Alex Guebert and Marilyn Lake

Location: Snow Mountain Ranch



New Mexico Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2017

Clinician: Michael Kastner

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Area 11 Festival 2018

Albuquerque, New Mexico

June 21-24, 2018

Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque

More information will be coming soon!



**Save
the
Date!**

An advertisement for The Bellman's 30th anniversary sweepstakes. It features a close-up of hands playing handbells. The text includes: "THE BELLMAN", "Serving America's most discriminating ringers since 1987", "30th ANNIVERSARY", "HANDBELL SERVICE SWEEPSTAKES", "YOU could be one of 30 Winners of Free Handbell Service just for registering, with no purchase necessary.", "We're celebrating our 30th anniversary, an accomplishment of which we are very proud. To say thank you for your 30 years of patronage and loyalty we're giving away free handbell service.", "REGISTER at TheBellman.com Today!", "Onsite services for American-made handbells available from coast to coast.", "800-375-BELL 888-311-9955", "Void where prohibited.", and a Facebook logo.

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A community handbell choir

Can't Stop the Ringin'

Young Ringers Camp

Guest Clinicians ~ Alex Guebert and Marilyn Lake

Registration Fee \$300 before March 31, 2017; \$375 after March , 2017

\$50 non-refundable deposit per registrant is required at time of registration.

The balance is due no later than May 1, 2017

Registration Fee Includes: Lodging, Linens, All Meals – Sunday Dinner through Thursday Lunch, Music Packet, Camp T-shirt, Challenge Course, Camp Activities



Handbell Musicians of America • Area 11
Snow Mountain Ranch • Granby, Colorado

June 11-15, 2017

We're so excited for this Young Ringers Camp next month!
We'll take lots of pictures to share with those who
could not join us this year.

Handbell Musicians of National Seminar 2017

National Seminar is coming up this July, 2017!

At National Seminar, you will have the chance to participate in educational and engaging classes; enjoy performances by some of our best choirs, ensembles and soloists; browse and shop through exhibit booths from handbell publishers, retailers, manufacturers and more.

It is also a unique opportunity to meet and network with fellow handbell musicians and develop life-long friendships with those that share your enthusiasm and passion for our art. Finally, this year you can close your week in California with a special performance at Disneyland®!

Throughout the event, there will be wonderful concerts presented by the following:

Bells of the Sound

LA Bronze

Beth Mays

Concert Bells of Concordia

Crown City Ringers

Velocity

Bells on Temple Square

Classes and Certification Classes

Classes at National Seminar cover all aspects of handbell musicianship: Techniques for treble to bass, solo to ensemble; beginning to advance conducting; handbells in worship and education; musicality, percussion, and rhythm; managing and building a handbell program; and so much more.

Tracks

These options involve cumulative learning over multiple class sessions. Participants should plan to attend all sessions included in the track.

Extra Ringing Opportunity

We've done the National Anthem in a Major League ball park. We've broken a world record. And now we bring you a chance to perform in the most magical place on earth, Disneyland®.

Stay an extra day at Seminar and participate in another truly unique opportunity The Handbell Musicians of America Spectacular will feature a concert by the Distinctly Teen Choir on Sunday, July 16. On the final song of that concert, which will be a Disney® tribute, National Seminar attendees will have the opportunity to join a massed group of ringers to play along with the teens.

Our performance will take place at the Train Station near the main entrance of Disneyland®. Those who participate in the Disneyland® Ensemble will receive music and a ringing assignment in advance to

prepare and memorize before the event. The Ensemble will rehearse with the Distinctly Teen choir during Class Session 16 at National Seminar. There is an additional charge for this opportunity.

For information about all of the wonderful things going on at National Seminar this July, including information about the classes, tracks, certification, visit Handbell Musician of America at <http://seminar.handbellmusicians.org>

We'd love to see you there!



Handbell Musicians of America
NATIONAL SEMINAR

Concerts Around Area 11

New Mexico Spring Ring Public Concert

Saturday, May 6

3:30 p.m.

St. John's Methodist Church 2626 Arizona St. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Free Admission, Free-will offering

Come "Travel" with Bells of the Rockies...bringing music of the world to you!

Sunday, May 7

4:00 p.m.

Faith United Church of Christ, 1020 Walnut St., Windsor, CO 80550

Free Admission, Free-will offering, suggested \$5.00

Bells of Joyful Sound Spring Concert

Sunday, May 7

7:00 p.m..

Hilltop United Methodist Church, 985 E. 10600 S., Sandy, Utah 84094

Free Admission

Enchantment Albuquerque Handbell Ensemble concert "Lights, Camera, Bells!" featuring movie theme songs

Sunday, May 7

Time: 4:00 p.m.

African American Performing Arts Center, 301 San Pedro Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Admission: \$10 person

The Trinity Ringers 25th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, May 7

1:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E University Blvd., Tucson, Arizona

Admission: Free-will offering

Friday, May 26, 2017: Bells on Temple Square Spring Concert, "An Expedition of Sound" featuring a variety of music

Friday, May 26

7:30 p.m.

Salt Lake City Tabernacle, Temple Square, Salt Lake City, UT 84150

Free tickets can be requested by calling 801-570-0080



Concerts Around Area 11

The Wesley Bell ringers 52nd Annual Summer Tour

Join the Wesley Bell Ringers of Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City on their 52nd annual tour through the southwestern United States. Admission is free at all concerts.

June 13, 2017

7:30

Westwood Presbyterian Church

10822 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

June 14, 2017

7:30 pm (pt)

St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church

6410 Palos Verdes Dr., Rancho Palos Verde, CA 90275

June 15, 2017

7 :30pm

Prescott United Methodist Church

505 W. Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

June 16, 2017

7:30 pm

Trinity Heights United Methodist Church

3600 N. 4th Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

June 17, 2017

6 pm

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

1431 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

June 18, 2017

7:30 pm

University United Methodist Church

2000 S. Locust Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001

June 22, 2017

7:30 pm

St. John's United Methodist Church

1200 Old Peco Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505

June 25, 2017

7:30 pm

Christ United Methodist Church

2375 East 3300 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84109

