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From the Chair:



Wow! Is it November already? I imagine most of you are deep into rehearsals for Christmas as I am. Our church is presenting *The Messiah* in its entirety (cover to cover) the first weekend in December, and our bell choir will be participating in a pre-concert as people begin arriving as much as an hour before the start. We're preparing about an hour's worth of music!

So, have you started your Christmas shopping? I have not, but I was thinking about it this morning – how Christmas shopping has changed over the years. No longer do I hit the malls or specialty stores to shop. Seems like I do a lot online now. Did you know that you can shop on Amazon.com and benefit Area 11 youth? And it doesn't cost you a thing! Here's how: when you're ready to shop at

Amazon, key in www.smile.amazon.com. That will lead you

to a screen where you can choose your charity (we want you to choose us, but there are thousands of charities listed). To get to us, key in "Area Xi American Guild of English Handbell Ringers" – notice that the "I" in XI is a lower case "i." Click on the "select" button and just continue shopping as you normally would – a few pennies of your purchase will be directed to Area 11. Lots of shoppers means lots of pennies (which turn into dollars). Your Board has designated this income to benefit the youth of the area, primarily in support of Young Ringers Camp, which will be coming up this summer at Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, Colorado. Maybe you know young people who would enjoy and benefit from camp. There's more information in this newsletter. Please pass it on to anyone you think would be interested.

From all the Board, we wish you lots of good ringing and a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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



Young Ringers Camp 2015

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

Meet our clinicians ~ Marilyn Lake and Bonnie Tranby

Marilyn Lake is an elementary music educator in the Shawnee Mission School District, located in the metro Kansas City area. She teaches private piano and preschool music, and directs two church handbell choirs as well as the Heartland Ringers, a community handbell choir. She also directs the only hand chime choir in the Shawnee Mission School District, made up of 5th and 6th grade musicians. Marilyn has degrees in Music Education and Music Therapy from the University of Kansas and a Masters in Music Education from Emporia State University. She is also certified Level One World Drumming and for the last 5 years has combined World Drumming with handbells, hauling her drums from Oregon to Arkansas and everywhere in between!

Marilyn was born and raised in Texas, mostly in the Dallas area. College took her to Kansas, where she founded several handbell choirs, and later one in California. Her talent is in building graded programs that feed on great music and great fellowship. She has two adult children, a husband of 33 years, and a spoiled Boston Terrier. In addition to ringing bells for over forty years, playing the piano and singing, she enjoys KU Basketball, quilting, reading, cooking and gardening.



Bonnie Tranby has been ringing handbells since 1986. She has been ringing with Twin Cities Bronze, one of Minnesota's premier performing ensembles, since 2004 and was recently named Associate Director. She has taught classes in bass bells, treble bells, bell trees and processions, working with young ringers, and rhythm at the local and national level. She rings with her church choir at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagan, MN. She directs three youth choirs at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley. Bonnie has started a handbell program at Edward Neill Elementary in Burnsville where she has been teaching music since 1999. She was chosen teacher of the year at her school by her fellow teachers in 2014. Bonnie earned her music education degree from North Dakota State University (go Bison!) in Fargo, ND and her masters' degree in Educational Leadership from Southwest Minnesota State University. She is looking forward to working with participants in Area 11's Young Ringers' Camp this summer!

Young Ringers Camp Registration Details

Rockin' and Ringin' 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

A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$50 per camper is due at time of registration.

Registration fee must be paid in full no later than May 1, 2015.

Click [here](#) to register!

We're all about that Bass...BELL!
and that Drum, and that Fun, and that Treble!



Ringin' Around Area 11

Area-wide Read and Ring

Join us all across Area 11 for our third annual Area-wide Read and Ring on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon!

We'll spend the morning reading and ringing a dozen or more pieces including new releases, oldies but goodies, and a few little-known gems from the handbell repertoire!

We have several locations for the event this year — choose one near you and plan to attend!

The registration form can be found at <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/events/>

Choose from one of the following locations (the address of each venue is given on the registration form).

Utah

Ogden
Sandy

Wyoming

Casper
Cheyenne
Sundance

Colorado

Colorado Springs
Broomfield
Loveland

Arizona

Flagstaff
Tucson
Sun City
2 in Phoenix

New Mexico

Albuquerque



Attending our Area-wide Read and Ring is a great opportunity to make new handbell friends in our area or meet back up with old friends, have fun spending the morning ringing together, preview music to see if you would like to purchase it for your choir, and improve your sight reading skills.

"A recent study sheds some light on (a) the age-old debate about whether sight reading is an innate ability or if it is a skill that can be developed, and (b) what factors may be related to being good at sight-reading.

Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be a clear consensus in the literature about how best to improve our sight-reading skills in the most effective way possible. But one thing that does seem clear, is that **embracing opportunities to sight read, and making a deliberate effort to practice these skills**, is just as relevant here as it is in any other area of one's musical and artistic development." ~ from the study of Wooden

"This says to me: FIND A READ AND RING NEAR YOU! SATURDAY February 7 — ALL ACROSS AREA 11!"

~ Libbie Randels, Desert Sub-area chair

Area 11 Events

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

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



WyoRing

Date: Friday-Saturday, November 7-8, 2014

Clinician: Tammy Waldrop

Location: Eastern College Auditorium in Torrington, Wyoming

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

Ringin' Around Area 11

Date: February 7, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Location: Several around Area 11

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

Utah Spring Ring

Date: March 7, 2015

Clinician: Jason Wells

Location: Riverton, Utah

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

Wyoming Spring Ring

Date: April 10-11, 2015

Clinician: Michael Glasgow

For more information will be available soon.



Ring in Spring in Colorado

Date: April 17-18, 2015

Clinician: David Harris

Location: Riverton, Utah

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 will be available soon.

New Mexico Spring Ring

Date: April 24-25, 2015

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

For more information will be available soon.



If you would like to have your Christmas concert listed on our website, visit <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/communicationsforms/eventsub2013-pdf/>

and follow the instructions for submitting an event/concert to our website.

We've also added a new **Bulletin Board** to our website where members in Area 11 can post items of handbell interest such as choirs looking for directors, choirs looking for bells, etc.

For information regarding posting to the Bulletin Board and to view it, visit

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/communicationsforms/bulletin-board/>

Fabulous Fall Events



New Mexico

The air was crisp, the trees were turning, and the mountains were gorgeous! And Thirteen of us gathered at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, New Mexico on Saturday, Oct 18 to ring bells. Can't imagine a better weekend! We worked on the basics, reviewing and learning new techniques, and working on the upcoming music for the Fall. We even talked a little bit about bell maintenance...something that tends to get neglected. Bell ringers are spectacular on so many levels, but they always want to be a better musician, not divas, and that is what makes handbell ringers in a class of their own and the Bethlehem ringers are definitely in the musician-ship mode! Of course, after a long morning of learning, laughing, and ringing,

there needs to be food....enchiladas, yummy salads, and birthday cake made the day most excellent! If you too would like to have a workshop for your group, contact your Area 11 sub-chair....and thanks Bethlehem Ringers, it was a wonderful experience for me.

Libbie Randels, Desert Sub-Area Chair



Utah

The Utah 2014-2015 handbell season started off soundly with a Saturday morning **Fall Tune-Up** hosted by Marci May and her choir at Davis High School on September 20. Forty-one ringers, ranging in age from Lehi Junior High to adults in community and church groups, gathered for classes taught by members of the Bells on Temple Square. Clinics included bass bell ringing, 4-in-hand, percussive techniques, and enhancing the visual aspect of performing. Newbies and experienced players alike expressed positive feedback for the clinicians and program, and enjoyed mingling with other Utah ringers and Area 11 Board members . Join us

next year for the 3rd Saturday in September, as we plan to make this an annual event!
Jane Wolfarth, Utah Liaison



Fabulous Fall Events



Arizona

Doug Benton, composer, arranger, and clinician....and living in our backyard (Gold Canyon, AZ), came to Sun City on Saturday, October 11 and worked with a group of 55 ringers from all over the state of Arizona, some as far away as Flagstaff. We worked on techniques and rhythms during our **Complex Rhythms Made Easy and Synchronizing Techniques** workshop. One of the key phrases we all came away with is:

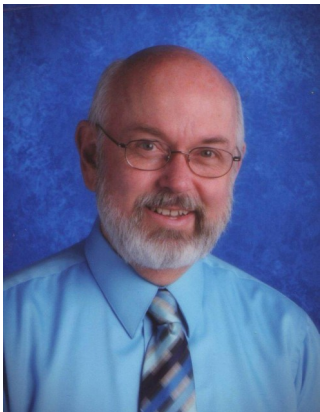


"If I count, I will get it; if I don't, I won't — it's true!" We also learned the physics of the bell sound. Some of our ringers were "old hats" at the game and some were brand new....and all had a wonderful experience and learned new ideas. It was really interesting to learn from a person who knows handbells from the very beginning of the art in the United States. He emphasized that we are musicians, not just ringers and that we are a visual art along with an auditory art. I left the workshop inspired and excited. I would encourage all ringers to participate in ANYTHING that comes your way!

Libbie Randels
Area 11 Desert Sub-area Chair



Fabulous Fall Events



Colorado

Forty people attended a workshop entitled **Fine Tuning Your Skills for a More Musical Performance** in Englewood, CO on October 3-4th with Michael Joy as the clinician.

On Friday evening, October 3rd, the topic was **Developing Rhythmic Feeling**. This class was very hands-on and movement oriented. We went out in the hall and "walked" the tempo, then added various rhythms. Then, we went back to the bell tables and rang the same rhythms. The precision when ringing certain rhythms was much different when we utilized this learning method.

Saturday's class was **What You See is What You Get!** This class was not about movement, just for movement sake, but was about how movement can impact the musicality of the piece. Michael introduced some simple language and concepts that made a huge impact on how a piece sounded.

As an instructor, Michael was very engaging and was good at adjusting the class based on what the ringers wanted. There were beginning ringers as well as very advanced ringers in the class. He was able to make the class relevant to everyone.

Comments from attendees:

I thoroughly enjoyed the Saturday workshop. The class emphasized the feeling behind the music, and how to interpret it in a musical way, with all that it implies. Michael Joy brought out new information that we don't usually get. This was not based on learning new techniques, but on getting to the heart of it all—the music itself. I loved it!

I found his material enlightening and have already used his suggestions at my church choir handbell rehearsal. His different use of vocabulary to describe movements helped me to think of movement in a different way - easier than before hearing his unique use of words. It also helped the newer ringers in my church group look better when ringing. After the warm-up session with me prior to the rehearsal, the director also noticed that the ringers were doing things like they should - without his reminding them. So, it was a huge benefit to me and the church group I'm in.

Sue Hahn, Area 11 Past Chair

VIRTUOSO

An Extraordinary Performance Experience

CLINICIAN:

Dr. William Payn

DATE:

Friday, June 12, 2015 -
Sunday, June 14, 2015

LOCATION:

Raleigh, North Carolina

Virtuoso was created by The Raleigh Ringers to be a unique opportunity for 29 advanced ringers to participate in a professional performance experience, under the baton of renowned conductor Dr. William Payn.

The three-day event will include all aspects of preparing for and presenting a formal concert, culminating in a featured performance on a concert stage as special guests during The Raleigh Ringers' Spring Concert at Meymandi Concert Hall.

Participants will be determined by an application/audition process. Deadline to apply is December 1, 2014.

Email RRadmin@rr.org for an application packet. More information can be found at www.rr.org/events/virtuoso

The Raleigh Ringers, 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613 www.rr.org 919-847-7574

Message from Shannon Casey, Area 11 Chair-elect

Happy Fall everyone! As we are moving into the holiday season, getting ready for all the family, friends, gifts, food and performances, the last thing we think about is Handbell Musicians of America Membership. This is a great time to think about it though. Consider giving a gift membership to a budding handbell musician. Know a bell choir in your area that is just starting? Talk to them about membership and the resources available from Handbell Musicians of America. Are you a retired handbell musician? Great news! We now have a membership option just for you that is only \$65 per year or \$5.75 per month. Please visit our website for more information at www.area11.handbellmusicians.org. I would love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have about membership options. Please contact me at chairelect.area11@handbellmusicians.org or call me at 520-591-5137.

Have a wonderful fall!

Shannon Casey

Chair Elect

Membership Chair

Area 11

Handbell Musicians of America

Area 11 welcomes our new
Handbell Musicians of America members:

September and October

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Deanna A Daniel from Lake George, Colorado

Kaylie Keefe from Phoenix, Arizona



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Blast from the Past!

Pictures from Young Ringers
Camp 2011 and 2013!



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