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From the Chair:



I love fall! The trees in my yard have turned colors and are now dropping their leaves. My dogs spend hours napping on the deck in the sunshine. And my bell choir is deep into rehearsals of Christmas music (and a little bit of Reformation Sunday repertoire). Everybody is so busy, but there's also a sense of renewal as we start the fall fresh from summer vacations and visions of what this year will bring.

Calling all Colorado and Wyoming Handbell Ringers: Ringers from around Colorado and Nevada have been invited to play the National

Anthem for the Denver Nuggets Basketball Game (vs. Golden State) on Sunday, November 22, at the Pepsi Center in Denver. The Star Spangled Banner (Jeffers MAG36050, arranged by John Behnke, 3-6 octaves) will be played by massed handbells at the beginning of the game. **The music must be memorized!** It's not too late to sign up.

Please call me (719-439-7954) for more complete information and to register your choirs or individual ringers as soon as possible. Our goal is at least 100 ringers – the more, the merrier!

Elsewhere in this newsletter, look for information regarding the **2016 Read & Ring**, themed this year as “**Super Bell Saturday**”! It will be the Saturday before Super Bowl Sunday, and choirs around Area 11 will be hosting ringers to read through the latest publications for handbells.

It's a great way for directors to hear new music, and it's a perfect opportunity for ringers to practice sight-reading. Would you host a Read & Ring? Contact us and we'll get the ball rolling.

Also, information about Spring Rings is beginning to show up on the website. Find something near you to participate with others in honing their ringing skills with amazing guest conductors.

Finally, look for information on Area 11's 2016 Festival, Boots & Bells, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Your Board visited the facility in September, and you're going to love the western ambience of Little America, with lots of ringing space and comfortable classrooms. There's even a golf course on site for the non-ringers in the group. Start planning now!

Jeannine

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Area 11 Website

www.area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

www.handbellmusicians.org

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

Check the website regularly for upcoming Area 11 events!



Area 11 Festival/Conference 2016

Area 11 Festival **BOOTS AND BELLS**

in Cheyenne, Wyoming
June 9-12, 2016

with

**Hart Morris
and
Timbré**



Festival Registration

We are excited to announce that registration will open soon for our Area 11 Festival, Boots and Bells!

This year we will have two options for registration.

Option 1: Mail-in registration form and pay a deposit by check, with the balance due later (as we've done in the past)

Option 2: Register online and pay with a credit card.

Registration fee (deadline is March 1, 2016) - \$380.00

If registering online with credit card, add \$15 surcharge

Late Registration (between March 1, 2016-May 1, 2016) - \$480.00

If registering online with credit card, add \$15 surcharge

Lodging is *not* included in this registration fee.

You will need to contact the hotel to make reservations.

Little America is offering a special rate to those attending our Festival.

Registrants who live outside a 50 mile radius from the hotel and choose not to stay at the Little America Hotel must pay an off-site lodging surcharge of \$100.00. This helps insure we meet our contracted room blocks, keeping all costs as low as possible

Watch for an email during the month of November with links to our website for both registration options!

RING OF FAME Nominations Now Being Accepted

In 2002, the Area 11 Board of Directors established the RING OF FAME to recognize and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the art of handbell/handchime ringing. We will be recognizing some of these exceptional members from Area 11 during the 2016 Festival in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

For more information on the Ring of Fame or to nominate someone to receive the award, visit the following page on our website.

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/about-us/ring-of-fameselection-process/>



Watch for more information
about our Festival
in upcoming newsletters
and on our website:

www.area11.handbellmusicians.org



Area 11 Events

Details and Information for each event can be found at

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



WyoRing

Date: Friday - Saturday, November 6-7, 2015

Location: Torrington, Wyoming

Clinician: LeAnna Willmore

National Anthem on Handbells at Denver Nuggets Game

Date: Sunday, November 22, 2015

Location: Denver, Colorado

Contact: Jeannine Holt JHolt2775@aol.com

or Sue Hahn suehahn1@hotmail.com for information on how to participate.

Area-wide Read and Ring "Super Bell Saturday"

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Location: Several locations around Area 11.
Check the Area 11 website for the locations as they are added.



Northern Colorado Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016

Location: Loveland, Colorado

Clinician: Michael Joy

Utah Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016

Location: Kaysville, Utah

Clinician: Amy Maakestad

Wyoming Spring Ring

Date: Friday - Saturday, April 1-2, 2016

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Clinician: Debbie Rice

Area 11 Festival "Boots and Bells"

Date: June 9-12, 2016

Location: Cheyenne, Wyoming

Clinicians: Hart Morris and Timbré

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to see additional events as they
are added!*

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Jan Powell, New Desert Sub-Area Chair

My name is Jan Powell. Playing handbells has been an important part of my life since the 1970's. I started playing handbells in the late 1970's at Rancho Bernardo Community Church and then played in the 1980's and 1990's at Hollywood Presbyterian Church. Since arriving in Sun City I first played at Faith Presbyterian Church and for the past three years at American Lutheran Church. I am also enjoying my second season playing with the Handbell Ringers of Sun City. I am fascinated by the sounds created from the different handbell techniques and playing in musical groups.

I was born and spent my early years in Mattoon, Illinois before moving to Arcadia, California in 1963. After graduation from Arcadia High School I attended the University of Southern California where I studied to become an elementary educator and received a B.S. in Social Sciences, M.A. in Curriculum and an Advanced Masters in the Teaching of Reading. I hold the following California Certification: Life K-12 Credential; Special Education K-12 Credential; Reading K-12 Credential; Administrative Credential; and a Junior College Credential. After teaching in public schools in the Bellflower and Poway Unified Districts for eight years, I joined the faculty of the University Elementary School at UCLA, a part of the Graduate School of Education. In addition to teaching all grades from Pre-K through sixth grade, I taught methods classes in reading and writing to UCLA Education students. In 1978, UCLA sent me to Porterville, California for one year to set-up a Staff Development Program for the Porterville Schools.

After 27 years at UCLA, I retired to join the Screen Actors Guild Foundation as the National Director of BookPALS, their community program which put 2000 actors into public schools nationwide reading to almost 100,000 students each week. I ran that program for eight years before retiring and moving to Sun City, Arizona. I have been fully retired in Sun City, Arizona for the past 4 years.

I am extremely grateful that my career afforded me many and varied special opportunities such as teaching in Department of Defense Schools in Germany, as well as several summers at Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. It was gratifying to share my enthusiasm and interest in enhancing student achievement and zest for learning.

One of my proudest achievements has been being able to continue my family's dedication to volunteering. I grew up watching my parents and grandparents involvement in fundraising and support of church work, Shriners Hospitals, the Assistance League, P.E.O. International and Rotary International Projects. I am delighted to have been involved as an active leader in P.E.O. and the Assistance League for over 35 years, both organizations that I had the privilege of starting work in along side my Mother. A highlight my last few years in Los Angeles was being Vice President and President of the Braille Institute Auxiliary. Our fund raising efforts substantially funded the annual Braille Challenge which supports Braille Literacy across the United States. It is only recently that I have become involved in Rotary International, an organization important to my Dad and Grandfather. I have enjoyed sharing my leadership skills with these organizations as I worked through the offices on their boards. The influence gained from watching my grandparents and parents as they helped others has shaped my life.

I look forward to working with the other Area 11 Board Members as we bring exciting events to handbell musicians and enthusiasts in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

In my spare time I enjoy reading, playing bridge, entertaining friends, attending musical performances, Zumba, Yoga and an occasional round of golf.

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***Nominations are now being accepted for
Secretary/Treasurer and Chair Elect
on the Area 11 Board. The deadline for
nominations is January 1, 2016.***

*The nomination form can be found at [http://
area11.handbellmusicians.org/files/2012/02/AREA-
11-OFFICER-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf](http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/files/2012/02/AREA-11-OFFICER-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf).*

*Please consider nominating someone you know for
either of these positions — or, if you'd like, you can
even nominate yourself! The election will be held
next spring and the new board
members will begin serving in September 2016.*

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. 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
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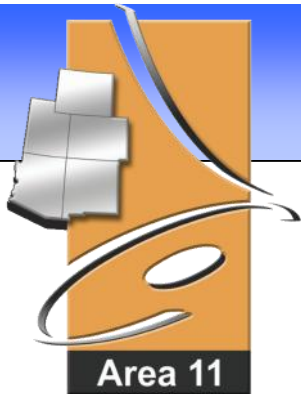
Deadline for the January Area 11
Newsletter is December 28, 2015

Advertising deadline is
December 20, 2015

Email submissions to Mary at

Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org





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Additional Handbell Happenings

College Ring-In Registration Open and Area 11 is offering scholarships!

Coming in January 2016, Handbell Musicians of America presents the College Ring-In with Michael Joy, a new event for college students and recent alumni. The event is scheduled for January 14-16 and will be held at Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton, Illinois.

Registration is on an individual-basis, with attendees receiving specific ringing assignments in a set of ad-hoc choirs, similar to the Distinctly Bronze format. In addition, the event will provide opportunities for participants to bring their own unpublished compositions and arrangements for reading by the group. During these reading sessions, handbell publishers and editors will be on hand to provide guidance and advice about the publishing process. Registration is now open \$85 per person. Members (including sub-members) receive a \$15 discount. Registration includes lunch on Friday and Saturday. More details will be available soon. See more at: <http://handbellmusicians.org/news/e-notes-september-2015/#2>

Area 11 is offering scholarships to cover the registration fees for College students from Area 11 that would like to attend. If you are interested in a scholarship to attend this event, send a reply to this email with your name and phone number.

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Concerts around Area 11



Bells of the Rockies Holiday Concerts **Friday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Rialto Theater
228 E. 4th St.
Loveland, CO
Admission ~ \$15.00

~and~

Sunday, December 20, 4:00 p.m.

Faith United Church of Christ
1202 Walnut St.
Windsor, CO
Free will offering
Contact Kathryn Rudd at kathryn.rudd@comcast.net



Bells of Joyful Sound Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop United Methodist Church
985 East 10600 South
Sandy, Utah