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# Newsletter

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Join Our "Bell Bunch"  
Seeking Nominations Soon for Chair-Elect &  
Secretary/Treasurer!

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## Area 11 Website

[area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://area11.handbellmusicians.org)

## National Office Website

[Handbellmusicians.org](http://Handbellmusicians.org)

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here

Pictured L-R

Top row: Anne Kleve, Chair-Elect; Lorrie Hart, Chair; Shannon Casey, Past-Chair & Events

Middle: Janet Lake, Mountain (CO, UT & WY); Katie Gant, Desert (AZ & NM)

Bottom: Mary Moffett, Communications; Paige Erickson, Chime Loan;

Sandy Barstow, Secretary/Treasurer

We are so excited to complete our Bell Bunch with one of you!  
If you would like to nominate someone you think would be a perfect  
fit for Chair-Elect or Secretary/Treasurer, please fill out the  
nomination form! [Area 11 Board Member Nomination Form](#)





### *From the Chair:*



Welcome back to the ringing season, I hope that everyone is having a good start to the year. I know I always enjoy getting back with my bell group and starting new music! Afterall, if you're reading this you love bells and bell people! I know that before I was on the board, I was not completely sure what the board of Area 11 does, so I thought I would fill you in. We just completed our annual weekend board meeting where we get together in person to plan the year and do some goal setting for our area. (The rest of the year we have monthly phone calls.) We have several big events this year, in addition to our usual spring rings and Super Bell Saturday. First the Area 11 Festival, ***Ringin' Up!*** will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tempe, AZ from June 11th to the 14th. Our clinician is Ellie Hodder and our theme will be "raise your ringing to the next level"! Our board meeting was at the DoubleTree and it is a great facility. You can check out a video of our venue on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HandbellMusiciansofAmericaArea11/> And FYI, the cookies that they hand out freely at the DoubleTree are delicious! Watch for the registration opening in Oct. or Nov. and there will be a call for class instructors as well.

The board also planned out Ringers Roundup, Super Bell Saturday (Feb. 1, 2020), all the spring rings, and we spent a fair amount of time focusing on ways to communicate more effectively with each other and the Area. We are updating our use of online registration (you may have noticed if you registered for Ringers Roundup), improving our ability to take credit cards online, and updating the website, which will have a new look after the first week of October. We coordinate activities with the National guild, and of course continually focus on increasing involvement and membership. We started a fund raiser for Young Ringers Camp, so that we can support more youth involvement in handbells.

(<https://www.facebook.com/donate/490801571740011/2523622084371429/>)

Another focus of the board is the upcoming election for new board members, and we could use your help, either by nominating yourself or someone else to run for Chair Elect or Secretary/Treasurer. The nomination form is on the website, or you can contact me at [chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org). I know we are all busy, but there are a lot of positives about being involved with the Area:

**B** Be part of a team of people who do amazing things in the Area 11. I can tell you that after completing a weekend working with the current board, I am humbled and amazed at the things we got accomplished, all while having a great time together.

**E** Experience the satisfaction of knowing that you are furthering handbells and making it possible for our art to continue and thrive.

**LL** Long lasting friendships are made with people from all over the country who you would never meet otherwise, including those composers we all admire!

**S** So sign up today to be part of Area 11!

Have a great year in bells and I hope I see you several times this year!

Happy Ringing,  
Lorrie Hart  
Chair, Area 11







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Area 11 Festival 2020  
Phoenix, Arizona

# Area 11 Festival 2020 Ringin Up!

June 11-14, 2020

DoubleTree Hotel in Tempe, Arizona

Ellie Hodder, Clinician

Registration will open soon!





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## Meet Our Ringing Up! Area 11 Festival 2020 Clinician, Ellie Hodder



**Ellie Hodder** is a well-known teacher and clinician. Ellie is passionate about learning and spreading that good news. If we can learn—and we all can—then we are capable of creating great music. Ellie has served as a clinician for many events children and youth, adults and seniors along the west coast where she is known for her skills as a “teaching director”.

*“Music is the ultimate practice of community; engaging the audience, each musician contributing their notes to the whole, making a masterpiece in the moment. I am privileged to work with students of all skill levels spanning a 90-year age difference. For me, there is no greater joy than to lead within the group and assist every musician to meet the finish line TOGETHER.”*

Ellie serves as Director of Music Ministries at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton, Oregon. She founded the Pacific Northwest Handbell Directors and Musicians Forum which meets annually for a day of learning and ringing,

the Pacific Northwest Youth Handbell Festival and Coppers Classic, the nation’s premier event founded specifically to celebrate coppers level (intermediate) musicians!

Ellie is artistic director and founder of Pacific Ringers, a non-auditioned community choir for musicians with a passion for the instrument. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for ringers to excel through practice together, education and performance. We strive to foster excitement for handbells within the ensemble and the larger handbell community. We love handbells and it shows!

In addition, she leads chime ensembles at three independent living senior communities and founded Symphonious Sounds Senior Handchime Festival.

When she’s not making music, Ellie lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, Benn.

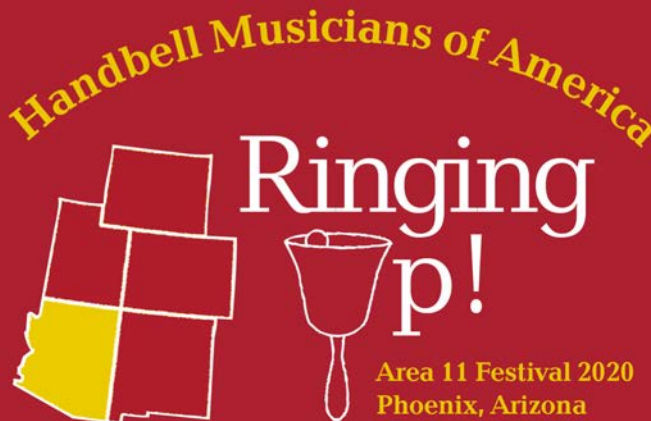
**Do you have a great idea for a class you can teach at our Area 11 2020 Festival June 11-14, 2020?**

If so, please fill out and submit the **Ringing Up! Faculty Application**.

*Those that are selected will receive a discount on their registration fee.*

You can find the application here:

[Area 11 Festival 2020 Ringing Up! Faculty Application](#)







### *Area 11 Board Members 2019-2020*



L-R Sandy Barstow, Secretary/Treasurer; Anne Kleve, Chair Elect; Katie Gant, Desert Sub-area Chair; Lorrie Hart, Chair; Janet Lake, Mountain Sub-area Chair; Mary Moffett, Communications Chair; Shannon Casey, Past Chair/Event Planner

## Want to be more involved in Area 11? How about one of the following?

Contact Lorrie at [chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org)  
or anyone on the board and we will help make it happen!

- ★ Forward this email to a bell friend who is not on our mailing list
- ★ Like our Facebook page
- ★ Attend an event
- ★ Volunteer for an event committee
- ★ Host an event
- ★ Nominate someone to run for office or run for office yourself
- ★ Nominate someone for Ring of Fame
- ★ Help us organize fundraising, does your place of employment have matching donations? Or grants?
- ★ Work on the newsletter or social media
- ★ Donate to the Silent Auction at the Festival
- ★ Donate money to further the Young Ringers Camp
- ★ Apply to teach a class at Ring Up!



## NEW OFFER for HMA Members - HEALTH INSURANCE!

*Handbell Musicians of America is excited to announce a new membership health insurance benefit that can help keep you, your family, and even your small business cost-effectively covered and healthy.*

*We have partnered with the **Lighthouse Insurance Group, LLC (LIG)** to be able to offer you health insurance and related coverage options including major medical, short term health plans, vision and dental plans, critical care coverage, life, and several different supplemental health options.*

These programs are exclusively offered to you, your family, and even small groups which are ideal for a small business. As these are individual health plans, they are tailored to your unique health and financial needs. This will allow you to find affordable coverage from major carriers regardless of where you live in the USA.

For business owners, they can arrange coverage for not only you but your employees and their families with a cost-effective turnkey program that uses pre-tax money to fund new Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs) accounts to help pay for your health insurance benefits in an easier to use alternatives to group plans – plus it can include part-time, seasonal and other employee classes that are not typically covered.

The licensed advisors at LIG are based in Independence, Ohio, and are there to help assist you in finding the right plans with a no-obligation health insurance assessment along with concierge service to ensure you are getting the attention you deserve while making it easy to get the right health coverage.

If you are in need coverage today or if you would like to discuss coverage options for the long-term, please call the LIG team at 888-703-3424 to speak with a licensed advisor or visit

[www.ligmembers.com/handbellmusicians](http://www.ligmembers.com/handbellmusicians) to schedule an appointment and learn more about this exclusive **Handbell Musicians of America** member benefits program.

*We thank you for being a valued member of Handbell Musicians of America and your continued support of our organization. If you need additional information regarding this new member benefit, please call 888-703-3424 to speak with the team at LIG.*

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cauhorn  
Executive Director

*P.S. 2020 Open Enrollment for individual health coverage starts on October 15th, 2019 for California residents and November 1, 2019 for the rest of the country.*







### Handchime Loan Recipients 2019-2020



Adele Giusto  
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
Silver City, NM

Deanna Daniel  
Home Church of the Rockies  
Florissant, CO

Dennise Cherkauer  
Faith United Church of Christ  
Fort Collins, CO

Sarah Conti  
Payson Christian School  
Payson, AZ

Amy Magruder  
Resurrection Christian Schools  
Greeley, CO

Melissa Vander Stelt  
Dayspring Christian Academy  
Greeley, CO

**Would you like to attend a Handbell concert near you?** Check out our Concert Listing on our Calendar tab on our Area 11 website. <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/about-us/calendar/>

*You may also submit your concert information to be included by completing the website submission form which can be found on the calendar page as well.*

## The Raleigh Ringers

### STAY UP TO DATE WITH US!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

For additional information about each event on this page, visit our Area 11 website at [Area 11 Events](#)

### 2020 Events

#### Super Bell Saturday VIII Read and Ring

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Locations: Several around Area 11

*If you can host a venue for this event, please contact Janet Lake at [mountain.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:mountain.area11@handbellmusicians.org) or Katie Gant at [desert.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:desert.area11@handbellmusicians.org)*

#### Utah Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Clinician: Stephanie Rhoades

Location: Fremont High School

#### Northern Colorado Handbell Festival

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Clinician: Brenda Austin

Location: Immanuel Lutheran in Loveland, Colorado

#### Wyoming Spring Ring

Date: Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, 2020

Clinician: Michael Glasgow

Location: Ramkota Hotel in Casper



### Area 11 Festival 2020

Dates: June 11-14, 2020

Location: DoubleTree Hotel

Tempe, Arizona

Clinician: Ellie Hodder

Registration will open soon!

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