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RINGERS ROUNDUP

Our annual Ringers Roundup
will be held virtually this year!

Saturday, October 10, 2020

9:00 a.m. Facebook Live

Ringing during the pandemic

10:00 a.m. Video workshop

Keeping up your bell skills

11:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Round table Discussion

No need to register,
just hop on your computer,
tablet, or phone and
participate from your own home!

More information coming your way!

**Check your email, Facebook, and the Area 11 website
for more details soon!**

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Area 11 Website

area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

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Upcoming

Area 11 Board Meetings

Monday, October 5, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 5, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

*If you would like to suggest a topic for us
to discuss at our board meeting or have a
question you would like us to answer,
you may submit those by [clicking here](#).*



From the Chair:



We hope this newsletter finds you well! Our board just spent the weekend planning for our 2020-2021 events. And just like everything else, our events will not look like what we've had in the past. But we are still looking forward to ringing again! Our fall Ringers Roundup will be online for everyone to partake in. Then we will have our Super Bell Saturday in February! It will also look different, but we have some inventive ideas on how to still make this annual sight-reading tradition still happen. There are few states (Utah & Wyoming) who have already planned their Spring Rings. And of course, who doesn't like going to CAMP? We will have our Young Ringers Camp and Adult Camp in Colorado in June.

So now I move from two years as Area 11 Chair-Elect, to the next two years as Area 11 Chair. I first was introduced to handbells in high school. I come from a very long line of musicians. I already played piano, clarinet, oboe, and saxophone. So of course I could read music. And as a teenage girl, there was a cute boy that asked if I

wanted to come to bell rehearsal. Of course I went, but I didn't get any instruction! The director just pointed to a spot and told me to put on gloves. Talk about "deer caught in headlights". So I just watched my neighbors' arms, as I tried to make it ring. But I was hooked! I kept coming back and eventually figured out the mechanics. Now, as a teacher and director for the last 18 years, I've had the privilege to starting so many new ringers and new musicians. I've been blessed also to have some great bell mentors in our Area 11: Michael Kastner, Sue Hahn, and Claudette Rothwell. They made sure I started coming to workshops and events. It all started very slowly with hosting a Read & Ring at our church, then attending a workshop, then taking my choir to the Northern Colorado festival, then Spring Rings, and of course CAMP and Area 11 Festival.

I am passionate about music, education and especially about handbells. I believe in the healing and joy that music can spread through any age; the incredible power of having the life-long skill of music. I love having ringers from age 10 to age 92 in my choirs!

My music themes for this month:
"Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey
"Blessings" by Laura Story

We care about YOU! We are here to help! We're here to listen, offer suggestions, and commiserate. Our board is made of only 9 volunteers. Meet them below:

Title	Name		Email	Description
Past Chair (3 rd 2 yrs)	Lorrie Hart	Elected	pastchair.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Mentor
Chair (2 nd 2 yrs)	Anne Kleve	Elected	chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Leader In Charge ☺
Chair-Elect (1 st 2 yrs)	LeAnna Willmore	Elected	chairelect.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Membership
Secretary-Treasurer	Sara Nybo	Elected	treasurer.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Finances & Minutes
Communications	Mary Moffett	Appointed	communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Newsletter, Emails, Website
Desert Sub-Area	Katie Gant	Appointed	desert.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Arizona & New Mexico
Mountain Sub-Area	Janet Lake	Appointed	mountain.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Colorado, Utah, Wyoming
Chime Loan	Paige Erickson	Appointed	chime.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Chime Loan Program
Youth Representative	Ashlynn Eskam	Elected at Camp by kids	youth.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Youth Rep to board
Young Ringers Camp	Anne Kleve	Appointed	camp.area11@handbellmusicians.org	YRC Director
Events	Interim-Past Chair	Appointed	events.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Plans Area 11 Festival

Anne Kleve, Area 11 Chair



Making Music Together

In March when we received our stay at home orders due to the pandemic, I set a goal to learn three new classical piano pieces. After careful selection I started practicing these pieces frequently. Practicing new things was gratifying, but it did not replace the comradery of rehearsing and making music with other people.

A ringer can develop exceptional skills through solo ringing. Using a bell tree is another opportunity to make beautiful music alone. Yet availability of handbells to an individual ringer can hinder these efforts.

Many handbell choirs are starting back to rehearsals again as churches become available, schools are starting up and choirs learn to adapt to community pandemic standards. Your Area 11 board members are here to help you with suggestions and ideas to get back to ringing.

There is *magic* in being together and in *making music together*.

With so many changes and choirs not rehearsing many memberships have not been renewed. Since Handbell Musicians of America relies on membership revenue, event registrations and donations to provide resources we encourage all to renew memberships and continue to invite new members.

A membership has many benefits. The Overtones Journal and reduced registration fees for the National Seminar and Area 11 Conferences plus reduced fees to state events are a few of these benefits.

-LeAnna Willmore, Chair-Elect Area 11



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A Fun Fall Q&A with our 2020-2021 Area 11 Board Members



Anne Kleve, Chair

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Where do you live? *Thornton, Colorado*

How long have you been ringing/directing? *Ringin- since high school, Directing for 17 years*

Do you have any pets? *Brittany Spaniel- "CHIP"*

If you could be any animal for a week, which would you choose and why? *Horse - because I grew up riding and could do it everyday.*

What are your hobbies? *Golf, Community Band, Hockey Mom, Gardening*

Who's your favorite superhero/icon and why? *"She-Ra: Princess of Power" because of being a powerful blonde with red cape & sword.*

LeAnna Willmore, Chair-Elect

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Where do you live? *Bountiful, Utah*

How long have you been ringing/directing? *30 years handbells*

Do you have any pets? *No*

If you could be any animal for a week, which would you choose and why? *Doggie I love dogs and feel they are lovable.*

What are your hobbies? *Everything music, knitting and gardening.*

Who's your favorite superhero/icon and why? *Superman because he is always helping others and keeping it secret.*



Sara Nybo, Secretary/Treasurer

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Where do you live? *Pleasant Grove, Utah*

How long have you been ringing/directing? *Combined total of about 5-6 years ringing.*

Do you have any pets? *A leopard gecko named Leonard.*

If you could be any animal for a week, which would you choose and why?

Probably an Octopus... cause I'm fascinated with them as creatures, and I would love to be able to live in the ocean, swim and breath under water without equipment.

What are your hobbies? *Arts and Crafts, Street Art/Chalk Art, Knit, Crochet, Sewing, Ballroom and social dancing.*

Who's your favorite superhero/icon and why?

Audrey Hepburn. I think she's elegant, smart, and did so much with her life. She is just a beautiful person inside and out.

Katie Gant, Desert Sub-Area Chair (New Mexico and Arizona)

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Where do you live? *Gilbert, Arizona*

How long have you been ringing/directing? *15 years*

Do you have any pets? *Cat - Charlie Alpha Tango*

If you could be any animal for a week, which would you choose and why?

Bear, I love their strength and maternal instincts.

What are your hobbies? *I love going to the movies. Popcorn and the Dobby Digital Trailer are my favorite pairing!*

Who's your favorite superhero/icon and why? *Wonder Woman - Beside being very tall, she is unique and independent.*



Mary Moffett, Communications Chair

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Where do you live? *Kaysville, Utah*

How long have you been ringing/directing? *I rang for a few months, then began directing 10 years ago.*

Do you have any pets? *Just my grandpets that I love! Nala and Mollie (2 golden doodles), Trigger (black lab), Mickey (Morkiepoo) and Toby (cat).*

If you could be any animal for a week, which would you choose and why?

An owl...specifically the one in the Tootsie Pop commercial so I could finally figure out and tell everyone how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Tootsie Pop. Haha!

Sorry, I couldn't resist! I think I'd still like to be an owl though, so I could be a wise old owl and always have wonderful wisdom-filled advice for my children and grandchildren.

Do you have any hobbies?

I love to play and teach the piano...teaching is not a hobby, but I love doing it so much it feels like a hobby! Being with my kids and grandkids, home decorating, creating anything such as short stories, art, song parodies....

Who's your favorite superhero/icon and why?

She's not really a superhero or an icon, but I would say Belle from Beauty and the Beast because she was selfless (offered herself to save her father), confident (spoke her mind even when the Beast tried to intimidate her), and she looked beyond the Beast's outward appearance and saw his heart... and helped him see that he was more than what everyone else judged him to be based on his appearance.

Janet Lake, Mountain Sub-Area Chair (Wyoming, Utah, Colorado)

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Where do you live? *Sundance, Wyoming*

How long have you been ringing/directing? *23 years*

Do you have any pets? *Black cat named Eva*

If you could be any animal for a week, which would you choose and why? *An eagle, so I could fly like I do in my dreams and see things from a different perspective.*

What are your hobbies? *Hiking, bicycling, swimming, making music!*

Who's your favorite superhero/icon and why? *Billy Graham, who, despite his success and fame, maintained a clean heart and was humble and true to his passion/mission of spreading the Gospel.*



Fall in Area 11

We live in such a beautiful Area of Handbell Musicians of America!



Arizona



Colorado



New Mexico



Utah



Wyoming



Thank you Shannon and Sandy for your years of service
on the Area 11 Board! We will miss you!



Shannon Casey

2014-2016 Chair-Elect
2016-2018 Chair
2018-2020 Past Chair/
Event planner



Sandy Barstow

2018-2020 Secretary/
Treasurer

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Young Ringers Camp 2021

Sunday, June 20 - Thursday, June 24, 2021

Clinicians: Matthew Compton and Marilyn Lake
Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado

**Save
the
Date!**

**Registration
Coming
Soon!**



Presented by Area 11 Handbell Musicians of America



Adult Ringers Camp 2021

**Save
the
Date!**

Sunday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Clinician: Monica McGowen

YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado

That's right! We're having an Adult Ringers Camp next summer as well!
So come have a lot of fun ringing in a very relaxed atmosphere next summer at our Adult Ringers Camp 2021!



UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS

[Area 11 Events Page](#)

RINGERS ROUNDUP

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Right in your own home! This workshop will be done virtually this year
More information to come!



In 2021!

Young Ringers Camp *Ring Around the World*



Date: June 20-24, 2021

Location: Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado
Clinicians: Matthew Compton and Marilyn Lake

Registration and more information to come

Adult Ringers Camp

This is a Brand New Event for Area 11!

Date: June 13-16, 2021

Location: YMCA in Estes Park Colorado

Clinician: Monica McGowen



More information to come