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Area 2 Twice Tolloed Tales

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## From the Chair . . .

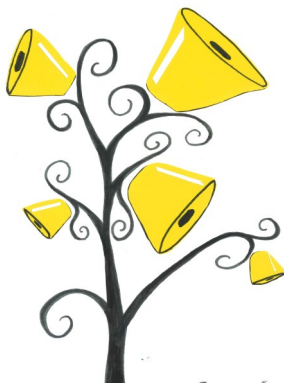
### 10 New Year's Resolutions for Handbell Ringers

1. Have your choir ring an old favorite
2. Ask a non-bell person to try your very niche ringing hobby
3. Try a new bell position
4. Volunteer to meet the new ringer 20 minutes early to help practice
5. Do not roll your eyes when your director says, "one last time!" about measure 37 EVEN IF YOU KNOW THIS IS A LIE
6. Try some music that might be out of your comfort zone
7. Be patient if Walter needs to practice measure 37 two more times.
8. Attend a handbell event if safe (Area 2 has some good ones this year!)
9. Check out some amazing handbell albums on your favorite streaming service
10. Buy your director a bottle of wine! (Or better yet - offer to help file the Christmas music!)

Happy Fall, everyone!

*Liz*

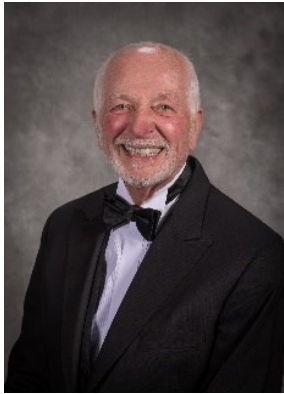
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Chair, Area 2



### → Please Forward and Share our newsletter!

Directors: Don't forget to forward all Area 2 emails and Twice Tolloed Tale issues to your ringers. As members of your choir, they are also members of Area 2. Help keep them in the loop and encourage them to be active participants in our handbell community!

# 2023 Festival Conference



**Bill Payn**  
Festival Conductor



**Karen Lakey Buckwalter**  
Masterclass Clinician

**Lancaster Convention Center**  
**June 23-25, 2023**

## **Coppers**

Exultate Deo – J Fedon	Level 3	3-5 oct	AG35355
I Will Arise and Go to Jesus – M Compton	Level 3	3-5 oct	AG35313

## **Bronze**

Elegy – W Payn	Level 4	4-5 oct	HP1277
Te Deum – D Wagner	Level 4	4-7 oct/opt chimes	BL5027

## **Massed Ringing**

Exuberance – W Payn & M Glasgow	Level 3	3-7oct bells/3 oct chimes	CGB1100
Majestic Alleluia – J Raney	Level 2+	3-5 oct	HP2876
Soliloquy for Bells – K Buckwalter	Level 2+	3-5 oct	SPHP5175

## **2023 Festival Conference Composition Contest Winner**

**Together as One**

**Jason Krug**

*Publication Details TBD*

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## Upcoming Events

### *2022 Young Ringers Event*

Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22,

### *Destination Ring 2022*

Sunday, August 7 – Monday, August 8,  
2022

Fort William Henry Resort, NY

### *Area 2 Festival 2023*

June 23 – June 25, 2023

Lancaster Conference Center in Lan-  
caster, PA

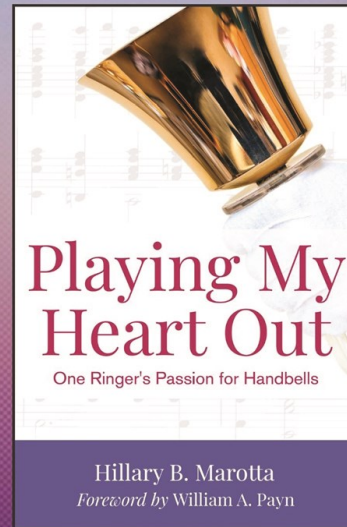
## 2022 Young Ringers is coming!

It's been a long time, but we are finally having another youth ring! The 2022 Young Ringers Event will take place May 20-22, 2022 at PineBrook Lodge in East Stroudsburg, PA. Our Area 2 Chair, Elizabeth Nowik will be our clinician for the event and we will use the same repertoire we originally planned for the 2021 event.

<i>A Grand Celebration</i>	<i>Derek Hakes</i>	<i>3-5 octaves</i>	<i>AG35271</i>
<i>Earth Shall Ring</i>	<i>Jason Krug</i>	<i>2-3 octaves</i>	<i>20/2011SF</i>
<i>Pavane</i>	<i>Sharon Elery Rogers</i>	<i>2 or 3 oct</i>	<i>CGB546</i>
<i>Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho</i>	<i>Martha Lynn Thompson</i>	<i>3-5 octaves</i>	<i>HP1880</i>

Registration, room and board will be one inclusive price. If you are interested in attending or in getting more information, email Sarah Hazel at [chairelect.area2@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chairelect.area2@handbellmusicians.org) or watch the Area 2 website for updates. We will be posting the registration form and all the pertinent information later this month. Let's make this an event to remember!

Described as  
"A GIFT TO OUR  
HANDBELL COMMUNITY"



This best-selling book is part-memoir,  
part-love letter to our passion for this art  
as well as an inside look  
at the Rooke Chapel Ringers.  
Grab it now from  
[hillarymarotta.com](http://hillarymarotta.com) or Amazon!

## Celebration of Life for Marilyn M. Hines

Memorial services tend to be solemn affairs. Marilyn's wasn't, but no surprise there!

It was a time of celebrating a life that effected many people - and they were all happy to tell you about it. The service also brought together people who hadn't seen each other in years, fondly reminiscing about Marilyn. It almost seemed like Marilyn was among us.

Marilyn's exposure to handbells began in the late 1960's. Suffice it to say, the rest is history. She organized The North Hills Handbell Festival, served on the Area 2 Board as Chairman, and then on to the national scene as President of AGEHR from 1991-1993. She was awarded the Lifetime Member Award in 2003 in recognition of her leadership. Remembrances and stories were read from those who could not attend. Those in the congregation offered their stories, too. Through it all, the essence of Marilyn shone through like a shining star.

Five Area 2 Past chairs were in attendance: Howard Moser and his wife, Carol; Janice Peters; Carol Roman; Jim Rossetti and his wife, Mary Rita; and Bob Ward. Former board members, Nancy Lutz and Jeremy Peters were also in attendance. Marilyn started many people in handbells. Caleb Onstead, a recent protégé

- Bob Ward





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## Area 2 Board Members 2021–2023

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## Do you have photos from past events?

If you have any photos from past Area 2 events, whether they are from the past few years or the past few decades, we would love to feature them on our social media!

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