



Handbell Musicians  
O F A M E R I C A

Area 2 Twice Told Tales  
June 2018

## From the Chair . . .

I had hoped that I'd be able to announce the festival site in this issue but it turns out, you'll have to watch our website and FaceBook page for that information.

It has become increasing difficult to find sites that can fulfill our many site needs. Many of our requests have gone unanswered by conference directors. Part of the issue is that we hold the festival every two years. Some sites are looking for yearly events. And the fact that we try to move the festival around the area to reach our members can be a negative aspect of this search.

As I told the 2017 festival attendees, I started this search in October 2016! The site we were ready to sign a contract with, was threatened with closure. The board felt that this was not the kind of situation we wanted to face at the last minute having to find an alternate site. The next site I found was almost perfect. We had contracts in hand and were about to sign when they had a better offer for a multi-year event and withdrew that contract. So the search goes on.

We are close to a contract with one site, but we are waiting until they can confirm some issues regarding classroom space and other issues.

*Bob Ward*

Bob Ward

The time is NOW to get your application in for the chime lending program. (See page 12) The chimes can be loaned for the summer or September through June. They are excellent for enhancing an existing handbell program. They are also ideal for children or seeing if starting a handbell or handchime choir is something you want to do. All information, including instructions and forms, is on the Area 2 website. If you are emailing the information to me, please send it to: [1052turtle@gmail.com](mailto:1052turtle@gmail.com). Thank you and I look forward to receiving applications in the near future.  
Cynthia Reineke, Education Chair

# Area 2 Endowment

Jeremy Peters, Endowment Committee Chairperson

You may or may not have heard about the Area 2 Endowment. Our Endowment was begun several years ago in order to help members of Area 2 financially through scholarships and gifts. Members of Area 2 are encouraged to apply for money to attend events, to start programs, to add on to existing programs and to further the art of handbell ringing throughout the Area. Area 2 sponsors several grants and scholarship programs which are funded through the Area 2 Endowment Fund, a part of the organization's charitable branch. Grant funds are made to Area 2 members, organizations and Area 2 subgroups for projects that support the mission of HMA and Area 2 and to encourage and support creative projects. Scholarship funds are distributed to qualifying applicants for individual scholarships to Area and National events.

A few things:

- The Area 2 Endowment was started by generous gifts from members and is now loosely sustained by interest, participation fees and gifts.
- You can give to the Endowment fund at any time by visiting our website.
- The Betty B. Garee Scholarship is awarded yearly to a first time director wanting to attend an event to further their craft.
- The Charlie P. Cramer Scholarship is awarded bi-yearly to a chaperone or support person to attend the Area 2 Festival Conference.
- Matching grants, start-up funds, equipment purchases, registration fees, refurbishing fees and other useful and worthwhile requests are all monies that can come from the Endowment.
- All scholarship and grant applications are funneled through an Endowment Committee with the Area 2 Board granting final approval.

This is an underutilized resource in the life of Area 2! Even though we have been able to award some grants and scholarships lately, there have been times where we have gone years without any requests. I urge you to apply if you feel it necessary. However, with more applications, there is more money going out. With more money going out, we need to make sure we keep the Endowment healthy by keeping the money coming in. I also urge you to give to the Endowment as you are able.

I look forward to receiving your application soon!

# Challeng(R)ing is Coming!

Are you looking for a fun, yet challenging ringing experience this summer? Then join us for Challeng(R)ing 2018! This event is for adult and teen ringers. It allows ringers to challenge themselves to improve their ringing skills at their current level or to work on moving to the next level. Copper level ringers may want to stay at the Copper level or try the Bronze level. Bronze level ringers can work with the clinician to improve their current skills.

This year, the Challeng(R)ing will be held in two different locations on 2 consecutive weekends:

Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4, we will be in the Rochester, NY area  
at Rush United Methodist Church.

August 10 and 11, we will be in the Harrisburg area  
at First United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg.

We will be led by two amazing clinicians: Hyosang Park and Kathleen Ebling Shaw.

The event includes 2 options: Friday evening and Saturday, or just Saturday.

Friday includes classes in the afternoon. Dinner on Friday night is on your own. After dinner, we have planned a Friday evening concert followed by a dessert social and round-table discussions that allow the ringer to network with other ringers and discuss solutions for different challenges we all face.

Saturday is a full day of rehearsals and classes or reading sessions. Lunch is provided on Saturday. We will end the day with a mini concert where we can show off all that we have learned. Music is also included in the price. Housing and other meals are on your own, but we have arranged for special room rates at hotels in both locations.

At the New York session, we will also host a Music Education session on Friday morning that will be led by Bob Ward (our Area 2 chair and fearless leader). More information is forthcoming about that!

Register by June 25 to receive the best rates. Hotel reservations are due by July 1 at both locations in order to get the special rate. Registration information is available on the Area 2 website and in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

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## Please Note:

1. You must complete one of each of the following pages for each registrant:  
Registration Form AND Handbell Assignment Request Form.  
Please duplicate forms as needed for each additional registrant.
2. Please make sure you send each page to the correct Board Member.
  - Registration Form must be sent by U.S. mail along with your payment to the Area 2 Secretary/Registrar, Gail Posey.
  - Handbell Assignment Request Form may be sent by email or U.S. mail to the Area 2 Chair-Elect, Elizabeth Nowik.
3. Be sure to make a copy of all completed forms for your records.
4. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Nowik at [eliznowik@gmail.com](mailto:eliznowik@gmail.com) or Sarah Hazel at [shazel2@outlook.com](mailto:shazel2@outlook.com)



# Handbell Musicians of America, Area 2 2018 Challeng(R)ing

Friday, August 3-Saturday, August 4  
Rush, NY

Friday, August 10-Saturday, August 11  
Mechanicsburg, PA

This year's Challeng(R)ing will be held in two different locations, one week apart. One is near Rochester, NY and one near Harrisburg, PA. This one or two-day event is designed for the individual ringer, director, entire choir, or several members of a choir. Geared toward teens and adults, attendees will challenge themselves to improve their ringing skills and musicianship as they ring in a massed track. Classes and a reading session will also be available. The goal of the event is to allow ringers the opportunity to challenge themselves to ring at that next level of music or with greater technique, mastery, and musicality at their current level. Directors will gain valuable insight from the other side of the table on ringing, directing, and how to help their ringers and choirs improve and grow. Challenge yourself to ring for the moon and the stars!

Continuing Education Credits are offered to certified teachers in New Jersey and New York. *(Due to changes in the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we are no longer an approved provider. Therefore, we cannot issue professional development credits for Pennsylvania teachers.)*

**Dates:** Friday, August 3 – Saturday, August 4      Friday August 10 – Saturday, August 11

**Locations:** Rush United Methodist Church      First United Methodist Church  
6200 Rush Lima Rd (Rt 15A)      135 West Simpson Street  
Rush, NY 14543      Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Housing:** Housing at a special rate has been arranged for both locations. Arrangements for housing must be made by the registrant directly with the hotel. Housing is not included in the registration fee.  
**Deadline for hotel reservations is July 1<sup>st</sup>. When making reservations, mention HMA, Area 2 for special rate.**

### Contracted Hotels

Rochester, NY	Mechanicsburg, PA
RIT Inn and Conference Center 5257 W Henrietta Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467 585/359-1800 \$99/night + tax Double Rooms Only	Wingate by Wyndham 385 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 717/766-2710 \$104/night + tax Single or Double Room

**Directors:** We are fortunate to have two very talented Directors to lead our events this summer and to challenge us to stretch beyond our current ringing level. Hyosang Park and Kathleen Ebling Shaw are both great friends of Area 2 and very active in the handbell community. Both are very dedicated to furthering the art of handbell ringing.

Stars: Kathleen Ebling Shaw  
Moon: Hyosang Park

**Tracks:** **STARS** – for the ringer/director who is ready to try out Copper level music without the pressure of Festival performance OR the Copper ringer who wants to master techniques, and boost musicality and confidence.  
**MOON** – for the ringer/director looking for a greater challenge and a chance to experience and/or improve Bronze level music and techniques in a fun and friendly ringing environment.

**Schedule Summary:**

Friday will begin at 3:00 pm with two class sessions. Both technique classes and a music reading session will be offered. Dinner will be on your own. From 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, there will be a dessert reception and roundtable discussions – a wonderful opportunity to meet, network, and learn from other ringers/directors. The reception and round table is included in all registrations. RSVP is required on registration form for planning purposes.

Saturday will begin with your choice of a class or music reading session at 9:00 am. The massed track reading sessions begin at 10:30 am. Lunch is provided. The day will conclude with a mini-concert at 5:00 pm.

A detailed schedule will be sent to all participants.

**Registration Fees:** All registration fees for Challenge(R)ing include massed track ringing sessions, music, a Saturday morning class or music reading session, dessert reception and round table discussions on Friday night (RSVP required) and lunch on Saturday. Friday registration also includes two sessions of classes and/or a music reading session.

Fees do not include hotel accommodations, Friday dinner, or Saturday breakfast.

Postmarked prior to June 25 (including a \$50 non-refundable deposit)	Friday and Saturday	\$110
	Saturday Only	\$90
Postmarked on or after June 25 (including a \$50 non-refundable deposit)	Friday and Saturday	\$135
	Saturday Only	\$115

**Refund policy:** In order to present a quality event, Area 2 must contract for certain expenses including, but not limited to, consumable purchases, meeting room use fees, reproductions and other administrative services, and lodging guarantees. In the event you need to cancel your registration for the 2018 Challeng(R)ing, Area 2 will refund the registration fee *less the \$50 nonrefundable deposit listed above* if cancellation is made prior to July 1, 2018.

**There will be no refund for cancellation requests received July 1, 2018, or thereafter.**

# Handbell Musicians of America Area 2 2018 Challeng(R)ing

Friday, August 3 – Saturday, August 4 in Rochester, NY

or

Friday August 10 – Saturday, August 11 in Mechanicsburg, PA

Registration #

(Office Use Only)

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete **one form for each person** attending the 2018 Challeng(R)ing.

**(Please type or print clearly. Duplicate forms as needed and make a copy of completed forms for yourself.)**

Name		HMA Membership #
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Primary Phone #	Alternate Phone #	
Email Address		
Church/Organization		

- Instructions:**
1. Register by June 25, 2018 (postmarked) and SAVE!!
  2. Make a copy of this completed form for your records.
  3. Payment must accompany this form in order for your registration to be processed.
  4. Mail your registration form and check made payable to AGEHR, Area 2, Inc. to:

Gail Posey, HMA Area 2 Secretary  
120 S. Main Street  
Yardley, PA 19067

**Amount Enclosed:** Registration Fee **before June 25<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Charge after June 25<sup>th</sup> (+\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
My check # \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please select: I will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ Rochester, NY OR \_\_\_\_\_ Mechanicsburg, PA  
I will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only (\$90) or \_\_\_\_\_ Friday and Saturday (\$110)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending Friday evening dessert reception. (FREE; RSVP REQUIRED)

Extra bell sets are needed for classes and mass ringing. See below for some “incentives” to help us out! Your help is much appreciated by Area 2 and necessary to make this event a success.

### I can bring

\_\_\_\_\_ octaves of bells, \_\_\_\_\_ octave of chimes, \_\_\_\_\_ ft of foam, \_\_\_\_\_ ft of table covers, \_\_\_\_\_ mallets.

**Incentives:** If you are contacted and approved to bring 3 or more octaves of bells or chimes you will receive the cost of a one-year membership returned to you and your organization via check. Compensation varies for additional equipment. You will be contacted about bringing equipment. Please do not bring items unless you are contacted directly and approved by an Area 2 Board Member. **Questions? Contact Elizabeth Nowik at [eliznowik@gmail.com](mailto:eliznowik@gmail.com) or Sarah Hazel at [shazel2@outlook.com](mailto:shazel2@outlook.com)**  
(Office Use Only)

Registration #	Postmarked	Total Due	Amount Paid	Check #	From





# You Do Know About Endorsement, Right??

## **Do you host a great handbell event? Is it endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America? Why the bell not?**

### **What *IS* endorsement?**

Simply put, an endorsed event has the official thumbs up from Handbell Musicians of America (HMA). Any individual or organization belonging to HMA can submit an endorsement request for an educational handbell event. Workshops, festivals, reading sessions, seminars, and conferences are all classified as educational in nature. While the event must be presented by an HMA member, one does not necessarily need to be a member to attend the event.

Endorsement should not be confused with sponsorship. A *sponsored* event is an official event presented by HMA Area leadership - the biennial Area 2 Festival Conference, for example! Only HMA members can attend sponsored events.

### **Why should my event apply for endorsement?**

Endorsement gives you the marketing and advertising power of the HMA national office. You can have your event listed on the national website as well as in the *Overtones* publication. For an area wide event, you can also request data for members in your target area so that you can contact or advertise to your target demographic directly. HMA will also cover ASCAP and mechanical licensing fees for your endorsed event. Legally, this is something you should already be attending to yourself!

Endorsement also gives you the structured legitimacy of our national organization. By joining your event with the larger HMA community, you contribute your fellowship to the musical art of handbell ringing. We are a small community when compared to the choral, orchestral, or band world, but we are strong and vibrant because of the dedication and enthusiasm of members.

### **How do I apply for endorsement?**

Forms for endorsement application are available on the national website, [www.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.handbellmusicians.org). There is a convenient search function at the bottom of the home page to assist your navigation if you're having trouble locating the forms. Completed forms are reviewed and approved by Bob Ward, Chair of Area 2, before they are passed on to the national office. Bob can be reached at [chair.area2@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chair.area2@handbellmusicians.org).

You can also e-mail Vickie Iverson at the national office, [viverson@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:viverson@handbellmusicians.org), with any endorsement specific questions.

Happy Ringing!





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**SPRING CONCERT - 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 | 4:00 PM**  
SCOTT THEATRE at  
CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
WESTMINSTER, MD

Tickets: Advanced/At the Door Tickets:  
Adults: \$12/\$15 Seniors (over 60): \$10/ \$12  
Ages 7-18: \$8 Under 6: Free

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR**

**Friday, June 22, 2018** Easton Bible Church | Hainesport, NJ | 7:00 PM | Freewill Offering

**Saturday, June 23, 2018** The First Congregation United Church of Christ | Gloversville, NY | 7:30 PM | Freewill Offering

**Sunday, June 24, 2018** Deane Center | Wellsboro, PA | 1:00PM | Tickets \$5

**OPEN RING / AUDITIONS**

**Open Rings**

Monday, June 4, 2018 | 7:00-8:00PM  
Thursday, June 7, 2018 | 7:30-8:30PM

**Auditions**

June 11, 2018 & June 14, 2018  
Westminster Church of the Brethren  
Westminster, MD

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## Area 2 Composition Contest Winners

With 21 total entries in both divisions, the Board spent a great deal of time in the selection process. We are happy to announce “Morning Glory” by Brenda Austin was the winner in the Young Ringers division. “Together We Stand” by Paul McKlveen was the Festival Conference winner. Both pieces will be published by AGEHR publishing. Keep watching our website and Facebook pages for more information.

### 2019 Young Ringers Festival Music

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp/Arr</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Cat #</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Opt. Instr</u>
<b>Massed</b>						
Prince of Peace	Ingram	L1	MCGB545	2-3	\$3.83	
			MCGB741	3-5	\$3.83	
Arky Arky	Hakes	L2	MLC202014L	2-3	\$4.21	Chimes
Two Worship Songs (Amazing Grace)	Scholes	L2	MLC202029L	2-3	\$5.06	
Morning Glory (Composition Contest Winner)	Austin	L2-	AGEHR TBA	2-3		
<b>Division A</b>						
Water Music	Waldrop	L1	MAP16476	2-3	\$2.98	
Music of the Masters (reproducible)(Great Gate of Kiev)	Rogers	L1+	MCGB546	2-3	\$25.46	
<b>Division B</b>						
Heaven's Rest Knocking! Knocking! Who Is There	Nelson	L2	MHP2115	2-3	\$4.21	Chimes/Opt. C Inst.
	Rose	L2	MFBBG0969	3	\$3.40	

# 2019 Festival Conference Music

**MASSED**

Prayer for the Innocents	Helman	L2+	MLC201964L	3-6	\$4.68	Chimes
Fantasia on Ebenezer	Waldrop	L2+	MLC201654L	3 or 5	\$4.68	Chimes/ Perc.
The Adventure Begins Together We Stand	Mallory	L2+	MJHS9563	2-6	\$5.06	
(Composition Contest Winner)	McKlveen		AGEHR TBA	3-5		

**TINS**

Heavenly Sunlight	Cook/Edwards	L2	MRO3347	3 or 5	\$5.06	Chimes
He's Got the Whole World	Stephenson	L2	MCGB739	3	\$3.83	

**COPPERS**

Children Go Where I Send Thee	Tucker	L3+	MAP46235	3-5	\$4.21	Chimes
Toccatina on King's Weston	Compton	L3+	MHP2767	3-6	\$4.46	Chimes

**BRONZE**

Uncommon Adoration	Morris	L6	MAG56004	5-6	\$3.83	Chimes/ Perc
Greensleeves	Moklebust	L4	MJHS9293	5-7	\$4.89	

**HMA-AREA 2 will begin accepting applications for the  
Hand Chime Lending Program  
beginning March 1, 2018**

Applications will be accepted until all sets have been allocated for Summer 2018 and the school year 2018-2019. Contact the HMA CHiME Chair about set availability.

**Handchime Lending Program:**

The purpose of HMA Area 2's Handchime Lending Program is to promote the ringing of handchimes in Public or Private Elementary or Secondary schools, Churches, or Community Groups within our area of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Ontario. This program is a valuable introduction to the art of ringing instruments and often becomes a focal point in expanding such programs in the local community.



**About the Loan Program**

HMA Area 2 has 5 sets of three-octave handchimes to loan.

**The loan periods are:**

**One (1) school year (September 1 through June with return of handchimes to Area2 by June 15, 2019.**

**-OR-**

**One (1) summer session (July 1 – August 15) with return of handchimes to Area 2 by August 22, 2019.**

**Eligibility Requirements**

1. Public or Private Elementary or Secondary school, Church, or Community Group within area II of HMA.
2. Handchimes will be loaned only once to a particular school, church or group.
3. Preference will be given to a new school district before another school within the same district.
4. Preference will be given to organizations with existing music programs.
5. Must be a member of HMA, or willing to become a member of HMA if loan is approved.

**For further information and application, visit the Area 2 website:  
<http://area2.handbellmusicians.org/handchime-lending/>**

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**Welcome!**  
(and maybe Welcome Back!)

*The Raleigh Ringers*

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**Next TTT deadline is  
August 15, 2018**

## HMA Area 2 BELLETIN BOARD

### Strikepoint in Concert!

June 26, 2018, 7:00 pm

Webster Presbyterian Church  
550 Webster Rd. (Rte. 250), Webster, NY

Free Admission – \$15 Suggested Donation

### Challeng(R)ing 2018

August 3 – 4, 2018

Rush United Methodist Church  
Rush, NY

See pages 3-7 of this TTT or  
[Area2.handbellmusicians.org](http://Area2.handbellmusicians.org)

### Challeng(R)ing 2018

August 10-11, 2018

First United Methodist Church  
Mechanicsburg, PA

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Check updates at the area website:  
[www.area2.handbellmusicians.org/Events](http://www.area2.handbellmusicians.org/Events)



**HMA Area 2**  
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**We need your email address!!**  
**Please update them thru National**

**TWICE TOLLEED TALES** is published four times per year for the membership of HMA Area 2. Publication dates for 2018 are February, June, September and November. The deadline for articles and photos is the fifteenth day of the month prior to the publication date; these will be included as space permits. It is preferred that articles be sent in the format of Microsoft Office 2003 (or later) Publisher as an email attachment. Articles may also be sent in MS Word format (2003 or later) or in hard copy form, typewritten. Photos are always welcome. All information for publication and advertisements should be sent to the editor with TTT newsletter in the subject area:

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**➔ Please Forward and Share!**  
Attention 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 Area 2 loop and encourage them to be active participants in their handbell community.