



Handbell Musicians
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Area 2 Twice Tolloed Tales

March 2020

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From the Chair . . .

Dear Area Members:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing my first Letter from the Chair to you today! There are so many cool things on the horizon for Area 2 over the next two years, starting with our Destination Ring coming this August at scenic Lake George with clinician Michael Helman. I am personally excited to bring handbell music to a resort location and hope to see many of you there.

Looking ahead to next year, we will be welcoming the incomparable William Payne as our 2021 Festival Conference conductor. As if that wasn't good enough news, we also are bringing back the masterclass option for advanced ringers with clinician Karen Lakey Buckwalter. Festival will once again be held at the Lancaster Convention Center. Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback on our first convention center conference, especially those who participated in the focus group with Chair-Elect Sarah Hazel.

Starting with this issue, check out our new newsletter feature that lists actions of interest taken by your Area 2 board. We want to keep our members informed – Area 2 is YOUR area! I'm very proud to be Chair of Area 2 for the next two years. Hope to make music with you all soon!

Elizabeth Nowik, M.M.

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Chair, Area 2

PS. The artwork throughout this issue of 'TTT' was done by some of our Young Ringers at Festival last summer!

**Inside: Spring Read and Ring Info - happening very soon!
Info for Destination Ring this summer**



➔ Please Forward and Share!

Attention Directors – don't forget to forward all Area 2 e-mails 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.

Handbell Musicians of America Area 2

Read & Ring - March 2020

3 Hours of New Releases and Old Favorites

\$15 per ringer (*please bring binder, riser/stand, gloves and mallets*)

\$10 registrant fee to audit event (non-ringing)

Dates & Locations

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|---------------------------|--|
| Saturday, March 14 | First United Methodist of Somerville
48 W. High Street, Somerville, NJ
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Clinician - Elizabeth Nowik
Host - Pat Dedert
Registration Deadline: February 28 |
| Saturday, March 21 | Proclamation Presbyterian Church
278 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA
9:30 - 12:30 PM
Clinician & Host - Sandy Martin
Registration Deadline: March 6 |
| Saturday, March 21 | Trinity United Methodist Church
120 W. Main St., Hummelstown, PA
9:30 - 12:30 PM
Clinician - Sarah Hazel
Host - Kaye Miller
Registration Deadline: March 6 |
| Saturday, March 28 | First United Methodist Church
135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Clinician & Host - Kathie Bittenbender
Registration Deadline: March 13 |

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Handbell Musicians of America Area 2

Read & Ring - April 2020

3 Hours of New Releases and Old Favorites
for intermediate ringers (level 3)

\$15 per ringer (*please bring binder, riser/stand, gloves and mallets*)

\$10 registrant fee to audit event (non-ringing)

Date & Location

Saturday, April 25

Third Presbyterian

44 Meigs St., Rochester, NY

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Host - Jean Coniber

Registration Deadline: April 11

This workshop will be a part of a *Bells Skills Day* for beginner and intermediate ringers. The day will help introduce bell skills and train and provide valuable instruction for future ringers. For more information concerning the Bells Skills Day, please contact Jean Coniber:

(585) 233-4994

jconiber@frontiernet.net or jconiber@thirdpresbyterian.org

Area 2 is developing a pool of interested, seasoned directors/ringers who would like to enrich other directors and ringers (new or old) through teaching handbell skills and techniques.

If interested, please contact Kaye Miller:
(717)679-0041 or kmm5775@comcast.net
Mentor and Workshop Coordinator, Area 2

Handbell Musicians of America Area 2

2020 March/April Read & Rings

Registration Form

(Please make copy for your records)

Church/Organization _____

Director _____ HMA Member # _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Event date/location you are registering for

- ___ March 14, First United Methodist of Somerville, Somerville, NJ
- ___ March 21, Proclamation Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA
- ___ March 21, Trinity United Methodist Church, Hummelstown, PA
- ___ March 28, First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, PA
- ___ April 25, Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY

___ Registrations @ \$15 = \$ _____

___ Registrations @ \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

(checks payable to HMA Area 2)

A minimum of 11 registrants is required to hold each event. Payment is required with registration to guarantee ringing space. Music is not included with registration but will be available for purchase (checks only) at the end of the event.

Registrant Names (please print clearly)

1)	8)
2)	9)
3)	10)
4)	11)
5)	12)
5)	13)
6)	14)

Please adhere to deadline dates and forward registrations with check payable to HMA Area 2 to:
 Gail Posey, HMA Area 2 Secretary/Registrar
 120 S. Main Street,
 Yardley, PA 19067
 (215) 280-5737 or gsposey@verizon.net

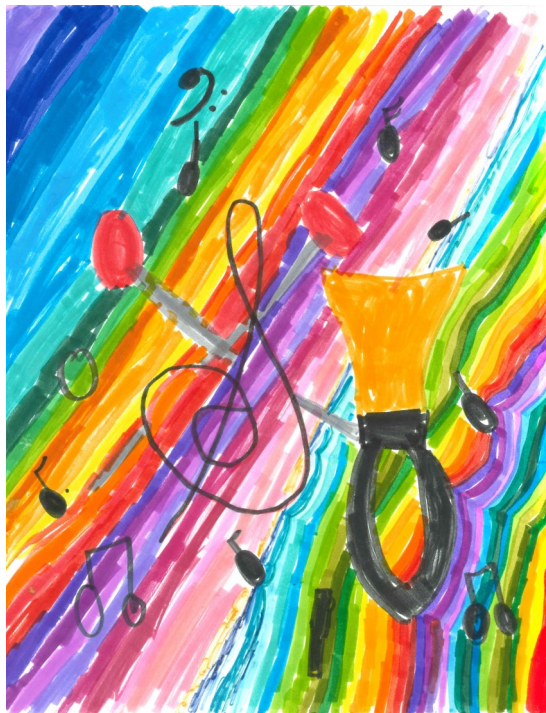
Contact Kaye M. Miller with questions: (717) 679-0041 or kmm5775@comcast.net.

Handchime Lending!!



Chime Lending applications will be accepted beginning March 1st. If you were going to do it last year but didn't, or you wanted to borrow after the cutoff date, now is your opportunity to get going early! If you've been thinking about beginning a bell program but are unsure, try borrowing a three-octave set from our loan program.

You may have them for either a summer session (July 1 through August 15) or a school year (September 1 through June 10). Go to the Area 2 website for all information. If you have questions, please e-mail Cynthia Reineke at 1052turtle@gmail.com.



Handbell Registry!!

Area 2's Handbell Registry needs your help!

If you know of other handbell programs in your area, please forward the information on to Sarah Hazel: shazel2@outlook.com or chairelect.area2@handbellmusicians.org.

We want to create a complete registry of every program in the area in order to provide the best information to ringers looking for a program and we can't do that without you as our eyes and ears.

Area 2 Destination Ring - August 2020

This year's big event will be the Destination Ring. It will be held at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George, NY on August 9-10. Our clinician will be Michael Helman. We envision this event as family friendly. It's set for Sunday to Monday to allow families a couple of good weekend days before or after the event if they choose. There is so much to do at the resort and in the surrounding area, so coming early could be a great experience!

The event will consist of five sessions with Michael. Most will be focused on rehearsing the music you have prepared in advance, but at least one of the sessions will be structured more like a class than a rehearsal. There is no closing concert. Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast and Monday lunch will be provided. The event will begin Sunday afternoon and run until late afternoon on Monday.

The cost for the event is \$235, lodging not included. Plan to purchase the music in advance and learn your assigned part before the event. This way the rehearsal sessions can be geared towards learning music, not notes.

Registrations for Destination Ring are due by July 1. Plan to register early so you can get your chosen assignments. The registration form is included in this issue of Twice Told Tales as well as on the Area 2 website. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, contact Bob Ward: RJWardNY@optonline.net or Sarah Hazel: shazel2@outlook.com. They will be happy to talk with you!



Check # _____

Amount: _____

Destination Ring Registration

August 9-10, 2020
Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center
Lake George, NY

Name: _____ HMA Membership Number: _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am usually a RINGER or DIRECTOR

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for ringing positions you would like to play:

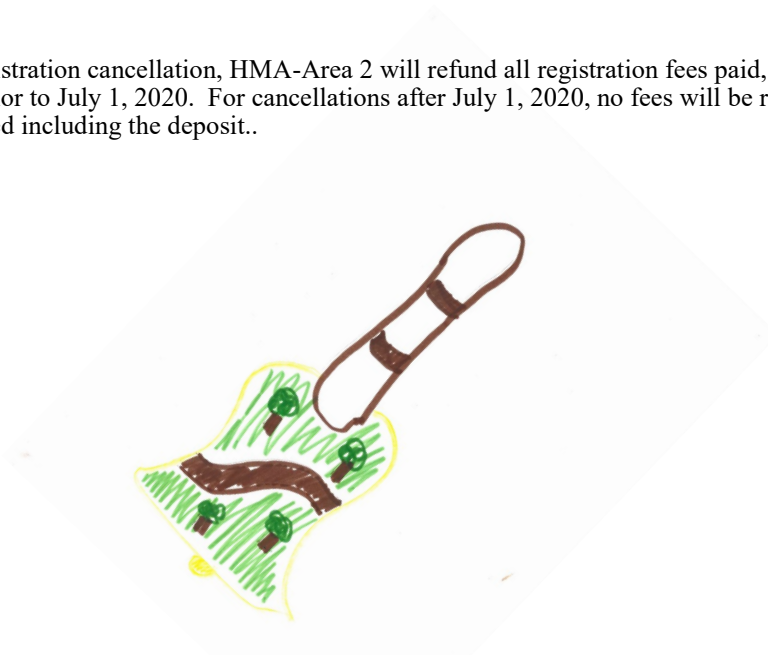
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| _____ E4-F4 | _____ G4-A4 | _____ B4-C5 |
| _____ D5-E5 | _____ F5-G5 | _____ A5-B5 |
| _____ C6-D6/7 | _____ E6/7-F6/7 | _____ G6/7-A6/7 |
| _____ B6/7-C7/8 | | |

Hotel Information: You must make your reservations for the hotel on your own. Hotel reservation code will be provided as soon as it is available. Reservations should be completed by July 9, 2020. Rooms range in price from \$169-\$349 for Sunday night. Rates are slightly higher for Pre-Event nights.

Make check for \$235 payable to "HMA - Area 2." Mail to: Gail Posey, Secretary/Registrar
120 S. Main Street
Yardley, PA 19067

Registrations are due no later than July 1, 2020.

Cancellation Policy: In the event of registration cancellation, HMA-Area 2 will refund all registration fees paid, except the \$75 per person deposit, if cancellation is made prior to July 1, 2020. For cancellations after July 1, 2020, no fees will be refunded. If Area 2 cancels this event, all fees will be refunded including the deposit..





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Area 2

2021 Festival Conference Composition Contest

Prize: \$1,000.00

- An original handbell composition suitable for massed ringing
- 3-5 octaves, HMA Level 2 – 3
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Performance time not to exceed 4.5 minutes

Deadline: April 15, 2020

ONLY ORIGINAL, UNPUBLISHED WORKS MAY BE SUBMITTED
WORKS THAT INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS OF EXISTING TUNES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Entries may not be under consideration by any other contest or publisher while being considered by Area 2. Failure to observe this clause will result in immediate forfeiture of any prize awarded.

1. Please use HMA/AGEHR publication Handbell Notation and Grading System as a reference guide for all compositional notation.
2. Composers may enter as many manuscripts as they wish, but each is to be sent under a separate cover letter.
3. To enter, send a cover letter, manuscript PDF file, and MP3 audio of the piece. Prepare a cover letter containing: Title, intended playing time, composer's name, address, phone, and email address. The manuscript of the piece should include: Title, category, bells used chart, optional instructions, and duration. **DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPOSER'S NAME ON ANY MANUSCRIPT PAGE.** Submit cover letter, manuscript, and MP3 together in a single mailed packet or email.
4. Decision of the judges is final. Area 2 reserves the right to select an entry that, in our sole judgment, is suitable for Festival purpose. Area 2 reserves the right to not award a prize.
5. Winning entries will be performed at the 2021 Festival Conference.
6. Area 2 will request a suitable dedication line when the composition is published. Area 2 reserves the right to be the sole dedicatee.
7. Winning composition may not be presented or performed in any festival, area, or local event prior to the 2021 Area 2 Festival Conference.
8. Area 2 adheres to copyright laws. Copyright obligations and adherence to copyright law is expected of all composers.
9. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL BY APRIL 15, 2020.

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Welcome!
(and maybe Welcome Back!)



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David Harris, Director

March 14, 2020

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600 Shepherd Street
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Jeffrey Clouser, Contact
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Nick Hanson Director

March 28, 2020

Bellefonte High School
Bellefonte, PA

AnnaCarol Buffington, Contact
814-531-4242
nittanyvalleyhandbellfestival.org

Hudson Valley Handbell Festival

David Harris, Director

April 25, 2020

Iona Preparatory School
New Rochelle, NY

Contact
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National Seminar 2020 in Orlando, Florida

July 16-20, 2020

Registration info found at:
www.handbellmusicians.org