



Handbell Musicians
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Area 2 Twice Tolloed Tales

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From the Chair . . .

Happy New Year, Area 2! While we had hopes this fall that a resolution to the pandemic would be in sight this spring, we feel it is a sensible and safe move to cancel the 2021 Festival Conference this year. We have worked out agreements with Lancaster County Convention Center and our talented faculty and conductors to transfer our contracts with them to the 2023 festival year. We have also made the difficult decision to cancel the Young Ringers Festival this spring, as well, and are not currently planning any Spring Read & Rings.

If you are an area bell choir that has been fortunate enough to be active right now, even if in limited capacities, please tag @hmaarea2 in your recordings and pictures! So many of us are missing bells this year and it warms our hearts to virtually experience the music other groups ringing. If you are like me, you are relying more than ever on the internet and various social medias to stay connected!

We miss you all terribly and hope for a brighter and more bell-filled horizon next season!

Liz

Elizabeth Nowik
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Chair, Area 2



➔ 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.

Election Time is Coming and Area 2 Needs YOU!

The time to elect the 2021-2023 board for Area 2 is fast approaching and we want YOU to get involved. Each election cycle, we elect a Chair-Elect, a Secretary/Registrar, and a Treasurer to fill positions on the Board. This year, our Secretary/Registrar, Gail Posey, will finish her 6 years on the board and we will need to find a new person to try and fill her shoes. While Patricia Dedert still has one possible term as Treasurer, that position is also open for election. Finally, we will need to find a new Chair-Elect who will take over as Chair for the 2023-2025 term.

According to our by-laws, each position must have at least 2 candidates in order for the election to take place. We will be creating a nominating committee to find candidates for the 3 open positions. Do you know lots of people in Area 2? This might be a wonderful way to step up and help us. Join the Nominating Committee! Even better, run for office! We are always looking for people who are willing to come in and bring a fresh perspective to the Board.

What is expected of you? If you join the Nominating Committee, you will meet as often as needed to find and secure candidates for the ballot. This is a short-term commitment that should hopefully be completed by May with the plan to hold elections soon after that.

If you want to run for office, you just have to let us know you want to be on the ballot and be ready to work hard once the elections are over. The new terms begin in October of odd years, and run for two years. Board members each have their own responsibilities, but also assist with the Area 2 Festival in odd years, and other events throughout the season. In addition, we have board meetings 3-4 times a year (all virtual lately). We also have appointed positions that need to be filled, so let us know if you are interested in being on the board even if you're not ready to run for the elected positions.

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or running for office (or know someone who might be great at it!) please contact Elizabeth Nowik at chair.area2@handbellmusicians.org or Kathie Bittenbender at membership.area2@handbellmusicians.org. They can answer any questions you have about specific responsibilities for each position and give you more information about how the nominating committee functions. This is time sensitive since we want to have as much time as possible to put together a good slate of candidates for the election, so contact us soon and let's get this rolling!

Sarah Hazel

Area 2 Chair-Elect 2019-2021

Handbell Festival 2021 Canceled

The HMA Area 2 Board is saddened to announce the cancellation of the Area 2 Handbell Festival 2021 due to COVID-19. Scheduled to be held in the Lancaster Conference Center in June 2021, the Board felt cancellation was the best choice to keep everyone safe and healthy.

We are planning to hold the Area 2 Handbell Festival 2023 in the Lancaster Conference Center - the same location we used for our Festival 2019. Save the dates - Friday, June 23 - Sunday, June 25, 2023.

If you have any photos from past Area 2 events, we would love to feature them on our social media!

**Please send a digital copy of the photo to
communications.area2@handbellmusicians.org**

HOW CAN YOU HELP AREA 2?

If you are a seasoned director/ringer who has an interest in helping others learn handbell skills and techniques, we'd like to include you in our pool of those willing to teach.

**If interested, please contact Kaye Miller,
Mentor and Workshop Coordinator, Area 2**

mentoring.area2@handbellmusicians.org

or

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In Memoriam

Marilyn M. Hines, a Past President of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (now Handbell Musicians of America), Honorary Life Member, and former Area 2 Chairman recently passed away. She is survived by her four children, Laura, Sherri, Jennifer and Kevin.

Marilyn was a unique and humble person who promoted handbells and people. She was warm, tough, and energetic. She befriended all and wished the best for them. Marilyn inspired people to be more than they thought they could be.

She accompanied Sue Garton on the piano when Sue began her solo ringing career. Marilyn directed her church handbell choir as well as a community choir in Grove City, PA. She was instrumental in founding the North Hills Handbell Festival some 45 years ago. Marilyn was a frequent participant in the Bay View Handbell Festival in Bay View, MI.

While these achievements are impressive, Marilyn was more than that. She was real, authentic, and spoke her mind. You always knew where she stood. She made us feel we were family – we were her handbell family.

I will feel her loss for the rest of my life.

Bob Ward
Area 2 Past Chair

Please visit Marilyn's memorial on the HMA website, which links to a page where you may leave condolences for her family:
<https://handbellmusicians.org/memorial/hines>

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	3-7 oct 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

Your Area 2 Board at Work

The Area 2 Board members met on Friday, February 5, 2021 to discuss and make decisions about Area 2 handbell events, policies, etc.

Despite the pandemic, Area 2 is in good financial condition. Membership is holding steady at 343 for HMA Area 2. Five 2-octave sets of Chimes are currently out on loan to members of Area 2 in school, church, and institutional settings. Major work is taking place to improve our website. Plans are being finalized for a “Throwback Thursday” bi-weekly photo event on social media.

While the Young Ringers Festival scheduled for 2021 has been cancelled, plans are currently underway for a Young Ringers Festival event to be held Saturday, May 21 – Sunday, May 22, 2022 at Pine Brook in Pennsylvania. Our Destination Ring 2022 is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 – Monday, August 8, 2022, at Fort William Henry in New York. The clinician will be announced later this year.

The Board also decided to offer a new program for the fall, the “Autumn Read & Ring.” This will be our first event since COVID-19 began. Similar to past Read & Rings, it will be a half-day event with new and well-loved music to sight read.

If you would be interested in hosting an “Autumn Read & Ring” at your location in August, September or October 2021, please contact Kaye Miller at workshops.area2@handbellmusicians.org

The Area 2 Board thanks you for your support during this difficult year.

Area 2 Board Members 2019–2021



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**Next TTT deadline is
June 1st, 2021**

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