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Area XI Newsletter

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This month we introduce you to our Colorado Sub-area chair, **Anne Miller**. Area XI is very fortunate to have an experienced person like Anne serving on our Board. At the end of her article she includes a poem which is very appropriate for handbell people at the beginning of a New Year. Anne writes.....



“Growing up as a chorister in the Lutheran school system, in several community choirs as an adult, and as a piano teacher with a studio of 20 students, I found handbells to be a particularly exciting 'team sport' that really caught my interest in the late 70's, studying with college educators and composers in the 80's, and by 1987 I was asked to become one of the few paid handbell specialists in the nation by a Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO, expanding their

program from 1 to 6 handbell choirs, ages 8-80.”

“History holds that I am a 31-yr. ringer, past Missouri state chair of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR), past AGEHR Area VIII Secretary, formerly an 18-year AGEHR Missouri state board member, graduate of the AGEHR Master class in "Score Study-Preparation and Conducting," AGEHR mentor, handbell choir director at various churches for 20 yrs., co-founder of the Gateway BellFest, adjudicator, clinician, author, composer, soloist, and accompanist. Now in Colorado to be an active 'granny', ringing with the Rocky Mountain Ringers, and formerly with 'Bells In Motion' out of Springfield, IL, I am happy to be serving as the current chair for Colorado, COAGEHR organizing the state effort in teaching people that have rhythm how to use this percussion instrument, along with handchimes & other percussive instruments.”

“I work as an Administrative Coordinator, enjoy jazz, live theater, swimming, outdoor activities, am single, have 2 grown & married children with 5 grandchildren under 8 in Ft. Collins & St. Louis.”

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**REMEMBER TO RENEW
 YOUR AGEHR
 MEMBERSHIP**



(Anne - cont. from page 1)

*Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,
To the tintinnabulation that so
musically wells
From the bells, bells, bells, bells,
Bells, bells, bells -*

From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells

...Edgar Alan Poe

(whose 200th birthday we honor in Jan. 2009)

-Anne Miller

KAY COOK HAS QUADRUPLE BY-PASS!

Kay reports, "On October 5th, 2008 I woke up to a small radiating pain in my chest. This pain increased as the morning went on. After a light lunch my chest felt like it was going to explode, and a horrible pain ran up the right side of my neck and I experienced a horrible earache. In less than 24 hours I was in the operating room going through quadruple by-pass surgery.

Thank God for great doctors and great medicine! I am doing well with the exception of being susceptible to infections which should pass with my ongoing recovery. I can't remember when I have felt so good!

WOMEN BE AWARE: The number one killer of women is heart disease. Please check with your doctor about getting a CCTA or calcium score. I had no idea that I had a problem. There is NO heart disease in my family."

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

- Kay Cook

(Kay is chair-elect for the Arizona Sub-area)

BELL DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN IN ARIZONA

North Scottsdale United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Director for their Adult Bell Choir to start immediately. This is a paid position. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. and helps to lead worship one Sunday per month September through May at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. The church currently owns 4 octaves of Malmark Handbells and 3 octaves of Malmark Chimes. For more information, please contact Darin Read, Director of Music: darinread1@cox.net or 602-315-7347.

AGEHR NATIONAL SEMINAR 2009 will be in Area XI ! Tucson, AZ July 15 - 18, 2009

INFORMATION about the National Seminar is now available at www.agehr.org. Registration and room costs, location, planned events, etc. are all posted and registration is open.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE - Each state in Area XI has available a one-time \$500 scholarship to defray the cost of registration and related expenses to attend a National AGEHR Event such as the one to be held in Tucson this summer. Applications for a Scholarship should be sent to the Sub-Area Chair **by April 17, 2009** so it's not that far away even though the event isn't until summer. Approved applicants will be notified no later than May 8 so they may take advantage of early bird registration which ends May 15.

Scholarship application forms and full details of the Scholarships are available at www.area11.org Click on the Scholarship link.

GO BELLISTIC! DUO VERY BUSY

The popular Sedona, AZ duet team of Sheryl Bertelson and Anne Cotter did Go BELListic! They were so busy during December that they had to turn down "gigs".

They played for the Sedona Library, the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club, the Sedona Community Center, Sedona Welcomer's (for the third year in a row and they are already booked for next year - 350 people at the Hilton), Camp Verde Infirmary, Sedona Winds, Verde Valley Manor, Hope Community Church in Flagstaff, and lots of health care facilities.

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An organization called Lighthouse Foundation has taken them under their wing and the duo has played about 8 gigs for them this year. The Foundation brings activities to nursing homes and to the elderly and asked Go BELListic! to play at many facilities during elderly week in September as well as at Christmas. They have also shown some interest in working things out for a TV appearance.

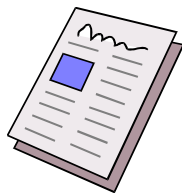
Anne says, "It's been an exciting year for us!"

GOOD NEWS!

2009 YOUNG RINGERS' CAMP

June 3 to 7, 2009

**REGISTRATION COST WILL BE
THE SAME AS 2007!!!!**



Young Ringers' Camp will be held at the same location as 2007 too - Glorieta Retreat Center in Glorieta, New Mexico. Camp begins with registration, set-up and dinner on June 3 and ends with breakfast on June 7.

Regular Registration

Postmarked after April 4 - \$315 per registrant
Chaperones - \$305 per registrant

Early-bird Registration (save \$50 per registrant!)

Postmarked on or before April 4 - \$265 per registrant
Chaperones - \$255 per registrant

Registration fee covers accommodations, meals, festival expenses and music.

Registration fees for "optional activities" are **NOT** included.

Optional Activities (paintball, horseback riding, ropes course, etc.) registration is paid separately from Handbell Camp Registration.

Registration forms are now available at
www.area11.org.

Be sure to read the directions carefully. You may register your group at any time with a \$100 deposit.

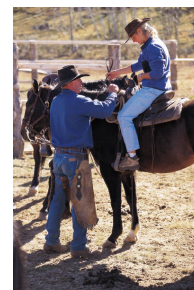
Separate registration forms for optional activities will be available later.



Come on camp is fun!! See you there!

A message from one of the 2007 camp participants.

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"My last trip to the Glorieta Handbell Camp was one of the best experiences of my life so far. I learned a lot from the interesting and fun classes that were offered and furthered my knowledge of bells and music. Besides just learning about music, I also enjoyed the environment and pleasant weather (a nice break from the "dry" heat of Arizona). I also enjoyed the camaraderie that was formed and making new friends at the camp. The most exciting and enjoyable things however might have been the things the camp offered for us to do in our down time, such as horseback riding and paintball. Overall, I really enjoyed this camp and look forward to going back this year."



Nathaniel Gingrich  
Gold Canyon United Methodist Church  
Youth Handbell Team  
Gold Canyon, Arizona



### **Getting there is half the fun!**

Gold Canyon UMC along with a few others from La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, AZ on their way to camp in 2007



Ringers can sign up for E-notes too. And best of all:

**IT'S FREE!**

**E-notes** - Sign up for your monthly national AGEHR news at [www.agehr.org](http://www.agehr.org). You'll find the link under communications.

You do not have to be a member of AGEHR to get E-notes.

Tell your friends.

My copy of E-Notes arrived this morning just full of interesting things. This little “messenger” brings you news that you can read quickly with links to some things you might want to pursue further such as:

1. There are new forms for sponsored/endorsed events.
2. A survey of the readership of Overtones is being conducted.
3. See a list of some of the members of the HIC with links or contact information to them.
4. Space is still available at Distinctly Bronze West (Feb 12 to 15.)
5. Japan has begun planning for the 2010 International Symposium and has announced a composition contest with the prize being 100,000 yen (approximately \$1,000.)

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**DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Steve Goebel of Lakewood, CO, Chandler Presbyterian Church of Chandler, AZ and St. John's United Methodist Church of Albuquerque, NM who joined the AGEHR in December 2008. If you happen to run into these folks at one of the festivals listed, be sure to make them feel at home.

**NEW MEXICO SUB-AREA AGEHR  
SPRING FESTIVAL/CONVOCATION**

**April 25, 2009**  
Tammy Waldrop, Clinician  
St. John's UMC Church  
Albuquerque, NM  
Repertoire list & Registration form available at [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org)

(Click on New Mexico Events)

**ARIZONA SUB-AREA AGEHR  
SPRING FESTIVAL**

**April 25, 2009**  
Monica McGowan, Clinician  
Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ  
Repertoire list & Registration form available at [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org)

(Click on Arizona Events)

**UTAH SUB-AREA AGEHR  
2009 SPRING RING**

**March 14, 2009**  
Greig Ashhurst, Clinician  
Murray High School, Murray, UT  
Repertoire List now available at [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org)

(Click on Utah Events)

**COLORADO SUB-AREA AGEHR  
KEYSTONE FESTIVAL**

**April 17 - April 19, 2009**  
Dr. John Hooper, Guest Conductor  
Keystone Resort & Conference Center  
Keystone, CO  
More information at [www.coagehr.org](http://www.coagehr.org)

(Click on events)

**WYOMING SUB-AREA AGEHR  
SPRING RING**

**April 3-4, 2009**  
Cathy Moklebus, Guest Conductor  
Casper, WY  
Repertoire list & Registration form available at [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org)

(Click on Wyoming Events)