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officers listed on page 2.

## *The Chair Chimes In*

I am honored to be the new Chair of AGEHR, Area I, Inc. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you over the past few months at various ringing events. Our Area I Festival/Conference at UMass in Amherst, MA was a huge success with about 900 people in attendance! Many of our Area I members donated hundreds of hours of their own time to make this event happen. Thank you to the Conference committee, the teachers, the workers behind the scenes, those who loaned equipment, and, of course, all the directors who prepared their choirs and encouraged their ringers to attend. There were certainly some glitches, mostly with issues concerning the University housing and the hot weather, but overall things ran smoothly and the evaluations indicate that people enjoyed the event.

I also met many of you at the National Director's Seminar in Hartford, Ct, which I reported on in the August "Fundamental Tone", and at Family Handbell Camp in New Hampshire. Family Handbell Camp had more people in attendance than ever before and it continues to be a fun, relaxing event for all ages and ringing levels. On October 18<sup>th</sup> I was at the Southern Repertoire Reading Session held at Central Baptist Church in Norwich, CT. Our host, David Warfield, did a wonderful job leading us through a variety of new handbell pieces and members of his church made us all feel at home, providing delicious snacks and a lunch for the 21 attendees. Thank you, David, and all of your people at Central Baptist!

Our new Area I Board is off and running. We had our first meeting on October 3-4 in Norwood, MA. Six out of seven of our State Chairs are new to the Board and I am thrilled with the talent and new ideas that all these

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people bring to the table. We also have a new Secretary, Chair-Elect, and Historian and we will soon have a new Special Needs Liaison. Check out our Area I Web site at [www.agehrarea1.org](http://www.agehrarea1.org) to learn about our new Board members and to send them an e-mail. Our Web site has been redesigned by our new webmaster, Linda Lamb. Thank you, Linda!

The leadership of Area I is an important part of what helps handbell ringing continue to thrive in New England and the Atlantic Provinces. However, the other part of the equation is you. It is your participation and your support that make all our efforts worthwhile. You can help promote the art of handbell and choir chime ringing by participating in AGEHR events, reading your newsletters and "Overtones" magazine, sharing this information with all your ringers, visiting the Area I Web site, supporting the Area I leadership, supporting Area I programs and events, letting us know how you are willing to help, attending local handbell concerts, publicizing what you are doing in your own community, and continuing the important work you do in your own handbell program. 2004 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers which has its roots right here in Area I! You will be hearing more about this in "Overtones" and in the winter issue of the "Fundamental Tone". I hope you make this a year when you rededicate yourself to your commitment to handbell ringing! I look forward to seeing many of you at the Area I Directors' Seminar in February.

Debra LeBrun, Chair Area I

## Reports

### Connecticut

Many Connecticut individuals volunteered their time and efforts at the National Director's Seminar in Hartford this past July as hospitality workers. Jean Degan and Rick Wood were the local liaisons for this year's gathering, and they gave an incredible amount of time and energy to this event to make it a resounding success. As one who volunteered and saw first hand the incredible amount of work and detail that went into this program, I can tell you that the two of them deserve a big round of applause from all of Area I.

Connecticut was the site of the Southern Repertoire Reading session this fall on October 18 at Central Baptist Church in Norwich. Since this is being written prior to the event, follow-up information will be in the next edition of Fundamental Tone.

With the holidays fast approaching, it seems as if it is time to turn our attentions to the many wonderful concerts and performances going on throughout the state. Due to our state's small size, it is easy to travel anywhere within the state, so I hope many of you reading this will be able to enjoy some of the wonderful events coming up in the near future!

Jane Nolan's groups at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gales Ferry will be presenting a Service of Lessons and Carols on December 7 at 4:30PM. The service will feature the church choir, the handbell choir, and a harp! There is no admission charge. The church is located on the corner of Rt. 12 and Clark Lane in Gales

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Another Service of Lessons and Carols will be held the following Sunday, December 14, at 2:00PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Norwich. The children's groups will be joining the adult choir and handbell choir. The church is located at 181 Elizabeth Street in Norwich. For further information, please contact Alice Kearney at 860-886-6113.

My own church, Spring Glen Church in Hamden, at the corner of Whitney Avenue and Glen Parkway, will be having a concert on Sunday, December 28 at 4:00PM and will feature our adult choir, our Junior Handbell Choir, and our Chime Choir. For further information, please call Sue Wilber at 203-288-5847.

And for those of you who do not celebrate that January holiday of Super Bowl Sunday, please come to First Church in Wethersfield for their annual Superbell Concert at 4:00PM on January 25. The concert will feature Whitechapel, Malmark, and Petit & Fritzen handbells, as well as Malmark Choir Chimes, and the church's five handbell choirs will all be performing. There is no admission fee, but a goodwill offering will be taken. For further information, please contact Marty Bernardi at 860-563-1132.

Susan Wilber, Ct State Chair

## Maine

This year's Maine Handbell Festival will take place on March 27, 2004, at Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham. We will have two great directors, the Dueling Karens: Karen Leonard directing Coppers and Karen Leland directing Tins.

Karen Leonard is well-known throughout AGEHR. She is the immediate past president of the national organization, and has held numerous positions both nationally and in Area I. She organizes the Merrimack Valley English Handbell Festival and is the Minister of Music at West Chelmsford UMC in West Chelmsford, Mass. She has been a clinician at local, area, national, and international events

Karen Leland specializes in Tins groups. She directs a Tins groups at First Parish Church in Brunswick, Maine, and also directs a quartet, The Chamber Ringers, in which she also plays. She has worked with bell players at all levels and has conducted at previous Maine Festivals.

Mt. Ararat Middle School is the same location we used last year. Again, morning and afternoon snacks and a full lunch will be included in the cost of registration. The facility is fully accessible.

Details of repertoire and classes will be in the mail soon. No matter where you are in Area I, or what your expertise in bell playing is, we invite you to join us on March 27! Call Chris Madsen at 207-865-0278 if you want to be added to our mailing list.

Chris Madsen, ME Chair

## Massachusetts

Hello Massachusetts and Area I. My name is Marianne McVoy (508-845-7286, [mmcvoy@fccsm.org](mailto:mmcvoy@fccsm.org)) and I'm the new MA State Chair. I'm a ringer with the Shrewsbury Ringers and director of the Shrewsbury Bells. Some of you might remember me as the "Fractured Fairy Tale" lady at our Area I Festival Conferences. I'm the Financial and Membership Secretary of the First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury. For more info on me and the church, visit the Web site at [www.fccsm.org](http://www.fccsm.org). I'll be assisted as chair by Linda Chadwick (508-842-0541, [lchadwick@townisp.com](mailto:lchadwick@townisp.com)) who is the director of the Shrewsbury Youth Ringers and also my duet partner.

We're very excited about being involved with Area I and would love to hear from you. Massachusetts has the largest membership in Area I so we are going to need your help. Let us know what's going on with your bell choirs and what events you have participated in or are planning. For example, the Shrewsbury Ringers are performing with the Master Singers of Worcester on December 13<sup>th</sup> at their annual Boar's Head Festival, Wesley United Methodist Church in Worcester. What a fun time we have ringing in costumes!

Another upcoming event is the Massachusetts Youth Spring Ring on Saturday, March 13, 2004. This will be their twelfth year! The contact for this event is Cheryl Kralej (781-862-2209, [Cheryl@kralej.com](mailto:Cheryl@kralej.com)). For

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This year we have two schools in Massachusetts participating in the Chime Loaner Program. Elaine Shaw of Shrewsbury will be the MA Liaison for these schools.

She's a teacher at the Floral Street School in Shrewsbury MA and is their chime director. She also rings with me in the Shrewsbury Ringers. Her phone numbers are (h) 508-842-4401 and (w) 508-841-8720. Emails: (h) [eshaw@townisp.com](mailto:eshaw@townisp.com) and (w) [eshaw@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:eshaw@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us). She is willing to answer any questions and be of any help necessary. Information about the Chime Loaner Program can be found on the Area I Web site.

Martha Goodman will continue as the coordinator of MassRinging, the Yahoo Group for Massachusetts handbell enthusiasts. If you are already a Yahoo Groups member, simply log in and go to the MassRinging home page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/massringing>, or send an e-mail message to [massringing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:massringing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). If you are not yet a YahooGroups member, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and follow the instructions to register (it's free). Then subscribe to the group as described above. If you have questions or problems, send a message to: [massringing-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:massringing-owner@yahoogroups.com).

Linda and I are looking forward to hearing from you.

Marianne McVoy, MA State Co-Chair

## Rhode Island

New Half-Day Ringing Instruction Classes have started in Rhode Island! Thirteen people (a full class) attended the Basic Ringing Skills class and twelve attended the "Multiple Bell Techniques" class on Saturday, September 20. Thanks to clinicians Andy Wallace and Jennie Valentine for leading these intensive 3-hour seminars.

It's not too late to sign up for future classes. Space is limited to 13 per class. Contact Registrar Carolyn Gardner (401-782-2409 or [cgar106404@aol.com](mailto:cgar106404@aol.com)). \$10.00 per class.

The next one will be held on November 15, 2003, at the Peacedale Cong. Church, Peacedale, RI.

Courses:

- "Basic Ringing Skills"/Andy Wallace, clinician
- "Mallets, Stopped and Other Table Top Techniques"/Jane Nolan, clinician

Another one will be held on January 24, 2004, at the

Wheeler School, Providence, RI.

Courses:

- "Practical Applications for Directors"/Karen Leonard, clinician
- "Handbell Choir Management and Structure"/Martha Goodman, clinician
- "Preparing the Choir for Their First Massed Ring"/Dan Moore, clinician

## Rhode Island 2004 "Spring Ring" Plans

On March 27, 2004, the 7th Annual Spring Ring will be held at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, RI. The Guest Conductor is Jean Degan

Massed Ringing Pieces (to be prepared in advance):

- "Fantasy on a French Carol" (Hopson) RW8105
- "I Will Arise & Go To Jesus (Edwards) CGB264
- "From a Distant Home" (Helman) CGB272

Workshops: Info will be included on the separate flyer which will be sent out this fall to the RI mailing list regarding the 7th Annual Spring Ring.

The Rhode Island Handbell Advisory Board (RIHAB) is hard at work. This board is working to develop a comprehensive statewide list of all bell programs (active and inactive), a substitute ringer list, and a comprehensive communication tools.

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The Wayfarer Inn is conveniently located in Bedford, NH off Rte 3, near Manchester ([www.wayfarerinn.com](http://www.wayfarerinn.com)) The Seminar begins Friday evening and ends Saturday at approximately 4pm. Registration includes room, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast and lunch.

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The new Rhode Island state chair is Dan Moore, a name familiar to most Rhode Island ringers and many Area I ringers (not to mention many AGEHR members across the country!). We are grateful for his willingness to serve as our representative on the Area I Board and to give so generously of his time. I have been honored to be a part of the work accomplished by the Area I Board for the past several years, and I will continue to serve the Area as opportunities arise.

Lori Kast, Outgoing RI State Chair

### Vermont

After eight years, Phil Brown has stepped down as Vermont Chair. He has been an exceptional leader with keen foresight, strength, and organizational skills, and he has served handbell ringers and directors in Vermont exceedingly well. Fortunately, he has promised to continue to be in the forefront in Vermont and will also continue in promoting and supporting handbell ringing in our state. Thank you, Phil for your enduring contributions.

After attending my first Area I board meeting last week as Vermont Chair, I was impressed by the level of leadership shepherding our organization. This group of dedicated volunteers does a tremendous amount of work and deals with complex issues in a very professional manner for our benefit.

Plans are underway for two major events in April 2004; the Vermont Spring Ring, which will be held in Manchester, VT., April 23 and 24 with clinician, Michael Helman and the Vermont Youth Ring to be held April 3 at Dothan Brook School, Hartford, VT. The Vermont Director's Roundtable is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 31, 2004 at the West Lebanon Congregational church, West Lebanon, NH.

Jerilyn Bergdahl, VT Chair

## Bulletin Board

There is an immediate opening for a director for the Adult Handbell Choir in the Acton Congregational Church, Acton, MA. This is an experienced choir performing Level III and IV music on 5-octaves of bells. The church provides an annual stipend, funding for purchase of new music, training (if required), and enthusiastic support. Contact Charlotte Floyd at 978 635-0725 or at [cefputnam@aol.com](mailto:cefputnam@aol.com)

## Area I New Members

Please welcome these new members to area I:

### Connecticut

Heather Rupy, Hartford CT  
 Lesley Schumann, Woodstock CT  
 Karol Ann Shalvoy, Cheshire CT  
 Middlebury Congregational Church, Middlebury CT  
 North Congregational Church, Woodbury CT

### Maine

Ruth Mitchell, Lovell ME

### Massachusetts

Sheila Prichard, Marlboro MA  
 Jennifer Holmes, East Sandwich MA  
 Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church,  
 Winchester MA  
 Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Woburn MA  
 Waldorf School, Lexington MA  
 Golden Hill School, Haverhill MA  
 St Anthonys Church, Revere MA

### New Hampshire

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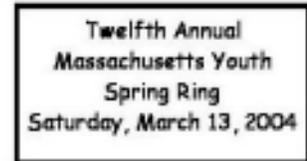
### Rhode Island

Pascoag Community Baptist Church, Pascoag RI  
 Lisa Stanziani-Griffith, Barrington RI

### Vermont

Lucy Sherrill, Stamford VT

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### *News from the Raleigh Ringers*

#### **Handbells Go National!**

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#### **A Musical Way to Help Out Someone in Need**

Jerry Jones, handbell director/clinician/composer and past Area III Chairman was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a little over a year ago. Jerry is aggressively fighting back against his disease with a combination of prayer and spiritual care, therapy, nutrition, vitamins, supplements, cutting-edge testing and chemotherapy. Today, 14 months after his fight began, CAT scans reveal some shrinking in the tumors, and at present the disease is being held at bay. His goal remains to seek a cure.

Because the financial burden of these treatments is very high, the Raleigh Ringers and Ridge Road Baptist Church (Raleigh, NC) are working together to help Jerry continue his fight. They have jointly commissioned an original composition for handbells by Paul McKlveen, entitled Faith. All receipts from the distribution of this work will be applied directly to Jerry's ongoing treatments. If you'd like to assist Jerry in this effort, more information can be found at: <http://www.webcom.com/mcklveen/faith.html>

Visit the Area I Web site at: [www.agehrarea1.org](http://www.agehrarea1.org)

## Coming Events

November 30, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.: Holiday Concert, "Ring in the Holidays" will be presented by the New England Ringers at the Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus of Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be reserved by calling the theater box office between 10am and 4pm weekdays at 978/837-5355, or by sending an e-mail to [newenglandringers@aol.com](mailto:newenglandringers@aol.com).

January 15-18, 2004: Pinnacle at the Hotel Intercontinental, in Addison, TX. Contact National Headquarters for more information.

February 6-7, 2004: Directors' Seminar. See page 5 for more information.

March 13, 2004: The twelfth annual Massachusetts Youth Spring Ring. Contact Cheryl Kralej (781-862-2209, or [Cheryl@kralej.com](mailto:Cheryl@kralej.com)) for more information. For registration packets please go to the Area I Web site ([www.agehrea1.org](http://www.agehrea1.org)) and click on "Events".

March 20, 2004: Merrimack Valley English Handbell Festival at Tewksbury Memorial High School in

Tewksbury, MA. Anyone wishing to participate may contact Ed Henderson 978-851-3024 / [EdSueHend@aol.com](mailto:EdSueHend@aol.com) or Karen Leonard 978-256-8404 / [wcumckel@aol.com](mailto:wcumckel@aol.com).

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March 27, 2004: Rhode Island Spring Ring at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, RI.

April 3, 2004: Vermont Youth Ring.

April 23-24, 2004: Vermont Spring Ring at the First Congregational Church and Manchester Elementary School in Manchester, VT. Michale Helman is the clinician. Contact Lynne Welsh for more information.

August 7-10, 2004: Family Handbell Camp at Camp Ogontz in Lisbon, NH. To pre-register before the end of the year, download the form from the Area I Web site: [www.agehrea1.org](http://www.agehrea1.org).

November 12-13, 2004: Adult Ringers Weekend at the Mount Washington Hotel. Michael Kastner will be the clinician.

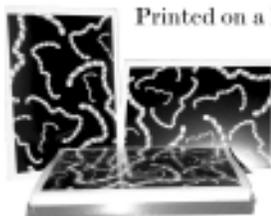
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(Tune St. Denio)

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at service on Sunday are rarely the same  
as those who on Thursday to choir practice came.
2. Unready, unable to sight-read the notes  
nor counting, nor blending, they tighten their throats.  
The descant so piercing is soaring above  
the melody only a mother could love.
3. They have a director, but no one knows why.  
No one in the choir deigns turn him (her) an eye.  
It's clear by his waving, he wants them to look,  
but each of them stands with his nose in the book.
4. Despite the offenses, the music rings out.  
The folks in the pews are enraptured, no doubt.  
Their faces are blissful, their thoughts are so deep,  
but it is no wonder, for they are asleep.

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# RING OF FIRE



Directed by Jason Wells

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*Ring of Fire continues to share their passion for handbells around the country, striving to bring their music to many diverse audiences, including schools and churches, corporate functions, charity benefits, sporting events, and on national and international television and radio. Their performance is an explosive combination of an energetic director, exuberant youth, and the brilliance of 61 bells! Their enthusiasm for life is contagious!*

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