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Summer Issue

This summer issue is a little late (though it is technically still summer until the middle of September). The editor apologizes for the lateness but she was waiting for more information about coming events in Area I which finally arrived.

Hope all of you had a pleasant relaxing summer.

Editor

Reports

Vermont

The summer directors' meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 21 at Karen James' home in Pittsford, Vermont. Each year directors give helpful feedback from events held throughout the year, celebrate individual choir achievements, as well as help with suggestions for challenges present in choirs. The meeting agenda includes: final reports; discussion of Area I events; planning for Vermont events through 2006 and beyond; discussion of a State Web Master and Newsletter Editor; and other important events occurring throughout the handbell world.

Planning is already underway for the Youth Ring and Spring Ring to be held in April 2005. Deborah Rice has agreed to direct the Spring Ring in Newport, VT. The host committee has been formed and members include: Joy Toll-Chandler, facilities; Kim Stepka, hospitality; Phil Brown, registrar; and Kay Ellis, publicity. Possible repertoire selections will be a part of the meeting agenda on the 21st. We are fortunate that Averill Tinker will once again host the Youth Ring at Dothan Brook School in Hartland, VT and a committee will be formed soon to complete the planning process.

The Vermont donation to the 50th Anniversary celebration silent auction in

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Norfolk was a basket which included: two consecutive nights for two at the absolutely beautiful Aspen Motel in Manchester Center, VT, a vacation destination thanks to Scott and Lynne Welsh, owners, and various other Vermont products. Someone who wins the bid will be pleased with this contribution to AGEHR.

Jerilyn Bergdahl, Vermont Chair

Connecticut

Cindy Bunker reports that the Hartford Christian Academy High School Handbell Choir, consisting of 12 members and led by Pastor Michael Healan, attended the American Association of Christian Schools National Competition at Bob Jones University in Greenville. South Carolina in April. These young people placed first in the competition – and performed all of their music from memory!!! Congratulations to all!!

Sue Wilber, Connecticut Chair

Bronze Ambassadors' Concert

The Bronze Ambassadors, a group of 15 students in grades 8-12 from the United Christian Academy in Newport, VT rang a concert in St. Paul's Chapel in New York City as a part of their mini-tour on the weekend of May 21-23, 2004. They wanted to visit the site where the relief efforts for 9/11 made their home. and they wanted a place to ring – as an offering. Musical groups often perform on Saturdays and they were given a time slot. Among the things they were to ring was Michael Helman's "Prayer for Peace" which was written in memory of the events of 9/11. The director (Kim Strepka) contacted Mr. Helman with some questions about the piece. During the conversation, he expressed the thought that it would be very special to hear the piece played so close to Ground

Zero. He surprised the group by being present at the concert.

The ringers felt the spirit in the chapel that the relief workers must have felt when they entered the church after a long day at Ground Zero. That, coupled with the wonderful acoustics, made for quite an emotional concert for both audience and ringers.

Bulletin Board

For sale:

6 black metal music risers with folding legs (sides?). \$15 each or \$75 for six. Congregational Church, Southington, CT 860-628-6958. or Bev Simpson 860-621-6217.

Handbell Reading Session

The Central CT Chapter of Choristers Guild is having a handbell reading session on Saturday, September 18, at 1:00 at the Congregational Church in Brookfield, CT. (Address - 160 Whisconier Rd. Brookfield, CT 06804) Please contact Toni Sullivan at 203-426-6283 or sullivantt@hotmail.com for registration information.



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AGEHR, Area 1, Inc. High School Ring Out 2004

AGEHR, Area I, Inc. is proud to announce the 5th annual Area I, High School Ring Out. St. Johnsbury Academy in St. Johnsbury, VT will host the event on Saturday, November 6, 2004 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. All Area I high school ringers and choirs are encouraged to participate in this exciting and growing event. Karen James of Pittsford, VT; former VT state chair, Area-I Chair, AGEHR Area-I Representative will direct the massed ringing. The day will include rehearsals, activities, lunch, a closing concert with an opportunity for individual choirs to present solo pieces and plenty of time to get to know other high school aged ringers.

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2004 — Note: Once again this is an SAT date. If you're communicating with your Junior and Senior ringers over the summer remind them to take their SAT's in October.

Location: St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, VT — St. Johnsbury is 3 ½ hours north of Boston or Hartford. Once you get to I-91, I-93 or US Rt 2 we're very easy to find. Specific directions will be sent in a confirmation letter. We guarantee it will be worth the trip. I'll work with you to arrange motels, home-stays or church basements if you want to make an overnight of it.

Cost: \$9.00 per ringer covers building use fees, clinician honorarium and administrative costs. Directors/chaperons attend free. You must provide one adult chaperon for each 6 ringers.

Repertoire: 1) Within the Darkest Night - Derek Hakes AG36028, 3-6 octaves, L2

2) Dorian Dance - M. Joy JHS9365, 3-6 octaves, L4+ 3) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Hart Morris AG35230, 3-5 octaves, L3

(this will be performed with the St. Johnsbury Academy Percussion Ensemble!)

All music must be original purchased copies. NO PHOTOCOPIES CAN BE ALLOWED. All music needs to be sufficiently rehearsed ahead of time so as to allow for polishing for performance, not note learning, to be accomplished at the event. Time is at a premium.

Bring: Each Ringer should bring gloves, comfortable shoes and a bag lunch. If your choir has a uniform or concert dress you are encouraged to wear it for the day or the performance. Each choir should bring bells, mallets, foam, table covers and music stands. We would appreciate if you could bring your own tables; however, a limited number of 8' banquet tables are available at a cost of \$10 each.

Schedule: 8:30 - Registration: 8:00 - Early arrival

9:00 - Opening bell, announcements, stretches. (All choirs set up and prepared to ring.)

9:15 - Rehearsal I

10:15 - Activities / Classes

11:00 - Rehearsal II / Directors' meeting

12:00 - Lunch (Each ringer / choir must provide their own lunch)

12:45 - Rehearsal III

1:45 - Dress Rehearsal with percussion ensemble

2:30 - Concert - Open to the public. Invite everyone you know!!

3:00 - Pack up and depart for a safe trip home

Sharing: We invite your choir to share a "solo" selection during the concert. Please fill out the appropriate information on the registration form. This must be done in advance for planning and programming. Time will be at a premium, we reserve the right to limit the number of solo selections. You will be assigned a few minutes during lunch to run through your piece one time in the performance area. Please be prompt and courteous to other groups.

Registration: Complete the Registration Form on the reverse of this page and make a copy for your records. Enclose the original Registration Form together with a check for the full registration amount made out to "AGEHR, Area I, Inc." and mail to: Phil Brown - High School Ring Out, P.O. Box 53, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

AGEHR, Area 1, Inc. High School Ring Out 2004

REGISTRATION	Deadline: Oct	ober 5, 2004!!
Director: AGEHR member #:		
Evening Phone:	Day Phone:	
School/Church:	•	
Address: City:		
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We wish to rent 8' banquet tables at \$10.00 each. (-	
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Registration deadline is October 5, 2004. Groups will be assigned postmark on the envelope containing their completed registration after October 5, 2004 may not be honored. Questions should be bringing individual ringers rather than a full choir, please use the desire and we will try to "create" a choir for you. You will be confirmation letters with directions will be mailed October 15.	n forms and payment in full. Any directed to Phil Brown at the add e "Bells Played" column to indica	y registrations postmarked ress below. If you are ate bell assignments you
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American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Area I Festival/Conference '05 University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH June 23-26, 2005

REPERTOIRE

Massed

Prayer for Humanity..... Linda Lamb, 3-5 octaves, Level 2, Agape, HP2292 **Kum Ba Yah**..... John F. Wilson, 2-3 octaves, Level 2+, Agape, HP1650 4-5 octaves, Agape, HP2168

Allegro Glorioso..... Catherine McMichael, 3-6 octaves, Level 3+, AGEHR, AG36030 Tins choirs may rest out for the middle section if they find it too difficult.

Welcome the Day..... Kathleen Wissinger, 2-5 octaves, Level 2-3+, Above the Line, DR028 Parts for 2 handbell choirs and flute. Order one packet for everyone and reproduce the parts you need. Tins choirs should play the Choir II part.

Tins

With All My Heart..... Kathleen Wissinger, 3-5 octaves, Level 3, GIA, GIG6414
Parting..... Barbara Werner, 3-5 octaves, Level 2+, Jeffers, JHS9357
Twas in the Moon of Wintertime..... Arr. Cathy Moklebust. 2-3 octaves, Level 2, Chorister's Guild, CGB155

Coppers

Within the Darkest Night..... Derek K. Hakes, 3-6 octaves, Level 2, AGEHR, AG36028

Amazing Grace..... Malcolm C. Wilson, 3-5 octaves, Level 4, Beckenhorst, HBSE2

Fum, Fum, Fum..... Patricia Sanders, 3-5 octaves, Level 3+, Agape, HP1639

Bronze

Dorian Dance..... Michael Joy, 3-6 octaves, Level 4+, Jeffers, JHS9365 Song of the Flowers.... Kevin Mazimas Ko, 3-5 octaves, Level 4, AGEHR, AG35229 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.... Joel Raney/Arnold Sherman, 4-7 octaves, Level 4, Agape, HP2298

Scherzo..... Michael Helman, 3-6 octaves, Level 5, AGEHR, AG36026

Clinicians

Kathleen Wissinger – Tins and Massed David Ruder – Coppers and Bronze

Watch for more information in the next FUNDAMENTAL TONE or visit the website at www.agehrarea1.org Registration fees for this event will be approximately the same as our last Festival, ~\$275 per ringer.

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Fall Reading Session 2004

Saturday October 23, 9 AM – 3 PM

Cheney Hall, Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, NH

Here is your opportunity to preview new music by ringing it. We will be ringing through a packet of approximately 30 compositions. There will be various levels (2, 3, 4) and various numbers of octaves.

You will be able to buy the music at a discount at the Reading Session.

Who is invited? Directors who would like to preview new music by ringing it and ringers who enjoy sightreading. Please note that this is a sight-reading session, not a rehearsal.

What to bring? Gloves and a binder or music stand to support the music (lunch will be provided). Bring your checkbook, since music will be available at a discount at the end of the session.

Registration: Fill out the form and send it plus \$15 per person to:

Emlee C. Kohler 224 Forest Road Hancock, NH 03449

OR E-mail the form to ECKrap@aol.com and bring the \$15 fee with you; HOWEVER -- PLEASE make certain to Pre-Register so that the correct number of lunches will be prepared. If you would be willing to bring bells and foam to be used at your session, please indicate that on the registration. You will be notified prior to the session if your equipment is needed.

Registration Form - Fall Reading Sessions 2004

Registration Deadline - October 8, 2004

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We wish to register people and are enclosing our check for \$			
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Address			
Phone number	E-MAIL		

Directions to Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, NH Campus

Franklin Pierce College is located off Route 119 in Rindge, New Hampshire, just minutes north of the Massachusetts border. Approximate driving time from Boston, MA is 90 minutes; and from Keene, NH is 25 minutes.

Directions from Hartford, CT & Springfield, MA

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Request your registration packet by one of the following methods:

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US Mail. Cheryl Kraley, MYSR Registrar

5 Fox Run Lane Lexington, MA 02420

Phone: 781-862-2209
Web Site: www.agehrareal.org

We need: Your name, church or school name,

Address or e-mail to send the packet

Evening phone number

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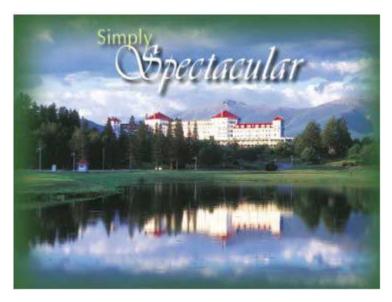
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Guest Clinician:

Michael Kastner

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Our Guest Clinician

Michael Kastner has been active in handbell ringing for nearly 40 years as ringer, director. arranger, soloist, and clinician. Currently he directs the Bells of the Rockies, an auditioned community group, and is handbell director at Mountain View United Methodist Church in Boulder. CO. He is co-author with Kevin McChesney of "Solo Ringing! Musically." Michael and Kevin are also co-founders of "STEP," the Solo to Ensemble Project, an organization that specializes in music and techniques for solo and ensemble ringers.

Michael is well known in Area I, having served as Massachusetts State Chair from 1984 to 1988 and as Area I Chair from 1988 to 1991. We are pleased to be able to welcome him back home.

AGEHR Membership #: ______

REGISTRATION FORM

Street Address:	(Use your number or the number of your		
City, State, Zip:	sponsoring choir or director. Enter "Guest" - if you are not an AGEHR member)		
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Sunday, Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church,

Dec. 5, 7 PM Westerly, RI

Admission TBD

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