

QUAVERS

AREA VIII: ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA JANUARY, 2005

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAIR

As the new Area VIII Chair, it is my pleasure to introduce to you the Chair Elect, Debbie Llewellyn, in this issue. She will be familiar to many of you because she has been the Area VIII treasurer and handling your registrations to the conferences for the past several years.

Debbie was born in Sacramento, Ca. Her dad was an Air Force pilot. Debbie is the middle sister of three girls in the family. She met the love of her life back in grade school where they both played flute in the band. She and Kent, who works for an auto auction, have been married for 22 years. Their household also includes 2 children: Sarah, a junior at Ball State majoring in Business, and Tyler, a budding mechanic. Debbie has been playing bells for 15-16 years. She also sings in her church choir which has traveled to New York to sing in Carnegie Hall, to Europe and Havana, Cuba. The bell choir also traveled with the choir to Europe and Cuba.

Debbie works for the family business, Starkey Chemical Processing Co, which her grandfather and a partner started and is now run by her sister. In Debbie's free time she loves to cross stitch, scrapbook, stamp and sew. Her favorite food is "barbecue" and, of course, she loves the Chicago Cubs.

Debbie and I are eager to welcome you to our upcoming events. In this issue of Quavers you will find the registration forms for our Young Ringers Camp at Windermere Conference Center, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. We are able to keep the same prices as two years ago, which is remarkable! Please check out the information and make plans to join us for Young Ringers Camp in June.

I hope 2005 brings you wonderful ringing experiences.

Happy New Year.

Marilyn Droke ~ Chair, Area VIII

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REGISTRATION FOR

2nd Annual

Area VIII Young Ringers Conference

June 20-24, 2005 Camp Windermere Lake of the Ozarks, MO

Camp Windermere is a Christian church camp located on the shores of beautiful Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. The camp has many wonderful features with activities to enjoy while campers are not ringing. There is a lake and pool for water activities, miniature golf, volleyball court, gymnasium, hiking trails and even a cave for exploring. All meals and lodging are included.

Camp will begin with registration at 3:00 P.M. on June 20th and culminate with a concert and check-out on June 24th. Campers will be divided into 4 skill levels. All music to be played during the camp will be provided and available at the first rehearsal. Please prepare to split your choir into different skill levels to take advantage of ringing with those of similar abilities. A future mailing will ask for an assessment of your ringers and their skill levels. Please do not feel it necessary to have a full choir to attend since campers will be placed in groups for rehersal sessions and united in a mass choir for the final concert.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee Schedule

SUPER EARLY BIRD

\$250.00 per camper if registered by March 1, 2005 (Chaperones: \$225.00 each)

EARLY BIRD

\$275.00 per camper if registered by April 15, 2005 (Chaperones: \$250.00 each)

REGULAR REGISTRATION

\$300.00 per camper if registered by May 15, 2005 (Chaperones: \$275.00 each)

Registration includes all meals, lodging and music.

\$25.00 Deposit required for all campers, directors and chaperones.

(Campers are defined as ringers and directors)

Need More Info??

Contact Young Ringers Coordinator Marilyn Droke at: ddroke@cox-internet.com

Send Registrations To:

Debbie Llewellyn 113 S. La Grange Rd La Grange, IL 60525

Registration questions? Debbie Llewellyn, Area VIII Chair-Elect — (708) 354-1309 or ducky22858@aol.com

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Please Print	AGEHR Membership Number _	(Can be found on your "Quavers" mailing label)
Director's/Leader's Name		
Home Address	Daytime	? Phone ()
City, State, Zip	Evening	g Phone ()
Fax Number	E-Mail Address	
Name of Sponsoring Organization		
Address	City	State Zip
	FEE CALCULATION	
REGISTRATION FEE:(include all members of group)	persons	@ \$ each = \$
CHAPERONE FEE:	chaperones	@ \$ each = \$
NON-AGEHR ADD'L FEE: (for groups/leaders w/o AGEHR membership)	persons	@ \$ 5.00 each = \$
LESS DEPOSIT OF \$25.00 PER P	PERSON persons	@ \$ 25.00 each = \$
TOTAL BALANCE DUE BY MAY	Y 15TH:	\$
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	a written description if speci ess, etc.) are required for full	
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ILLINOIS CHIME STORIES

The Illinois state chapter of the AGEHR sponsors a handchime loan program for music educators, primarily at the elementary and high school levels. This program, designed to fulfill the educational component of our corporate mission statement, provides an opportunity for educators to utilize handchimes in the delivery of music curriculum in school and other settings, and many, many opportunities to meet school, district, state and national standards. Through the use of this educational and performance instrument, students can actively explore music concepts of pitch, rhythm, intervals and chords, dynamics, tempo, duration, form, major and minor scales, melody and harmony—just to name a few. The use of handchimes, combined with singing, movement and use of other instruments helps students enhance their understanding of and skills in music notation, music theory, sight reading, composition, musical styles, and music history.

Handchimes provide students with many opportunities to learn in the style through which they best learn; handchime performance is certainly a combination of the visual, kinesthetic, cognitive and auditory arts. Handchimes support positive learning experiences for students of varying abilities, from young children and special learners to the normally-advancing student, the gifted and the elderly. In addition to the music learning that takes place, ringers have the opportunity to learn social and communication skills, commitment, individual responsibility, expression, teamwork, and success. Whether in a church or school setting, ringers practice life-long skills of flexibility, accountability, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

The Illinois grant program currently includes two three-octave sets of handchimes, as well as duplicate sets of resource materials (music scores, curriculum guides, MENC and AGEHR literature) and offer of mentorship. Educators are strongly encouraged, though not currently mandated, to become members of AGEHR. In years past, the grant program was available for one semester. Given that general music teachers often are preparing several grades for special music programs for weeks at a time, our grant program has been extended to a year-long partnership so that all students have the opportunity to experience handchime use. At the end of the grant program, the handchime set is made available for purchase at a reduced cost in the hopes that the school will want to continue use of the handchimes in its music education curriculum. Compared to other general music or band instruments, the cost ratio of handchimes is certainly low!

Recent grant recipient schools are located in Chicago as well as out-lying suburbs, most have been public elementary schools. Our new ringers come from a variety of income levels, and their cultures are diverse - from Native, Hispanic, and Asian to African-American and Eastern European. They have been, and continue to be, some of the schools' highest and lowest functioning students. Some of our teachers first learned to ring through their church choirs and became aware of our grant program through ringing events and workshops. Other teachers learned to ring along with their students. Sometimes, the students were experienced ringers and taught their teachers how to ring and damp correctly! In every school where I have been privileged to help introduce handchimes, the students were very excited to be about the making of music - even if the first day only involved a 'random ring' or ringing chords in response to a sequence of colored squares of paper. They are delighted to teach each other how to pass a handchie carefully to a neighbor so that the next student has a chance to ring, and they stand at rapt attention waiting for the signal to begin. Some of our teachers have used the handchimes solely to teach rudiments of music, others have added extracurricular handchime ensembles to their general music curriculum. Some of the students are so excited about ringing that they are willing to come to school early or to give up their recess period once or twice a week so that they can learn to make wonderful music together and share their gifts of music with their wider community. All teachers, however, are delighted to add this instrument into their curriculum so that many more students can be about the active making of music during the school day as well as making a positive contribution in the performance programs their parents and grandparents will so heartily enjoy.

Music educators interested in incorporating handchimes into their music education curriculum can contact me by e-mail at doster@msn.com or by writing to 34555 N Red Oak Drive, Gurnee, IL 60031.

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Illinois SPRING RING, 2005 Brad Morris, Director Saturday, April 23, 2005

Rehearsal begins at 9:00 a.m.—Closing Concert at 5 p.m. College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington, Grayslake, IL

MUSIC SELECTIONS

Purchase and rehearse prior to event

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Arr. Jefferey A. Hall L.3 3-6 oct, opt chimes Jeffers JHS9361

Bwana Asifiwe

By Cathy Moklebust, L.3+ 3-5 oct, opt percussion

This Little Light of Mine

Arr. Hart Morris L.3+ 3-5 oct Red River HB0049

Fantasy on King's Weston

Arr. Fred Gramann, L.5+

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Arr. Brad Morris L.3 3-5 oct Red River BL5018

Praise Him w/Cymbals & Drums

By Hart Morris, L.5 3-5 oct, opt percussion

This event is a one-day festival for high school students and adults. We'll spend the day rehearsing music the ringers have prepared, and conclude with a final massed performance at 5 p.m. Groups may sign up to present a solo piece during that concert. The final concert is open to the public, and your family and friends are urged to attend. **VIDEO-TAPING IS NOT ALLOWED due to copyright laws!**

The registration fee includes morning and afternoon snacks. Information about lunch options will be sent with your acknowledgement letter. You can bring your own tables or rent banquet tables (8 feet long) for \$8.00 each. In either case, bring your bells, foam, table covers, risers, gloves, music, mallets, etc.

Brad Morris, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has spent more than two decades involved with handbells. He has rung under the direction of such luminaries as Hart Morris, Mary Kay Parrish and the three Bills: Payn, Mathis and Griffin. As a clinician, Brad has worked with ringers, bell choirs, jazz bands and vocal ensembles around the country. He is a published composer, an accomplished multi-instrumentalist and an award-winning actor and poet. Currently, Brad teaches vocal music at Tulsa Edison High School. His true loves, however, are his three tragically hip daughters: Emma Nichole, Harper Juliet and Abigail Kate.

Directors: Music may be purchased through Shattinger Music at http://www.shattingermusic.com or (800) 444-2408 You can bring your entire group or just a few ringers. Please consider having your ringers perform a solo piece in the closing performance — it's a great opportunity for a performance experience outside of worship.

Questions? Call Kim Congdon at (630) 665-8825, e-mail kcdc@owc.net. Upon receipt of your form and check, you will receive an acknowledgement letter and directions to the site. Feel free to photocopy this flier for others.

Registration fee: \$30.00 per person

Last date registrations accepted: March 23, 2005



ILLINOIS SPRING RING, 2005

April 23, 2005 College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

REGISTRATION FORM

(D'	How many people? →	_ x \$30.00= \$	
, •	, directors & chaperones)	*	
How many 8 ft tables	s do you want to rent? ———		
	TOTAL DUE:	\$	
How many feet of table (rented or	your own) will you use?	_	
We would like to ring a sol	o piece in the closing concert.		
Group Contact:	e-mail address:		_
Please provide phone numbers wl	here we can reach you if we have questions	regarding your registration!	
Home Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()_		
Member of AGEHR? YES NO	If yes, AGEHR member #:		_
Organization represented:			
Organization address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Who should receive the acknowled	lgement letter?		
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	_
, ,	to: AGEHR, Area VIII - Illinois to: Sharon Schmidt, 28 Oriole Court	; Naperville, IL 60540-8008	8
net. Upon receipt of your registra	midt at (630) 369-987, e-mail skschmidt@ation, you will receive an acknowledgement al to share with other handbell friends.		
For Treasurer's Use: Check #	Date rec	ceived:	

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ILLINOIS PRESENTS: A Young Ringers' Mini-festival

Tammy Waldrop, Director

Saturday, February 5, 2005 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran School, Palatine, IL

Music Selections

Purchase and rehearse prior to event!

Massed Ringing (all groups)	Division 1 (easier)	Division 2 (harder)
Welcome the Day — Wissinger 2-5 oct opt 1-3 oct chimes Level 3+	Ring Joyfully — Geschke 2-3 oct #MCGB351 4-5 oct #MCGB352	Little David Play on Your Harp — Stephenson 3-5 oct Level 2+
Chopsticks & How! — Wissinger 2-5 oct opt 2-3 chimes opt piano / orff Level 2+	Rise Up O Church of God — Waldrop 3-5 oct Level 2 #MRRBL5016	Brethren We Have Met to Worship — Bauder 3-6 oct Level 3

This event is designed specifically for young ringers (4th grade through high school). The day includes rehearsals of music the ringers have prepared, breakout sessions, and concludes with a final massed performance. Groups may sign up to present a solo piece during that concert. The final concert is open to the public. Urge your family and friends to attend. *VIDEO-TAPING IS NOT ALLOWED* due to copyright laws!

Clinician — Tammy Waldrop, hails from New Caney, Texas where she resides with her husband and two dogs. Tammy has been writing and arranging for handbells since 1980. She developed the handbell division of WORD MUSIC and then went on to establish her own company, RING OUT! PRESS, now a part of the Jeffers Publishing Group. She has served in church music positions as well as on boards for Area IX and the Great Houston Handbell Association.

Directors: While our massed pieces are listed as level 2+ and level 3, please bear in mind that the 2-3 octave choirs have easier parts. Music may be purchased through Shattinger Music at www.shattingermusic.com or (800) 444-2408. You can bring your entire group or just a few ringers. Also, please consider having your ringers perform a solo piece in the closing performance — it's a great opportunity for a performance experience outside of worship. Please note that at least one adult chaperone must remain on-site with each group for the entire day.

Questions? Call *Kim Congdon*, Illinois State Chair, at (630) 665-8825, e-mail kcdc@owc.net. Upon receipt of your form and check, you will receive an acknowledgement letter and directions to the site. Feel free to photocopy this flier for others.

Registration fee -- \$22.00 per ringer or chaperone (includes snack and lunch)

Limit: 150 Young Ringers

Last date registrations accepted: January 5, 2005



ILLINOIS YOUNG RINGERS' MINI-FESTIVAL, 2005 REGISTRATION FORM

Number of ringers in Division 1		Bell set size in octaves	2/3/4/5/6 octaves
Number of ringers in Division 2		Feet of table needed	
Number of directors/chaperones			
Total # of participants			
	X \$22.00	Title of solo piece to perform?	,
Participant TOTAL	\$		
No. of 8' tables to rent			
	X \$8.00		
Table TOTAL	\$		
GRAND TOTAL			
Group Contact:		8	
Please provide phone numbers where we ca	an reach you if we have	questions regarding your registration!	
Home Phone: ()	Work Pho	ne: ()	
Member of AGEHR? YES NO If ye	s, AGEHR member #:_		
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CHIME STORIES FROM IOWA

"I am the teacher that is having the good fortune of having the chimes this semester! They are great! All 520+ students have used them many times. Our 80 3rd graders and nearly 100 5th graders accompanied some of their songs using the handchimes in their concerts. Second graders will use them in their holiday concert and then the chimes move on to another building.

How have I used them as a teaching tool? The concept of the relationship of size to the sound (pitch) \sim steady beat \sim melodic rhythm \sim difference between steady beat & melodic rhythm \sim harmony \sim harmony vs. melody \sim building chords \sim ear training skills \sim creating melodic patterns \sim chord progressions \sim music alphabet \sim scales \sim accompaniment to songs \sim reading the chord symbols.

Their uses are endless! It is also quite a motivation. Students want to learn about the chords so they can participate. It is great that you share the octaves that you do because all our students got an opportunity in our 25 minute classes. I have put a note of appreciation in the concert programs – your gift of letting us use these chimes is wonderful!"

Diane Beach, Bowman Woods Elementary

"Novak elementary used the chimes last spring. We had a wonderful time using the chimes to learn about chords, note reading, steady beat, accompaniment to original compositions as well as improvisation. All grades K-5 used the chimes.

My student's comments were "it sounds so beautiful!" The teachers enjoyed hearing their students play them as much as I did."

Jenn Walker, Novak Elementary

There are so many schools that want to use the chimes in Iowa that we are considering purchasing a set of our own. If you would be interested in contributing financially toward this fund, please contact me.

In celebration of the Guild's 50th birthday, Iowa celebrated by having its share of October 3rd concerts. Three bell choirs of Mt Vernon, Iowa played a joint concert at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The participating churches were St. Paul Lutheran, Carolyn Sternowski; 1st Presbyterian, Kristi Keast; and the United Methodist Church, Judy Stine. Highlights included individual choir selections, a solo performance of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" by Kristi Keast, and after thunderous applause, an encore of "Chopsticks"!

If you have any pictures of your October 3rd concerts, we would love to post them on our Iowa website. Just mail them to Carolyn Sternowski.

Iowa also celebrated by recognizing those members of Iowa AGEHR that have been involved for twenty plus years. They were sent a certificate and are listed below. (If I missed anyone, I apologize, and please let me know.)

Collegiate UMC, Ames / 1st Pres, Davenport / Elsie Naylor, Des Moines / 1st UMC Cedar Falls / Nazareth Lutheran, Cedar Falls / 1st UMC, Fairfield / St. John's UCC, Clarence / 1st UMC, Clinton / Alice Gerard, Council Bluffs / Rosalie Moninger, Iowa City / Valeta Guthrey, Maquoketa / Good Shepherd Bell Choir, Fort Dodge / Shirley Winckler, Sioux City / Grace UMC, Story City / 1st Baptist, Grinnell / Grace UMC, Sioux City / Lakeside Pres, Storm Lake / Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly / 1st Christian, Davenport / Grace UMC, Des Moines / Trinity Lutheran, Mason City / Lois Gruis, Sheldon.

To new handbell choir directors: There are many ringers and directors with many years of experience listed above. Feel free to use them or any committee member as a resource if you have any questions.

To anyone in Iowa: If there is anything you would like to see happen in your area of the state, or you see a need for a clinic on a certain technique or handbell subject, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us. We want to do what we can to help our Iowa ringers and directors.

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CHIME IDEAS FROM MISSOURI

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I remember hearing chimes for the first time several years ago. The other handbell director and I went back to our home church, raised the funds and purchased a set of chimes. Now we had three octaves of chimes to go with our three octaves of handbells. What could we do with this new instrument?

There are many handbells pieces that are written with a specific chime part. The combination of bells and chimes are quite nice, but there are so many ways to use chimes.

Many churches and schools use chimes for their beginning ringers. Chimes are lightweight compared to handbells and are much easier for children to handle. When I have had childrens groups of 15-20 ringers, I have used chimes to double the handbells. I will assign the more experienced ringers to handbells and assign a beginning ringer to each handchime. Each part is doubled and peer tutoring comes into play with the handbell ringer modeling techniques and helping the chime ringer learn to read and count. I can then ask for specific sections of the music to be played only on chimes or handbells.

Chimes can be used to play a melody from the hymnbook accompanied by guitar. *Silent Night* and *Jesus Loves Me* come to mind, but there are any number of melodies that can be incorporated this way. They can also accompany flute, oboe or violin solos. This can be very effective in encouraging middle school band and orchestra members to play their instruments in church by using their fellow ringers to accompany them.

Although there are successful chime loan programs in the Area VIII states, you can start your own loan program with a local school. I taught in a rural school district about 20 miles from my home for three years. I started the tradition of taking the high school choir Christmas caroling through all the school buildings. I brought chimes and the *Ring Along Christmas Favorites* (MCACP3001, Jeffers) to the school. This is a set that each note has its own book. The text of the song is printed and you ring when a word is circled and damp with a word is underlined. It was very easy to teach the choir basic ringing technique and then they can accompany themselves as they sing. There are other books in the *Ring Along* series that you can use at any time of year.

Another option is for your church to adopt a neighborhood school. One church in Springfield, MO, has an ongoing after school ringing program with the middle school next door. You or someone in your handbell choir may have time to volunteer to teach chimes at a local school. Many music teachers would enjoy having a guest come in to work with their students.

There are so many ways to use chimes but I have only mentioned a few. Use your imagination and creativity and see how far you can take your program.



NEBRASKA'S CHIME LOAN STORIES

Four years ago, I was approached by an AGHER member and was asked if I would be interested in using a set of handchimes at school. Instantly, I said, "YES!" Having directed a children's bell choir for a year (at that time), I knew how kid-friendly the chimes were. I instantly began to think about how to implement them into the curriculum I was teaching and the ideas just exploded from there. In addition to being a "new technique to teach old concepts", the benefits the students received from learning to play them were endless.

The first day I brought them into the classroom, the kids were very curious and excited to get to play instruments. I had planned to use them with my upper elementary/junior high age students, but it wasn't long and the high school students were asking when they would get to play them. I incorporated the handchimes into grades 3 through 7. Often times, each student had one handchime (and accidental if necessary) so that each student would be able to play during each class.

We used the handchimes to study many different concepts. With the younger classes, we used them to study rhythms by playing rhythms off of flash cards. We also used them to learn to read notes off of a staff by reading rhythm patterns and simple melodies off of overheads. With the older classes, we studied chords and then played the handchimes to accompany songs that we sang at the same time. We also worked on note reading to play simple arrangements of songs and even used the handchimes to create counter-melodies to our songs.

The students thoroughly enjoyed playing the handchimes. It was a great addition to our school music programs. (I was fortunate to have them first semester and used them on the Christmas programs.) Playing them gave the students who weren't in band the opportunity to be in an instrumental performing group. They also made the students become independent while being in a group because there was no one else to play their notes.

Finally, the students had to show responsibility - responsibility for taking care of the instrument, responsibility in learning their note's location on the staff; and responsibility for counting. In a handbell choir, each note is important and each player is important – for without one note or one player, there would be something missing. I know that playing handchimes during music at school will be a wonderful memory that my students will have for a lifetime!

So if ever asked again if I could use a set of handchimes for my music classes, I would immediately answer – "YES!!"

Angela K. Wright, K-5 Music Specialist, Kearney Public Schools

The Nebraska State Committee members are in the planning stages for the Nebraska Spring Ring 2005. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The clinician for the event will be Tammy Waldrop and the workshop will be in Lincoln, NE at St. Marks UMC. There will be a directors' session on Friday, April 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The ringers portion will begin Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 AM and will conclude at 4:00 PM. For more information may contact me.

Natalie Radcliffe \sim Nebraska State Chair

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Nebraska AGEHR Registration Form Spring Ring A State Festival for Intermediate and Advanced Choirs With Guest Clinician Tammy Waldrop April 9, 2005

St. Marks United Methodist Church 8550 Pioneers Blvd. Lincoln NE 68520

Early Bird Registration Deadline is March 1, 2005

Early Bird Fee: \$20.00 per person, if church or director has AGEHR membership

\$25.00 per person, for non-members of AGEHR*

\$5.00 for Clinician-Lead Director's Meeting (directors only)

Regular Registration Deadline is March 31, 2005

Regular Fee: \$25.00 per person, if church or director has AGEHR membership

\$30.00 per person, for non-members of AGEHR*

\$5.00 for Clinician-Lead Director's Meeting (directors only)

Due to limited nearby restaurants and time constraints a box lunch will be provided in the cost of the registration. This will also give you the opportunity for fellowship.

Clinician-Lead Directors' Meeting, Friday evening, April 4, 2005 from 7:00-9:00PM

Our festival will be led by Tammy Waldrop who is a composer, arranger, author, editor and church musician. Tammy is a native of Hobbs, New Mexico and a graduate of Baylor University with both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Music Theory/Composition. She has been writing and arranging for handbells since 1980 and developed the handbell division of Word Music. She then developed her own company, RING OUT! PRESS, now part of the Jeffers Publishing Group. She has served in church music positions for Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, and Disciples of Christ churches as well as on boards for the Area IX American Guild of English Handbell ringers and The Greater Houston Handbell Association.

Ringers' Festival, Saturday, April 9, 2005

8:30-9:00	Registration and bell set-up/AGEHR items for sale
9:00-9:15	Welcome and announcements
9:15-10:15	Massed ringing rehearsal
10:20-10:40	Break
10:45-11:25	Classes
11:30-12:25	Massed ringing rehearsal
12:30-1:10	Lunch (Box lunch included in the cost of registration)
1:15-2:15	Massed ringing rehearsal
2:20-3:00	Classes
3:05-3:25	Break
3:30-4:00	Massed ringing rehearsal

Classes to be Offered

Musicality	Tammy Waldrop
Bells in Worship	Sarah Strawn
Rhythm	Joyce Miller
Treble Bells	Janet Chiocchi
Bass Bells	Sandy Denton
Stopped Sounds	Nancy Youngman
Basics for Intermediate to Advanced Ringers	Mike Allen
Ensemble Ringing	Natalie Radcliffe
Ring-a-holics	Vicky Vandervort

^{*}Organizations or groups without membership in the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) may join at this time and pay the reduced member fee. Membership forms are being included to those on our mailing list who, according to our records, are not members.

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Important Information for the Nebraska Spring Ring, 2005

The music for this event is listed below. All pieces will be provided for your use at the festival by Jeffers Handbell Service, although, groups are welcome to purchase and prepare all pieces in advance. If you plan to mark your music, attach clips, crimp pages, or otherwise make the music so Jeffers is unable to resell it, please plan to purchase your music either in advance or at the door. For advance purchases, contact: Jeffers Handbell Service, 1-800-JHS-BELL or order from their website at www.jhsbell.com.

In order to receive the most benefit from the workshop it is requested that all ringers prepare the first two pieces on the music list prior to the workshop. This will allow the clinician to work on the finer points and not have to work on learning notes.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" 3-5 octaves	Elvey arr. Cynthia Dobrinski	Agape #2303	Level 3 minus
"I'll Fly Away" 3, 4 or 5 octaves	Arr. Tammy Waldrop	Ring Out! Press #3231	Level 3 (4 if up to tempo)
"Carousell" 3-5 octaves with opt. percussion	Tammy Waldrop	Ring Out! Press #920302215	
"Sharon's Song"	Don Allured	AGEHR #AG45040	
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" 3-5 octaves	Bradbury arr. Michael Helman	Alfred #20215	Level 3
"The Resurrection and The Book" 2-3 octaves`	Tammy Waldrop	Ring Out! Press #RO 3211	Level 2

You will need to bring the following items to the workshop:

- You will need to bring your bells, foam, mallets, chimes and music notebooks/stands.
- Table space will be provided. You will need to indicate the number of people you are bringing and if you will be bringing the 5th octave bass bells.
- Plan to shop the Handbell Services and AGEHR tables. We will have many fun and practical items available from which to choose.
- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Nebraska Handbell Committee reserves the right to close registration when capacity is reached.
- Likewise, the Nebraska Handbell Committee reserves the right to cancel due to poor registration.
- Please send only one representative from your group to check in at the registration table.

Directions to the Festival Site

St. Marks United Methodist church 8550 Pioneers Blvd. Lincoln NE 68520 Contacts: Nancy Youngman (402) 483-0069 Natalie Radcliffe (308) 236-9815

The church is at 84th and Pioneers Blvd. Pioneers Blvd. is 42 blocks south of "O" Street. Enter on the Pioneers Blvd. entrance to unload on the southeast or east side of the church.

If coming from east of Lincoln, take the Waverly exit, then continue south on 84th Street to Pioneers Blvd. If coming from the west, take the Beatrice exit to Capital Parkway. Follow Capital Parkway to 70th Street, then turn south to Pioneers Blvd. Turn east on Pioneers Blvd. to 84th Street. Due to construction be sure to check on street closures around the church.

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Be sure to visit the Nebraska Handbell Committee's website at www.agehr-ne.org



Nebraska AGEHR Registration Form Spring Ring: A State Festival for Intermediate and Advanced Choirs With Guest Clinician Tammy Waldrop April 9, 2005

Directors are invited to meet the clinician at a gathering to be held on Friday, April 8, 2005, 7:30-9:00PM.

Registration Form

Organization, Church o Contact person:	r group:		
City		State	Zip Code
Phone (Day)		(Evening)	
E-mail address _			
AGEHR Member	rship #		
Number of peop	le attending:		
Will you be bring	ing the 5 th Octave bass	bells? Yes	No
	oses please indicate e able to take two c	-	preferences for classes.
Bells in Worship Ring-a-holic Rhythm	Number of people pl Number of people pl	lanning to attend _ lanning to attend _	
Treble Bells Bass Bells Stopped Sounds	Number of people pl	lanning to attend _	
Ensemble Ringing Basics Musicality	Number of people pl	lanning to attend _ lanning to attend _	



NEBRASKA SPRING RING REGISTRATION FORM

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES: (Must be A box lunch is included in the registration fee.	e postmarked by March 1, 2005)
Clinician-lead Directors' Meeting (for directors	only)X \$ 5.00 = \$
Number of Member Ringers**	X \$20.00 = \$
Number of Non-member Ringers	X \$25.00 = \$
REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES: (Must be page of the A box lunch is included in the registration fee.	postmarked by March 31, 2005)
Clinician-lead Directors' Meeting (for directors	only)X \$ 5.00 = \$
Number of Member ringers**	X \$25.00 = \$
Number of Non-member Ringers	X \$30.00 = \$
**You are considered an AGEHR member if the director,	, organization or group has an active AGEHR membership.
Total Amount Submitted, payable to <u>Nebras</u>	ska Workshops: \$
Mail your registration and fees to:	Mrs. Mary Kettelhut 7200 Van Dorn #263 Lincoln NE 68506
Questions? Contact: Mary Kettelhut, Treasurer: makettel@inetno Natalie Radcliffe, Committee Chair: nata	` ,

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Make Your Voice Heard

"In compliance with our By-laws, a review must be conducted every two years. I appointed Past Chair - Ed Rollins, Past Secretaries - Sandy Denton and Nancy Youngman to serve as the By-Law Review Committee. The committee was given two tasks: 1) To see that our By-laws are in compliance with the National By-laws; 2) To see if there are any changes needed for Area VIII to run more efficiently.

After review, the committee has made the following recommendations: 1) Remove all references to "National Board Representative" and replace with "Past Chair". With the restructuring of the National Board, they no longer recognize National Board representatives and the position of Past Chair is revived.

The National Board has approved our By-law changes and then must come before our Area VIII membership for final approval. I thank Ed, Sandy and Nancy for serving on this important committee.

Below is a copy of the proposed By-laws. Please read over the changes and cast your vote by January 30, 2005."

Burnell Hackman, Past Chair - Area VIII

AREA VIII, AGEHR Inc. BYLAWS Effective Date: December 1, 2004

ARTICLE I Name and Objectives

- A. The organization shall be known as Area VIII of The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc., a non-profit organization. Area VIII, AGEHR, Inc., is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.
- B. The primary objectives of the organization shall be to educate, to promote the exchange of ideas relating to handbell and handchime ringing, and to sponsor educational and performance activities within the Area that are not exclusively competitive. (AGEHR, Inc. Bylaws, Article II.1)

ARTICLE II Membership

- A. Members of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc., who reside in the geographical area designated by AGEHR, Inc. as Area VIII, are members of Area VIII. A member in good standing shall be any member who has paid annual dues to AGEHR and has no other outstanding financial obligations to the Guild.
 - **A.1.** Any member serving in an appointed or elected position shall be a voting member in good standing.
- B. Privileges for voting members in good standing shall include:
 - **B.1.** having one vote in the election of officers
 - **B.2.** ratifying of Area VIII Bylaws revisions and other situations requiring a vote of the membership as called for by the Area VIII Board of Directors
 - **B.3.** being eligible to hold Area VIII office through appointment or nomination for elected position
 - **B.4.** receiving Area VIII periodical publications
 - **B.5.** lending privileges through the Area VIII Resource Library



- **B.6.** attending Area VIII Board Meetings without a vote
- **B.7.** initiating or signing petitions for Bylaws revisions
- **B.8.** participating in Area VIII, AGEHR Inc. events
- **B.9.** any additional membership benefits as established by the Area VIII Board.
- **C.** Area VIII shall operate within the National Bylaws of AGEHR, Inc.

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee and Elections

- A. The officers who constitute the Executive Committee shall be the Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer who have been elected from the resident voting membership.
- B. The Executive Committee shall perform the duties specified in these Bylaws and shall act for Area VIII Board in the conduct of business between meetings.
- C. The elections shall be held in even numbered years.
 - **C.1.** The slate, a minimum of two names for each elective office, shall be prepared by a nominating committee of three, appointed by the Area Chair and approved by the Executive Committee, in November preceding an election year. One (1) member of the committee shall be the most recent Past-Chair of Area VIII, who will serve as committee chair. Biographical material for each candidate will be sent to the membership in the March/April issue of <u>Quavers</u>. Campaigning will not be permitted.
 - **C.2.** Ballots shall be mailed to all voting members of Area VIII within the first two (2) weeks of July. Ballots must be returned to a person independent of the Area VIII Board or to an independent accounting firm. In order to be counted, ballots must be postmarked by the designated date. A simple majority of all members voting shall elect. An automatic recount by a person independent of the Board shall occur if the margin of victory is less than or equal to one percent (1%) of the total votes cast. In the event of a tie, the election results shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
 - **C.3.** Members who have demonstrated participation in Guild events, including attendance at workshops and conferences of the Area and/or National level are eligible for nomination to the position of Chair-Elect. Candidates should have demonstrated participation in Area VIII affairs by attending at least one (1) recent Area VIII conference and/or having served a term on their respective state committees.
 - **C.4.** Officers will be announced in the next issue of <u>Quavers</u> following election, and will begin their terms on October 1.
 - **C.5.** The Chair-Elect will serve a term of six (6) years as follows: two (2) years as Chair-Elect, two (2) years as Chair, two (2) years as Past-Chair, non-renewable.
 - **C.6.** The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years, renewable for one (1) term.
 - **C.7.** Should vacancy occur in the office of Area Chair during the first year of the term, the Past-Chair will resume the duties of the Chair until October 1, relinquishing the office to the Chair-Elect for the second half of the term. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Chair during the second half of the term, the Chair-Elect will accede to the office for the unexpired term. Under these circumstances, the Chairs term shall not exceed three (3) years nor be shorter than one (1) year.
 - **C.8.** Should either of the circumstances cited under C.7. occur, the new Chair will immediately appoint a committee of three (3) to nominate two (2) persons for the office of Chair-Elect. Within a period of one(1) month after nominees have been selected and confirmed, a ballot containing these two (2)names and biographical material shall be mailed to the voting membership. The successful candidate will immediately assume the office of Chair-Elect if the position has been vacated; if it has not, s/he will accede to it the following October 1.
 - **C.9.** Should vacancy occur in the office of Chair-Elect, the procedure cited in C.8. will be followed.
 - **C.10.** Should vacancy occur in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, it may be filled by appointment from the Area Chair, with approval from the remaining Executive Committee members.
 - **C.11.** Upon evidence of any Executive officers' incapacity, incompetence, or unwillingness to serve, the Area Board by two-thirds (2/3) vote may declare that office to be vacant.

ARTICLE IV Elected Officers

A. Duties of the Area Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer will be prescribed by the Rules of Procedure adopted by Area VIII or as directed by the Area Chair, with approval of the Area Board.



ARTICLE V

Appointed Positions and Committees

- A. The Chair, with approval from the Executive Committee, shall appoint and dismiss State Chairs as deemed necessary for conducting business of the Area.
- B. Duties of State Chairs will be prescribed by the Rules of Procedure adopted by Area VIII, or as directed by the Area Chair, with approval of the Area Board.
- C. Other appointed officers for the Area shall be determined by the Area Chair and the Executive Committee.
- D. Committees shall be appointed by the Area Chair as necessary, with approval from the Executive Committee, to serve for specified times as the needs and welfare of the Area demand.

ARTICLE VI Area Board

- A. The focus of the Area VIII Board shall be on policy and governance matters.
- B. The Area VIII Board shall consist of the Area Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and appointed officers. All board members shall have voice and vote.
- C. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board. Special meetings may be called by the Area Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - **C.1.** Members of the Area VIII Board shall attend all meetings required by the Bylaws or called by the Area Chair.
- D. Each member of the Area VIII Board shall be accountable to the Area VIII Board.
- E. Upon evidence of incapacity to serve or unwillingness to follow these Bylaws or governing documents on the part of any elected member of the Board, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, that person shall be removed from office and the office declared vacant.
- F. The Area VIII Board may call for a special vote of the membership when necessary. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Area VIII Board shall be required before the issue is submitted to the voting membership.
- G. A majority of the members of the Area VIII Board shall constitute a quorum at a scheduled or called meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

- A. General business meetings for all members in good standing shall be held at the Area VIII conference. Ample time will be allowed in the schedule for these meetings.
- B. There shall be a minimum of one meeting of the Executive Committee each fiscal year. Special meetings may be called by the Chair as deemed necessary.
- C. There shall be an annual meeting, held in the fall, of the entire Area Board.

ARTICLE VIII Quavers

- A. The publication of Area VIII for its general membership shall be titled Quavers.
- B. Quavers shall be published and sent throughout the year to all members of Area VIII.
- C. The Area Chair shall appoint a Quavers editor and production staff, with approval from the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX Official Records

- A. The Area Board may establish such documents as may be necessary for implementing the provisions of these Bylaws and for governing the organization. These shall include the Book of Motions and any additional records as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- B. Generally accepted parliamentary procedure shall govern Area VIII, AGEHR, Inc. In case of dispute, Roberts Rules of Order, most recently revised, shall be used to settle the question when they are not inconsistent with these



Bylaws or Rules of Procedure adopted by Area VIII.

ARTICLE X

Responsibility to AGEHR, Inc., a non-profit organization

- A. Nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the Area of any other rule or regulation for which it is governed by the AGEHR, Inc., Bylaws or Official Records.
- B. Upon dissolution of Area VIII, AGEHR, Inc., assets shall be transferred to AGEHR, Inc.

ARTICLE XI Revisions

- A. A formal review of the Area VIII Bylaws shall be called by the Area Chair at least once every four years.
 - **A.1.** Revisions of the Area VIII Bylaws may be initiated at any time by a voting member, a special committee appointed by the Area Chair, or the Area Board.
- B. Bylaws revisions shall be reviewed by the Area VIII Board of Directors. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Area VIII Board of Directors shall be required for approval before the revisions are submitted to the AGEHR, Inc. Board of Directors.
- C. Following successful review by the AGEHR Inc. Board of Directors, the revised Bylaws may be placed before the voting membership of Area VIII for approval.
- D. In the event the Area VIII Board of Directors rejects the proposed revisions, a petition to the Area Chair bearing the signature of five percent (5%) of Area VIII voting membership will cause this set of revisions to be placed before the general Area membership according to procedures set forth in Article XI. Sections C and E.
- E. Proposed revisions of these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing by the Area Executive Committee to the general Area membership. Ballots shall be mailed to all voting members of Area VIII. All ballots must be postmarked by the designated date and returned to a person independent of the Board or an independent accounting firm.
- F. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast shall be required for adoption.

February, 2000 Revision	
April, 2004 Revision, May, 2004 Further Revision	ns
June 15, 2004 Changes suggested by AGEHR, I	nc. Board of Directions
June 17, 2004 Approved by Area VIII Board of D	virectors
July 1, 2004 Updated revisions submitted to AG	EHR, Inc. Board of Directors
Approved by AGEHR, Inc. Board of Directors: $_$	
Forward to General Membership of Area VIII: _	
Burnell Hackman, Area VIII Chair	r

Please take the time and effort to read these by-law changes and vote. It is our membership that stays involved that helps to run our organization. You <u>can</u> make a difference if you only take the time to vote.



AGEHR SPONSORED EVENTS

2005	EVENT	CLINICIAN	LOCATION
Jan 29	Workshop	Agape Ringers	Lake Forest, IL Kim Congdon 630.665.8825 www.il-agehr.org
Feb 5 9:00 – 4:00	Young Ringers Mini-Festival	Tammy Waldrop	Immanuel Lutheran 200 N Plum Grove Palatine, IL Kim Congdon 630.665.8825 kcdc@owc.net
Feb 11 6:00-8:00p	Youth Choir Director's Workshop	Kath Wissinger	Kipp Willnauer 913.856.2932 willnauerk@usd231.com
Feb 12 8:00-4:00	Kansas City Area Youth Festival	Kath Wissinger	Wheatridge Middle School 318 E Washington Gardner, KS Kipp Willnauer 913.856.2932 willnauerk@usd231.com
Feb 13 2:00 – 7:30	Youth Festival	Kath Wissinger	Westminster Presby. Church 4114 Allison Ave Des Moines, IA Beth Ann Edward 515.274.1534 baedward@willinet.net
Feb 19 9:00 – 4:00	5 th Annual Handbell Clinic	Dr. John Behnke	1 st United Presbyterian Church 1303 Royal Heights Rd Belleville, IL Josh Peterson 618.233.0295 njpeterson@firstunitedpres.org
Feb 25-26	Handbell Festival	Cynthia Dobrinski	Evangel University Chapel 111 N Glenstone Springfield, MO Beth McLellan 417.833.1727 cbmclellan@aol.com
Apr 8 PM Apr 9 All Day	Director Session Nebraska Spring Ring	Tammy Waldrop	St Mark's UMC 8550 Pioneer Blvd Lincoln, NE Natalie Radcliffe 308.236.9815 Natalie_radcliffe@hotmail.com



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2005	EVENT	CLINICIAN	LOCATION
Apr 9	Kansas Spring Ring	Janet Carter	1st UMC Manhattan, KS Marilyn Lake 913-962-4005 Lqrngldr@kc.rr.com
Apr 16 5:30p Concert	Iowa Spring Ring	Kipp Willnauer "The Bee"	Faith UMC 2255 Georgia Ave Humboldt, IA Chris Peck 712.623.4096 iowabells@hotmail.com
Apr 23 6:00p Concert	Illinois Spring Ring	Bradley Morris	College of Lake Cty 19351 W Washington St Grayslake, IL Kim Congdon 630.665.8825 kcdc@owc.net
Apr 24	Missouri Spring Ring		Raytown Christian Church 6108 Blue Ridge Blvd Raytown, MO Suanne Comfort 816.358.0292 suecomfort@kc.rr.com
Jun 4	Director's Workshop		Kansas City Area Marilyn Lake 913-962-4005 Lqrngldr@kc.rr.com
Jun 17–19	National AGEHR Conference	Susan Berry Tim Waugh Michael Helman	Southwest MO State Univ University Plaza Hotel Conv Ctr 901 S National Ave Springfield, MO www.agehr.org
Jun 20-24	Area VIII Young Ringers Conference	Various	Windermere Baptist Conf 205 Volunteer Dr Roach, MO (Lake of the Ozarks) Marilyn Droke 417.334.6411 www.areaviii.org
Jul 11-16	Intergenerational Handbell Camp 15th Anniversary	Various	Heartland Pres Conf 16965 NW 45 Hwy Parkville, MO Kipp Willnauer 913.856.2932 Willnauik@hotmail.com



AGEHR SPONSORED EVENTS

2005	EVENT	CLINICIAN	LOCATION
Jul 20-23	National Directors' Seminar	Various	Intercontinental Hotel 15201 Dallas Parkway Dallas, TX www.agehr.org

UPCOMING CONCERTS

2005	CONCERT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Feb 27 4:00p	Agape Ringers	Grace Lutheran 200 N Catherine Ave LaGrange, IL	Kurt Amolsch 708.352.0730 www.agaperingers.org
Mar 6 4:00p	Agape Ringers	Tbd	www.agaperingers.org
Apr 10 4:00p	Agape Ringers	Glenview Community 1000 Elm St Glenview, IL	Marcia Van Oyen 847.724.2210 www.agaperingers.org
Apr 17 4:00p	Agape Ringers	St Peter Lutheran 111 W Olive St Arlington Hts, IL	Jean Mau 847.259.4114 www.agaperingers.org
Jun 5 4:00p	Bells in Motion	1 st Presbyterian 321 S. 7 th St Springfield, IL	Mike Lamb 217.899.2128 www.bellsinmotion.org
Jun 13-25	Bells in Motion European Tour	Rome, Florence, Venice, Como, Italy, Luzern, Switzerland	Mike Lamb 217.899.2128 www.bellsinmotion.org



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