

QUAVERS

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

RINGING UP ANOTHER STORM

If you were one of the ringers at Omaha years ago you will recall the weather events that prompted this title. Now 10 years later we are in the final stages of planning for our 2006 conference. What an exciting time we are going to have! This past weekend the Area VIII Board met to walk through the Mid-America Center. WOW! WHAT A FABULOUS FACILITY! One of the Board members who had not previously seen the center commented that the Mid-America Center was one of the best facilities we have ever used. Instead of having a weather storm, this time we are going to have a "STORM" of great musical proportions.

- § Sensational conductors. David Davidson and Jason Wells, two favorites of every ringer.
- <u>Terrific Teachers to help you with your Techniques</u>
- 1000 ringers! OOH! Wouldn't that be awesome! This is what a Board member wants us to shoot for. Let's work hard to reach that!
- Repertoire. Music selected mainly by these two awesome conductors is a little more challenging than usual. Once you make your choice of choir, purchase the music early to give yourself ample time to learn it thoroughly.
- Music. You will hear Much More Music at this conference. With many more concerts, you will not only hear the featured choir in Friday night's concert, but 30-minute concerts throughout each day highlighting choirs from Area VIII. Once again we will include a favorite, The Showcase Concert, which is comprised of area choirs, solos, or small groups performing one or two selections each.

Be sure to check the dates for early bird registration to save lots of money. Fill out the registration form and mail it in early to join us in Council Bluffs this June. When making hotel reservations, remember Area VIII has blocked rooms for the conference in two hotels, The Country Inn and Suites and the Comfort Suites. Some of the suites will sleep up to 6 people, which will save money for your choir. Both hotels feature free breakfasts. The telephone numbers are listed below:

Country Inn & Suites 17 Arena Way Council Bluffs, IA 866-322-8282 \$79.00/room \$89.00/suite Comfort Suites 1810 S 35th St Council Bluffs, IA 712-323-9760 \$75.00/suite King suite is higher

Make your plans early and save money. I look forward to seeing you at Council Bluffs in June!

Marilyn Droke, Area VIII Chair

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UPCOMING ILLINOIS EVENTS

After the holidays are over and the winter blues have set in, here are some exciting things you should consider attending during the spring:

Feb 4, 2006 9:00a - 3:00p Young Ringers Mini-Festival—Wadsworth

Our guest clinician is Michael Joy who hails from Philadelphia and has been directing handbell choirs in churches since 1978 and in schools since 1983. He is currently the middle school music teacher at The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, where he conducts 15 different handbell groups, and the music director at 1st Presbyterian Church in Ambler. He is a published composer and has taught at Area II and Area III festivals, PMEA district and state conferences, Handbell Exploration in Hershey and the National Seminar in Dallas. Jeffers Publishing Company named him Composer of the Year in 2004. Michael is also a ringer and Composer-in-Residence for the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble (PHE).

Feb 11, 2006 9:00a – 4:00p Ringers Workshop with the Agape Ringers—Glenview

They are putting together some new classes and are looking forward to sharing them with you.

Mar 18, 2006 9:00a - 6:00p Spring Ring—Elgin

Dr. John Behnke is Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, where he teaches organ and directs The Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir. John is a frequent organ recitalist, handbell clinician and festival director. He enjoys composing and arranging, having handbell, choral and organ compositions in print with eleven different publishers in the United States, Germany and Taiwan. Dr. Behnke was honored in December of 1993 being named "MVP" Most Valuable Player in the Milwaukee area by the Milwaukee Sentinel music critic, Nancy Raabe. He has also received an ASCAP Composers Award in 1998 and 1999.

Can't attend the event? Both the Young Ringers and Spring Ring events give free concerts at the end of the day. Come join us and support the ringers efforts. Visit our website www.il-agehr.org for the registration forms.

KC ~ Illinois State Chair

WANTED: BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Congregational Church of Batavia is seeking an experienced handbell director to expand an existing program. Responsibilities include directing weekly rehearsals and monthly church service performances; maintenance of bells and auxiliary materials; team planning with church music staff, as well as promoting growth of the program within the church.

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UPCOMING IOWA EVENTS

Greetings fellow lowans (and everyone else).

By the time you read this, the **lowa Read N Rings** will be history.

Our **Spring Ring** will be upon us soon and will take place in Cedar Falls on April 29th, 2006 with Janet Carter as our clinician. Details are sketchy but here are our tentative plans. We are leaning toward using several pieces from the Area VIII conference. We will still ask you to BYOS (bring your own stuff), such as foam, bells, binders, stands and mallets. We will make the music available for purchase or you may order it ahead of time. We are locating our site near hotels for those of you that might want to come early. Last year we had a director's round table and are hoping to make that available again this year. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

If anyone is interested in hosting a **Fall Read N Ring Session**, please let me know. It seems our membership is really spread out across the state, so even if your church is able and willing to fit 2-3 choirs (or more), let's talk!

If there is anything I, or the lowa committee, can do for you, please let me know...we're here to serve you!

Chris Peck ~ Iowa State Chair



Announcing Open Auditions for the Gateway Ringers

The Gateway Ringers are looking for experienced musicians to join us for the

2006/2007 seasons. Auditions will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at Kirkwood Baptist Church, Kirkwood, MO. For more information, contact Nancy Helmich at njh4485@aol.com prior to Friday, November 18, 2005.

Website: http://gatewayringers.homestead.com/



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KANSAS HANDBELL HAPPENINGS

We've got a lotta ringin' going on! I hope you'll find yourself at one of the fall events, with or without the rest of your choir.

Upcoming endorsed events in Kansas:

Nov. 5, 2005 – **Holiday Handbells** – Marilyn Lake, clinician – Dodge City, KS Feb. 11, 2006 – **Kansas City Youth Handbell Festival** – Jason Wells, clinician – Gardner, KS (in the Kansas City area)

March 4, 2006 – **Spring Ring** – Judy Sharmann, clinician—Leawood, KS (in the Kansas City area) Repertoire will be from the Area VIII Conference in Council Bluffs – Tins, Coppers and Massed Divisions. Heartland Ringers will be our guest performers ringing music from the Bronze repertoire.

April TBA. 2006 - Spring Ring - Baldwin City, KS

We have a NEW TREASURER – yea!!!!! The books will be transferred sometime in the next month. This will affect you if you are planning a workshop or other ringing event that is endorsed by the guild. The Treasurer keeps our books and will record final workshop totals. Remember that the endorsement includes publicity in National and Area and local newsletters and web sites, mailing lists, and liability coverage. Your cost: \$1 per ringer participating. VERY reasonable!

Hope to see you with bells on in the coming months!

Marilyn Lake ~ Kansas State Chair



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THE PASSING OF A HANDBELL ICON

Word has been received that former area chair Barbara Kinroth died Saturday, August 27, 2005 about 10:20 pm. One of her last requests to her daughter was to let the handbell world know.

Barbara served one full term as Area VIII Chair and two unexpired terms. Barb was Local Liaison for the 1995 St. Louis National director conference and the 2002 Area VIII Conference in Collinsville, Illinois.

Barbara was the area chair at my first conference in 1986. I can still remember her many speeches before the start of concerts, etc. Many might remember her famous flotsam and jetsam talk. My first Area VIII Board meeting was in rural Tama, Iowa. Always one to save a penny, Barbara was in charge of securing a hotel. We stayed at a place that I'm sure did not make the "Triple A" guide book and she put 5-6 people in a room. I bonded that night with Ed Rollins and Kevin McBeth. She was also known for bringing snacks, especially Chex Mix to area meetings.

~Burnell Hackman, Area VIII Past Chair



If you have any memories of Barbara to share, please e-mail them to me and we'll try to include them in the next Quavers.

KINROTH, BARBARA ANN (nee Mueller), age 71, Saturday, August 27, 2005; beloved wife of Gerald D. Kinroth; loving mother and mother-in-law of Ann (Jim) Lindemann, Christina Kinroth and David (Janet) Kinroth; awesome grandmother of Kara, Erik, Janna and Jim Lindemann and Heather and Michael Prost; dear sister and sister-in-law of Bill (Renee) Mueller and Henry (Pam) Mueller; dear niece of Bernice Mueller; our dear aunt, cousin and friend. Memorial visitation Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. with memorial service at 11 a.m. at Church of the Master UCC, 1325 Paddock Drive, Florissant. Mrs. Kinroth was a member of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and was the Handbell Choir Director at COTM for 28 yrs. Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Church of the Master Memorial Fund.

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UPCOMING NEBRASKA EVENTS

Nebraska is the host for the 2006 Area VIII Conference in Council Bluffs, IA. This is a great opportunity to renew friendships from other Festivals and, if you have never attended, to become a member of this family called handbell ringers.

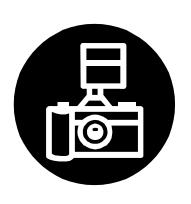
To help with expenses of the Area VIII 2006 Conference Festival you should consider applying for the Nebraska AGEHR Mary Kettelhut Scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship you must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska,
- Be a member of AGEHR,
- Be actively directing a handbell/handchime choir of any age
- Have not previously attended an Area VIII Conference Festival.

For more information and an application, call me or go to our website.

"I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music." George Elliot

Natalie Radcliffe ~ Nebraska State Chair





FILL THIS PICTURE FRAME

Our historian, Mary Kettlehut, is asking that you help her fill our scrapbook by submitting photos from ANY Area VIII handbell festival, Spring Ring, Young Ringers event, Read n Ring, workshop, bell camp or concert.

If you have any photos that you are willing to share, please send them to:

Mary Kettlehut 7200 Van Dorn St Apt #263 Lincoln, NE 68506



AGEHR SPONSORED EVENTS

2005	EVENT	CLINICIAN	LOCATION	
Nov 5	Western Kansas Holiday Handbell Workshop	Marilyn Lake	Grace Community Church Dodge City, KS Julie Ochs Joreader@ sunflowertelco.com	
Nov 11-12	ov 11-12 Eastern Iowa Children's Shosh Meyer Handbell & Handchime Festival (with Directors' Seminar)		St Andrew Pres 1300 Melrose Ave Iowa City, IA Matthew Penning 319.338.7523 Matthewp@saintandrew-ic.org	



2006 Area VIII Conference Council Bluffe

Congratulations goes to the PIKES PEAK RINGERS under the direction of Kevin McChesney who will perform as the Featured Choir at Area VIII's 2006 Conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They will be performing Friday night, June 30th.



UPCOMING CONCERTS

2005	CONCERT	LOCATION	CONTACT Mike Lamb 217.632.3153 www.bellsinmotion.org	
Nov 6 3:00p	Bells in Motion	St. Paul's Episcopal Church 10 E 3rd St, Alton, IL		
Nov 6 3:00p	Gateway Ringers 10th Anniversary Celebration	Kirkwood Baptist Church 211 N Woodlawn Ave, St Louis, MO	Andy Eversole Akeversole@yahoo.com	
Dec 3 2:00p	Chicago Bronze	Friendship Park Conservatory 847-298-3500 395 W Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines, IL www.mppd.org/conser.htm		
Dec 3 7:00p	Heartland Ringers	Luminary Walk Overland Park Arboretum 8909 W 179th St, Overland Park, KS	913-685-3604 www.opkansas.org/_Vis/ Arboretum/	
Dec 3 7:30p	Bells in Motion	1st Congregational Church 2100 Bates Ave, Springfield, IL	Mike Lamb 217.632.3153 www.bellsinmotion.org	
Dec 4 2:30p	The Agape Ringers With North Shore Choral Society	St Faith, Hope & Charity 191 Linden St, Winnetka, IL	David Weck 630.665.3200 x 120 www.agaperingers.org	
Dec 4 3:00p	Chicago Bronze	Rolling Meadows Library 3110 Marin Lane, Rolling Meadows, IL	847-259-6050 www.rolling-meadows.lib.il.us/	
Dec 9 7:00p	Gateway Ringers Holiday Concert	O'Fallon UCC 206 W Adams, O'Fallon, IL	Phil Wilhelm 618.632.3496	
Dec 10 7:30p	Gateway Ringers Holiday Concert	St Paul UCC 200 N Main St, Waterloo, IL	Andy Waggoner 618.939.7123	
Dec 11 3:00p	Chicago Bronze	Ela Library 275 Mohawk Tr, Lake Zurich, IL	847-438-3433 www.lzarea.org/library.htm	
Dec 11 3:00p	Gateway Ringers Holiday Concert	Overland Presbyterian 9424 Everman Ave, Overland, MO	Candy Parson 314.428.2185	
Dec 11 6:30p	Chicago Bronze	St Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave, Morton Grove, IL	847-965-0262	
Dec 12 7:00p	Chicago Bronze	Park Ridge Library 20 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, IL	847-825-3123 www.park-ridge.il.us/library/	
Dec 17 Call for show times	The Agape Ringers in conjunction with Joel Raney	1st Presbyterian Church Quick & Lathrop River Forest, IL	David Weck 630.665.3200 x 120 www.agaperingers.org	

REGISTRATION FOR:

Area VIII "Ringin' Up Another Storm" Festival Conference June 29-July 1, 2006 - Council Bluffs, Iowa



Note our "SUPER Early Bird" and "Early Bird" rates! SUPER Early Bird Rates must be postmarked by March 1, 2006 Early Bird Rates must be postmarked by April 15, 2006



REGISTRATION OPTIONS

The following registration prices are per person and do not include hotel accommodations.

FULL TIME REGISTRATION

Includes 2 banquets, Saturday night Gala Reception, classes & notes, concert admittance, and conference pin.

DAILY REGISTRATION Thursday \$75.00

Includes class sessions and concerts on day(s) of registration. Friday 90.00

Saturday 90.00

NONPARTICIPATING GUEST/CHAPERONE REGISTRATION

\$75.00

Includes 2 banquets, Saturday night reception and concert admittance.

Registration questions? Contact Cheryl Abney, Area VIII Secretary, at 417-886-6892 or CAbney8762@att.net

ADDITIONAL FEES

TABLE RENTAL (per 8 foot table) \$10.00

NON-AGEHR MEMBER FEE (per person, per day) \$10.00

(If either the group's leader or sponsoring organization holds an AGEHR membership, regular registration fees apply.

Otherwise, \$10.00 per person per day is added to total cost.)

DEPOSIT REQUIRED!

A deposit of \$25.00 per person is required. **DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Balance of fees due postmarked by May 15, 2006. After June 1, NO FEES CAN BE REFUNDED.**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Registration fee **does not** include hotel accommodations. Special group-rate accommodations are available to Conference registrants at the Country Inn & Suites (712-322-8282) at \$79.00 + tax per room, per day, for occupancy of 1-4, with **free parking**, or Comfort Inn & Suites (712-323-9760) at \$74.99 + tax per room, per day, for occupancy of 1-4, with **free parking**. At either place, ask for the "reservations" desk, and **be sure** to identify yourself as a participant in the "Area VIII Handbell Conference"!





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