

Area VIII: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska November, 2009

Chair's Concept

Hello ringers!

You guessed it! This is the BIG ISSUE about the FESTIVAL! All of our articles should be related in one way or another to the Festival this coming summer (June 24-26, 2010) in Topeka, KS. I would like to answer a few questions that have been asked along the way.

• Will it be possible to ring in more than one level? I have ringers who would be best suited for the Tins level, but I also have ringers who would be challenged and would enjoy the Gold level.

YES! Just split your ringers up and have half of them prepare for one level, while the other half prepares for another level. We will work with you to make sure you have enough bells.

• Help! I have never been to a festival and I'm not sure how to proceed with the music!

Take a look at the music selections. If your choir normally rings level 1-2, then you might consider ringing in the Tins or Silver level. If you normally ring level 3-4, you might consider the Gold level. If your choir is a high performance choir, and routinely rings level 4-5, then please join the Bronze level. Also, look at the actual music – choose the music that fits your worship services the best. No matter which level you ring, we ALL ring the massed music. That music has been chosen so that all may participate. Those pieces usually start and end our concert. It is quite thrilling to hear 500 bell ringers ringing the same tune at the same time!

Remember that you are to purchase the music in advance so that you come to the festival to make music, not learn the music. You will need to purchase music for every one or every two (if they share) of your ringers. AGEHR and Area VIII are very strict on copyright laws. No photocopies will be permitted at the festival.

• Will this be anything like the day-long workshops that have been offered in my state?

Yes, except please multiply that by 3 days and be sure to add the evening activities. The Topeka 2010 Committee has been working hard to make sure you get a real bang for your buck. If you want to ring all day, every day, we have you covered! There will be classes and rehearsals beginning right after breakfast and going into the evening each day. There will be a LARGE handbell store for music and gifts. There will be concerts by our guests, the Columbia Handbell Ensemble (Thursday night), and the Raleigh Ringers (Friday night). There will be concerts by local groups

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and the youth ringers, and by some special needs choirs. There will be plenty of time for fellowship and laughter and visiting...and we will make time for massaging your tired arms and shoulders, too!

When will the registration forms come out? I want to sign up NOW!

Registrations forms will be mailed (via USPS) in early January, 2010. The fees are based on our guest conductors, the classes, your meals, and the facility. Please be sure to visit the Area VIII web site often for festival updates! www.areaviii.org

What about the hotel?

We will be staying at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. It is attached to the Expocentre and, in fact, you will not even have to go outside at all to get to and from your classes and rehearsals and hotel rooms! You will be able to reserve your rooms online. They sleep up to 4 ringers for \$99 per night. Breakfast is not included.

I hope you will consider spending a few days with your fellow ringers in June in Topeka. If you have any more questions, don't hesitate to ask. The Topeka 2010 committee is well versed on the topic!

See you on the other side of the table!

Marilyn Lake ~ Area VIII Chair

Topeka 2010 Committee: Kipp Willnauer (Education), Kathy Leonard (Kansas Chair), Becky Waters (Local Liaison

Dinner Bell Recipe

Addictive Snack Mix

2 c brown sugar + 2 sticks of butter + 1 c corn syrup. Boil the above ingredients for 5 minutes—no stirring. Add 2 t vanilla + 1 t baking soda.

Pour the above hot mixture over the following: 2 boxes of Ritz peanut butter crackers + 2 boxes of Cheeze Its + 1 bag of pretzels + 2 c or 1 can of peanuts.

Bake at 275° for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Then add the following: 1 bag of candy corn + raisins or cranberries, if desired.

Keep in sealed container. Do not make this on rainy or humid days.

Becky Waters ~ Kansas Liaison







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Former AGEHR president and Honorary Life member Richard W. Litterst, of Rockford, Illinois, died August 9, 2009. He was 83.

In the very first years of the Guild, Litterst was appointed chair of the Music Committee, a position he held until being elected vice president in 1963. He then served 19 consecutive years on the national board, followed by another two as chair of Area VIII. He received the Honorary Life membership award for his accomplishments and contributions to the art in 1974.

He is well known for his Martin Ringers of Second Congregational Church in Rockford, where he served as minister of music. His choir rang with the traditional English "off-the-table" style on a set of 169 Whitechapel bells, covering more than six octaves. He also conducted the Rockford Pops Orchestra for over 30 years and has served churches in Westfield, New Jersey, Omaha, Nebraska, and Rockford and Freeport, Illinois, as organist, choirmaster, and handbell director. He also taught organ at Rockford College, Rock Valley Junior College, and Beloit College. He even drove buses for the Peoria-Rockford Bus Company between Rockford and O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Most recently he served as organist for the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Rockford, where he played his last service on July 22.

Though he sought to advance the art musically, Litterst believed that there was room in the art form for handbell ringers at all levels.

Joan Shull, who was instrumental in producing the *Tempo Setters* videos in which Litterst took part, said, "My first festival was in 1969 in Minnesota, where Dick Litterst was the massed conductor, teacher, and president. For years I was so awed by his presence that I avoided getting acquainted! Then we began to work together in Area VIII, and he was a joy to work with! His fantastic Martin Ringers set impossible goals for everyone in those days, and I recall having Dick teach me at one festival how to do triplets with my bell choir."

Ed Rollins recalls, "I believe I first met Dick at the Area VIII festival in Cape Girardeau in 1990 when his choir was the featured choir. I certainly remember his choirs performance...not only was it an excellent presentation, but the unique ringing style was one that brought about much discussion. They rang "backwards" like was first done in England with the Whitechapel bells, and their precision was still astonishing. It was truly something completely different to observe by most in the audience. In addition, they had the huge bass rack, which was, for a bass ringer, very interesting – and they did a great job using it effectively. Dick will be remembered for his many contributions to the handbell world and to AGEHR. He was at the forefront of developing the guild's mission and seeing that it played out. He was passionate about handbells and he spent his life promoting the art. He enjoyed talking about the past, but he certainly had ideas for the future. Conversations with Dick were always interesting and thought provoking. We have lost another giant but heavens bells are ringing better than ever!"

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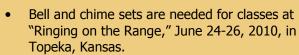
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- Bells will be picked up June 21 or 22, 2010, and returned June 27 or 28, 2010.
- Payment is a one-year membership in AGEHR (or a one-year extension if you are a current member).
- If your group is unable to attend the Festival and willing to loan your bells and/or chimes, or know of a choir that is hiding their light under a bushel (or their bells in a closet) and may be willing to loan their bells, PLEASE contact me:

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Most of us knew David Davidson as conductor; a few knew him as mentor; everyone knew him as friend; and some knew him as colleague. Knowing David Davidson for the past twenty-five years has been so very meaningful to my music ministry career and my life. David was one of those very few persons who were genuinely concerned about the life of everyone that he met and conducted. Everyone called him "friend." As a mentor, I have learned so much about conducting both choral and handbells, and how to make music even though I did not have a formal class from him. My experiences of learning were at various festivals, seminars, including the summer 2009 Texas Conference Choir Clinic at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center where he was the adult choral clinician. In the mid 1980s I hosted David as clinician for the bell choirs of First United Methodist Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. That experience of having him work with my bell choirs and having the private tutoring was an amazing time. It was at the height of the Dallas Handbell Ensemble's performing schedule and before David became the conductor of the Dallas Symphony Chorus. His teaching will echo through my groups for as long as I direct. I considered it a privilege to call him colleague, one who is in music ministry for all of the right reasons.

At Texas Conference Choir Clinic this summer we had some time together and he witnessed to the joy of making music with excellence in the church. We concluded our conversation not knowing that we would never meet again and visit. David often spoke how music can change the molecules in a room and the impact that worship music has on the congregation. So now he is in heaven free of his pain, conducting the angelic choirs of singers and ringers. Someday I hope that I too will join with him in the music ministry in heaven, ringing bells and singing in the church eternal!

AGEHR has certainly benefited and been changed by his leadership, his prominence in conducting at festivals, conferences and Distinctly Bronze. At the second Distinctly Bronze, AGEHR and David set in place a conducting intern program. It was my pleasure and honor to have been selected to work with him and those advanced ringers. We will miss his personality, his conducting style, and his "all business" attitude of making music.

Dolan Bayless, ~ Missouri State Chair





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Introducing...the Raleigh Ringers!

If you have not had the very great honor of hearing this group perform, you are in for a treat! Let me tell you a little bit about them:

They are an internationally acclaimed advanced community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina. They were founded in 1990. They ring a wide variety of music, including sacred, secular, and even rock 'n' roll! David Harris (our guest clinician for massed music, Silver and Bronze) directs the Raleigh Ringers. They have recorded four CDs, and a DVD. They have performed in 34 states and several cities in France. They host yearly workshops and festivals.

They do indeed have a web site, which you will find very entertaining I'm sure! How fortunate we are to have them as our guests in Topeka! <u>http://www.rr.org</u>

Introducing...the Columbia Handbell Ensemble

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble (CHE) is proud to continue its charter to promote the excellence of music through the media of handbells. CHE is a member of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) and is a community-based choir. The choir is composed of auditioned ringers from throughout the central Missouri area. CHE is a nationally recognized choir who has performed throughout the central United States.

Established in 1989, the Columbia Handbell Ensemble is one of the most respected and longest running community based ensembles in the nation. Since its inception, the ensemble has sought to raise the standards of handbell performance and instruction, while advancing the viability of the art of handbell ringing. Their current director is Ed Rollins, the current Chair Elect of Area VIII, and our very own Young Ringers director for Topeka 2010!

PLEASE NOTE

Prairie Suites, Area VIII's commissioned massed piece is NOW available. AG36043 Kathleen Wissinger 3 Movements \$5.50

Before January 1, contact Lorenz Publishing at 1-800-444-1144 x 1.

After January 1, you may contact your favorite retailer.

www.agehr-ne.org



Promenade & Showcass Concerts

Part of the excitement of attending an Area Festival is the opportunity to hear other groups in concert. In addition to the featured choirs, The Columbia Handbell Ensemble and The Raleigh Ringers, there are also the Promenade Concerts and the Showcase Concert. Anyone attending the conference who wishes to share his or her talents may sign up to participate in the Promenade or Showcase Concerts.

The Promenade Concerts take place during class time and are an hour in length. This is an opportunity for a choir, ensemble or soloist to perform a full length concert. (The one hour time slot includes set up, performance and tear down.) There are seven to nine of these concerts scheduled throughout the conference and the concerts are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some choirs like to perform more than once, which is possible if there are not enough groups to fill all nine spots.

The Showcase Concert is an opportunity for groups or individuals to share a one hour time slot. Full choirs, ensembles and soloists are welcome to participate in this concert. There is only one Showcase Concert and every effort will be made to accommodate all who wish to perform.

Registration forms for the Promenade and Showcase Concerts will be included with your registration materials. This is a great opportunity for those who wish to share their talents with other handbell enthusiasts.

For further information you may contact Natalie Radcliffe at <u>natalie radcliffe@hotmail.com</u>.



During our time together in Topeka at the 2010 Festival, we all will have an opportunity to work under the baton of David Harris, director of the Raleigh Ringers. We have also created a ringing track for about 26 to 36 or so individual ringers who would like to spend about five additional rehearsal hours in preparation for an additional four songs directed by David Harris. The rehearsals would be held during regular class session times.

This track will be titled the **Ad Astra Ensemble** (a Latin phrase meaning "to the stars.") This Latin phrase is also part of the Kansas State motto.

The Ad Astra Ensemble participants will prepare four songs prior to the first rehearsal. There will be an application to return in the January issue of *Quavers*. The application will be asking for your three best ringing positions, handbell compositions you have recently played, recent ensemble experiences and your choir director's name with email address.

Four Resonances	W. Payn	L.5 / 4-6 oct	AGEHR	ag46008J
Fantasy No 1 F Minor	A. Sherman	L.3+/3-5 oct	Норе	1698
Carillon	F. Gramann	L.4 / 3-7 oct	Jeffers	Jhs9200
Psalm 42	K. Buckwalter	L.5 / 4-6 oct	Beckenhorst	hb251

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Pentatonic Peal

For the Bonjour Chimes

Use all black chimes in 3 octave set: C#4 to A#6.

Marilyn N. Lake













2010 AREA VIII CONFERENCE AGEHR, Inc. June 24-26, 2010 Topeka, Kansas



WEDNESDAY, June 23, 2010				
7:00-9:00 PM	Registration & Set Up	Landon Arena/Heritage Hall		
THURSDAY, June 2	24, 2010			
7:00-7:45 AM	Registration & Set Up	Landon Arena/ Heritage Hall		
8:00-8:45 AM	Fearless Ringer Session Weddings & Funerals	Pioneer		
9:00-4:30 PM	Vendors Open	Maner Shawnee		
10:00-11:15 AM	Massed Rehearsal Opening Bell / Business Mtg / Rehearsal	Maner Arena		
10:30-10:45 AM	Chaperone Meeting	Atrium		
11:00-11:15 AM	Clinician / Faculty Meeting	Atrium		
11:30-12:00 PM	LUNCH on your own			
11:30-12:30 PM	"First Time" Orientation Tins Rehearsal	Atrium Arena		
	Class Session A or lunch	Maner Conference Center		
12:45-1:45 PM	Promenade Concert A Silver Rehearsal	Kansas Building Arena		
12.45-1.45 1 1/1	Class Session B or lunch	Maner Conference Center		
	Promenade Concert B	Kansas Building		
2:00-3:00 PM	Gold Rehearsal Class Session C	Arena Maner Conference Center		
	Promenade Concert C	Kansas Building		
3:15-4:15 PM	Bronze Rehearsal	Arena		
	Class Session D	Maner Conference Center		
4.20 5.20 DM	Promenade Concert D	Kansas Building		
4:30-5:30 PM	Massed Rehearsal	Arena		
6:30-7:30 PM	Opening Banquet (Black Tie Optional)	Maner Sunflower		
7:30-9:30 PM	Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert	Maner Sunflower		
FRIDAY, June 25, 2	010			
7:00-7:45 AM	Fearless Ringer Session Originals for Worship	Pioneer		
7:30-9:00 AM	Director's Breakfast for: Directors / Area VIII / AGEHR Officers (ticket required for breakfast)	Sunflower		
8:00-9:00 AM	Massed Rehearsal	Arena		
(8:50 AM)	Festival Picture Everyone in 2010 shirt			
9:00-4:00 PM	Vendors Open	Shawnee		



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9:15-10:15 AM	Bronze Rehearsal Class Session E	Arena Maner Conference Center
10:30-11:30 AM	Promenade Concert E Gold Rehearsal Class Session F Promenade Concert F	Kansas Building Arena Maner Conference Center Kansas Building
11:30-12:30 PM	LUNCH	Kansas Building Sunflower
NOON-1:00 PM	Showcase Concert	Sunflower
1:15-2:15 pm	Silver Rehearsal Class Session G	Arena Maner Conference Center
2:30-3:30 PM	Promenade Concert G Tins Rehearsal Class Session H Concert H	Kansas Building Arena Maner Conference Center Kansas Building
3:45-4:45 PM	Massed Rehearsal	Arena
4:45-6:00 PM	DINNER on your own	
6:00-7:00 PM	Worship Service	Grace Episcopal Cathedral
7:30-9:30 PM	Raleigh Ringers Concert	Grace Episcopal Cathedral
SATURDAY, June 26, 2	2010	
7:00-7:45 AM	Fearless Ringer Session	Pioneer
8:00-9:00 AM	Weddings & Funerals Tins Rehearsal Class Session I	Arena Maner Conference Center
9:00-4:00 PM	Vendors Open	Shawnee
9:15-10:15 AM	Gold Rehearsal Class Session J	Arena Maner Conference Center
10:30-11:30 AM	YOUNG RINGER'S CONCERT	Heritage Hall
11:45-12:45 PM	Lunch Buffet	Sunflower
12:30-1:15 PM	KANSAS ENSEMBLE	Sunflower
1:30-2:30 PM	Silver Rehearsal Class Session K Brownende K	Arena Maner Conference Center Kanasa Building
2:45-3:45 PM	Promenade K Bronze Rehearsal Class Session L Promenade Concert L	Kansas Building Arena Maner Conference Center Kansas Building
4:00-6:00 PM	Massed Rehearsal	Arena
6:00-6:45 PM	DINNER – boxed	Sunflower
7:30-9:00 PM	Closing Concert	Kansas Expo Center, Landon Arean
9:00-9:30 PM	Tear down, pick up & move out	Arena
9:30-11:30 PM	Farewell Reception	Sunflower

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ATTENTION YOUNG RINGERS: Here's a great opportunity

for one of our "older" young ringers...we are looking for one of our young ringers to actually help conduct (yep, you heard it right) at next summer's Topeka conference. We would like to have a young ringer actually work with Ed Rollins and other conference leaders to conduct one of the pieces in our concert. If you know a young ringer who might be interested in such an opportunity, please contact Ed at <u>rollins@fbc-columbia.org</u>. When you contact Ed, please give him some information about your young ringer and their musical experiences. A committee of three will evaluate the information and con-

tact you with other questions. Our young ringer director will be notified by April of next year. We are excited about this opportunity to train a future conductor. Thanks for your help.

Area VIII Resource Library

The lending library is available to handbell directors and educators. Materials may be checked out for 30 days for only the cost of postage.

The video library includes concerts and performances and interviews with top handbell clinicians. Instructional videos also available.

The publications library includes books on conducting, score study, technique, rehearsal tips, and many other topics to help you and your choirs reach their potential. See the full listing on the Area VIII website.

To request materials, contact Kathy Harrison, librarian, <u>kathy917@aol.com</u>, or call 417.888.0089.

Kathy Harrison, Resource Librarian

Membership Report

Area VIII continues to be a strong Area in terms of membership in AGEHR. We currently have 670 members in our area. As we look to the future of the Guild, it is in our best interest to encourage one another in maintaining our memberships, exploring ringer memberships, mentoring new directors, and visiting with individuals or churches and schools whose memberships may have lapsed.

As we visited about this issue at our recent Area VIII Board meeting, we discussed that most of us knew of church programs that have lapsed. I would encourage state committee members, handbell directors and ringers to visit these churches and ask if they need help revitalizing their programs.

We belong to the Guild to come together and ring, to enjoy the art of handbells, and to learn and grow together. The icing on the cake are the friendships that last a lifetime. Encourage membership in the Guild at your concerts, special ringing events, workshops, camps, etc. You will be making a great contribution!

Sandy Denton, Membership Chair

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TOPEKA 2010 YOUTH FESTIVAL

We are so excited to offer at Topeka 2010 a

special track just for our young ringers.



The clinician will be Ed Rollins of the Columbia Handbell Ensemble.

We have special Classes designed just for this group.

Fee includes:

Box lunch on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Opening Banquet Dinner Box dinner on Saturday T-Shirt And best of all – A POOL PARTY!!!!



Plan on bringing your young ringers to Topeka 2010! If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Abney at cheryl.abney@att.net





2010 AREA VIII YOUNG RINGERS FESTIVAL



American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc. June 2010 in Topeka, Kansas

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 2010

7:00 – 9:00 PM	Registration & Set Up	Heritage Hall Atrium

THURSDAY, June 22, 2010

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Registration & Set Up	Heritage Hall & Atrium
9:00 - 4:30 PM	Vendors open	Maner Shawnee
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Opening Bell Business Meeting	Arena
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Massed Rehearsal – Audience YOUTH Massed Rehearsal	HH Atrium
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Chaperone Meeting	Heritage Hall
11:00 – NOON	Wheat Rehearsal Sunflower Class (Orff)	HH Atrium Heritage Hall
NOON - 12:30	Lunch – Boxed	HH Atrium
12:45 – 1:45 PM	Sunflower Rehearsal Wheat Class (Orff)	HH Atrium Heritage Hall
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Concert	Kansas Building
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Massed Rehearsal	HH Atrium
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Tie-Dye Shirts w/Raleigh Ringers	HH Atrium
6:30 – 7::30 PM	Opening Banquest (Black Tie optional)	Maner Sunflower
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert	Maner Sunflower







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FRIDAY, June 23, 2010

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Massed Ringing Rehearsal	HH Atrium
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Wheat Rehearsal Sunflower Class (Maori Stick Games)	HH Atrium Heritage Hall
11:15 – NOON	Sunflower Rehearsal Wheat Class (Maori Stick Games	HH Atrium Heritage Hall
NOON - 12:30	Lunch	Sunflower
NOON – 1:00 PM	SHOWCASE CONCERT	Sunflower
1:15 – 2:00 PM	Sunflower Rehearsal Wheat Class (Hand Jive/Body Drumming)	HH Atrium Heritage Hall
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Wheat Rehearsal Sunflower Class (Hand Jive/Body Drumming)	HH Atrium Heritage Hall
2:45 – 3:30 PM	Massed Rehearsal	HH Atrium
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Swimming	Capitol Plaza Pool
4:45 – 6:00 PM	DINNER on your own	
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Worship	Grace Episcopal Cathe- dral
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Raleigh Ringers Concert ALL YR sit together during concert	Grace Episcopal Cathe- dral
9:30 - 10:30 PM	Ice Cream & Popcorn	Kansas Building

SATURDAY, June 24, 2010

9:00 – 9:30 AM	Visit Vendors	Shawnee
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Massed Dress Rehearsal	HH Atrium
10:30 – 11:30 AM	YOUNG RINGERS CONCERT	HH Atrium
11:30 AM	Festival Picture ALL in 2010 shirt	
11:45 – 12:30 PM	Lunch Buffet	Sunflower
12:30 – 1:15 PM	KANSAS ENSEMBLE	Sunflower
1:45 – 2:45 PM	Break down equipment & polish bells	HH Atrium
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Swimming	Capitol Plaza Pool
6:00 - 6:45 PM	DINNER – Boxed	Sunflower
6:45 – 7:30 PM	Wheat Ringers to be ushers & handout pro- grams	Arena
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Closing Concert ALL YR sit together during concert	Kansas Expo Center Landon Arena
9:00 – 9:30 PM	Watch the tear down, pick up & move out	Arena
9:30 – 11:30 PM	Farewell Reception	Sunflower

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2010	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Feb 6	Young Ringer's Mini-Festival w/ Anna Laura Page	Santa Maria del Popolo 126 N Lake St Mundelein, IL	Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal chair@il-agehr.org 630-699-3802
Feb 20 9a—4p	Handbells! Handbells! A Ringers' Workshop	Grace UMC 300 N Gartner Naperville, IL	Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal chair@il-agehr.org 630-699-3802
Feb 25-28	Distinctly Bronze West	Bremerton, WA	www.agehr.org 800-326-3745 Application process required
Feb 27	Kansas Spring Ring	Church of the Resurrection 13720 Roe Ave Leawood, KS	Gwen Gepford Gwen.gepford@cor.org
Jun 24-25-26	Area VIII Festival Conference	Kansas Expocentre Topeka, KS	www.areaviii.org/1-conf.htm Marilyn Lake LQRngLdr@kc.rr.com
June 24-25-26	Area VIII Young Ringers Festival	Kansas Expocentre Topeka, KS	www.areaviii.org/1-conf.htm Marilyn Lake LQRngLdr@kc.rr.com

Help Needed

Pictures needed from past area handbell events for the Topeka 2010 Ring! Wendi will put together a video of pictures received to be shown at Topeka 2010.

- Copy pictures to a flash drive (no limit on quantity). Be sure to remove any pictures you do not want to be on a video production for the Topeka 2010 event. This includes any dark and/or blurry photos.
- Photos need to be in JPEG format (this is standard picture format). Any size.
- Edit your photos before sending. Because of the time required, pictures cannot be edited by Wendi (lightened, darkened, labeled, or red eye removed).
- She will transfer the pictures from the flash drive and mail back your flash drive (make sure you include your return address).
- Yes, CDs will work but the CDs will not be returned. There is a very limited number of pictures you can put on a CD. (Please do not use DVDs).
- Mail to Wendi Levitt, PO Box 3498, Shawnee, KS 66203. (Wendi is the webmaster for the Kansas site.) Any questions? Contact Wendi directly. wendi@heartlandringers.com.

PLEASE DO NOT E-MAIL PICTURES TO THIS ADDRESS.



CDs will be accepted but not returned.

Flash drives will be returned.





Upcoming Concerts

2009	CONCERT	LOCATION	CONTACT
11/21	<i>The Hanging of the Greens</i>	1st United Methodist Church	Pattie Barnes
7:00p	Bell choirs of 1st UMC	1032 Maple, Downers Grove, IL	630.953.0146 / bellhog@juno.com
11/28 7:00p	Bells in Motion	Laurel United Methodist Church 631 S Grand Ave West, Springfield, IL	www.bellsinmotion.org
11/29 4:00p	Bells in Motion	United Presbyterian Church 2400 W Northmoor Rd, Peoria, IL	www.bellsinmotion.org
12/6	Chicago Bronze	ELA Library	Terri Meyer
3:00p		275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich, IL	847.438.3433 x 171 / www.eapl.org
12/7 7:00p	Random Ringers	Elk Grove Village Library 1001 Wellington Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL	Jill Derkits 847.439.0447 x 226 www.egvpl.org
12/12	Rezound!	Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church	Pat Latshaw
2:00p		9300 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS	913.341.5725 / www.rezound.org
12/12 4:00p	<i>Sounds of the Season</i> The Agape Ringers Tickets Required	Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church 155 Brush Hill Elmhurst, IL	KC Congdon 309.365.2910 www.agaperingers.org
12/12	Chicago Bronze	Resurrection Catholic Church	Suzanne Orland
7:30p	Tickets required	30w350 Army Trail Rd, Wayne, IL	708.496.3800 x 39
12/12	Rezound!	King of Kings Lutheran	Pat Latshaw
7:30p		306 E Madison, Gardner, KS	913.341.5725 / www.rezound.org
12/13	Chicago Bronze	Wauconda Library	Terri Suda
1:00p		801 N Main St, Wauconda, IL	847.526.6225 x 218
12/13 3:00p	Concordia University–NE Handbell Choirs	Concordia University Music Center Recital Hall 800 N Columbia Ave, Seward, NE	Jessica Kite Jessica.Kite@cune.edu 800.535.5494 x 7282
12/13	Rezound!	Powell Gardens Holiday Concert	www.powellgardens.org
3:00p		1609 NW US Hwy 50, Kingsville, MO	816.697.2600 x 307
12/13	Chicago Bronze	St Martha's Church	Kevin Wood
4:30p		8523 Georgiana Ave, Morton Grove, IL	847.965.0262
12/14	Random Ringers	Schaumburg Public Library	Barbara Marik
7:00p		130 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL	847.923.3186 / www.stdl.org