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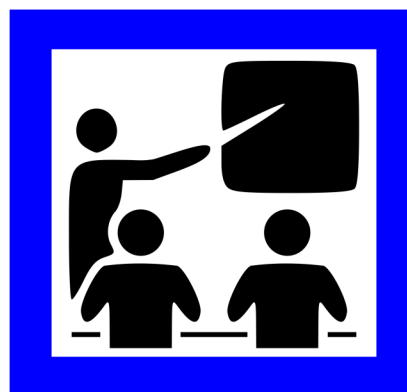
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The 2018-20 Area 8 Board transitioned into place on October 1. Most appointed board positions have a four-year limit, which leaves opportunities for new members to fill a board position. Many members have stepped up to fill roles that have become open, and we are actively searching to fill positions that have become available. If you would like to serve on the Area 8 board or your state board, please contact me: chair.area8@handbellmusicians.org. If you're not sure what your schedule or skill set can handle, let us know and we can keep you on an on-call list. Your Area 8 board is listed above. We'd love to hear from you! Check the website for contact information.

Beth Ann Edwards**~Area 8 Chair****Changes and Opportunities**

This is an exciting time to be on the Area 8 Board of Directors! As I transition into the role as the chair, our annual board meeting agenda reminded me of the reasons why I love the handbell community. Your Board is dedicated, hard-working, and forward-thinking. They're easy to work with and have a great sense of humor! I hope that all who read this are Area 8 or State Board wannabe's. Highlights of our board meeting discussion included the following:

Quavers Area 8 Newsletter

We acknowledge and thank KC Congdon for her work as editor of the *Quavers* since 2002. As she becomes artistic director of The Agape Ringers, she has resigned as editor and this is her final issue of the *Quavers*. KC has provided consistency and focus in our bi-monthly newsletter, and has been proactive in conceptualizing and designing each issue. As we move forward, some change is inevitable, but you can always count on the *Quavers* to keep you in touch with events and activities in Area 8. We wish you well, KC, and thank you for all your love and devotion to Area 8.

National Seminar in St. Louis in 2019

St. Louis, Missouri, has been chosen as the site for the 2019 National Seminar. Plan now to register and attend this event July 16-20. St. Louis is easily accessible to all of Area 8, and it's a perfect opportunity to experience a National Conference.

While a National Conference does not include massed ringing, learning opportunities abound with ringing tracks and classes. Handbell ensembles from throughout the country will perform some amazing concerts, and networking opportunities are everywhere. The venue is downtown – steps away

from the Gateway Arch and Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals. I grew up in St. Louis and can give you the "Beth Ann" tour if we have time. (Ask me where I went to high school – it's a St. Louis "thing!") Volunteer opportunities for Area 8 members will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

**OPEN****~Missouri State Chair**

Missouri needs YOUR help! If you think this might be an opportunity to assist the guild, please contact:

chair.area8@handbellmusicians.org

Area 8 Festival in 2020

The bi-annual Area 8 Festival will take place in Overland Park, Kansas, June 19—20, 2020. We're finalizing details with the Sheraton Overland Park, and the hotel is top-knotch and ready to pamper us. Alex Guebert and John Behnke are on board as clinicians, and more leadership will be announced as we move closer to the date. We've chosen a two-day event, with an optional third day of activities and learning opportunities on Thursday, June 18. The Kansas 2020 Committee (Kipp Willnauer, Carol Fleege, Gwen Gepford, Pat Latshaw, and Lori Fenton) is super-awesome to work with, and they have some great plans for us!



Classes at 2020 Festival: Opportunity to Speak Up

The evaluations from the 2018 Festival are in, and we have read them – all 39 pages of them! Thank you to each and every attendant who filled out an evaluation form. Overall, the comments were very positive and I hope that all of you will return to Overland Park in 2020! We attempt to schedule classes and instructors that can give you information and motivation to take back to your handbell programs for the next two years. So here's your opportunity to help us plan for 2020. If you have never attended an Area 8 Festival, there's no time like 2020! Please let us know how to design a Festival that renews and re-visions you and your program.

I've set up a Survey Monkey with four questions. Go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQL6N99>
 and answer the questions, or email me, Beth Ann Edwards at:
chair.area8@handbellmusicians.org
 with any comments you would like to share with me and the 2020 committee. Please spend a minute or two answering these four questions.

1. What classes would you like to see offered in 2020?
2. List your top three (or more) favorite instructors and explain why they are your favorites.
3. Name a track, or series of classes, that you would consider attending.
4. Name a new class or activity you would like to see at the 2020 Area 8 Festival.

Nancy Youngman**~Nebraska State Chair**

Fall ringing at your churches, schools and community groups is no doubt underway. What are your groups looking forward to in the way of outside activities?

Nebraska will be hosting Tammy Waldrop on March 8/9 in the spring of 2019. This will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 60th and A St. in Lincoln, NE. Information with registration details will be available soon, but you will want to get this on your calendar. We will have ringing experiences and classes for both less-experienced ringers and for those who are more experienced. Friday night will be a Director's workshop led by Tammy. The Saturday portion will be for directors and ringers. It will be a day full of massed ringing with Tammy and classes with our Nebraska board members. Lunch is included in your registration. Stay tuned!

Other great things in our area to look forward to will be the 29th Annual Intergenerational Handbell Camp. Check it out here. <http://handbellcamp.org/>

For more events, be sure to check out the [National](#) website and our [Area 8](#) site.

Our new incoming chair is Nancy Youngman. I am looking forward to fun things during her time as our Nebraska chair.

Thanks for the ride!

Linda Ashley

Kipp Willnauer**~Kansas State Chair****Ring in the Spring –**

Saturday, March 2, 2019

TOMORROW'S SKILLS START HERE!

This is the year – you've talked about it and wished you had gone. Come ring with the experts and go home energized. We have fantastic clinicians lined up, fun music, a massed ringing piece and new mini-class options. Clinicians this year are Michael Glasgow (Bronze level) and Terry Busch (Copper level).

Complete details can be found on our new website:

www.cor.org/ringinthespring

Resonate –

Saturday, June 1, 2019

A Ringing Event for Advanced Handbell Musicians

Overland Park Christian

7600 W 75th St, Overland Park, KS 66204

www.Rezound.org

Intergenerational Handbell Camp –

July 7-11, 2019

is celebrating its 29th year of handbell ringers gathering in Parkville, MO for classes, small choirs and massed ringing.

www.handbellcamp.org

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Patrick Gagnon**~Iowa State Chair**

I'm Baaaaaack!

I'm very happy to be able to continue to serve Area 8 as Iowa Chair beginning this October. This is the first position I held on the Area 8 Board and it feels very friendly and familiar. I look forward to the coming year and to the possibilities for handbell musicians in this state.

We had two great events this fall in Des Moines, both sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America and facilitated by local ringers and directors. Dr. John Behnke led a repertoire reading session at First Unitarian Church with beer, wine, and heavy appetizers served by Des Moines Concert Handbells. The following day we had a great turnout for the 2018 Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church. Dr. Behnke led a full day of rehearsals and those assembled presented an early afternoon concert.

I am planning to host several repertoire reading sessions in Iowa which will feature the massed and divisional music selected for the 2020 Area 8 Festival/Conference in Overland Park, Kansas! Iowa has traditionally had a strong representation at the Biennial Area 8 Festival/Conference, and we want to **see** that **clearly** in 2020!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/485936181435181/> (Cedar Valley Handbell Happenings)

<https://www.facebook.com/DesMoinesConcertHandbells/>

Look for us online: www.agehr-ia.org

Thank you for reading this far and for all that you do for handbells in the state of Iowa. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in the coming year. Thank you also for being a member of this awesome organization that seeks to unite people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing.



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~Illinois State Chair

Illinois is in need of a **chair**. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact:

pastchair.area8@handbellmusicians.org

February 16, 2019 is the date reserved for a workshop with The Agape Ringers. But we are in need of a **site**! If you would be willing host a workshop, please contact:

[Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal](mailto:Kristin.Kalitowski-Kowal)

VIRTUOSO

An Extraordinary Performance Experience

WHEN: May 31 – June 2, 2019

WHERE: Raleigh, North Carolina

CLINICIAN: Dr. William Payn



This event is being organized by
The Raleigh Ringers. Information
and details can be found online.
www.rr.org/events/virtuoso

Space is extremely limited and
participants will be determined
by audition.

Upcoming Events

2019	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
1/6-8	College Ring-In Carolynne Mathis	Minneapolis, MN	National
1/6-16	Panama Cruise XV	Aruba, Bahamas, Costa Rica, Panama	BOC
2/28-3/3	Distinctly Bronze West Bill Payn	Welches, OR	Coming soon
3/2	Ring in the Spring	Leawood, KS	Kansas Gwen Gepford
3/8-9	Tammy Waldrop	Lincoln, NE	Nebraska
5/31-6/2	Virtuoso Bill Payn	Raleigh, NC	RR
6/1	Resonate	Overland Park, KS	Rezound
6/6-9	Distinctly Bronze East Lee Afdahl	New Bern, NC	National
7/7-11	Intergenerational Handbell Camp	Parkville, MO	Coming soon
7/16-20	National Seminar	St Louis, MO	National
10/10-13	Distinctly Bronze East Stephanie Rhoades	New Bern, NC	Coming soon