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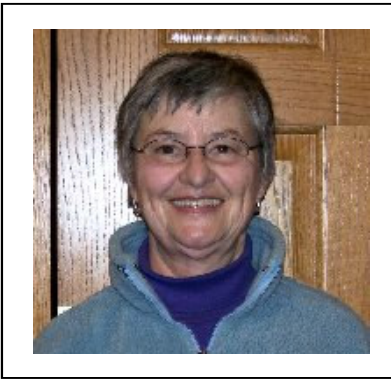
# Area XI Newsletter

Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

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## MEET AREA XI BOARD MEMBER, BARBARA HARTMAN!



*This month we introduce you to the remaining member of the current AGEHR Area XI Board, Barbara Hartman. Her story about how she became involved with handbells is typical of many - one who takes over a group, "just for the interim", and the interim becomes very long and leads to many other things.*

**Barbara Hartman**, serving as Utah Chair for 2008-2010, started ringing bells after hearing them once in Oklahoma City. She rang in 2 groups there until she moved to Salt Lake City. While ringing at Wasatch Presbyterian Church she made good friends and learned a lot. 15 years ago, when a new director had not been found, she became the "interim" director. Fifteen years later.....

Barb has done some solo ringing, but also enjoys ringing with groups as well as directing. She's been to numerous directors' seminars, an Area XI gathering, and last year received the Utah scholarship to attend National Seminar. She preceded that by attending International Symposium, along with 849 of her favorite friends!

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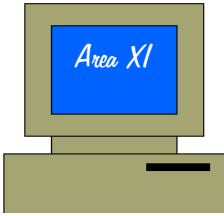
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**E-notes** - Sign up for your monthly national AGEHR news at [www.agehr.org](http://www.agehr.org). You'll find the link under communications.

You do not have to be a member of AGEHR to get E-notes.  
Tell your friends.

Read the article on pg.4 about a special E-newsletter for ringers.

**PLEASE**  
Keep your e-mail address current.



## FESTIVAL CLOSING CONCERTS

Dates and times for Area XI Spring Festival Concerts are listed below. If you were not able to participate in one of

these events, you can still attend the closing concert. Ringers have worked hard and listening to a massed ringing concert is always a new experience. Even for the most avid ringer, it's good to take the time to just listen to the music that can be made with bells. You can learn by watching and listening. See if you can pick out the new ringers from the sea of faces. Notice how different choirs apply different techniques. Take away from the experience something that you'd like to try or, conversely, something that you'd prefer not to try. Be a wise observer occasionally.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The newest AGEHR Area XI members listed on the National Roster are:

**Vivian K. Wilsdon** of Tanque Verde Lutheran Church in Tucson, AZ

**Cathy Bullock** of the Westminster Bell Choir based in North Logan, UT

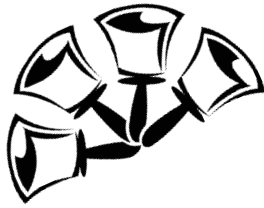
**Marvin Easter** with the First Presbyterian Church in Greeley, CO

**Terry Waite** of the Wesley Bell Ringers in Salt Lake City, UT

New members will be added to the mailing list for the E-Newsletter if they have a listed e-mail on the National membership list.

Everyone, remember to check [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org) for latest news of events in Area XI.

## AGEHR Area XI Spring Events 2009



### UTAH SPRING RING

March 14, 2009 - Closing concert 4:30PM  
Greig Ashhurst, Clinician  
Murray High School, Murray, UT  
Repertoire list is now available

### ARIZONA SPRING FESTIVAL

April 25, 2009 - Closing concert 4:00PM  
Monica McGowan, Clinician  
Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ  
Repertoire list and Registration form available

### WYOMING SPRING RING

April 3 - 4, 2009 - Closing Concert April 4, 1:30PM  
Cathy Moklebust, Guest Conductor  
Casper, WY  
Repertoire list & Registration form now available

### NEW MEXICO FESTIVAL/CONVOCATION

April 25, 2009 - Closing concert 4:00PM  
Tammy Waldrop, Clinician  
St. John's UMC Church, Albuquerque, NM  
**REGISTRATION IS CLOSED.**  
**No more space on the ringing floor.**

### COLORADO KEYSTONE FESTIVAL

April 17 - 19, 2009 - Closing Concert April 19, 3:00PM  
Dr. John Hooper, Guest Conductor  
Keystone Resort & Conference Center  
Keystone, CO  
Info at [www.coagehr.org](http://www.coagehr.org)

For Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming event details go to <http://www.agehr11.org> and click on the state events. Colorado event details are available at <http://www.coagehr.org> (click on events).



# 2009 YOUNG RINGERS' CAMP

## June 3 to 7, 2009

Young Ringers' Camp will be held at Glorieta Retreat Center in Glorieta, New Mexico. Camp begins with registration, set-up and dinner on June 3 and ends with breakfast on June 7.

### Regular Registration

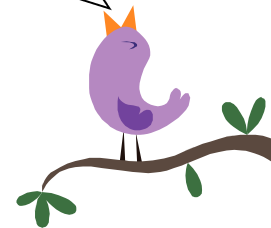
Postmarked after April 4 - \$315 per registrant  
Chaperones - \$305 per registrant

### Early-bird Registration (save \$50 per registrant!)

Postmarked on or before April 4 - \$265 per registrant  
Chaperones - \$255 per registrant

Registration fee covers accommodations, meals, festival expenses and music.

Be an Early Bird! Young Ringers Camp early registration deadline is APRIL 4. You will save \$50 per person by registering before that date.



You may register your group at any time with a \$100 deposit. Be sure to read registration directions carefully. Registration forms are now available at <http://www.area11.org/ybcamp09/creg09.html>.

## FREE TIME CAMP ACTIVITIES

*There is an extra charge for the following activities and reservations are required.*



**THREE HOURS** will be set aside each afternoon for Young Ringer Campers to enjoy the many recreation activities offered at Glorieta Conference Center.

The following activities are FREE and do not require a reservation. Young Ringer Camp Chaperones will be available to help with these activities

- Softball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Sand volleyball
- Hiking Trails
- Paddle Boat Riding
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Catch & Release Fishing
- Horseshoes
- Shuffleboard
- Frisbee Golf
- Ping Pong
- Golf Driving Net
- Soccer
- Tetherball

**Miniature Golf** \$3 per person (with Young Ringer Camp Chaperones)

**Tandem Zip Line/Giant Swing**  
\$5.00 per person per ride

**Climbing Wall**  
\$5.00 per person per climb (guaranteed at least two attempts)

**Low Ropes Challenge**  
Facilitated trust/problem-solving activities that encourage players to solve challenges through teamwork. (Rate: \$10.00 per person per 2 hour session. Min. 10 persons per group.)

**High Ropes Challenge**  
Physically challenging ropes course activities that take place at elevations of 20-40 feet above ground, including climbing tower. Fully supervised by trained staff. (Rate: \$23.00 per person per 2 hr session. Minimum 10 persons per group.)

**Paintball**  
Teamwork and strategy are a must in this fast-paced, adrenaline-pumping activity. \$18.00 per person per one hour session. Safety Equipment, paintball marker, and 200 quantity paintballs provided. Additional time and rates are also available.

**Horseback Riding and Mountain Biking** – Availability and pricing info available soon!



Glorieta's Recreation Brochure - [http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF\\_Glorieta\\_Recreation\\_Options.pdf](http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_Glorieta_Recreation_Options.pdf) provides full descriptions of activities. All reservations and payment for activities will be made through Area XI, NOT directly with Glorieta. A form will be available from Area XI soon for making reservations. Check <http://www.area11.org/ybcamp09/ycamp09.html> for latest updates on all camp information. Find out about a special guest who will be at camp for a few days and will present a concert on one of the evenings at camp.



# AGEHR NATIONAL SEMINAR - July 15-18, 2009

Tucson, AZ El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort

## UNPUBLISHED MUSIC READING SESSION AT NATIONAL SEMINAR

Did you know that there will be an unpublished music reading session (UMRS) at the National Seminar? UMRS is a fantastic opportunity for any composer or arranger to hear his/her unpublished creation(s) sight-read by a group of people who are kind, constructive, and enthusiastic about handbells. In fact, this "event" has become so popular that this year it has been divided into 2 parts and it will be more "organized" than it has been in previous years in order to read though as much music as possible.

The sessions will be at the end of the day to allow everyone who wishes to do so the opportunity to participate, without worrying about scheduling conflicts. Dates and times are:

**Session #1** - Wednesday, July 15 - 9:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Session #2** - Friday, July 17, - 9:15 to "approximately" 10:30 pm.

Composers and arrangers, you **MUST** register for UMRS **before JUNE 1** in order to get on the initial list. Those who register after June 1 will be placed on a secondary list, to be rung as time permits, following two passes through the initial list. On-site arrivals (July 1 or later) will be played only if time permits following two passes through the initial list and once through the secondary list. If time remains thereafter (highly unlikely) those on the initial list may present a third piece. If you register to present your music,

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sessions*

you are expected to attend both sessions as #2 will be a continuation of #1. (Same idea as signing up for one of the seminar tracks.)

Registering for UMRS is EASY, and done SEPARATELY from your Seminar registration. E-mail Michael Glasgow at [michael@michaeljglasgow.com](mailto:michael@michaeljglasgow.com) and let him know you plan to participate. He will fill you in on more details, i.e. how many copies of music you need to provide and what to do with them, how the sessions will be organized, when you need to attend, how much time will be allowed for each piece, etc. If you have specific questions, ask him. (If you don't receive a confirmation e-mail within two days, please follow up.)

If you are NOT a composer or arranger, you are welcome to sit in the gallery and listen. While registered composers/arrangers are given first choice to be part of the demonstration choir, there may also be an opportunity for others to participate. Just bring your gloves!



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### WIN A SET OF CHIMES (OR EQUIVALENT) FOR YOUR CHOIR! ENTER THIS CONTEST! SIGN UP FOR *ringEr-notes*!

The AGEHR is announcing a new **FREE** E-newsletter (*ringEr-notes*) focusing on ringers and their experiences within the AGEHR community. To launch this newsletter they are having a contest which will help build a database of ringer e-mail addresses.

Directors are asked to get permission from their ringers to sign them up to receive the newsletter, or non-member ringers may subscribe for themselves using the sponsoring organization's membership number. (Ask your director for the number.) Each valid e-mail address will earn the sponsoring AGEHR member organization 1 entry into the 2009 Ringer Contest Grand Prize Drawing. For every non-member ringer that signs up for *ringEr-notes* and then decides to take out a ringer membership (\$30) or higher level membership, the sponsor will get 5 additional entries into the drawing.

Two Grand Prize winners will receive:

1 set of Malmark Choirchime® Instruments **OR**  
1 set of Schulmerich Melody Chime® Instruments  
**(or the equivalent cost in other equipment from Malmark or Schulmerich)**

Non-Member Ringers who sign up for *ringEr - notes* are also eligible to win a prize. Names will be drawn from the *ringEr-notes* list monthly to win official AGEHR goodie bags valued at up to \$100.

Read all details and contest rules at :  
<http://www.agehr.org/events/news1.asp> and follow the directions to enter the contest. The contest ends at 5pm EST on August 31, 2009