



QUAVERS

AREA VIII: ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA
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HOSTING AN AGEHR EVENT

Greetings, all!

Welcome springtime! Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, spring has actually arrived! First I want to thank all who have registered to attend **Peoria Rings My Bells** in June. It looks like it is going to be a great time! If you haven't registered yet, please do so. There is still plenty of room and we would love to see all of you there!

This issue of *Quavers* is going to deal with planning your own event. To help prepare for this, I am going to go through the benefits of having your event sponsored or endorsed by AGEHR.

Whatever size event you are planning, there are many benefits to having it sponsored or endorsed by the National office of AGEHR. There are all different kinds of insurance available to help cover any problems that might arise. You have liability insurance, borrowed equipment insurance, site insurance and employee/volunteer dishonesty insurance. Performance royalties are paid by AGEHR. You can make an official recording of your event, but you do have to pay mechanical royalties. There is a form with the packet that they send you that explains this and makes it easy. You will also have your event advertised in *Quavers*, *Overtones* and on the AGEHR website. You can also request mailing labels for the area you want to offer your event to.

Now the difference between sponsored and endorsed events is really pretty easy. All events are to be educational in nature. Sponsored events are offered and run by the area or one of the states within the area. Events such as our upcoming Area VIII festival, **Peoria Rings My Bells**, or a state committee-run workshop are sponsored events. Endorsed events are offered and run by non-profit groups such as churches, schools and community groups who are members of AGEHR. This might be a workshop offered by a church in your area or a reading session to check out new music. As long as the area or state committees are not involved in the planning and execution of the event, it is an endorsed event. A concert or performance by itself is not eligible for endorsing or sponsoring. There are several other criteria to be followed when applying for this but it really is not hard.

To find all the information on sponsored/endorsed events, please go to the AGEHR website at www.agehr.org and look under the learning events label. There is a packet of information and all the forms you need to fill out. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the area board or at the National office. When you have filled out the forms, send them to your area chair for approval and he/she will pass them on to the National office. You must have the approval of the National office to advertise that your event is sponsored or endorsed by AGEHR.

I strongly urge anyone holding a workshop, reading session, seminar, festival or conference to apply for sponsorship or endorsement for your event. The equipment insurance alone is well worth it. It benefits you, your event, your area and the National Guild.

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AGEHR SPONSORED EVENTS

Thought about hosting an AGEHR event in your area? I hope so! The Illinois State Committee for example, is always looking for new hosts and venues. If you have been to one of our Illinois events – a workshop, Spring Ring, or Young Ringers – you have an idea of how a typical event day goes. While it may appear as a large undertaking on the host’s part, the state committee is there to do the majority of the organizing while you tackle more of the site specific concerns. Here are a few things to think about when you consider hosting an event.

Have you contacted anyone? The first step in getting an event near you is to ask! Our committee has a list of places we have held events and places that have previously inquired about hosting, but we won’t know you’re up for the task unless you let us know. You can always request information through the website or talk to us personally at another event about your interest.

Are you blessed with space? If you have been to one of our events, you have seen the range of “spaces” we need. A typical event has a massed ringing room (think gym, parish center, etc) and other smaller rooms available for classes. I say typical because some events may not need a massed ringing room and some may need no classrooms. Again, talking with a committee member would help you decide if a particular event would be suitable for your space. Another important space to consider is a kitchen! Though it may not seem handbell related, everyone looks forward to lunch. If you have a great space to prepare and/or serve food, that is also a plus for a smoother event day. We can even work with you to turn lunch into a fundraiser for your organization!

Do you enjoy emailing or talking on the phone? Good communication is crucial between the host site and the event committee and between the person acting as host and the other individuals who regularly use the spaces that will be used for the event. Double booking the space can lead to a more hectic event day. Remember to ask all the powers that be before agreeing to host an event.

How good are you at getting people to raise their hands? The day before the event and the day of the event require many hands to make light work. The more volunteers you can provide at the site the better! Many times members of the handbell choir at the host site (and their spouses and children) get involved with the event. Other hosts have used their youth groups who need service hours. Getting a handful of people to help on those days makes less work for all those involved.

It doesn’t cost any money for you to host an AGEHR event, just some time, space and hands. In return you get to show off your “spaces” and meet new ringing faces. Ready to be a host? Then make that contact today!

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PLEASE HOST AN EVENT

Why is hosting an event such a scary thing for us in the handbell world? We seem to have a programmed response to the dreaded question, "Would you be able to host an event?" It seems to be very easy to say "No, I'm just too busy," or "I don't think my church will let us do that." Let me tell you that hosting a handbell event is a lot easier than it seems.

I can only speak for the Iowa Committee but when we sponsor an event we are available to do most of the work. We help with the planning of the day, deciding the format (reading session/workshop/festival), creating a schedule and helping with set-up and tear-down of the facility. The Iowa Committee understands that every facility is unique and every event is different and we work to make the best event possible.

I can think of many reasons why a group would want to host an event but one of the biggest back-saving reasons is that you do not have to transport your bell equipment, it is already on site. Yeah! Even better than that, you get to show off your facility to the surrounding community. The best part is that you have the opportunity to meet fellow ringers, learn something new and make beautiful handbell music.

When the Iowa Committee organizes an event, we offer to the hosting organization the opportunity to provide the snacks and lunch at the workshop which turns out to be a pretty good fundraiser for the hosting organization.

Registering the handbell event is the job of the sponsor and is very important. When the event is registered with headquarters, it is covered by insurance for any accidents that occur to handbell sets on loan or damages to the church.

Remember the next time someone asks you to host an event, don't just automatically say "no," give it some thought and get back to them later. Also, you do not have to wait to be asked to host an event; feel free to call or email someone on the state committee and let them know that you would be interested in hosting an event!

Kathryn Jaeger ~ Iowa Chair

GOING GREEN

"Let's say everyone in New York City received 10 magazines a month: that would make 240,248 tons of paper waste! If we recycle, less energy is spent on creating paper (which kills trees we need) and less trash is created. The immediate return? Less clutter at home!"

The above statement came from MSN.com on going green. What a revelation!

How can we, as Area VIII, help in cutting down the paper consumption? It is very simple, go to www.areaviii.org and sign up to receive your *Quavers* by email. Here are the benefits of receiving your *Quavers* on-line.

1. Do you have files or boxes of past *Quavers* for reference purposes? Simply save your *Quavers* in a file on your computer. If you need information quickly, it will be at your finger tips rather than buried in a box somewhere.
2. As soon as *Quavers* goes to the printers, you will have it in your email box at least three weeks before receiving the paper copy. Which means, you are more up-to-date on the happenings around Area VIII.
3. You need to contact a board member? Simply click on their email address and write your note. No hunting for that address and then typing in the wrong address.

Let us help you go green!

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AGEHR ENDORSED EVENTS

Are your fingers itching to sight-ring some new music? Are you in the mood to invite your bell-buddies over to learn some new techniques? In that case, it's time to consider hosting an AGEHR-endorsed event.

Yes, there's some paperwork involved (http://www.agehr.org/misc/Sponsored_Endorsed_Events_Packet.pdf), but the benefits are great! (See <http://www.agehr.org/learning/endorsed.asp> for details.)

The most helpful hint I found was simply: Don't try to do it all yourself! Recruit your fellow ringers, family and friends to help and have fun.

- Appoint a trusted person to be the Treasurer of the event. This needs to be someone that is comfortable handling money and is available to assist you the day of your event.
- Get your event scheduled with your church, school, or wherever-it-is that you will be holding the event. (If the space available is going to limit the number of participants, note that on your registration form.)
- Have one of your artsy friends design the flier, advertising, and application forms. Go for function over fancy, but have fun with it.
- Need food for your event? Get those cooks in your crowd to provide snacks. Maybe the church youth group or another organization within the hosting facility would like to provide the food as a fund-raiser for their group.
- Keep the price affordable. Make sure you charge what it takes to cover your expenses (facility rental, custodial services, music, clinician fee, snacks/meals, mailings, name-tags, etc.), but don't make the registration fee a detriment to your potential attendees.
- Get the mailing labels from AGEHR, and then supplement your mailings (email or postal mail) to others in the vicinity that aren't AGEHR members or would have an interest in your event.
- Need ideas for clinicians or repertoire? Ask your AGEHR board members. There's even a list of clinicians available on the AGEHR website (<http://www.agehr.org/links/clinicians.asp>), along with contact information. Work with your clinician on repertoire for your event.
- Having classes as a part of your event? Recruit instructors from within your group, or others that you know of with areas of expertise. Don't feel everything has to be strictly bells.

Most of all have fun! Plan ahead so that you can enjoy the event as much as the attendees. If you have questions, ask. There are many folks around with lots of expertise that would be happy to help you.

I look forward to meeting many of you in Peoria. Please come up and introduce yourself!

Kathy Leonard ~ Kansas State Chair

CALLING ALL CHOIRS

Area VIII is again going to feature Break Out Concerts during our conference in Peoria in June. These concerts are 30-45 minutes in length and are featured at the same time as the class sessions. Participants at the conference will have a choice of going to a class session or attending a Break Out Concert. If your choir is interested in ringing in one of these Break Out Concerts please contact:

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HOSTING CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Omaha has had the honor to host various AGEHR events over the past several years. My one word times three for doing so would be FUN, FUN, FUN. And a little bit of work along with the fun.

Yes, there is really lots of work involved when you host the Festival Conference in your state, but along with the work comes many benefits. Getting to know all of the people on the board is the number one reason. They are such a help when a Guild event is in your state or town. They are the support system that will help you hold a successful event.

The excitement that comes when hosting any Guild event, big or small, generates so much energy from everyone. Working together as a team makes the event become a success.

Hosting Guild events can come in large or small packages. Within the state of Nebraska we have held the Festival Conference plus several small Spring and Fall Rings, Read and Ring Sessions, Beginner Reading Sessions and Advanced Reading Sessions. These events benefit everyone who attends as there is always something new to learn at any of these events.

It is important for all states to host Guild events to keep both directors and ringers up-to-date on new music and techniques. As a state chair, I know that attending all Guild events is not possible for choirs, so offering, within the state, as many Guild opportunities as possible is very important.

Nebraska loves to host events for ringers and directors. Our new Read and Ring event was very successful and one that we will continue and enlarge. Hosting Guild opportunities is important as it is our major contact with ringers and directors.

Joyce Miller ~ Nebraska State Chair

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AGEHR SPONSORED EVENTS

2008	EVENT	CLINICIAN	LOCATION
Jun 19-21	Area VIII Festival/Conference <i>Peoria Rings My Bells</i> www.areaviii.org	various	Peoria Civic Center Pere Marquette Hotel Peoria, IL
Aug 4-8	International Symposium www.agehr.org/learning/intlsym.asp	various	Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, FL
Aug 6-8	Distinctly Teen www.agehr.org/learning/distinctlyteen.asp	Tim Waugh Jason Wells	Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, FL
Aug 8-11	National Seminar <i>Ringin' in Unity</i> www.agehr.org/learning/seminar.asp	various	Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, FL
Oct 2-5	Distinctly Bronze www.agehr.org/learning/dbindex.asp	David Davidson	New Bern, NC



2008
Area VIII Conference
June 19-21
Peoria, IL
Mark your calendars!





UPCOMING CONCERTS

2008	CONCERT	LOCATION	CONTACT
May 4 3:00p	Ambassador Ringers	St Andrews' UMC 15050 W Maple Rd Omaha, NE	Joyce Miller 402-333-0715
May 4 4:00p	The Agape Ringers	1st UMC 155 S Main St Lombard, IL	Jack Winquist 630-267-9789
May 18 3:00p	River City Ringers	Pacific Hills Lutheran Church 90th & Pacific Omaha, NE	Joyce Miller 402-333-0715
May 18 7:00p	Chicago Bronze	Cutting Hall 150 E Wood St Palatine, IL	1-877-7We-Ring www.chicagobronze.com (tickets required)
May 18 7:00p	Spring Ring XVI <i>A Composers' Gala</i>	1st UMC 1032 Maple Downers Grove, IL	Pattie Barnes 630-953-0146
May 24 7:00p	<i>Bronze Images</i> Bells in Motion 10th Anniversary	St John's Lutheran 2477 W Washington Springfield, IL	www.bellsinmotion.org
May 25 4:00p	<i>Bronze Images</i> Bells in Motion 10th Anniversary	Central Christian Church 650 W Williams Decatur, IL	www.bellsinmotion.org
Jun 1 3:00p	The Agape Ringers Guest artists: Jane Holstein & Joel Raney	College Church 332 E Seminary Wheaton, IL	Elaine MacWatt 630-668-0878 x 129
Jun 17 7:00p	Rezound! On the Road to Peoria!	Grace UMC 6199 Waterman Blvd St Louis, MO	Pat Latshaw 913-341-5725 News@rezound.org
Jun 18 7:00p	Rezound! On the Road to Peoria!	Grace Presbyterian Church 114 W Forrest Hill Ave Peoria, IL	Pat Latshaw 913-341-5725 News@rezound.org
Jun 23 7:30p	The Agape Ringers	Good Shepherd Lutheran Central Campus 5701 Raymond Rd, Madison, WI	Mark Bloedow maestromeb@tds.net
Jun 23 7:00p	Raleigh Ringers	1st Plymouth Congregational Church 2000 D St Lincoln, NE	Sara Schott 402-474-1505 sschott@cornhusker.net
Jun 24 7:30p	Raleigh Ringers	Hevelone Center 600 Orange St Beatrice, NE	Judi Knowles pk81204@alltel.net
Jun 25 7:30p	Raleigh Ringers	St Scholastica Chapel 801 S 8th St Atchison, KS	Sister Joachim Holthaus 913-360-6178
Jun 26 7:00p	Raleigh Ringers	Manchester UMC 129 Woods Mill Rd Manchester, MO	Sherry Boland 636-200-4733 bolandse@aol.com



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