



## Area VII District Leaders

### WHO ARE DISTRICT LEADERS?

District Leaders (DL) are handbell ringers or handbell directors appointed by the Sub-Area Chair (SAC), and members of AGEHR in good standing. These appointed people live in prominent communities within the Sub-Area and are the Board's eyes and ears in that community (District) of the Sub-Area, keeping each Sub-Area Chair informed about activities and members in their area.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT LEADERS

1. Show enthusiasm in your desire to promote handbells as a musical art form, and be willing to assist where necessary.
2. Keep in contact with all the churches, schools, and community ensembles in your community.
3. Report any handbell concert or handbell event information to the Sub-Area Chair.
4. Contact all the churches and schools in your District and determine: A) if they have handbells, B) if they are using them, C) if they have any handbell training needs, D) if they have any director needs. Pass on this determination to the Sub-Area Chair.
5. Provide a list to the Sub-Area Chair of all the 'members' of your District with the determinations from Number 4.
6. Strive to organize a monthly or bi-monthly meeting in your District for directors (and ringers). Encourage the implementation of a sub list.
7. Identify if your District would benefit from a workshop sponsored by Area VII.
8. Provide support for members of your District. Point them to other resources if you cannot answer their questions, starting first with the Sub-Area chair.
9. Promote AGEHR membership within your District. Provide names of handbell organizations that are not AGEHR members to Sub-Area Chair.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUB-AREA CHAIR

1. Identify the 'major' communities in your Sub Area.
2. Recruit one AGEHR member from each of those communities, designating to them the surrounding cities/towns which are in their District.
3. Contact each District Leader at least once before the 1st of every EVEN numbered month. This will allow time to submit articles to the Clapper Chatter by the 15th, if necessary.
4. Notify the Area VII webmaster of upcoming handbell events in each District, for placement on the Area VII website.
5. Encourage the District Leaders to organize a 'community' meeting, enabling the ringers and directors the opportunity to get to know each other. Attend at least one of these meetings in each District. Assist them in preparing an 'agenda' for the meeting(s).
6. Encourage the District Leader to start a 'sub' list that can be used by each member of that District.
7. Keep the District Leaders informed of Area VII and National handbell events.
8. Inform the District Leaders of any changes in the AGEHR membership in their Area each month.
9. Contact all non-AGHER members from the list provided by the DL, promote the membership benefits, and encourage them to join AGEHR.
10. Encourage the District Leader to promote AGEHR membership.