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# Ringling News

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From the chair -

If you attended the Teen Ring or Festival Conference on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond this June then you know what a great event it was. If you did not participate I hope the following reflections will encourage you to attend our next Area IX Festival Conference in 2008 (TBA).

First, our clinicians, Fred Gramann and Jason Wells were fantastic! During the Teen Ring, Jason taught a class of about 25 ringers to learn and memorize most of Kevin McChesney's Capriccio, which they performed (without music) on the Teen Ring concert. He was full of energy the whole weekend and all enjoyed getting to work with him. Fred Gramann is a wonderful conductor who expresses the music in his gestures and is easy to follow. His sense of humor is almost as great as his musicianship! We hope he returns to the United States frequently.

Second, the venue was wonderful and easy to navigate. All of the classes were in the same building as the massed ringing and the dining hall was an easy walk for those who purchased meals. The dining hall provided several options each day, soup and salad, great desserts and a super value.

Third, the whole weekend was inspiring, from the Houston Bronze Ensemble concert Friday night to the variety of excellent classes offered. Few Areas offer this type of event for such a reasonable price. It is money well spent.

I cannot thank the Area IX Board enough for all of their work, input and trust. Michelle Tejada did an outstanding job at putting together the classes and faculty and Sheryl Cory Tomlinson was amazing at keeping all of the registrations recorded and organized. We also could not have held this event without the help of our local liaison team organized by Membership Chair Silver Woodbury. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful and fun event.

As I prepare to pass the baton on October 1 to Ben Harris, I want to thank those who served with me on the Area IX Board during the past two years. We have grown together and worked hard to fulfill the mission of AGEHR in Texas and Oklahoma: *advancing the musical art of handbell/handchime ringing through education, community, and communication.* As always, if you have ideas, comments or suggestions that will help us fulfill this mission, please contact us.

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