



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2006! As I look towards the future and another year of piano work, I'm reminded that our profession is seen by some as an anachronism. I recently met a man who asked me, once he learned what I do for a living, "Do you actually expect to retire doing that? I thought it was mostly all electronics by now." I've heard the same reaction when I tell people I'm going to a convention: "Is there anything new to talk about on an old subject like piano tuning?" One guy even said to me, "That's a good business to be in; I hear it's doing much better business than the quill pens and horse and buggy whips these days." Of course, we must remember that the piano has changed little in the last hundred years. But it may continue to evolve in tiny increments, or it may change radically in future years. A new invention may someday replace the piano just as the harpsichord was replaced. In the meantime, it remains our job to keep all those pianos sounding their best. But we must not be so smug as to assume that the piano has reached its apex and cannot evolve any further. Today's piano may some day seem as quaint and primitive as the fortepiano seems to us.

**Your President,**

**Clem Fortuna, RPT**

### MEETING NOTICE

**Monday January 9, 2006**

- 6:30 - 7:15 Applied Skills**
- 6:30 - 7:30 Board Meeting**
- 7:15 - 7:45 Food Served**
- 7:45 - 8:00 Business Mtg.**
- 8:00 - 9:30 Main Technical**

**Applied Skills:**  
**Paul Hornberger, RPT**  
**Main Technical:**  
**Dan Harteau, RPT**

**Meeting will be hosted  
at Hammell Music  
(New location)  
2700 E. West Maple Rd.  
Commerce Twp, MI 48390**

**Directions:**  
**Follow M-5 North to Maple  
Rd. (15 Mile) . Store is on  
Northeast Corner.**

**Phone: (248) 624-8111**

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## Detroit-Windsor PTG Chapter 481 Business Meeting Minutes for November 7th 2005

Location: The Piano Place  
444 West Maple Road  
Troy, MI 48084

- Meeting called to order at 7:46pm
- Taking of attendance: 16 R.P.T.s, 12 Associate Members, 2 guests..
- Motion to accept minutes from last newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup> P. Hornberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Mossington. Passed Unanimously.
- Discussion of printed Treasurer's Report.
  - o Motion to accept Treasurer's Report 1<sup>st</sup> J. Mossington, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Boyd. Passed Unanimously.
- Announcement of completion of Chapter Project!
  - o Discussion as to which charity will receive project piano.
  - o Discussion tabled for further consideration.
- Discussion of next chapter business meeting and technical:
  - o Motion to move January '06 meeting tot the second Monday (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>) 1<sup>st</sup> S. Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Carter.
- Announcement: PTG Items available for purchase!
- Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> J. Mossington, P. Hornberger

Meeting was followed by a Technical Session given by Taylor Mackinnon, RPT on the MusicSorb humidity control products.

Respectfully submitted by,

***Richard Cromwell, Chapter Secretary***

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### ***Chapter Banquet***

Annual Chapter banquet will be held on Monday, February 6 at 7pm. Unfortunately, it was not announced at the November meeting. However, reservations have been tentatively made at the Clawson Steak House. If anyone has other suggestions for banquet location please bring it up at the January meeting and it will be voted on. Check to ensure your place is available BEFORE the meeting. Regardless of location, please contact **Clem Fortuna** at least two weeks prior to reserve your place.

**MAIN TECHNICAL**  
**- "Piano Voicing in Concert Situations" -**  
**by Dan Harteau, RPT**

**Dan will be exploring possibilities for voicing a piano in a concert situation where there is limited time available, yet high quality results are needed. The emphasis will be more on the practical, "real world" scenarios that we may be expected to encounter in our work. Simple yet effective methods will be presented. Don't miss this one!**

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**Applied Skills - 'C/A Glue and Its Uses'**  
**- will be presented by Paul Hornberger, RPT -**

**Paul will be discussing the various uses of superglue including pinblock repair.**

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**Treasurer's Report for January 2006 (Submitted 12-26-2005)**

Beginning Balance: _____	\$ 6571.48
No Income _____	0.00
<u>Balance Before Expenses</u> _____	<u>\$ 6571.48</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter:	
- Online Fees: 11-16-05, 12-16-05 _____	\$ 17.90
- Postage & Printing: _____	\$ 50.39
<u>Totals: _____</u>	<u>\$ 68.29</u>
Balance Forward: _____	\$ 6503.19

Respectfully Submitted by

***Bruce D. Carter R.P.T. & Treasurer***

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**January 2006**

*January meeting will be at 'Hammell Music' in Commerce Township, MI !*

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<http://ptg-ch481.org/>*

## ***CHAPTER 481 MEMBER NEWS***

**Rick Bowen, RPT is convalescing at home following an October, 2005 hospital visit for treatment of complications resulting from the radiation he underwent for cancer treatment in 2003. Thankfully the cancer has not returned, but the complications of the radiation continue. Rick would be pleased and appreciate holiday / get well greetings from his PTG colleagues and friends. His mailing address is:**

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