



## The President's Message

Our chapter has had traditionally had an annual banquet attended by at least 35 or 40 people. So it was just a little bit scary when only 4 members and their spouses had signed up by the deadline. We got a few more late arrivals and ended up having a nice dinner for 14. Thanks to Grant at Pianoworks who lent us a piano, and all those who took turns playing, we ended having a nice, festive time. But I have to wonder if we need to reconsider these social events or restructure them. (The summer picnic has disappeared in recent years.) We talked about alternatives; a cheaper restaurant, a catered dinner at someone's house, a pot luck, or having the chapter pick up the tab. The ten-

dency is to "do it the way we've always done it", but there's no reason we can't change the way we do things. We need your input to find out what people want. One good way to give your input is attending meetings to make your voice heard. The last 2 meetings were the only ones I had presided over without a quorum. I'll try not to take it personally. In any case March 5 is an opportunity to get back into the swing of things. Unfortunately, I have a family obligation and am unable to attend. Our Vice President Jeff Mossington will be presiding. I hope many of you can make it there.

Clem Fortuna

### Featured Presenter for this month's meeting: Nevil Essex, R.P.T. - Voicing: Inspiring Tone

The class is an outline of a step by step, efficient, thorough process for getting a voicing job done from start to finish. Special emphasis is placed on the mechanical work from which every piano benefits, that is, string leveling, hammer fitting, seating strings and deep needling. A visual demonstration of lacquering soft hammers and a four step check list for tracking down tonal differences keeps the conversation lively. This class has been popular at the national convention for several years.

Nevin Essex has thirty years of experience as a piano technician, many of which have involved concert and recording studio service and teaching. He is based in Cincinnati, works part time at Northern Kentucky University and recently started commuting to a second job in a very interesting rebuilding shop in Alameda, California, for Callahan Piano Service, serving the San Francisco bay area.

## MEETING NOTICE

### Monday March 5, 2007

6:30- Applied Skills

"Key Bushing" w/ R. Bittner  
R.P.T.

7:15- Dinner

7:45- Business Meeting

8:00-9:30 Main Technical

#### Main Technical:

Nevil Essex, R.P.T.

Meeting will be hosted at the

**The Piano Place**

**1307 E. Maple**

**Troy, MI 48083**

Directions (From the south, take I-75 north to exit 65 (14 Mile Road). Head west to Stephenson Highway- go North to Maple (15 Mile Road)- turn west (Michigan U turn). You will see the sign for The Piano Place.

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**January 2007 Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2007

Detroit-Windsor Chapter PTG Meeting Minutes

Fortuna Piano Workshop

- Meeting called to Order at 7:30pm
- Taking of attendance - No Quorum – 6 RPT, 7 Associate members present.
- November Meeting Minutes not amended. Not voted.
- November Treasurer's Report not amended. Not Voted
- Discussion as to how to RSVP for banquet and the sending of notices.
- Discussion of possible future venues and topics for chapter technical sessions.

Informal meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Cromwell

Chapter Secretary

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurers Report for March 2007

Beginning Balance: \$ 7748.06

Income: \$ 0.00

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Balance Before Expenses: \$ 7748.06

Expenses:

Newsletter: 79.79

Online: 17.90

Banquet: 452.11

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Total Expenses: \$ 549.80-----  
Balance Forward: \$ 7198.26

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce D. Carter R.P.T.



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