



## MEETING NOTICE

**Monday April 3, 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**

**Main Technical:**  
**Mr. Tom Hoy**  
**'The State of the**  
**Piano Industry'**

**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.**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A friend of mine recently told me he'd once met an experienced piano technician who was not a member of PTG. This particular tech said that he had no interest in the Guild. He even went so far as to say, "Why should I go to a meeting where they expect me to give away all my knowledge for free for anyone to steal?" This ungenerous spirit is the antithesis of what PTG stands for. Sharing what we know benefits everyone. It raises the bar for the standards of piano service. It helps to propagate good, new technicians. And one learns by teaching as well! So get involved - we all have some kind of knowledge to share, and we all still have the capacity to learn something new.

**Your President,**  
**Clem Fortuna, RPT**

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## Detroit-Windsor PTG Chapter 481 Meeting Minutes for March 4th 2006

Location: former Hammell Music Store  
4110 Telegraph Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

### Business Meeting:

Motion to Accept minutes from last newsletter.

1<sup>st</sup> Clark Sprague. Passed by general consensus

Discussion of Treasurers Report

- o Motion to accept Treasurers Report,  
1<sup>st</sup> Richard Bittner. Passed by general consensus.

Discussion of next chapter meeting

- o April meeting will be at Hammell Music in Commerce Twp.  
On April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tim Hoy to present on the current state of the  
piano industry.
- o May meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of May and will be held  
at the new Evola store in Macomb, MI on 23 Mile.

Clem Fortuna said that the new board will be proposed at the  
April meeting.

Discussion of new business

- o Discussed who will be this year's delegate to the National  
convention.
- o Clark Sprague explained the responsibilities involved with being a  
delegate saying that the delegate needs to be at the convention on  
the first Sunday and be prepared for a full week's commitment.
- o General discussion regarding the amount of stipend  
for the delegate which is \$400 for hotel and per diem.
- o Motion by Richard Bittner to have Clark Sprague as our  
delegate this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nelson. Approved by general  
consensus.
- o Clem Fortuna asked if we should vote on changing the stipend  
amount; Richard Bittner said that will be discussed at the  
delegate meeting later in the year.
- o Clem said that Rick Bowen is still sick.
- o Motion made for the chapter to pay half of Rick Bowen's  
membership dues, 1<sup>st</sup> by Clark Sprague, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zen Reinhardt.  
Approved by general consensus.
- o Held vote on membership of Mark Roman. Clem  
discussed Mark's participation. Bill Edwards provided some  
background on Mark as his sponsor. Vote taken (of RPT's) and  
approved by consensus.
- o Clem welcomed Mark as our newest member
- o Clem said to make sure that the chapter has their current  
email address for accurate distribution of chapter information  
via email.
  - o Paul Hornberger moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard.  
Approved by general consensus. Meeting adjourned

*Minutes by Jeff Mossington.*

## ***NOTICE***

*What piano technician with any time in the business has not encountered a number of interesting situations? How many times have you regaled family and friends with a humorous tale or a horror story? I could use your help. I am looking for great Piano Stories to include in an upcoming book and I'll bet that you have one or two you would love to share. To make it easy I've set up a website for the purpose. Please do not be concerned with writing ability. Just send the story and let me do the work. Come visit us today at <http://www.PianoStories.net>*

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*April 2006*

*April meeting will be at the NEW Hammell Music in Commerce Township, MI !*

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visit our website at:  
<http://ptg-ch481.org/>

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

**EMAIL UPDATES - I've changed one of the website links to 'EMAIL UPDATE LINK' to facilitate email or snail mail updates. Beginning next month I will also start sending the broadcast email out twice, in an attempt to ensure all addressess receive the newsletter and email notice.**

**regards,**

***Larry Young***