



MEETING NOTICE

Monday May 3, 2004

Charles Walter Factory Tour

Starting time 9:00am

Lunch 12:00pm

Meet Mr. Walter 1:30pm

Adjourn 3:00pm

The factory is located at:

Walter Piano Co.,Inc

25416 C.R. 6

Elkhart, IN 46514

phone: (574) 266-0615

Directions: I-696 to

I-275 to

M-14 to

I-94 to

exit 108 onto I-69 (US 27)

exit 148 Turn right onto

US-20

CHAPTER PROJECT will be on Saturday May 1, 10:00 am. It will be held at The Piano Place, 444 W Maple, Suite E, Troy. North side of Maple between Livernois and Crooks, next to Thunder Bird Lanes. This month's main focus will be on hammer voicing. Soundboard and bridge repair will be covered in the near future. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter By-Laws

For several years the Detroit-Windsor Chapter has been working without updated By-Laws. Many of the items mentioned in our current By-Laws are not applicable to today's PTG Chapters. The last time our By-Laws were updated, Martin Tittle was President. This was about 35 years ago.

How important is it to have a current version of the Chapter By-Laws? First of all, it describes the positions of the Chapter Board officers, what the job entails, and what is expected of them in their position. Without this valuable tool the Board is handicapped and cannot work in the best interest of the Chapter.

Ron Torrella started to update the By-Laws about 6 years ago but when he dropped out of PTG Zen Reinhardt took over. Zen has been working on this project for about 11 months and has dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's. The finished assignment looks good and Zen has done an outstanding job.

The proposed Chapter By-Laws are on our website at: <http://ptg-ch481.org/> Look up the By-Laws and do your fellow Board members and your future Board members a favor and vote to accept these By-Laws.

Your President,

Richard Bittner, RPT

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CHARLES R WALTER PIANO FACTORY TOUR - MAY 3 2004 -

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Meet Mr. Walter 1:30pm

Adjourn 3:00pm

If you have never seen a piano factory this is the perfect time to do so. Seeing first hand how a piano is made from start to finish is an eye opening experience. The Charles R Walter family is gracious enough to allow us to tour their factory.

Getting there is easy...

I-696 to

I-275 to

M-14 to

I-94 to exit 108

onto I-69 (US 27)

exit 148 Turn right onto US-20

Many of our members will be staying at the Hampton Inn the night before. 1-800-426-7566 reservations are not required but you may do so.

*The Charles R Walter website is www.walterpiano.com
574-266-0615*

The following members have expressed their desire to go on this tour. I would recommend that you share rides and double up in the hotel rooms. If your name is not on this list please feel free to join us. Spouses are also welcome.

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If you can not find a ride call Richard or Jan Bittner at 248-398-3876

Minutes from the April Meeting of Detroit-Windsor PTG Chapter 481

The Detroit-Windsor Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild met the evening of April 5, 2004, at Evola Music in Canton, MI. The meeting was attended by 11 RPTs, 11 Associates, and 4 Guests. The guests were Charmaine Haas, Bob Goodhand, Jim Cooney, and Don Mannino RPT (South Bay CA). A quorum was established.

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as printed in The Bridge by general consent.

No Treasurer's Report was presented.

Committee Reports: Bylaws (Zen Reinhardt) - Work on the Chapter Bylaws has been completed and approved by the Executive Board. The Bylaws are available for viewing on the chapter website. Motion to adopt the Bylaws made by Rick Bowen. Seconded by Terry Peters. Discussion: Bruce Carter would like to postpone adoption until next meeting pending notification of chapter membership via The Bridge. Motion failed.

Programs (Jan Otto-Bittner, Richard Bittner) - The May meeting will be held at the Charles Walter factory in Elkhart IN on Monday May 3 and will feature an all-day factory tour and presentation. Spouses are invited. Drive time to Elkhart is estimated to be 3 hours from the immediate Detroit area. Accommodations in the Elkhart area for Sunday night are available for about \$75 per room for those people who would like to stay over the night before. Details on carpooling and accommodations will be forthcoming in The Bridge and the Chapter Website.

Exams (Richard Bitter) - Congratulations go to Jeff Mossington for passing the written exam.

Chapter Project - The next workshop day for the chapter project will be Saturday May 1. Contact Richard Bittner for details.

Meeting adjourned by general consent.

Mini Technical on acrylic repairs presented by Bruce Carter, RPT. Featured technical presented by Don Mannino, RPT of Kawai USA on Shiguru Kawai Pianos. The Shiguru Kawai pianos are all about tone, and the level of skill on the part of the engineers, builders, and technicians to bring out the tone each piano has to offer. Becoming a Master Piano Artisan requires years of apprenticeship and training in Europe and the USA before doing a series of rigorous exams in Japan. Also in the presentation was some high-speed footage of piano actions "at work" slowed down to allow for visual examination of what really goes on when a key is struck.

*Zen Reinhardt, RPT
Chapter Secretary*

- Bylaws -

The most recent revision of the Chapter Bylaws is available for viewing on the chapter website. Printed copies are available by request. Call Zen Reinhardt for details 734 971 6143 or at diskladame@provide.net. Voting on acceptance of the bylaws scheduled for the June Meeting.

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May 2004

May meeting will be at Charles Walter Factory in Elkhart, IN !

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From the Detroit News, News Briefs

- April 13, Wayne County -

"Dearborn: Engineer leaves \$3.6M to U-M Dearborn. The estate of Henry W. Patton II, the founder and president of the Acromag engineering firm, has left more than \$3.6 million to the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan, Dearborn. The gift ... is the largest received on the campus from an individual"

Henry Patton had been an Associate Member of the Detroit-Windsor chapter of the PTG for many years. He regularly attended meetings and often brought a camera to shoot pictures of the featured speakers and whatever members he could catch on film.