



## MEETING NOTICE

**Monday May 8, 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:**  
**Craig Fehrenbacher, RPT**

**Meeting will be hosted**  
**at Evola Music**  
**(New location)**  
**12745 23 Mile Road**  
**Shelby Twp, MI 48315**

### Directions:

*from the south, take Van Dyke Road north past 18 Mile. Take the M-53 freeway north to 23 mile road. Go right (east) about 1/4 mile (past Wal-Mart). The store is on the north side of the road.*

*From the west: Take M-59 west through Utica. Go past Van Dyke road. Continue past the M-53 freeway . You need to make a turn-around to get to M\_53 North. Go north on M-53 to 23 mile Rd. and follow the directions above.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year is about to pass in our round of meetings. May 8 is our last chance to attend a regular meeting before we regroup in September. If you haven't seen Evola's beautiful new store, here's your chance. It will also be a chance to meet some new faces, as we are expecting guests from the Northern Michigan chapter. In June comes my favorite part of PTG membership; the national convention. I will be attending and will be on the lookout for instructors for future technicals for our chapter. I encourage anyone attending to do likewise; if you see a technical you think is great, talk to the instructor about coming to Detroit. Many are happy to do it. If you are unable to attend, let me know what sort of classes to be on the lookout for. We need your help to make next year's technical program as interesting to the membership as possible. With your help and input, we can bring some of the best of Rochester NY to Detroit-Windsor.

**Your President,**

**Clem Fortuna, RPT**

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## Detroit-Windsor PTG Chapter 481 Meeting Minutes for April 3rd 2006

Location: Hammell Music Store  
Commerce Twp, MI

### Business Meeting:

- Clem introduced a guest of Hugh Gulledge – Ilir Foto
- Motion to accept minutes from last newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Hornberger. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Harteau
- Discussion of Treasurers Report
  - Motion to accept Treasurers Report, 1<sup>st</sup>: Greg Boyd. 2<sup>nd</sup>: R.Bittner.
- Discussion of next chapter meeting by Scott Nelson
  - May meeting will be at the new Evola store in Shelby Twp. On May 8th. There will be a presentation by Yamaha on the Mark IV Disklavier.
- Clem mentioned that the June meeting will be a delegate only meeting at the Piano Place in Troy
- Discussion of New Business
  - Greg Boyd said the nominating committee is planning on recommending the existing board, but others may run for an office at the May meeting
  - Discussion regarding a possible summer picnic. Clem said to contact Jeff Mossington if interested. If we get enough interest we'll look to plan a picnic
  - Clem mentioned that he received an email from Jim Cox of the Northern Michigan chapter. Several people from that chapter are planning on attending our May meeting.
  - Clem discussed the request for "piano stories". Anyone with a story please go to [www.pianostories.net](http://www.pianostories.net) for further information.
  - Paul Hornberger mentioned that he is giving away his old drill press to anyone interested. Contact Paul for further information
  - Hugh Gulledge moved to adjourn. Approved by general consensus
  - Business Meeting adjourned
- Tim Hoy gave a presentation on the state of the piano industry. He discussed the latest happenings of Steinway and most major piano manufacturers in the industry. He discussed the impact of the Chinese pianos as well as conditions across Europe. His presentation was well received and at the end chapter members had a number of questions for him.

*Minutes by Jeff Mossington*

**MAIN TECHNICAL**  
**- "The Yamaha Mark IV Disklavier" -**  
**by Craig Fehrenbacher, RPT**

**Craig will provide an overview of the new Mark IV Disklavier, including a discussion of the Mark III/IV differences, maintenance issues, improved possibilities for record-playback as well as its use in the recent e-competitions. This is a highly advanced system with numerous applications. Don't miss this last meeting before the summer break!**

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**Treasurer's Report for May 2006 (Submitted 04-22-2006)**

Balance Forward:	_____	\$ 5325.48
Income (dues checks)	_____	3350.00
<u>Balance Before Expenses</u>	_____	<u>\$ 8675.48</u>
Expenses:		
Newsletter:		
- Online Fees:	_____	\$ 8.95
<u>Totals:</u>	_____	<u>\$ 8.95</u>
Balance Forward:	_____	\$ 8666.53

Respectfully Submitted by

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

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*May 2006*

*May meeting will be at the NEW Evola Music in Shelby Township, MI !*

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

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

**Sad News for our Chapter - one of our members, Rick Bowen, RPT, passed away on Friday, April 21. Rick was an active member and former president of our chapter. Rick had been battling cancer for some time. A memorial service may be held later in the year; for now, donations may be made on his behalf to the Henry Ford Cancer Fund.**