



Meeting Notice
Monday, October 7, 2002

Board Meeting
and Dinner
6:30 p.m.

Chapter Meeting
7:30 p.m.
"How to
- and Why You Should -
Incorporate"

Presenters: Roberta Brown,
President and Owner,
Moozick & Scribbling, Inc.

Larry Markowitz, CPA,
Accounting &
Consulting Associates, P.C.

Location:
Fellowship Hall
Emmanuel Bethel Church
Normandy & Woodward
Royal Oak, MI

Driving Directions to Emmanuel Bethel Church:

The church is located on the northwest corner (set back from an empty lot) of Woodward and Normandy (13 1/2 mile road). The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Those who have difficulty with stairs can park in the back of the church. Otherwise, park in the front, main parking lot, come in the front doors, and immediately go downstairs.

>From the North: Take I-75 South to Square Lake Road to Woodward South. Turn right onto Normandy Road.

>From the South: Take I-75 North to I-696 West to Woodward North. Go past the light at Normandy and do a Michigan left to go west on Normandy.

>From the West: Take I-275 North to I-696 East to Woodward North.

>From the East: Take I-94 to I-696 West to Woodward North.

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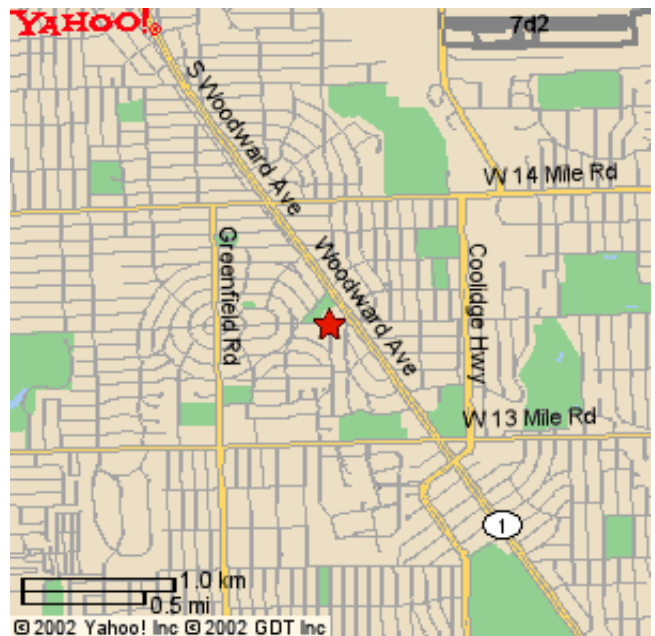
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Most piano technicians could be classified as small business operations regardless of the total income earned in a fiscal year. Historically, most have been sole-proprietorships or partnerships operated from homes or shops with little formality to paperwork or structure. We have discussed business insurance to protect ourselves from financial loss due to accidents, theft of tools or customers keys or actions and lawsuits.

We have business assets and personal assets which could both be in jeopardy in case of litigation brought by a party or parties who feel we have harmed them or their property by accident, poor practices, or negligence. Various forms of incorporation will be discussed at the October meeting which promises to answer many questions we may have about this important topic: Why should I change the way I've done business? . . . How will I benefit from this decision? . . . What costs are associated from such a change? . . . Will my costs be deductible when filing tax returns?

We should look forward to learning more about the advantage and disadvantages of sole proprietorship, partnership and forms of incorporation. Whether or not we change our entrepreneurial form is not as important as learning why it will remain the same or change. This will be a valuable technical; please plan to attend.

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Piano Technician's Guild – Detroit/Windsor Chapter 481

September 9, 2002

Location: Evola Music, Canton, Michigan

Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Rick Bowen, RPT

Attended by: 11 RPT's, 6 associates, 1 guest. A quorum was established

Refreshments provided by Evola Music.

Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: Dave Foster, RPT
As of September 9, 2002 \$5,357.25

Future Technicals: Zen Reinhardt, RPT
October: Business Incorporation by R. Brown & CPA
November: Pitch raising, Zen Reinhardt, RPT

Social:
Summer Picnic had low attendance, but lots of fun.

New Business:
The chapter web page has been linked to the PTD home page.
An information form for the Chapter directory was handed out for suggestions.

Announcements:
Associates day at the Piano Place on June 15th covering upright regulation by Richard Bittner RPT and Jan Otto-Bittner RPT was very successful
Any technicians who wish may donate a tuning to Ernie Juhn (ans request in the Journal)

Motion to Adjourn – Richard Bittner, RPT. Seconded by Jan Otto-Bittner RPT

Meeting adjourned 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ted McGuire

We extend our sympathy to Greg Pond, RPT at the passing of his wife Mary Cathryn "Cathy" Pond on August 24, 2002. Greg is a member of the Detroit-Windsor Chapter. Greg advises that memorial tributes may be sent to:

Karmanos/Wertz Day - Treatment Campaign
Attention: Ms. Lisa Scott
18831 West 12 Mile Road
Lathrup Village, MI 48076
248-443-5800 ext. 4716

Troy School District/Fine Arts Scholarship Fund
c/o Mrs. Hedy Blatt
4420 Livernois
Troy, MI 48098
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(Troy funds support Interlochen candidates)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

A newsletter editor is needed to compose, print and mail the monthly document of knowledge and general information.
CALL RICK BOWEN AT 248-524-4713

October Technical

Whether you are working for a dealership with some private tuning clients on the side or are totally independent, you will learn why it is important to consider incorporating your business. You will learn corporation alphabet soup - just what the differences are amongst DBA, LLP, LLC, S, and C corporations - what the tax and liability implications are, and dealing with bookkeeping concerns.

Roberta Brown is President and Owner of Moozick & Scribbling, Inc. She teaches piano, oboe, and guitar and is a freelance business and creative writer.

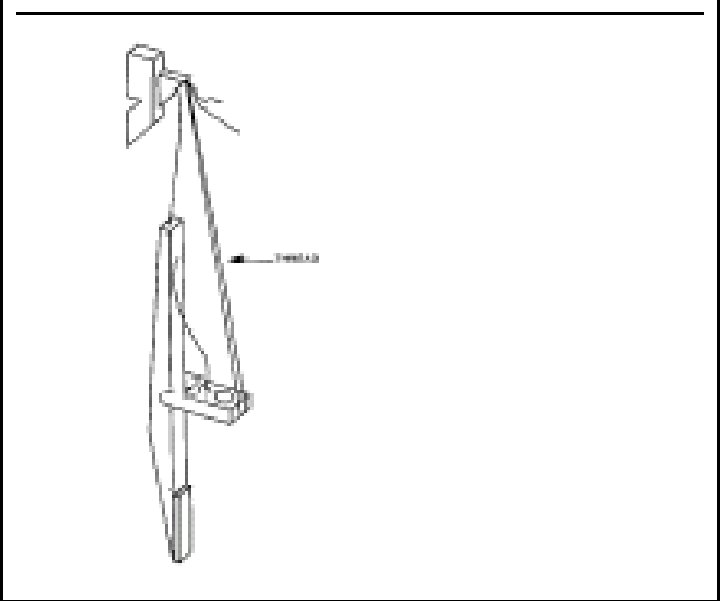
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Our Tip of the Month is by Herman O. Koford:

It is sometimes necessary to replace a damper spring in a drop action. Removing the damper is no problem, but replacing it with the action in the piano is difficult unless it is done this way:

Take a piece of thread about 15 inches long, double it and slip the loop end around the flange screw, under the flange, up over the end of the flange and wind the two ends around the set screw in the damper head [see Figure]. The thread will hold the flange at a 90-degree angle and also keep the screw from falling out.

Replace the damper in position, give the flange screw a few turns, then remove the thread by pulling one end off the set screw. Finish tightening the flange screw, and the job is done.



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