



The President's Message

We've all heard it before, but it bears repeating: Volunteers are what make PTG possible. Larry Young has volunteered his efforts for the past 3 years producing this newsletter. This month the job is passed to our chapter secretary, Richard Cromwell. But there are other positions left unfilled. We will be needing a volunteer for social chairperson to plan the banquet (and picnic?); a nominating committee to nominate future officers; maybe a committee to plan a field trip; or maybe a publicity committee to tell the help spread the word about what PTG is.

Volunteers can also bring and help realize ideas for future technicals, chapter projects, applied skills or roundtable discussions.

We can do any or all of the above and more, with a little effort and motivation. We all have something to contribute, whatever our skill or experience level. I look forward to a good turnout for our October 2nd meeting. I also look forward to trying our new techni-

cian's roundtable (right before the main technical), so bring your ideas or questions to share. For those who missed it, we were going to try it at last month's meeting, but were thwarted by a power blackout right after the business meeting! We regrouped and managed to do the main technical by

flashlights and headlights! Never a dull moment.

Your President
Clem Fortuna



**Chapter President Clem Fortuna
presiding over the September
business meeting.**

Featured Presenter for this month's meeting: Jim Cox, RPT

Jim is the current President of the Northern Michigan chapter of the PTG. He purchased a small piano service business in the Traverse City, MI area 11 years ago and in that time has increased his business by 700%. He wants to share his philosophy and strategies on developing positive client relationships in order to help keep your customers happy while increasing your business.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday October 2, 2006

6:30- Dinner
7:00- Business Meeting
7:30- Technician's Roundtable
8:00-9:30 Main Technical

Main Technical:

Jim Cox, RPT

Meeting will be hosted at the
Evola Music Warehouse
45222 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48154

Directions: North on Telegraph to Square Lake Rd. Turn right (East) to Woodward Ave. You'll turn right and make a turnaround heading North on Woodward. Go past South Blvd. ~ 1-1/2 blocks, turn into the parking lot that says "Crane Construction". The warehouse is a tan building on the left as you enter the parking lot. Go behind it to the entry door.

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**September 2006 Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting Called to Order: 7:15pm
- Taking of attendance - XX RPT, XX Associates, XX Guests
- Acceptance of Minutes - Accepted by general consensus
- Corrections to Treasurer's Report - B. Carter
 - Motion to Accept - B. Carter, 2nd L. Young - Passed Unanimously
- Next Month's Technical - S. Nelson
 - Jim Cox, R.P.T. - Business Building
- Motion to accept elimination of hardcopy of newsletter in favor of digital distribution. Meeting notice postcards to be sent to all members.
 - Motion to Accept - L. Young, 2nd B. Carter - Passed Unanimously
- News
 - Kink Ferris has been hospitalized at R.O. Beaumont after suffering a heart attack.
 - Wurlitzer Action Model available for free thanks to P. Hornberger.
- Council Meeting Update - C. Sprague
 - Passed resolution eliminating associates ability to use PTG logo in promotional material
 - Membership application process has been changed so that voting at the chapter level has been eliminated
 - For details on the above changes as well as others, see documents section of PTG homepage members section.
- Reminder: Upcoming Central East Regional Seminar October 13-15, 2006
- Question posed by C. Fortuna in regards to member interest in possibility of field trip to Jim Reeder's shop in Lansing, MI.
- R. Bittner notes that our chapter received good press from the donation of Chapter Project piano to charity.
- Motion to adjourn -
 - J. Mossington, 2nd C. Sprague
- Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard Cromwell
 Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward from September 11, 2006	\$8232.40
Income:	\$ 0.00

Balance Before Expenses:	\$8232.40

Expenses:	
Newsletter:	
Printing and Postage:	\$43.01
Misc: overpayment refund to Foto	\$30.00
Yahoo Online:	\$ 8.95

Total Expenses:	\$ 81.96

Balance Forward September 24 2006	\$8150.44

Respectfully Submitted
 Bruce D. Carter R.P.T
 Treasurer





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The Piano Technicians Guild, the **official organization of the Registered Piano Technician**, is the world's premiere source of expertise in piano service and technology. Based in Kansas City, KS, the PTG has over 4100 members throughout the United States, Canada and around the world.

The mission of the Piano Technicians Guild is to promote the highest possible standards of piano service by providing members with opportunities for professional development, by recognizing technical competence through examinations and by advancing the interests of its members.

The Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) is a trade association with membership open to anyone with a professional or avocational interest in piano technology. However, the title of **Registered Piano Technician** must be earned by passing a series of rigorous examinations. PTG members who have not passed the RPT examinations may avail themselves of PTG's extensive educational offerings in preparation for their taking the RPT exams, and may advertise their PTG memberships.



Special Notice:

PTG Phases Out Associate Logo

All members of PTG may advertise their PTG membership.

RPT members may use both the PTG RPT logo and the RPT (round) emblem. See the Graphics Standards Manual.

Associate members are encouraged to advertise their PTG membership using the words "Associate Member, Piano Technicians Guild". (Bylaws Art. II, Sec. D, No. 2 specifies that the "Piano Technicians Guild" name must be accompanied by the words "Associate Member" in let-

ters no smaller than those used for "Piano Technicians Guild".)

By vote of the 2006 Council, the use of any "Associate logo" is to be phased out: "After July 1, 2006, Associate members shall not print any new materials that include the PTG logo and shall cease to renew current advertising utilizing the logo. Associate members shall have until December 31, 2007 to use up and/or distribute any existing supplies of printed materials (business cards, letterhead, envelopes, invoices, etc.) that include the PTG logo. After December

31, 2007, Associate members shall cease to use any remaining stock of printed material that includes the PTG logo."

The PTG logo with the appropriate category line may be used to promote chapter and regional events/seminars.

See the Graphics Standards Manual for examples and more detailed information



Associate members are no longer allowed to use the PTG logo on future promotional material.