



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Years' End Report, 2004

Since this year is almost over, let's look back and see some of the accomplishments of the Detroit Windsor Chapter.

- First, the Chapter project is in full swing. Mark and Char Haas have taken over the assignment and are doing a great job refinishing the Baldwin Hamilton.
- Second, Dennis Penney has done a great job of rounding up RPTs to instruct for the applied skills section of our monthly meetings.
- Third, the technicals have been outstanding this year with Jan Bittner soliciting some of the best instructors in the Guild. Every one of these instructors have a proven track record, and all have given classes at the annual convention and institute.
- Fourth, our Holiday party was a huge success, thanks to Roberta Brown in making it fun with "6 degrees of separation".
- Fifth, new members have found their way to our Chapter. In the last year we have voted in 9 new members with 2 more to be voted in at the next meeting. This is a record that no other chapter has done in recent years.
- Sixth, our attendance has been at a record high with averages between 46% and 50% of our members. This is the best of any chapter in PTG.

All in all it has been a very good year. This would not have happened without volunteers. It's not just one or two people that make a strong chapter, it's the many who have devoted their talents and time to make things happen. I do not have enough space in my message to mention all the people but you know who they are, and we should all say thanks for their dedication.

**Your President,
Richard Bittner, RPT**

MEETING NOTICE

Monday November 1, 2004

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

Applied Skills:
Paul Hornberger, RPT
Main Technical:
Jim Geiger, RPT

**Meeting will be hosted
at Hammell Music
15630 Middlebelt Rd
Livonia, MI 48154**

Directions:
**on Middlebelt Road,
North of 5 Mile
Phone: (734) 427-0040**

**CHAPTER PROJECT will be on
Saturday November 6, 10:00 am.**
**It will be held at Mark &
Charmaine Haas' shop, located
at 3925 Fort St., Lincoln Park.**
**East side of Fort St. North of
Goddard Street.**
**Phone: (313) 381-7799. Case
repair and refinishing will be
the focus of the Baldwin
Hamilton project. See you
there!**

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The Detroit-Windsor Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild

met the evening of Monday October 4, 2004. It was hosted by Todd Brown at Piano Nation in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Attending the meeting were 14 RPTs, 10 Associates, and 8 Guests. for a total of 32 attendees. A quorum had been established. The Guests were David Bulbuk, Michael Szymanski, Mihee Lee, Min Kang, Jeremy Bielecki, Mick Brani, Char Haas, and the featured speaker, Fred Tremper, RPT from the Bluegrass KY Chapter.

The Minutes of the September meeting as printed in The Bridge and corrected by adding David Bulbuk to the list of Guests were approved by general consent.

The Treasurer's Report will be forthcoming.

Two new members were voted in -- Mihee Lee, a Korean-trained technician, and Michael Szymanski, a piano teacher at Evola. Congratulations to both.

The PTG Awards Committee is currently soliciting nominations for Hall of Fame, Member of Note, and Golden Hammer. Motion by Paul Hornberger to nominate [name suppressed] for Hall of Fame award. Seconded by Jan Otto. Discussion. Motion carried.

Other announcements: Jack Greenfield, a PTG-Sustaining member and author from the Chicago chapter passed away. He had written the book "A History of Midwestern Piano Manufacturing" available from the PTG Home Office, as well as numerous articles appearing in the Piano Technicians Journal.

Dues Statements will be mailed to all members November 1. PLEASE check your personal information for accuracy on the Dues Statement, as this is the information that will appear in next edition of the Membership Directory.

Deadlines from the Home Office are as follows:

Awards nominations - December 31, 2004

Bylaws proposals - December 31, 2004

Chapter input on these matters should be discussed at the November meeting since there will be no December meeting.

The Chapter Project has been moved from Richard Bittner's shop to Mark Haas's shop for refinishing.

Definitions of types of meeting:

Stated meeting - one that is regularly scheduled, as spelled out in the bylaws.

Called meeting - one that is proposed outside of the regular schedule, such as the Delegate Instructional Meeting.

Meeting adjourned by general consent.

The technical presentation was given by Fred Tremper RPT of the Bluegrass Chapter on the mathematical relationships of the intervals used in tuning. The relationships were expressed ratios and proportions to offer an understanding what makes some intervals "wide" and some "narrow" and by how much. This helped explain why we want fifths that are "quieter" than fourths in tuning.

*Zen Reinhardt RPT
Chapter Secretary*

MAIN TECHNICAL
- Action Regulating Simplified -
by Jim Geiger, RPT

This class will give a new, different perspective on action regulating. It will provide an understanding of regulation whereby a technician can regulate even without factory specifications, and troubleshoot problems in an action.

Jim Geiger

Jim comes to us from the Bluegrass Chapter and lives in Salt Lick, Kentucky. He is a 1956 Graduate from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Department of Piano Technology. In 1970 he passed the Piano Technician Guild Exams. From 1985-1995 he served as Teacher of Piano Technology at Houston Community College. From 1999-present he has held position as Piano Technician at Morehead State University.

Jim's Piano Technicians' Guild activity includes President, vice president, exam committee chairman, program presenter at local chapters. Instructor at many regionals, seminar chairman at one. Piano mover, instructor, and attendee at 30 conventions. PTGF board director emeritus.

Applied Skills

- will be presented by Rick Bowen, RPT -

Paul will demonstrate repairing damper springs on the vertical piano. His method is a simple and efficient way of fixing those pesky damper springs!

Larry Young, Editor
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November 2004

November meeting will be at Hammell Music in Livonia, MI !

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Please Note!

The following Non-Members will be voted on at the October Meeting for Associate membership: Jeremy Bilecki, Min Kang

The Chapter Project is on the MOVE!!

With the majority of the instrument work completed on the Baldwin Hamilton piano, it is now time to shift attention to the cabinet. The piano has been transported to the shop of Mark & Charmaine Haas for the following:

- removal of existing finish
- necessary veneer replacement
- replacement of damaged wood with new wood
- staining and dying of the wood to transform a 'blonde' piano into something more desirable
- replacement of decals
- and finally a durable polyurethane finish

Directions to Mark & Char's - take M-39 (Southfield) South past I-75 to Fort Street,, turn right. Go approx. 1-1/2 miles and the shop is on the East side of Fort St., before Goddard. Parking available on Fort or directly behind the shop.