



MEETING NOTICE

Monday November 7, 2005

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:

Richard Bittner, RPT

Main Technical:

Taylor Mackinnon, RPT

**Meeting will be hosted
at The Piano Place
444 W. Maple
Troy, MI 48084**

Directions:

**North on Maple between
Livernois and Crooks,
next to Thunderbird Lanes.
Phone: (248) 269-6155**

**CHAPTER PROJECT - has
been completed ! During
the November business
meeting decision will be
made to whom the piano
will be donated. This
project has been ongoing
with the assistance of
Richard Bittner and Mark
Haas.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our chapter has one of the larger memberships in the PTG, with almost 80 members. Looking over the list of names in our chapter, I'm embarrassed to admit that I've never even met about half of our membership. I realize that some are retired and some are new. But a substantial percentage of our membership rarely

attends meetings. I'm not sure what can be done to facilitate greater numbers of our small community of piano technicians to at least know each others faces. This lack of communication was pointed out at the October meeting. Jan Otto-Bitner informed us that Rick Bowen, an active member and past president, has been ill recently and unable to work. Most of us were unaware of this. Bruce Carter commented that this an unfortunate side effect of our busy lives nowadays; few of us make time to stay in touch with one another. So what can be done? Attending meetings is the most obvious. If you have other Monday night commitments, there are other ways to meet or stay in touch. Our winter banquet, summer picnic national or regional conventions and chapter projects. There's always the telephone. There's voice mail. There's email. And there's our newsletter. So I guess we have no excuses. Let's get better acquainted. See you November 7th!

Your President,

Clem Fortuna, RPT

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Detroit-Windsor PTG Chapter 481 Business Meeting Minutes for October 3rd 2005

Location: Piano & Keyboard Center

45265 VanDyke

Utica, MI 48137

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

Taking of attendance: 12 R.P.T.s, 10 Associate Members, 4 guests.

Discussion of correction to last month's business meeting minutes:

- o Motion to have checks for under \$200.00 require 1 signature:
1st by M. Lavender, 2nd by P. Hornberger, Passed unanimously.
- o Motion to accept amended minutes from last newsletter.
1st B. Carter, 2nd J. Mossington. Passed Unanimously.
- Treasury report read by B. Carter, accept by general consensus.
- Discussion of upcoming technical program: Musicsorb at Piano Place in Troy on November 7th 2005.
- Discussion of Chapter Project: To be held at Piano Place on October 15th 2005, focus will be on tuning of the project piano.
- Distribution of surplus Pratt-Reed action parts donated by B. Carter.
- Discussion of PTG Foundation Hurricane Relief Fund
- o Motion to donate to fund from Chapter 481 treasury. 1st J. Mossington, 2nd B. Carter.
- o Amendment to motion proposed to contribute specifically \$800.00 from treasury to fund. 1st P. Hornberger, 2nd B Carter. Passed Unanimously.
- o Amended motion passed unanimously.
- Group discussion regarding development of program for the chapter to acknowledge injured or ill members.
- Motion to adjourn (8:03pm): 1st R. Bittner, 2nd J. Bittner.

Meeting was followed by Technical Session by Paul Monachino RPT of the Mason & Hamlin piano company on M&H's history and construction methodology.

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard Cromwell, Chapter Secretary

MAIN TECHNICAL
- "What is MusicSorb?" -
by Taylor Mackinnon, RPT

WHAT IS MUSICSORB? It is a silica product developed by Fuji Silysia Chemical, Ltd., to help moderate the RH, or humidity, in and around your piano without the effects of heat. High humidity can cause wood to swell, challenge wood joints and breaking down wood fiber. Low humidity can pull moisture out of the wood cells, cause glue joints to open up and prematurely cause wood to become brittle. By balancing the RH in and around the piano, the devastating affects of wide RH swings can be modified. This product not only absorbs moisture, it also releases the moisture back out when the RH drops below a pre-determined range. This is a **MUST SEE** and worthwhile demonstration.

Taylor Mackinnon

Taylor hails from Cornelius, Oregon where he is a member of the Portland Chapter. From 2000 to 2001 he was our National PTG President. Taylor and his wife Julie, also an RPT, operate the Concord Piano Co. in Cornelius. Taylor has serviced the piano needs of customers in the Portland area for 30 years. Concord Piano is very proud of their affiliation with Fuji Silysia and MusicSorb and want to help you in understanding what this product can do for you and your customers.

Applied Skills - 'Ringing Grand Dampers'

- will be presented by Richard Bittner, RPT -

Richard will demonstrate what to do when the ringing will not stop. This technical will focus on grand dampers and what to do when they are not working the way they should. We will start with damper seating and onto adjusting the upstop rail. Richard guarantees that when everything else fails, he has a way to help you get out of a pesky damper problem.

Larry Young, Editor
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November 2005

November meeting will be at 'The Piano Place' in Troy, MI !

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

Treasurer's Report October 24, 2005

Beginning Balance:	\$7530.43
No Income	

Balance Before Expenses	\$7530.43

Expenses:	
Newsletter:	
Online Fees:	\$ 8.95
Meeting Expenses:	
Ari Issac:	\$ 150.00
Donations:	
Katrina Relief PTG Foundation:	\$ 800.00

Totals:	\$ 958.95

Balance Forward:	\$6571.48

*Respectfully Submitted:
Bruce D. Carter, RPT*