



PIANO  
TECHNICIANS  
GUILD

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Your Tax Dollars at Work!

All – in my time as the Chapter President I have devoted more than a few of my messages to the topic of participation in chapter meetings and events. I have been concerned about low meeting attendance over the past several years. The board has tried to understand the issues and take steps to improve participation. One of our thoughts was to spend some money to bring in nationally recognized speakers to talk about “meaty” topics. Last month we brought in Ron Nossman to give an all-day class on rebuilding concepts. His main focus was belly work. It was a very informative class that was enjoyed by 10 people. Now perhaps, many of you couldn't make the Saturday class, or maybe your just not doing a lot of belly work, but for some reason, even a “heavy hitter” like Ron did not bring out a big gathering. Just so you know, we spent a considerable sum

of money to bring Ron in. We covered his travel expenses and his speaking fee. The money we spent is your money...our chapter dues at work. I highly encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of these types of events. If we haven't hit on the real issue(s) yet, please let me and the other board members know your concerns. I really want to see our chapter return to past levels of participation and enthusiasm, but I need your input. Please let us know what you are looking for. We will certainly try to meet your needs. By the way, we still need a secretary. Any volunteers?

Jeff Mossington, RPT

## MEETING NOTICE

### MEETING DATE

### Monday November 3

Location; Clem Fortuna's shop at  
16610 Mack Ave  
Grosse Pointe Park MI 48230  
(313)527-8863  
Take I-94 (east from I-75 or west  
from 696) to Cadieux exit; take  
Cadieux 1 mile southeast; turn  
right on Mack one block.

#### Historic Pianos

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6:30 Applied skills: Clem Fortuna  
will demonstrate early piano  
workings, such as a Viennese  
grand action, as well discussing  
square grands, birdcage pianos,  
and other historic instruments

7:15 Dinner

7:45 Business meeting

8:00 Main Technical: Trevor  
Stephenson from Madison, WI  
will be bringing a harpsichord and  
fortepiano. Trevor has restored  
and recorded on several 19<sup>th</sup>  
century pianos, and also owns  
fortepiano and harpsichord  
replicas built by Norman  
Sheppard. In addition to  
explaining what historic  
temperaments work for these  
instruments, Trevor's words and  
playing give new understanding  
to the aesthetic beauty of these  
instruments.

Trevor will also be doing a recital  
at Clem's shop Sunday night at  
7PM, featuring music from Bach  
to Brahms, all on period  
instruments.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance Forward from October 2008 \$ 12101.13

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No Income

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Balance Before Expenses: \$ 12101.13

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Expenses:

Yahoo online \$ 8.95

Meeting: \$1670.84

Food: \$ 143.45

Travel and fees \$1527.39

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Total Expenses \$ 1679.79

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Balance Forward \$ 10421.34

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Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Carter R.P.T  
Treasurer

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## NOTE

THERE ARE NO MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING. ELEVEN PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MEETING; THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM, SO NO BUSINESS MEETING WAS HELD. THANKS TO EVOLA MUSIC FOR HOSTING, AND RON NOSSMAN FOR AN EXCELLENT CLASS ON PIANO BELLY DESIGN AND REBUILDING CONCEPTS.

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