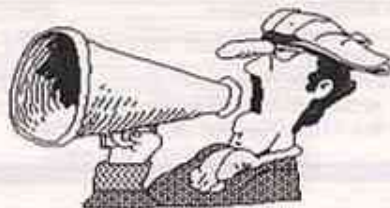


"THE SOONER TUNER"



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The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.
January '95

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 12, 1995, 7PM
COMPUTERS IN OUR BUSINESS
by Darin Niebuhr, Associate Member

Location:

4132 Castle Rock Road
Norman, OK 73072
405-329-2970

(Directions

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TECH TIP

TYING STRINGS KNOTS

The new piece of music wire should be one size larger than the old piece of music wire you are splicing onto. It makes all the difference in the world!



COFFEE MUSINGS

While on location at the Rainbow Inn in Shawnee, awaiting my next call to service, the Kraft, Inc. sugar packets were declaring the following:

- ACHIEVEMENT** The man who rows the boat generally doesn't have time to rock it.
- BUSINESS** We are all manufacturers--some make good, others make trouble, and still others make excuses.
- EXPERIENCE** Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
- FRIENDSHIP** Never explain--your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe it anyway.
- SATISFACTION** If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.
- SUCCESS** If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

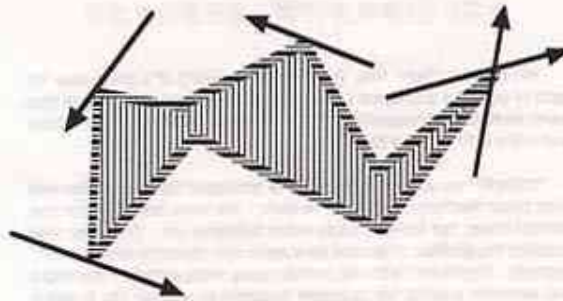
Happy New Year! May this be the beginning of a great year for each of you. As a Chapter I challenge us to become even more of a team, dedicated to responding to the changing needs of our members and to the lofty goals of the PTG.

I'd like to see us pursue the goals of increased communication with local piano teachers and piano dealers. We have talked about this several times, but haven't made much headway yet. This past year included the addition of several new associate members and one RPT upgrade. Hopefully 1995 will include more such activity. We might also consider another trip (spouses included) to another city to see a factory or rebuilding/sales facility (e.g. Dallas, Hamburg). It's been a long time since our trip to the Baldwin factory in Arkansas.

What would you like for us to do in '95? There is a growing library of videotapes to consider. I enjoy moving our meeting places around and seeing each other's work spaces, tools, and projects. I hope to see you at Darin Niebuhr's home on Jan. 12. He teaches piano, performs and accompanies, and does tuning and repair. He will be sharing information on how computers can be used in the music business, including such varied topics as composition and technicians sharing suggested repair methods over electronic mail.

David

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DIRECTIONS TO NIEBUHR'S PLACE

From I-35 & Indian Hill Road (between Moore & Norman - Exit 116), go west to 36th street, then south 2 miles to Tecumseh Road, then west to Castle Rock Road, then north to 4132

(over)

1995 Scheduled Meetings

February 11th, Saturday, 2PM
March 9th, Thursday, 8AM (breakfast)
April 8th, Saturday, 9AM
May 11th, Thursday, 7PM
June 8th, Thursday, 8AM



oops!

(from the editor)

Now that I got your attention...
that is, those whom I inconvenienced...
sorry about the postage 10c due thing...
purchased the incorrect size manila envelope it seems...
just an extra 1/2" larger...won't happen again...
do forgive, please.



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(CHRISTMAS BANQUET=FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN)

The only way I know this event could have been any nicer is
if everyone could have been there!



*** IN CLOSING ***

Recommended Reading

"BEHOLD THE UPRIGHT"

(by Don Valley, RPT, Western Carolinas Chapter)
(June 1994, PT Journal, page 40-41)

Terrific Article for all of us who have dismissed the upright as on its way to being a relic. I sat with Don at the Kansas City Convention last year and was astounded as I listened of the work he is performing in the market place of rebuilding uprights. I can assure you this: He is reaping significant economic rewards from this activity.

PTG

SHORT TAKES

"WOULD YOU GO A MILE FOR A MEETING? HOW ABOUT 2,445?"

(PT Journal, December 1994, page 54)

The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

from

Keith McGavern, RPT

"Without inharmonicity a piano tone wouldn't sound like a piano."

(Jimmy Gold, RPT, Texoma Chapter, SRC)

I'm just going to have to accept the fact that I'm not whatever I thought I used to be.
(Kam, 11/28/94)

Do not have your concert first and tune your instruments afterward.

Begin the day with God.

(Jay Hudson Taylor)

"...Love knows when to let go,

Love knows when to say no...."

(from a musical score Gary Bruce is arranging)

"A raisin is just a grape who worried too much."

(Living Word Church marquee sign, Shawnee, OK)