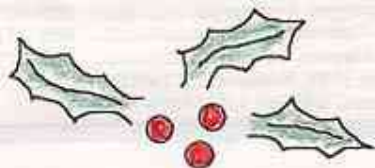


# "THE SOONER TUNER"



Official Newsletter, Oklahoma Chapter 731  
The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.  
**December '95**



**Dec 1st: Christmas Gathering**  
**6:30PM**  
**Darin & Kristen Niebuhr's Home**

## **LOCATION:**

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

## **DIRECTIONS**

From I-35 & Indian Hill Road, Exit 114 (between Moore & Norman), go west to 36th Ave, then south 2 miles to Tecumseh Road, then west to Castlerock Road

or

From I-35 & Robinson, (Norman) go west to 36th Ave, then north 2 miles to Tecumseh Road, then west to Castlerock Road

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## **PIANOTECH (Internet) STUFF**

**"BLOCKED ACTION STORY"**

by Eric Leatha, Associate

Subj: blocked action  
Date: Fri, Nov 3, 1995 10:32 PM CST  
From: pianotech@byu.edu  
X-From: Tunrboy@aol.com

I came to a DH Baldwin grand today and found the una corda not functioning. Rather than stomping on it, I pulled the cheek blocks and tried to pull the action. Wouldn't budge. Pulled the shifter out, still wouldn't budge. I tried lifting the action, no chance. Then I spied a bit of gunk that looked like wood glue on the front rail, keyframe, and keybed. I thought, "sap?". I called the customer in as I pried the action free.

Evidently she had had a student vomit on the piano two weeks ago. What didn't get cleaned-up dried "hard" to the action. I'd like to get a patent on that kid's stomach contents, one helluva glue that was!

Eric Leatha  
tunrboy@aol.com

The Christmas Gathering will be a pot luck event with a main course provided by the Darin & Kristen. They will be calling each of us for ideas on what to bring and to find out who will be attending. Hope you can make it.

## 1996 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

January Technical: Keith McGavern, RPT  
The Teeter-Totter Effect  
Potential subject - Learning about key weight

## LAST MEETING

Coffee and donuts were waiting for those who turned out for November's meeting, thanks to Kristen and Simon. Not much new business brought to the table as I recall.

There were some excellent technical tips that were circulated throughout the meeting. And Ross Trawick, RPT demonstrated an excellent way for plugging holes in ribs when screws are used to eliminate soundboard rattles.

Darin Niebuhr, Associate gave a terrific presentation bridging the gap with piano teachers and piano technicians. Many essential points were made to facilitate communications with the two groups. Darin also shared a grand piano he is in the process of rebuilding. Beautiful work!

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE (from the editor)

For some reason I didn't manage to publish this information in November's newsletter, but felt there would be some of you who would care to know about this.

Carol McGavern's Dad, Russell, who lives in Iowa, fell down a flight of stairs in his own home some two weeks ago. As a result of that fall, he fractured his skull, and was taken to intensive care. Carol flew to Iowa the day following the accident and has been there since, helping her mother through this.

Currently Russell is out of intensive care and in a private room. He has not regained much cognizance of his circumstances to date, but is involved in some physical therapy, much family visitations, and a bundleful of supervision.

## The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

from

Keith McGavern, RPT

"No matter how much water pours from a spring,  
it can't be carried away in broken pots."  
(from the book Return Of The Rishi by Deepak Chopra)

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"Angels don't fall out of the sky, they emerge from within."  
(The Angel Book)

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"The talk without the walk is hypocrisy, and  
the walk without the talk is a mystery."  
(Susan Crowe '88)

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"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children;  
now I have six children and no theories."  
(John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester)

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"If you think you're green; you're growing.  
If you think you're ripe; you're getting rotten!"  
(A poster in Wendell Eaton's shop)  
(from Carol Beigel, RPT, Pianotech)

# HAPPY

# □ THANKSGIVING □