

THE SOONER TUNER

Newsletter of The Oklahoma Chapter 731 of the Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 8:30 AM at The Larsen/Brook Mays Music store located at 4001 NW 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. The technical will be presented by Nathan Sobel and Walter Myrick on the Mark IV Disclavier system.

FEBRUARY

The February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 8:30 AM. Location and technical topic will be announced later.

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I believe...that you can keep going long after you can't.
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TECH TIP – BOLSTERING GRAND KNUCKLES

I've had excellent results bolstering knuckle sets that have been flattened through use. There is no need to replace them unless the leather is worn, wasted, and/or the inner core is shot. Currently, I am using a durable yarn material and an upholstery needle to thread the yarn between the leather and the core.

Keith McGavern, RPT
Shawnee, OK

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I believe...that either you control your attitude or it controls you.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Here's hoping that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now it is New Year's resolution time! What's yours? One of my resolutions for the last five years has been to lose weight. Those of you who have seen me in the last five years know that "that ain't happening". So, I have decided to go with a resolution that is more practical and more doable. This year I plan to enjoy eating more and chew every bite. Seriously, though, why not resolve to do something this year to improve your professional skills? Why not start saving for the PTG Convention in New York this summer? It is something to think about and much easier than starving oneself!

Bob Scheer, RPT
Edmond, OK

I believe...that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

ARTICLES ARE NEEDED FOR NEWSLETTER!!! Please consider contributing to your Sooner Tuner. If you are interested in writing an article, a tech tip, or a funny story, please don't wait another month. Send your contributions to HYPERLINK "<mailto:barbbonham@cox.net>" barbbonham@cox.net. THANK YOU!!!

I believe...that our backgrounds and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

DO SOMETHING...

No matter how big and tough a problem may be, get rid of confusion by taking one little step toward solution. Do SOMETHING. Then try again. At the worst, so long as you don't do it the same way twice, you will eventually use up all the wrong ways of doing it; and thus, the next try will be the right one.

George F. Nordenholt

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy New Year to all of you. I always think of the New Year as a time to wipe the slate clean and start over. It's much too late to worry about what I didn't accomplish in the past year and time to focus on what I can accomplish in the current year. I never really make resolutions for the New Year, but I concentrate on trying to be a better person in both my work and personal life. I challenge myself to be more cheerful to those annoying customers on the telephone, to improve my skills a bit each time I do a task, to continue to expand my mind with new challenges, to be a better friend to everyone around me and to exit my comfort zone and try to meet and greet new people in group situations. A few years ago someone asked me what I would most want to be remembered for after I die. There was a time in my life when I probably would have answered something flip like "fame and fortune." But I have since realized how insignificant that really is. What I really want is to be remembered as someone who made others smile and feel good about themselves, someone who put others first, and someone who cared and loved. Yes, I want to leave a legacy of love for others – not wealth or material possessions. How about you? How do you wish to be remembered? Whatever it may be for you, this is a new year. Now is the time to start working toward your ultimate goal. Figure out what is important to you and go for it. There is no goal too lofty. Reach for the stars. Have a blessed and happy 2006.

Barbara Bonham, Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I wish you health so you may enjoy each day in comfort.
I wish you the love of friends and family and peace within your heart.
I wish you the beauty of nature that you may enjoy the work of god.
I wish you wisdom to choose priorities for those things that really matter in life.
I wish you generosity so you may share all good things that come to you.
I wish you happiness and joy and blessings for the New Year.
I wish you the best of everything.

My friends...I wish you a happy new year.

OLDER THAN DIRT QUIZ:

Count all the ones you remember and you'll know how old you really are!

Blackjack chewing gum 14. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
Candy cigarettes 15. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
Diners with tableside juke boxes 16. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
Party lines 17. Newsreels before the movie
P.F. Flyers 18. Butch wax
Peashooters 19. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive - 6933)
Howdy Doody 20. 45 RPM Records
S&H Green Stamps 21. Hi-Fi's
Metal ice trays with levers 22. Mimeograph paper
Blue flashbulbs 23. Roller skate keys
Cork popguns 24. Drive-in movies
Studebakers 25. Packards
Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5, you're still young
If you remembered 11-15, don't tell your age
If you remembered 6-10, you are getting older
If you remembered 16-25, you're older than dirt!

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