

THE SOONER TUNER

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Piano Technicians Guild
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THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
OF
THE PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD

INVITES YOU TO
A

CHRISTMAS DINNER

ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

AT
7:00 P.M.

AT
DAVID & BARBARA BONHAM'S HOME

10717 EASTLAKE CIRCLE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

RSVP BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

YOU MAY TEXT BARBARA AT 413-3309

EMAIL: barbbonham@cox.net

OR CALL: 721-0566

Each person attending should bring a wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange, maximum value of \$20. The gift should be appropriate for a man or a woman.

QUESTIONS???

CALL DAVID OR BARBARA AT 721-0566



Oklahoma Chapter President
David Bonham, RPT

Are you busy preparing pianos for Christmas programs, parties and recitals? I am, and I am aware that these weeks in December seem to go by very fast, somewhat in a blur of activity. I am trying to stay mindful of the significant role we play in making Christmas musical events happen. No one wants to play or listen to an out-of-tune piano at a party, concert, or pageant. I think it is good for us to take pride in our work, do our best, and feel the satisfaction of knowing that we are enabling many people to appreciate the beautiful music of this season. Some of the joy and harmony and peace of the Christmas message depends on us doing our part!

I hope you each have a meaningful Christmas experience, centered in the real meaning of the holiday. May we all graciously receive His gift and generously share it.

Barbara and I look forward to hosting our Chapter Christmas Party on the 14th. Please be kind enough to let us know if you are attending or not so that we can plan the details.

David



Oklahoma Chapter Secretary
Bob Scheer, RPT

The Oklahoma PTG Chapter meeting was held on November 15, at 8:30 AM at the Granville Music School on South Agnew. This was a follow up to a Chapter project to service the pianos free of charge to the school. The Granville school provides music instruction to lower income families.

Members present were David Bonham, Keith McGavern, and Bob Scheer. Although no business meeting was held, David Bonham gave somewhat of a technical presentation demonstrating the proper way to heat a 'Krispy Kreme' donut. This was a valuable hands-on technique that was practiced several times by those present.

We were able to tune and service [3] pianos for the school. Afterwards, we met for lunch at the Cattlemans Cafe, where a good time was had by all!

Bob

A Technical Tidbit

Brambach square knuckle action

pics posted by Donn Young, RPT from Devon, Pennsylvania
on my.ptg.org in the Pianotech Discussion group
November 2012



Two comments

"the hammer flange 'fork' is on the hammer flange rail side
rather than on the hammer shank side"

(Donn Young)

"the spoon goes thru the jack (thru a window)
and acts as the drop regulation"

(Dave Foster)

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Oklahoma Chapter Newsletter Editor
Keith McGavern, RPT

~ High Lights ~

[Kennedy Center Honors](#)
(Paul McCartney Tribute)

[Preparing the Piano for Bacchanale](#)
(Margaret Leng Tan)

[Sam Gordon](#)
(girl football player, 9 years old)

[Lichenstein Castle](#)
(larger image)

[Hidrau Benches USA](#)

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December 2012
Executive Outlook
Submitted by
Norman Cantrell, RPT



PTG Vice President

Giving Back, Getting Back

Norman Cantrell, RPT
PTG Vice President

These are exciting days to be a part of PTG. As I write this article we have just completed the first Exam Prep on the Road in Birmingham, Alabama. Many thanks to those who helped make this a success. We will have had our first 37 Steps Academy at the Home Office by the time you read this and we will be well under way in the planning of our Institute and Convention in Chicago for the summer of 2013. We continue to hone our educational offerings and expand both the quality and the variety of topics offered.

These are the tangible ways to learn in PTG. What about the less tangible methods?

I was talking with one of PTG's past presidents recently about the direction in which we are headed. We discussed some of the benefits of being a member of our organization. We both readily admit that there are many successful technicians out there who are not a part of PTG or who are only marginally active in PTG. This being said, he mentioned that he began to benefit significantly as a technician and specifically in business matters as he began to serve in various PTG offices. He has served at the chapter level in most every capacity available. He served on the regional conference board, filling most of the positions during his tenure there. He also served as a Regional Vice President and then went on to serve as president of our organization. At each of these levels there are communication skills and administrative skills that get honed. While some see this as only a political endeavor, service to PTG provides an opportunity to sharpen and develop skills that benefit your own business in many ways.

Many piano technicians tend to be somewhat isolated in their particular businesses. In that environment it is easy to remain satisfied with the status quo. Serving PTG both forces and allows us to adapt to the latest technologies. This is a healthy thing, as most of our customers are also adapting to technology. The business world is changing, and serving PTG allows us to change with it. It also makes us envision how those technologies will affect our future and to plan for their implementation. This is a benefit both to PTG and to those who serve. As you look forward to making New Year's resolutions, plan to dedicate more time in service. Giving back is always a blessing. Most of us have received much more from this organization than we can ever repay.

Sooner Tuner Classifieds

For Sale

Hamilton Grand

Serial #120786, 1926, 5' 2"

(built by Baldwin)

(listed by **Keith McGavern, RPT**)

(Oklahoma Chapter member)

~ Price reduced ~