

GOOD Vibrations

NEWSLETTER OF THE RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER OF THE PIANO TECHNICIAN'S GUILD, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wade Johnson, RPT

As I try to pick up where Pat left off, my first thought is to express our appreciation to "El Presidente" for her two years of enthusiastic leadership. From her own experience as well as her years of tutelage under the late John McDonald, Pat brings real wisdom to our group, and I'm sure she'll continue to be a source of guidance. In presiding she always makes our meetings seem a fun thing where everyone is welcome. Thank you, Patricia!

The Bylaws tell me my first task is committee appointments. As we go to press I'm in the process of that, and the list you'll see on page 2 may not be complete. The work of our committees is important, and we are grateful to you who accept.

As you'll see below, our June meeting will be "home-grown," and we hope to make the input from members worth your while. Do come and share!

Wade

JUNE MEETING - Sharing Technical Problems and Solutions!

For the June meeting, we are asking each Associate member to bring either a technical piano problem you haven't solved, or a solution to one that you have discovered. In either case, please bring the hand tools you used in working on it.

If you bring an unsolved problem, members present will offer suggestions re how to solve — and hopefully demonstrate. If you bring a solution, there still may be suggestions from the group that might be of value to you. This promises to be an interesting and worth-while meeting!

A Chapter officer will attempt to reach each Associate by telephone the week of the meeting, to ask what you plan to bring and to offer any necessary assistance.

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Technical

June 14, 2007

7:00 pm

Meeting at
Avery Piano Co.
256 Weybosset St.
Providence, RI

Remember to join us for dinner
5:15 Trinity Brew House before the
meeting. Trinity Brew House is at
186 Fountain Street on the corner
of Empire Street.

Membership Honors

We are proud of the following members of the Rhode Island chapter who celebrate the anniversary of their membership in the PTG during the 2006 & 2007 calendar years:

Joseph Loiselle, RPT - 35 years
Wade Johnson, RPT - 25 years
David Sylvester, RPT - 25 years

Tid Bits.....

“Many people have asked me why there are three pedals in these grand pianos. Well the pedal in the middle is there to separate the two other pedals.”

— Victor Borge

New Business & Marketing Resource Online @ PTG.org

Look in the Member Area under Resources. It includes samples, templates, marketing guides, graphics and promotional ideas that you can download and use to build your business. The site is also an easy way to find business-related resources found in other areas of the www.ptg.org. The site has been designed to grow, so we're looking for new ideas and resources to share with members. Feel free to submit materials and information to Kathy Maxwell (kathy@ptg.org).

Tech Tip

from *Soundboard Cracks, The newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild*

Professional grade or gunsmith style screwdrivers, with parallel ground or hollow ground faces (as opposed to the more common wedge-shaped tips on most “home-repair” screwdrivers) use the strongest part of the screw-slot, and are much less likely to slip and marr the work, or damage the screw. Is it time to reshape or replace your screwdrivers? Using a crappy screwdriver once, can cost you more than the cost of a new, good screwdriver!

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

June 14 – Sharing Technical Problems and Solutions! - no show at PPAC, parking will be good that night. *Bring your own tools, meeting in Basement.*

June 20 – 24 PTG Convention and Technical Institute, Kansas City

July 15 – Picnic @ Barbara & Jack Renner's home

August – No Meeting

(Sept, Oct and Nov to be announced)



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July 17th through the 27th: Kingston Chamber Music Festival. The 19th season of a six-concert series; this year featuring pianists Paavali Jumppanen, Natalie Zhu, and Manabu Takasawa, plus other renowned and upcoming chamber musicians.
For more information: kingstonchambermusic.org