

# GOOD Vibrations

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Patricia Selemo, RPT*

I am pleased to tell you I have noticed that since June when I became President a full 16 of our members have either chipped in to help with the physical labor of running the chapter, contributed suggestions and/or attended meetings without any hounding from me.

My point is 3/4 of our membership has participated since last June which is way above the national average of 1/3 and that is a good statistic....easy to overlook in the course of a year.

A little bit of assistance or advice here and there goes a long way to the sustainability of our chapter.

Thanks for chipping in:  
Pat

## March Technical Review

For the upcoming Technical, we are going to rely on our own valuable resources. The time will be divided between each Chapter member demonstrating some tool or work technique that our other members can benefit from. As we each work, mostly, alone, the more we can learn from our colleagues, the richer we'll be. See you there.

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### Technical Tips from our own members

March 16, 2006  
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.

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2006 MEETING, R.I.P.T.G.

Location: Avery Piano Co., 256 Weybosset St., Providence

Present: Wade Johnson, RPT; Patricia Selemon, RPT; Paul Dumont, RPT; Kirk Russell, RPT; David Flanders, RPT; Arthur Sacco; Joyce Gindra; Guest: David Mishkin, PhD.

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the November, 2005 Meeting: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as written.

Unfinished Business: Motion made, discussed, and passed to cancel the June, 2006 Chapter Meeting, due to the imminence of the National Conference and Technical Institute.

The March Chapter Meeting will feature mini-technicals presented by all Chapter members.

The April Chapter Meeting will feature Doshie Powers, RPT, from the Boston Chapter, on bedding keyframes, the fundamental procedure to regulating a grand action.

New Business: Patricia Selemon distributed several DVDs from Damp-Chaser, Inc. on the Piano Life Saver System installation.

Wade brought up that Our Chapter needs to find an Alternate Delegate to the Nat'l Convention (etc.); as Wade, himself, will not always be available, in the future, to be the principle Delegate. It was moved and accepted that the Chapter would seek said Alternate Delegate.

Adjournment: 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Flanders, RPT  
Chapter Secretary

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## Tech Tip

By Ruth Van Dine

Ah, holiday parties, a red candle glowing on a white piano and an enthusiastic jazz pianist tinkling the ivory's. What a festive night! Or so they thought....

I arrived the next morning. I'd been asked to clean wax from the piano case, keys and bench. At first glance it looked like an enormous amount of time and effort. Getting started I carefully lifted off most of the heavy wax with a butter knife, and then I remembered a Mohawk product called "Wax Wash™". What a difference! It quickly dissolved the remaining wax and in no time at all the piano completely cleaned and ready for the next festive event.

**A Reminder:** Our Chapter Bylaws require Associate members to attend each Chapter Meeting. If unable to attend, one should telephone a Board Member prior to the day of the meeting.

### Tid Bits.....

"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever."

— Margaret Cho

weblog, 03-11-04

## REVIEW OF THE FEBRUARY TECHNICAL

By David Flanders, RPT

Our Chapter was treated to most useful and enlightening technical last month, presented by David Mishkin, Ph.D. The subject of his presentation was "The keys to communicating with your customers." His talk was a much a conversation with those present as it was a lecture. While using his supplied hand-out, he simultaneously solicited anecdotes from us, which prompted more examples of the kinds of situations we find ourselves in every week.

Besides the give-and-take, Dr. Mishkin also covered how our concerns about our financial state can color our relations with customers; how the talkative client affects our doing our job, and that effect on customer relation; and, how we handle the dreaded side-affects of miscommunication.

This was a most valuable technical, and one which should have been much better attended. I'm hoping that our next Regional Seminar will look to having Dr. Mishkin present this same talk, as it was a great tool to now have in our repertoire.



Each month we will be featuring one of our members' business card to showcase their services. Please forward to Ruth Van Dine your information and/or a business card which will be scanned and added to a newsletter.

This month is Mike Moran's new web site:  
[www.PianoAndOrganKeys.com](http://www.PianoAndOrganKeys.com)

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**March Meeting Technical: Tips from our own members**

March 16, 2006 at 7:00 pm

No NEECISO or Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention's this spring.

**June 21- 25, 2006**

**PTG 49th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND INSTITUTE**

Rochester, NY



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