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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patricia Selemon, RPT

You are cordially invited to another year of eight informational meetings and cheerful camaraderie.

I thoroughly enjoyed being President last year. It was not the burden I expected. And I know why. Teamwork!

David whispered hints to me from his seat in the audience when I forgot to make a motion. Wade called me at home when it looked like I might forget to do some Presidential task (and I in turn would ask him if he could possibly do it as he was Vice President and he always graciously accepted the task). Thanks Wade!

The Van Dines kept us glued together thru the Internet. Joyce fed us goodies. And I heard a rumor that Arthur buried our chapter money in his backyard for safekeeping!

Stay sharp! Come if you can!

Pat

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are pleased to have Shawn Hoar of Ct, come and share his insights on piano technology.

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Business Mtg & Technical

September 21, 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.

MEMBER NOTES

Our friend, colleague, and perennial Chapter Officer, Wade Johnson suffered a fall in his home on Sunday, Aug. 13th. He's in Meriam Hospital, as of this writing (8/20), but will be released in a couple of days in order to go to a rehabilitation facility for a couple more weeks to get his strength back.

This was another in a series of setbacks for Wade, who, about a month ago, fell in his driveway, injuring his shoulder.

I spoke with him recently, and his good friend and neighbor is visiting him daily, as is his daughter. He's in good spirits, all things considered; but, if you're at all inclined to send good wishes, I'm sure that they'd be more than welcome. Any cards or notes should be sent to his home address:

269 Snake Hill Rd., N. Scituate, R.I.02857

Tid Bits.....

"If you have knowledge,
let others light their candles at it."

— Margaret Fuller (1810 - 1850)

REVIEW OF THE MAY TECHNICAL

By David Flanders, RPT

Another "home grown" technical, May's subject was "Stories from the Trenches". It provided each of us present to recount some occasion that required us to think on our feet, giving the other members a "heads up" if something similar should happen to them. The stories ran the gamut from hysterically funny to nightmare, and plenty in between.

It was a valuable session that should have been attended by all of our Chapter's Associates. Thanks to all who participated; and thanks to Joyce for the excellent baked goods.

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Tech Tip

Pat Selemon, RPT

In July of '05, Ruth and I were chatting alongside our cars while waiting for the other members of the executive committee. She complimented the shine on my 1992, original finish, 225,000 miles Ford Taurus wagon.

“Murphy Oil Soap!”, I exclaimed. Every Sunday for eleven years I’ve washed the car with Murphy’s. Never waxed yet always looks waxed. Water beads up on the metal when it rains as though I’ve spent hours waxing. Hardly any rust (and no garage).

Ruth has since been using it and has come to agree Murphy Oil Soap is an excellent wash for autos. Says so on the bottle!

Keeping the inside orderly is another story. After one week it looks like a cyclone hit it.

Items for sale

Note: Ads placed for members are free. For all others please make checks payable to the RI PTG and send it to our treasurer, Arthur Sacco. The cost is twenty dollars for three months.

Kohler & Campbell SKG 500S Baby Grand Piano Ebony Satin
purchased new 03/2001, new condition. Asking price \$9500.
Contact Tom Roy 401- 232-2629
or email TRoyRPT@juno.com

Kohler 41” Console, circa 1985. Mahogany veneer, Queen Anne case, original bench, original owner.
Asking \$1500
Contact Michelle Jackson 27 Minnetuxet Way Yarmouth Port, MA
Phone: 508-362-6038

Industrial Space Available

65 Sprague St, Hyde Park, MA
1600 +/- square feet in piano workshop
\$1,120 + utilities
Available October 1st, 2006
Possible to subdivide
High ceilings & great natural light, perfect for woodworker, artist & tradespeople
Loading docks & freight elevators
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September 21st
Shawn Hoar

October 19th
Scott Jones - Dampers & update on PitchLock

November 16th
Jamie Marks - Mason & Hamlin Factory



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