

**GOOD VIBRATIONS**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **RUTH VAN DINE, RPT**

I had a wonderful time at the 2010 annual convention in Las Vegas, I was able to attend many of the new classes, met up with other technicians and shared ideas and made sure our chapter was well represented at council.

One of the instructors, Ward Guthrie was very willing to allow me the use of his notes to present the class to

our chapter. His willingness to share knowledge with others is what I think of as one of the most wonderful part of belonging to the PTG. I'm looking forward to sharing his class presentation this month at my shop. I'm no Ward Guthrie but I hope you enjoy it as much as I did in Vegas.

Ruth

**BUSINESS MTG & TECHNICAL:**

- Sept 16, 2010
- 7pm at  
Ruth Van Dine's  
shop, 62 Stokes St  
Warwick, RI  
401-921-2456
- 5:30pm Dinner at  
Chelos, 2225 Post  
Rd Warwick, RI  
401-737-7299

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING—DEFINITION OF OLD UPRIGHTS? MONEY! - PRESENTED BY RUTH VAN DINE, RPT CLASS WHICH WAS GIVEN BY WARD GUNTHERIE, RPT AT THE LAS VEGAS PTG CONVENTION**

Ward Gunthrie, RPT has loaned this class to our chapter .

This class will be a combination of trouble-shooting, building an estimate, and making a priority list, selling the job to your client, serving your client's best interests, and how this can earn income beyond a basic service call.

## DIRECTIONS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING:

Meeting 7pm: Directions to Ruth's piano shop & home: 62 Stokes Street, Warwick, RI

Phone: (401) 921-2456

Google Maps: <http://tinyurl.com/es4xs>

Rte-95. Exit-13 for TF Green Airport, Warwick RI. 2nd Exit (just before airport) onto Rte 1 - Post Road. Turn Left under overpass, go .7 mile.

Turn Right at Mobil station onto Airport Road, go 1.5 mile. (This road goes thru the north end of airport.)

At big intersection, continue straight onto West Shore Road, Rte 117 (not 117A). Dave's Supermarket was on your right, Walgreen's was across the intersection on the left.

Go 1.9 miles, (2 flashing lights & 1 traffic light) thru Conimicut village.

Turn Left on the far side of the Valero gas station onto Stokes St.

#62 is a 2-story Tan house with blue door and shutters on Right a few houses down. It is across the street from a single story brick building (the Avalon Nursing Home).

Dinner 5:30pm: Chelos Homtown Bar & Grill 2225 Post Road Warwick, RI

Phone: (401) 737-7299 Rte-95. Exit-13 for TF Green Airport, Warwick RI. 2nd Exit (just before airport) onto Rte 1/Post Road.

Turn Right onto Rte 1/Post Road & go to next light 0.1 mi Turn Right into Chelos Restaurant.

### Tid Bit —

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

- Robert Frost (1874 - 1963)

## PTG EXAM DEAL OF THE YEAR—ASSOCIATES

By David Flanders, RPT

At our recent Executive Board meeting last week, the Board voted unanimously to offer the following deal to all Associate members of Our Chapter: From September 1st of this year through August 31st of next year, the Chapter will pay *one half* of the technical and/or tuning exam fees. Granted, this reduces the rate to what it had been for the last few years; but, it does amount to a savings of \$90 for each exam. We feel that this is money well spent, and sincerely hope that this will provide some genuine encouragement to our Associates.

## DELIVERY OF JANSSEN PIANO

By Sy Zabrocki, RPT (from Piano Tech email)



I was out on a Montana ranch tuning a nice old Janssen upright. Hanging on the wall above the piano was an unusual framed picture. It was a photo of this 1913 crated Janssen piano being delivered by horse and wagon in the winter.

Notice the sturdy wood crate. The piano came by rail and the last 18 miles by horse and wagon. The young boy on the horse grew up to be the father or grandfather (not sure) of the lady who still owns the piano. The white house is still there but has an addition.

This family is very attached to this piano. The lady was kind enough to scan the photo and send me a copy.

## ON THE LIGHT SIDE: TOP 10 REASONS TO HAVE YOUR PIANO TUNED

As noted in st. louis Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild newsletter June '10

10. You never know when a famous concert pianist will drop by.
9. Your annual family sing-along is coming up soon.
8. It's either that or buy your son the drum set he's always wanted.
7. Each key is supposed to play a different note (and only one note).
6. A well-tuned piano promotes harmony.
5. You can use your piano for more than a photo display.
4. Piano tuners are excellent company.
3. You will make your piano teacher very happy.
2. Pianos need love, too.
1. Your children will grow up to be rich musicians & support you in your old age.

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### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- **Sept 16th** – *Definition of Old Uprights? Money!* – A class given by **Ward Guthrie, RPT @ Las Vegas PTG Convention @ Ruth’s Shop, 62 Stokes St, Warwick**
- **October 21st** – Vertical Regulation of the Grand Action – Chris Brown, RPT
- **November 18th** – European Piano Makers: Bosendorfer, Bluthner, Forster, Steingraeber – Eric Johnson @ Piano Gallery, Middletown, RI
- **December & January** – no meetings

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