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MAY 2011

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

RUTH VAN DINE, RPT

I want to thank all of you for working together admirably to figure out a better direction for our chapter during our last meeting. It's important to remember that each member's opinion is valuable and I was grateful to hear from so many of you. I, for one am looking forward to the new schedule of meetings.

We sadly say goodbye to Kirk Russell who has been a member of our chapter for many years. He will always be welcome to attend any future meetings. With

the arrival of David Stanwood as a new member of our chapter, comes a welcome invitation to have our summer party at his home on Martha's Vineyard.

Finally, thank you for letting me try my hand as President of our chapter. It has been challenging, enjoyable and a great learning experience. I sure know our chapter by-laws a whole lot better now!

Warm Regards,

Ruth

MAY MEETING — PINBLOCK, RESTRING, DAMPERS, ACTION FORE-FITTING

— BOAZ KIRSCHENBAUM, RPT

For this Technical, we will speed through a complex process from estimate to completion. There will be slides and possible video.

I rebuilt a "grey-market" 1980 Yamaha Model C3 6'1" Grand recently. The class will cover my approach to inspection, appraisal, cost analysis, writing a professional estimate, preparing a Rebuilding Contract for an institution (not a private client), ordering parts, materials & tools, trying some new techniques, and executing all the work in a remote boatbuilding workshop on the Maine coast. The rebuild included a new pinblock, complete re-stringing, new damper felts, hammer re-shaping, action fore-finishing & complete action regulation, and voicing. The job took about 80 -90 hours total plus about 10 hours of correspondence, R&D , and workshop preparation.

There will be time for Q&A at the end of the class so I ask that the attendees to please make a note of any questions and ask at the end of the slide presentation, in the interest of efficiency!

BUSINESS TG & TEHNICAL:

- May 19, 2011
- 7pm at **Piano Gallery of Rhode Island**
238 East Main Road, Middletown
- 5:30pm Dinner at **Slam Square Restaurant**, same address

DIRECTIONS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 19TH MEETING:

Meeting 7pm: Piano Gallery of Rhode Island 238 East Main Road, Middletown 401-849-5333

Dinner 5:30pm: Siam Square Restaurant 238 East Main Road, Middletown 401-851-7988

(2 doors to Left of Piano Gallery)

From Jamestown/Newport/Bridges: RI-138 E over Jamestown/Newport/Bridges

Bear LEFT at end of Newport Bridge toward RI-114 N.

Turn LEFT 138 E at Newport Grand traffic light.

Turn LEFT onto W Main Road RI-114/RI-138. Go .8 mile

Turn RIGHT onto RI-138 East Main Road. Go .4 mile

To 238 E Main Rd Middletown Corner of Valley Road and East Main Road. (Across from Wendy's). Other stores in plaza are Subway, AT&T.

From Fall River: Rte 24 South. Go 9.8 miles

Merge onto RI-114 South. Go 6.3 miles

Turn LEFT onto RI-138 East Main Road. Go .4 mile

To 238 E Main Rd Middletown

Tid Bit —

"Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

- Madeline Bridgess

WED MAY11TH 7:30PM TONAL REGULATION SEMINAR

@ M. STEINERT & SONS 162 BOYLSTON ST, BOSTON

This is an RSVP event, free, with refreshments served. RSVP: 617-426-1900 x223

Tone Regulating – Steinway & Sons

Kent Webb

(1.5 hours)



Kent will begin by taking a brief photographic tour of the hammer making facilities in the New York Factory. The technical discussion will examine approaches to making hammers and making them resilient, either by tension alone or with the addition of lacquer. Topics will include the different voicing techniques that can be applied to these two types of hammers. We will have an opportunity to compare tension hammers found on Hamburg Steinway & Sons, Boston/Essex pianos, and New York production hammers. Of all aspects of our work, tone regulating is the most demanding requiring technical ability, experience, judgment, and patience.

PIANOS FOR SALE

Steinway Model I, called a "Monitor." Unique 7' grand, one of only 7 of this model made. Rosewood veneer, built in 1873, fully rebuilt and re-finished by Acousticraft, Inc. in 2008. Has contemporary legs and lyre as originals are missing. Priced at \$57,000. Contact David Flanders, RPT, at 401-792-3245, or flanderspiano@verizon.net.

ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS & ABSENTEE BALLOTING

At the May Meeting, we will be voting for next year's chapter officers. Presented below is the slate of candidates:

- President – Boaz Kirschenbaum, RPT
- Vice President – Paul Dumont, RPT
- Secretary – David Dragone
- Treasurer – Michael Shaw
- Corresponding Secretary –



Although we would *really* like to encourage everyone to attend the meeting (and so we can achieve a quorum), we realize that's not always possible. So if you plan to vote absentee, here are the instructions. PLEASE FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY.

From our Chapter Bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

5. Absentee ballots shall only be allowed for the election of Chapter officers; shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the election, and shall only be counted after the votes of those present.

The meeting for elections will be on Thursday, May 19 and so your ballot needs to be to Secretary David Dragone by then. If you want to mail it, put the signed envelope in another envelope and send it to:

Dave Dragone
10 Algonquin Drive
Middletown, RI 02842

Please allow time to insure that the ballot is delivered by mail no later than **MONDAY MAY 16**.

Finally, please note that we will NOT accept absentee ballots by email or any other means. We may take this up in the future, but not for this election.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER, PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

Date: April 24th, 2011

Location: Home of Wade Johnson, RPT, 269 Snake Hill Rd. North Scituate, RI.

Present: Wade Johnson, RPT, Ruth Van Dine, RPT, Pate Selemon, RPT, David Flanders, RPT, David Stanwood, RPT, Paul Dumont, RPT, Boaz Kirschenbaum, RPT, John Harris, Mike Shaw, Dave Dragone

Call To Order: 7:10 PM

Quorum: A quorum was established

Approval of minutes – Minutes of previous meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report - Checking account has \$925.73, the savings account has \$6,843.18

Corresponding secretary report – none

Executive Board - Membership: farewell to Kirk Russell, RPT who dropped his membership. We welcomed David Stanwood, RPT who transferred his membership to our chapter.

Reports of other Committees

Examination Committee – reduced exam rates are in effect until the end of August 2011 & chapter purchased a new upright action model for testing.

Nominating: Slate of chapter officer election - still open for nominations, vote will be in May, including absentee ballots:

Pres – Boaz Kirschenbaum, RPT

VPres – Paul Dumont, RPT

Sect – David Dragone

Treasurer – Michael Shaw

Corresponding Secretary – (position open for any member to serve)

Unfinished Business - A vote was taken on giving Ruth Van Dine \$250 to help cover partial expenses for representing the chapter as a delegate. Vote was taken and expenditure was approved.

New Business:

1. Direction of chapter meetings and scheduling frequencies were discussed. Tentative agreement was reached with respect to having five meeting and one chapter party each year. Meeting would be held in Jan/March/May/Sept/Nov. There would be a party in June.

2. Voted on and passed - Wade Johnson to apply with the chapter's approval for Reduced PTG Dues in 2012.

"Good of the Order" – Paul Dumont has shop space available for rent to anyone wishing to have area to work on pianos, rebuild, etc. in Pawtucket.

Adjournment: - 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Dragone, Secretary – RI Chapter



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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- **May 19th** — Pinblock, restring, dampers, action fore-fitting — Boaz Kirschenbaum, RPT @ Piano Gallery of Rhode Island , Middletown RI



- **June** — Wessell Nickel & Gross high performance piano parts - Michael Collins @ Ruth Van Dine’s Home, Warwick RI
- **July 13–17**
54th PTG Convention & Technical Institute, Kansas City, MO
www.convention.ptg.org
- **July & August** — No chapter meetings

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CHAPTER INFORMATION:

CHAPTER OFFICERS / EXECUTIVE BOARD

- President.....Ruth Van Dine, RPT
Vice President.....David Flanders, RPT
Immediate Past President...Wade Johnson, RPT
Treasurer.....Michael Shaw
Secretary.....David Dragone
By-Laws: Wade Johnson, RPT & David Flanders, RPT
Examining & Testing Committee: David Flanders, RPT (chair), Tom Roy, RPT & Patricia Selemon, RPT
Librarian: Joel Levine
Newsletter: Ruth Van Dine, RPT
Nominating: Barbara Renner, RPT, Joe Loiselle, RPT, & Paul Dumont, RPT
Publicity and Public Relations: Executive Board
Technical: Joel Levine, Boaz Kirschenbaum, RPT, Larry Brown, & John Harris

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