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### Carol Writes:

Have you ever had something right before your eyes, but couldn't see it? Couldn't see it that is, until someone else pointed it out to you.

Fayetteville, Arkansas was the location of the PTG South Central Regional Spring Seminar where a lot of ideas were exchanged — some so simple I wonder why I hadn't thought of them myself. It is another perfect example of the importance of PTG in my life. A large part of who I am and what I am becoming is being created by a special breed known as "piano tuners and technicians."

I had the opportunity to meet some of the people I had only read about in the Journal. Reading it now takes on a whole new perspective.

If Fayetteville is only a taste of the growth that happens at a national convention, St. Louis—here I come!

Carol Bienenmann,  
Associate



### Netzow Revisited

 Don't miss this opportunity! We have unfinished business in the form of an upright sitting in Yeager's shop. The next meeting will be at his shop in Norman. The piano needs new keybed felt, some regulating and tuning. The shop will be open by 9:00 a.m. We'll have coffee and donuts and something for you to do.

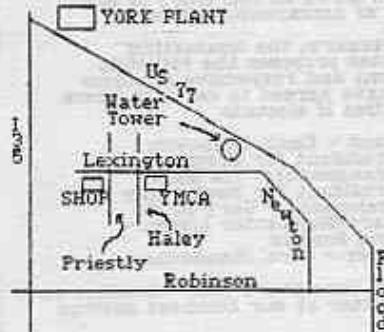
In addition, a Chickering Quarter Grand, donated to the chapter, will be available for inspection and evaluation. 

### Coming Events

- \* May 21 - "Computers +" by Michael Yeager.
- \* June 25 - "Voicing" by David Bonham.
- \* July - National Convention in St. Louis.
- \* August 20 - "Refinishing Hints" by Jim Yeager.
- \* September 17 - "Unknown" by Ben Bailey. (in Altus)

Our May meeting will be at Michael Yeager's shop in Norman at 2:00 p.m. Located at 1500 Lexington on the north side of Norman, it's easy to get to, especially if you've been there before. The map below may be of use.

The topic for the technical:  
Computers + or  
How to Frustrate Yourself  
While Increasing  
Your Overhead.  
It will be a discussion on how  
computers can  
be used in the  
piano tuner's  
business.



## Election News

A nominating committee made up of Ross Trawick, David Bonham, and Jesse Lyons was formed at our April business meeting to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year. In the process of discussing the offices and potential candidates a proposal was developed which will be voted on at our next meeting. The following is a summary of this.

This year the executive council has included the elected positions of President, vice President, secretary and treasurer. Other positions such as newsletter staff and programs/arrangements person have been outside this council. One concern of the nominating committee is the lack of meaningful definition of the position of Vice President. Tim Hast, our current Vice President, has taken over the programs and arrangements position vacated by Jamie Marks. The nominating committee sees this as an appropriate role for a vice president and suggests we define this position in this way: Vice President for Programs and Arrangements.

A second suggestion involves creating a new position concerned with the more personal/social needs of our chapter members. This person would be responsible for such things as recruitment, updating and distributing a membership directory, helping introduce and assimilate new members, and follow-up on absent members. Incorporating activities into meetings and other get-togethers that help us become better acquainted and promote chapter morale would also be appropriate, as would putting announcements in the newsletter about a member being hospitalized or about a new birth to celebrate. The nominating committee suggests we add this position to the executive council, entitling it Vice President of Membership Development.

A third suggestion of the nominating committee involves having the newsletter staff represented on the executive council to facilitate communication between leaders and the membership. Having one of the editors serve as secretary is one means of accomplishing this.

In summary, the nominating committee proposes the following positions and respective nominees (who have agreed to serve in these capacities if elected):

President - Keith McGavern  
Vice President for Programs and Arrangements - Tim Hast  
Vice President for Membership Development - Gary Bruce  
Secretary/Newsletter Liason - David Bonham  
Treasurer - Carol Bienenmann

Please come share your thoughts on this matter at our business meeting May 21.

## Presidential Pearls

You cannot be anymore than you are at the present moment. So enjoy being now, for that is all there is. I'm looking forward to the next time when we will have the opportunity to grow in our chosen profession. Until then.

Keith

Optimists are people who tell you to cheer up when things are going their way. -- Unknown

Piano Technician's Journal, Jan-Feb, 1971—Scores of Florida residents were recently fleeced by a band of itinerant "tuners" who offered a "chemical" tuning job for \$6. The "tuning" consisted of inviting gullible piano owners to leave the premises during the treatment because of the "harmful" chemicals being used and then splashing a little varnish on piano tops. Owners were told not to touch their pianos for at least six hours to give the tuning time to set. And the tuners time to leave town.



## Technical Forum

I have heard recently that Steinway uses Swedish steel for its strings because it has a significantly lower pig iron content than American made steel (and much lower than Japanese steel) thus giving it better resilience and singing tone. An inevitable trade-off is less tuning stability when new than a piano such as a Yamaha.

Can any of you confirm or refute this?

Feel free to send your replies, comments or questions to us. - Ed.

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