

THE SOONER TUNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
OF THE PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD, INC.



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COMING EVENTS:

May 18, Thursday 7:00-9:00

Chapter Meeting

To include election of officers!

Technicals to be presented are two methods of key leveling by David Bonham and setting hammerline.

The location is the OU Piano Shop, Holmberg Hall Rm. 110, Norman, Okla. Call me if you need further directions. (David) 721-0566

Might this be a good time for you to introduce yourself to this group or get re-acquainted?

THANKS TO GARY!

For his technical presentation at the April meeting and also for his leadership in helping to make the difficult discussion in the business meeting productive. Gary sent me the following letter a few days after the meeting:

Last year about this time, the nominating committee created a new office for our chapter -- the 2nd Vice President of Membership Development. I accepted that position without a real clear vision of what my role would be and how I would implement that role.

The idea was that this V.P. would be more of a person-oriented position rather than a task-oriented one. This V.P. would contact members who weren't active, persons who might be prospective members, non-members who once were members, as well as active members, in an attempt to communicate and receive whatever sort of information was deemed appropriate.

The objective of this communication would be to "develop membership." The primary goal of

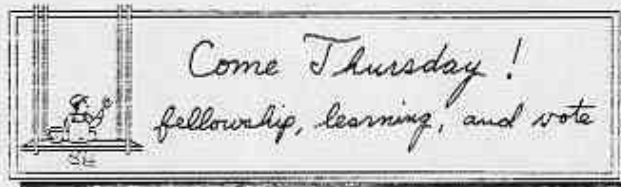
developing membership is to help keep the Oklahoma Chapter of the P.T.G. alive and growing, recognizing that the essence of the Chapter is people. It is people who make any group valuable, and the group that is most likely to be successful is the group that can determine and meet the needs of those people.

If I had taken the time a year ago to sit down and write out my understanding of this office, I would probably have done more to carry out the above-stated objective. But, in spite of a sluggish first year the chapter has done some growing and changing and is still very much alive. I have been honored to hold the office with the other officers whom I respect greatly.

In the few years I have been involved with the Oklahoma Chapter I have seen many faces come and go and have seen many highs and lows of activity and interest. It has been an exciting and stimulating decade nonetheless. I look forward to the coming year and welcome the challenges of the 1990's. I hope this reflection will serve to encourage whoever fills this post next year and each of us, as we do our part in this professional community.

I am pleased to be a part of this organization and wish the best for each of you in your personal and business lives in the coming year.

Gary L. Bruce, RTT, 2nd Vice Pres.



JAMIE WRITES!

I miss you all! Things are wild with me these days. I'm having more fun than I have ever had in my whole life, and couldn't be happier.

I wanted to extend an invitation to each of you to come see us at the Baldwin Grand Piano Plant in Conway, Arkansas. You are welcome anytime, just let me know approximately 3 weeks ahead of time. I will personally give you a tour of the plant and will try to answer any questions.

We have a wonderful staff here and hundreds of fixtures and gadgets that could be used in your work. We always learn new and useful things from technicians that visit our plant. So, come and help us get smart!

Regards, Jamie Marks

Here are some unofficial results of the nominating committee report, pending clarification and approval by those named:

The roles of president, both vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer are being offered to Keith McGovern, Ross Traxick, Gary Bruce, and Carol Bienemann. Several specific recommendations from the committee include the holding of officers' meetings at least every other month, the option of elected officers serving on future nominating committees, appropriate flexibility in the sharing of officers' responsibilities, and the presence of the newsletter editor at officers' meetings.

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