

The Sooner Tuner

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Oklahoma Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild

President's Message

Under new business, a motion to host the Texas State Association Seminar in Oklahoma City, 2003, was made by Gary Bruce and seconded by Bob Scheer. During the discussion of this motion those in attendance were in agreement to pursue hosting this event.

An official vote will be held at the September meeting to allow all chapter members to attend and express any opinions or concerns and to contribute valued input. Your attendance is sincerely requested.

Ben Davis, RPT, President

Nation in Crisis

As this newsletter goes to print, Tuesday, September 11, the magnitude of what has happened in terrorist attacks against the United States is scarcely beginning to be comprehended. Each of us have our own thoughts about what it means to be an American and why an injustice like this shakes us to the depths of what we believe.

No doubt many of those who died were piano owners served by PTG members or concert-goers who heard music played on pianos prepared by PTG members.

Being Oklahomans, we also share the sadness of victims' families who have

a hole in their lives that will never again be filled. Six years after terrorism in our city, we know that such loss does not fade. Let's keep in our remembrance those families who at this moment feel like the world has come to a dark standstill.

—Valerie Crawford

Next Meeting

When

Thursday, September 20, 8:30 a.m.

Where

Larsen Music, 4001 NW 63rd on the northwest corner of NW Expressway and 63rd Street in Oklahoma City

Technical Presentation

Bumps in the Road on Highway 88
Presented by Keith McGavern, RPT

Bumps in the road tend to slow a person down when driving an automobile. Likewise, bumps in the piano do the same thing and force pianists to alter their playing abilities when certain adjustments aren't regulated correctly. Come to the next meeting and find out what these bumps are and how to eliminate them.

No More Free Magic Kingdom Club

One of the benefits of being a PTG member used to be free membership in Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club. No more, folks! We now get a \$10 discount on the annual membership which brings it down to \$25.95 per year. The name has changed, too. It's called The Disney Club. You can join three ways: go to www.disneyclub.com, call 1-800-654-6347, or send off for a written application. Get your \$10 discount by including the Chapter Number for PTG which is 57976.

For Thought: More Skill and More Pay Rely on Each Other?

"On the basis of extensive surveys of workers in Russia and other former Soviet republics, sociologist Tatyana Zaslavskaya (cited in Aganbegyan, 1989) argues that unless there are incentives in the form of high wages and other advantages (such as better housing in areas where good housing is in short supply), engineers and scientists will resent their situation and will not work hard. In the United States the same arguments are used to justify higher salaries for doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. Too much equality, it is said, reduces the incentive to master difficult skills, and as a result, the entire society may suffer from a lack of professional expertise." From *Sociology: The Central Question* by William Kornblum.

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