

THE SOONER TUNER

Newsletter of The Oklahoma Chapter 731 of the Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.

JANUARY 2004

COMING EVENTS:

The next meeting of the PTG will be held Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 8:30 AM at the Holiday Inn Airport where the TSA Seminar is being held. At this meeting, we will be doing planning for the Seminar and checking the facilities offered at the Holiday Inn. Please plan to attend and help be a part of the preparation for TSA. We need each and every one of you.

FEBRUARY: TO BE ANNOUNCED

MARCH: TSA CONVENTION – March 11-14

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## Sooner Spring Seminar

I hope all of you have had a prosperous year and a Happy Holiday season. If you are thinking of making New Year's Resolutions and haven't attended a TSA Seminar you would be wise to include it on your list. If you would like the latest information about TSA go to the PTG web site at [ptg.org](http://ptg.org) and click on upcoming events. Look for the TSA information and click on the title. You will find information about restaurants in the area and a link to the hotel website.

PTG and TSA are a blessing in my life and I count it a great joy to have had the opportunity to get to know so many people from our region over the past few years. I started out attending the classes and really knew very few people except from my own chapter. After a few regional and national events, I began to recognize familiar faces and began to put names with them. As I visited with other convention attendees I began to form some lasting friendships. These friendships have been an invaluable source of information and moral support when I found myself stuck in a particularly difficult situation.

I hope that you are planning to attend the TSA Sooner Spring Seminar in Oklahoma City this coming March. The hotel rates are very reasonable and the class lineup is quite diverse. If you need to make reservations our room block is available until February 27, 2004 and I suggest you make your reservations early. March is a popular basketball tournament season and hotel rooms go quickly. Just mention TSA when you make your reservation and you will receive the special rate of \$69 plus tax. You will also be receiving in the mail in the next few days in official registration form. If you would like to get a jump-start on reservations just print the form on the web site and mail it.

There will be opportunities to learn grand piano preparation, voicing, and how to sharpen your tools. There will be a class on the history and development of the piano, a class on vertical regulation and one on string leveling. Classes will be offered to sharpen your tuning skills or to brush up on your practical field repairs. We will have a mini tech on developing a web site for your business and another mini tech on dealer relations taught by the local Steinway and Kawai dealer. We have instructors coming from as far away as New York and Los Angeles. There are instructors from our own region that will amaze and amuse you as well. Plan now to attend and begin to develop some long-term friendships that you will cherish in the coming years.

I hope all of you have an incredible New Year. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to Oklahoma City in March.

Norman Cantrell, TSA President



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