

# THE SOONER TUNER

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

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## COMING EVENTS

JANUARY – Chapter Meeting will be on Thursday the 17th at 8:30 AM at Eric Williams' home at 1714 Sheffield Rd. OKC 73120. From Penn and Britton, go south to Sheffield rd. then turn right, (west) to 1714. Call 405-802-9316 if you get lost. The technical will be on Why, Where and When to fit Hammers to Strings. Keith McGavern will be giving it.

Directions: From the intersection of Hefner & MacArthur, go south to the first street and turn right, then take the very next right turn, go to the end of the block. You'll see the cars. Their # is 721-0566 if you get lost, but you won't.

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### YOGI BERRA quotes

"Congratulations. I knew the record would stand until it was broken."

"Half the lies they tell about me aren't true."

"He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious."

"If you arrive at a fork in the road, take it."

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

The sun has gone down on the year 2007. It's over, it's past, and we can't go back and change anything. Unfortunately for some, 2007 was a year of tragedy and pain. For others it was a year of happiness and joy. I suppose one could say these things about any given year, but 2007 definitely had more than it's share of ups and downs.

I believe I can speak for all of us when I say our thoughts and prayers go out to David and Barbara Bonham. Barbara lost both her sister and her best friend last year. Recently, David lost his son Wes, who was apparently killed while trying to help a man who needed it.

I know that many of our chapter members have shown their love and support for David and Barbara and family. I personally dragged my feet when calling David because I just didn't know what to say. When I finally did call in an effort to lift him up, he actually lifted me up! I'm sure that I'm not alone when I say that I admire David for his incredible Faith and strength.

The sun is rising on the year 2008. It's a new beginning. Our Faith, our strength, our positive attitude, and our caring efforts will surely make it a great year!

Bob Scheer, RPT  
Edmond, OK

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**St. Augustine 354-430 AD**

"Find out how much God has given you and take from it what you need; the remainder is needed by others."

**Creative and Helpful uses for old Uprights:**

Gene Black--- The prisoners down in Lexington made two coffee tables. One from the top board and one from the bottom board. Another client of mine took an old upright and put shelves in it and glass across the front and used it for a plant stand. She said she just could not stand to let her Grandmothers old piano get away.

Valerie Crawford----- I heard one person suggest taking an old upright up in a plane over a wilderness area and shoving it out the door watching the explosion on the ground (like Wiley Coyote). Norm said he put an old upright plate in his concrete driveway for reinforcement, you can ask him about that. On a side note, anyone wanting to visit NYC and tour Steinway, I have ways to tour NYC a lot cheaper than most. I enjoy keeping up with the group.

Gary Bruce----- Boat anchor?? Once you got it out there it would be very effective.

Keith Morgan----- The best use I can think of for an English upright with a birdcage action is to humidify them properly. The correct way to humidify them is to take them to the nearest lake, drop them in, and let them sit there indefinitely.

Bob Scheer----- Trot line weight

Jordan Bruce----- Turn it over on it's back and hook on to it with your pickup and smooth out the gravel in your driveway.

These were very inspiring and helpful ideas. I'm sure we all have a new appreciation for these fine instruments!

**Sidney Poitier**

"I have chosen work as a reflection of my values."

**Wes Bonham Memorial:**

There will be memorial events this coming Saturday, the 12th at 2:00pm to remember the life of Wes Bonham. The main celebration will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church just south of Hefner on Council on the east side of the street, 10600 N Council. At 1:30 there will be music and a viewing of pictures, etc., in the main entrance. Come hungry! There will be a spaghetti dinner afterwards at 3:30. Dress casual! See you then.

**Mother Teresa**

"Be faithful in small things for it is there your strength lies."

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