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"You are never too old to learn new tricks."

Happy New Year to all. May this year be the best so far. The Oklahoma Chapter of the PTG will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday January 21st 2010 at Gilliam Music 2280 west main st. in Norman Oklahoma.

This seminar will be given by Norman Cantrell who is one of the technical exam teachers and will be a preparation for the technical exam with a focus on repair. There will be individual station setups for each type of repair with a RPT standing by for demonstrations and help. This should be an exciting chance to learn what to prepare for on the comprehensive technical exam. The passing and completion of this one of three exams is needed to receive the Registered Piano Technician status.

Everyone is invited as always to attend these important knowledge filled meetings. Please keep your calendar open for the third thursday of every month so you can participate in these monthly meetings.

They start at 8:30a.m. And usually last til around noon. Some people get together and eat lunch afterwards as a way of staying connected and making new friendships with other piano tuners. Please take this chance of networking to refresh your friendships that may have been scheduled out due to scheduling clients.

Piano teching is often a lonely job so come to the meetings, tune in and get connected. I personally see a lot of business cards of various piano technician and I have no idea who you are and I would love to meet you and learn some savvy tricks before they are lost to retirement.

From the desk of the President

Here's hoping that you and your family had a Blessed Christmas, and will have a prosperous New Year. The beginning of a new decade is always a good time to look back and forth on a multitude of levels. On a personal note, forty years ago, this year, Pat and I were married. I also started my career as a full time Piano Technician. Both decisions have given me the best years of my life. I must say, however, that there have been many times that I have scratched my head and wondered if I will ever completely understand either one! I guess I must be a slow learner!

The great guitarist, Andre Segovia, once said, "The guitar is like a woman, never mastered". I believe that Piano technology can also fit into this statement. It's a lifetime learning experience. Have you made your New Years resolutions? I hope that at least one includes improving your craft as a technician. There are many educational opportunities available through PTG., we only need to take advantage of them.

Incidentally, I believe there are still a few openings in the RPT 3 day class on weigh off and key leading. If you decide to go, I have room in my car. Let me know.

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