## THE SOONER TUNER

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Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.
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Hello everybody! What a glorious spring day. This months meeting will be held at Eric Williams house located at 14399 S. Broadway Edmond, OK 73034. It will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 8:30 am. Everybody is welcome.

## Directions:

From I-35 & Waterloo Road go west to Broadway, then north 1-405-802-9316 (Eric's mobile?)

The Presentation will be the repair of a split bass bridge. This is a common problem with older uprights and I have seen this on a very new piano as well. There are a few different types of split bass bridges, caps and cantilevers and different technicians prefer different techniques for the repair. The focus on our presentation will be the common problem of the split bridge cap that runs along the pins. The repair is a life saving operation on an otherwise ruined piano and adding this skill to your bag of tricks will definitely help your revenue.

And now a message from your President.....

The late Henry Bellmon, our former governor and State Senator, once stated:"There are three stages of life; 1] Youth, 2] Middle age, and 3] You're sure looking good.

Personally, there's no question that I no longer fit into category 1, but since no one is telling me"you're sure looking good", I must still be in category 2. On the other hand, I don't remember anyone telling me that I was looking good when I was in category 1 either! Seriously, though, it's all in our attitude. Our attitude and our efforts are really all we have control over. We've probably all known at least one 80 year old with a 30 year old attitude, and at least one 30 year old with and 80 year old attitude.

Since none of us really knows when our lives will end, isn't age just a number that shouldn't be taken seriously? It may be true that our physical strength and stamina will lessen, our minds can grow and expand our whole lives.

In our world of Piano Technology, there always seems to be more to learn, one more rock to turn over, so to speak. The beauty of The Piano Technicians Guild is the collective knowledge and experience we have at our grasp. We only need to reach out for it.

Bob

The nominations for the 2010-11 officers of the Oklahoma chapter of the PTG are as follows

President - Bob Scheer Vice President - David Bonham Secretary – Jordan Bruce Treasurer- Gary Bruce Newsletter editor- Eric Williams

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Vice President – David Bonham
Secretary – Jordan Bruce
Treasurer – Gary Bruce
Newsletter Editor – Eric Williams
South Central Regional Vice President - Norman Cantrell

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