

THE SOONER TUNER

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Oklahoma Chapter President
David Bonham, RPT

President's Message

Our lives are about a lot more than pianos, so occasionally I feel free to write on other topics. One of my creative outlets and passions is the beautification of our neighborhood. Many of you have heard me speak of the huge undertaking I was involved with seven years ago that I referred to as the Island Project. Our two islands here in Ski Island add up to about 20,000 square feet. Eight years ago they were embarrassing, unapproachable eyesores in our lake. I was the researcher, the educator, and the foreman for this complex process of redesign and renovation. Some of you may know how difficult it is to work with a neighborhood organization, especially when it involves getting everyone to pay for a project. One particular hurdle was transporting over 750 tons of limestone to the islands by boat. It was an enormous challenge for me physically, mentally and emotionally. I learned a lot and I am proud of the results, although the process is ongoing and may never be completely finished.

Today I choose to write about a milestone reached this past Saturday. Our first wedding took place on Picnic Island! One of our newer and younger residents had requested permission to have his wedding there, and several members of the community assisted in making it happen. Jonathan and my daughter, Serena, and I worked several hours Saturday afternoon before the ceremony to improve the boat dock and provide a safe and attractive walkway toward the area where the wedding was taking place. We helped shuttle guests to and from the island as well. A short downpour hit right after the event, so people were in quite a hurry to get off the island. At one point, our overloaded pontoon boat took on some water over the floor and several passengers raced to locate my life jackets. Everyone was safely brought to shore, but I would bet that these people will never forget this wedding experience!

From eyesore to wedding venue in eight years ... There is planning underway for another couple to have their wedding on the island before the end of this month. If they need a piano for the service, I would be pleased to provide one (if rain is not in the forecast). My piano business income funds my involvement in a number of interests including my lake community. What pursuits does your business make possible in your life?

I am looking forward to what Bob and Jamie will have to share with us at the next meeting. I hope to see you there.



Oklahoma Chapter
Vice President & Treasurer
Gary Bruce, RPT

Next Meeting
June 19th
8:30am

The June meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the PTG will be held at 8:30 am on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Bob Scheer's Piano Shop. Click on link for directions.

[Bob Scheer's Piano Shop](#)

4305 Sycamore Ln
Edmond, OK 73034
405-341-8668

For our technical presentation Bob and Jamie Marks will show their progress on the installation of WNG parts on a Steinway upright.



Collard & Collard Upright



Oklahoma Chapter Secretary
Bob Scheer, RPT

May 15, 201

The Oklahoma PTG Chapter Meeting was held at the new [Bruce Piano Gallery](#) on Lincoln Blvd. in Edmond.

(video  clip)

The meeting began with a prayer at 8:57 AM.

Members present were; Gary and Jordan Bruce, Keith McGavern, Keith Morgan, Brad Broomfield, Jon Edwards, Jamie Marks, Norman Cantrell, David Bonham and Bob Scheer.

Treasurers report: \$2,866.84. The previous balance was increased by \$640.00 from dues reimbursement from the home office.

The existing Chapter officers agreed to serve another term in office for the upcoming year, with the exception that the President and Vice President would be co-chaired by David Bonham and Gary Bruce.

The Chapter officers were voted and approved.

Dale Probst was voted and approved to be the Chapter Council Delegate for the upcoming PTG Convention in Atlanta. An amount of \$450.00 was voted and approved to compensate his expenses.

The technical was given by David Bonham and Gary Bruce. This technical included aural tuning, hammer technique and tuning stability. Their demonstration was interesting, informative, and greatly appreciated. Bob



1929 Everett Grand

Piano Links

[*Upcoming Piano Technicians Guild Events*](#)

(Regional and National events, 2014-15)

[*Piano Technicians Journal Media*](#)

(These videos are referenced by the Piano Technician Journal)

[*YouTube Channel*](#)

[*Virtual Piano Appraisal*](#)

(This virtual-piano-appraisal link can save you some time and educate customers all in a very nice easy going way ... David Estey, RPT)

[*Determine The Condition of Your Piano*](#)

(This .pdf won't make you an expert, nor will it solve your technical problems, but it will help you spot a nightmare in the making ... David Estey, RPT)

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Oklahoma Chapter Newsletter Editor
Keith McGavern, RPT

~ High Lights ~

Lara Fabian
([Je T'aime](#))
([Caruso](#))
([The Prayer with Michael Bolton & David Foster](#))

[The Kelpies](#)
(Sculpture in Scotland)

[Kim Chung](#)
(Recuerdos de la Alhambra)

[Salt Harvest](#)
(America's Heartland, Newark CA)

[Phil Collins](#)
(In The Air Tonight)

[Shell and Ferrari](#)
(Circuit TV ad)

[Shred of the Month](#)
(Dodge Daytona)

[Demi Lovato](#)
(Let It Go - Frozen)

Joni Mitchell
([Woodstock](#))
([Both Sides Now](#))

[Louie Schwartzberg: TED](#)
(Hidden Miracles of the Natural World)

[Annie Zhou](#)
(Frédéric Chopin: Ballade N1 In G Minor, Op23)

[What I See](#)
(P&G Thank You, Mom)

[One Minute Christian Rap Sermon](#)

[The Milk Carton Kids](#)
(Lincoln Theatre)

[Watch A Baby Goat](#)

Executive Outlook
June 2014
Looking Back, Looking Forward
Norman Cantrell, RPT
PTG President



Over the last few months we have discussed spinning plates and pot roast. This month we could try spinning the plate with the pot roast on top, but that would probably make quite a mess. As we tie these two examples together and apply them to PTG, we see that often we as an organization have been quite busy being busy and not always being able to define why. We have traditions like the grandmother that cut the ends off the roast. They were started for good reasons, but may not apply to us today.

Your board of directors spends a lot of its time before Council and during the week of convention staffing PTG's committees. Some of the committees are elected by council delegates, but a large number of them are "Standing Committees" which are listed in our bylaws and require staffing. Each year some of the committees function very well and produce excellent results. Conversely, other committees languish and stagnate. Sometimes it is a matter of matching gifts and talents with the tasks at hand. Other times we have a committee that was formed for noble reasons, but over the years either the focus shifted or technology has impacted the mission of the committee.

During the board's mid-year meeting we discussed the concept of task groups versus standing committees. The major difference is not necessarily the number of people required, or even the fact that they are charged with trying to get some work performed. The difference lies in the focus and length of service. A standing committee remains on the books year after year and has a set of goals to accomplish. A task group, on the other hand, is usually charged with a specific task or a set of small related tasks, and once their assignment is completed, the group ceases to function. The fact that there is an end in sight can serve as a motivating factor for a task group to finish its job and move on to something else. In our ever-busier lives, committing to a short-term project rather than a year-long endeavor has a certain appeal, preferable to the seemingly lifelong commitment in the more traditional approach.

One of the goals for the upcoming year is to study our current committee structure and bring some recommendations to the membership. Since this may also require some changes to the bylaws, we will be trying to do the bulk of this work next fall. If you have any thoughts or concerns regarding this potential shift in the way we approach our committee structure, please communicate with your Regional Vice President.

Next month we will look at the role of your board of directors in a corporate structure. In the meantime, finalize your plans to attend the convention in July, and don't forget to be reaching out to potential new members in your area.



Gaveau, Paris



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