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Central Oklahoma Chapter 731 Newsletter

Piano Technicians Guild

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We came near our record high temperature for this date today: 80 degrees compared to 83. I just did a rush job of winterizing the RV in anticipation of the temperatures predicted to be in the twenties by morning. We live in a world of contrasts, don't we?

I tuned a very nice Steinway M grand this morning for one of my favorite customers. I then went about a mile away to tune a 1916 Haddorf upright that had been donated to a nursing home. It was almost a whole step below pitch and the cracked soundboard and bridges rumble and buzz. More contrasts...

Whether you are feeling hot or cold; whether you feeling joy or frustration in your work; I hope you recognize and appreciate the value that participation in our chapter of the PTG offers. We are a circle of friends as well as piano technicians. We encourage, challenge, and support each other. Barbara and I appreciated the support of you and others as we negotiated our "Journey to Justice" for the trial last month. I also am happy to report that we have been looking at puppies after missing Goliath for the past five weeks and have put a deposit on one that should be available in about two weeks.

Gary and I have been talking about utilizing the PACE educational materials in our technical presentation schedule. We will address that in our next business meeting which we plan to convene by 8:45 on November 20. Walt and Nathan always provide a great spread of tasty food at the meetings they host at Larsen Music, so please come on time and be ready to eat together and share what we do.

David Bonham

Next Meeting
Thursday, November 20th
8:30am

Larsen Music 

4001 NW 63rd St
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
405-843-1573

Walt and Nathan will present information on the Yamaha TransAcoustic piano and talk about "digital synergy."

The Christmas Dinner is being planned for Sunday, Dec 7 at a location to be determined at the next meeting.



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- The PTG Central Oklahoma Chapter met on October 16, 2014, at The Granville Music School in Oklahoma City. The meeting began with a prayer at 8:54 AM.
- Members present were Gary and Jordan Bruce, Keith McGavern, Nathan Rau, Jon Edwards, David Bonham, and Bob Scheer.
- Treasurers report: \$2,240.83 balance, \$17.10 meal expense, \$75.00 check received from J. Woolston, new member
- Annual Chapter dues of \$40.00 will continue to be collected by the Home Office.
- Gary and David met on September 21, to review the previous Chapter meeting.
- It was decided that the next Chapter meeting will be held at Larsen Music Store, in November.
- The 2014 Chapter Christmas party will be Sunday evening December 7th, location to be announced.
- The SCRC Conference was discussed by those who attended with very positive comments. Those of us unable to attend wish we had been there.
- The business meeting adjourned at 9:26.
- We spent the rest of the morning tuning, repairing, and moving pianos in order to help out the Granville School, followed by lunch at the Cattleman's Restaurant.



July

Steinway Calendar pictures

August



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 ~

[When I Look In The Mirror](#)

(Vimeo)

[Cecil Taylor](#)

(Piano Free Improvisation #3)

(better tune more than solid for this dude should he come to your neck of the woods)

([Backstage Interview on Cecil Taylor by Gary Giddins](#))

([The World of Cecil Taylor by Spencer Tichards and Ramsey Ameen](#))

[G.E.M.](#)

(If I Were A Boy)

[Anna Bergendahl](#)

(Idol audition - Sweden)

[Internet Archive](#)

(Vimeo)

[Michel Petrucciani](#)

(Legendary French Jazz Pianist)

[Susan Erns](#)

(Don't Cry For Me Argentiana – André Rieu - Holland)

[Jason Derulo](#)

(Marry Me feat. Jordan Sparks)

[Hanoi Traffic](#)

[NASA](#)

(Vimeo - The 40th Anniversary of Apollo 11)

[Colbie Cailat](#)

(Try)

[A Dog and His Trampoline](#)

[Yo-Yo Ma, Edgar Meyer, Chris Thile & Stuart Duncan](#)

(NPR Music Tiny Desk Concert)

[Shania Twain & Lionel Richie](#)

(Endless Love - TubeChop)

[Terry Fator](#)

(Ventriloquist)

[Selfie Improvement](#)

Executive Outlook
November 2014
Chipping Away at Life
Norman Cantrell, RPT
PTG President



Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by life? If so, you are not alone. Most of us have hectic schedules, multiple obligations and at least one “To-Do” list that seems frozen in time.

Recently I heard about a woman who remodeled her entire bathroom five minutes at a time. This led me to think about the clutter in my life: clutter on my desk, clutter in the shop, clutter on my schedule and that seemingly insurmountable list of obligations.

The first question is always where to start. In order to give yourself both a challenge and some hope at the same time, I would suggest picking two items that you can devote a small amount of time to each day until they are finished. Pick one that will be good for you and at least one that will give you a sense of pleasure when it is completed.

One of my new year’s resolutions last year was to do more reading. It is easy to pick up a “who done it” novel. It is more difficult to read challenging literature. With all of the focus on the conflicts in the Middle East, I am reading A History of the Arab Peoples by Albert Hourani. This requires focus and concentration, so I am reading several spy novels to balance the approach. I’m also in the process of replacing the floor covering in a hallway. The carpet was easy to remove, but a previous homeowner had laid nine-inch square tile over the hardwood floor with a “protective layer” of tarpaper sandwiched between. After several attempts to find the right tool, I am using a sharp wood chisel to slice through the paper and scrape the adhesive off the hardwood flooring. I spend about 15 minutes each day clearing off a few tiles at a time.

Learning a new skill in our work is similar. Whether we are refining a new temperament sequence, learning to do polyester touch-up well, or understanding scale design, we face a learning curve. It may seem insurmountable at first, but if we chip away at it bit by bit we can learn the new skill.

Remember, this is also November, the month of the Thanksgiving holiday. It is easy just to sit down to a turkey dinner and watch some football without ever taking time to reflect on all for which we have to be thankful. As you are chipping away at life, pause to reflect and give thanks for all you have and all those in your life who have loved and supported you along your life’s journey.

Some Piano Moving Videos

[Donnie's Piano Transport](#)

*Glendora, CA
(6:54)*

[Music Box Piano Movers](#)

*Vancouver, BC
(8:47)*

[James Enterprises Movers](#)

*Moving Piano Up 86 stairs
Victoria, BC, Vancouver Island
(4:26)*

[Piano Movers Inc](#)

*Nashua, NH, Boston, MA
(5:46)*

[South Bay Piano Movers](#)

*San Jose, CA
(2:47)*

[PianoPlan](#)

[Trasportatori su scala](#)

(3:36)

[Loading a Steinway D](#)

(2:45)

[North Bay Movers](#)

*Santa Rosa, CA
(2:54)*

[How To \(Maybe\) Not Move a Piano](#)

And continuing with the Piano Moving Theme ...

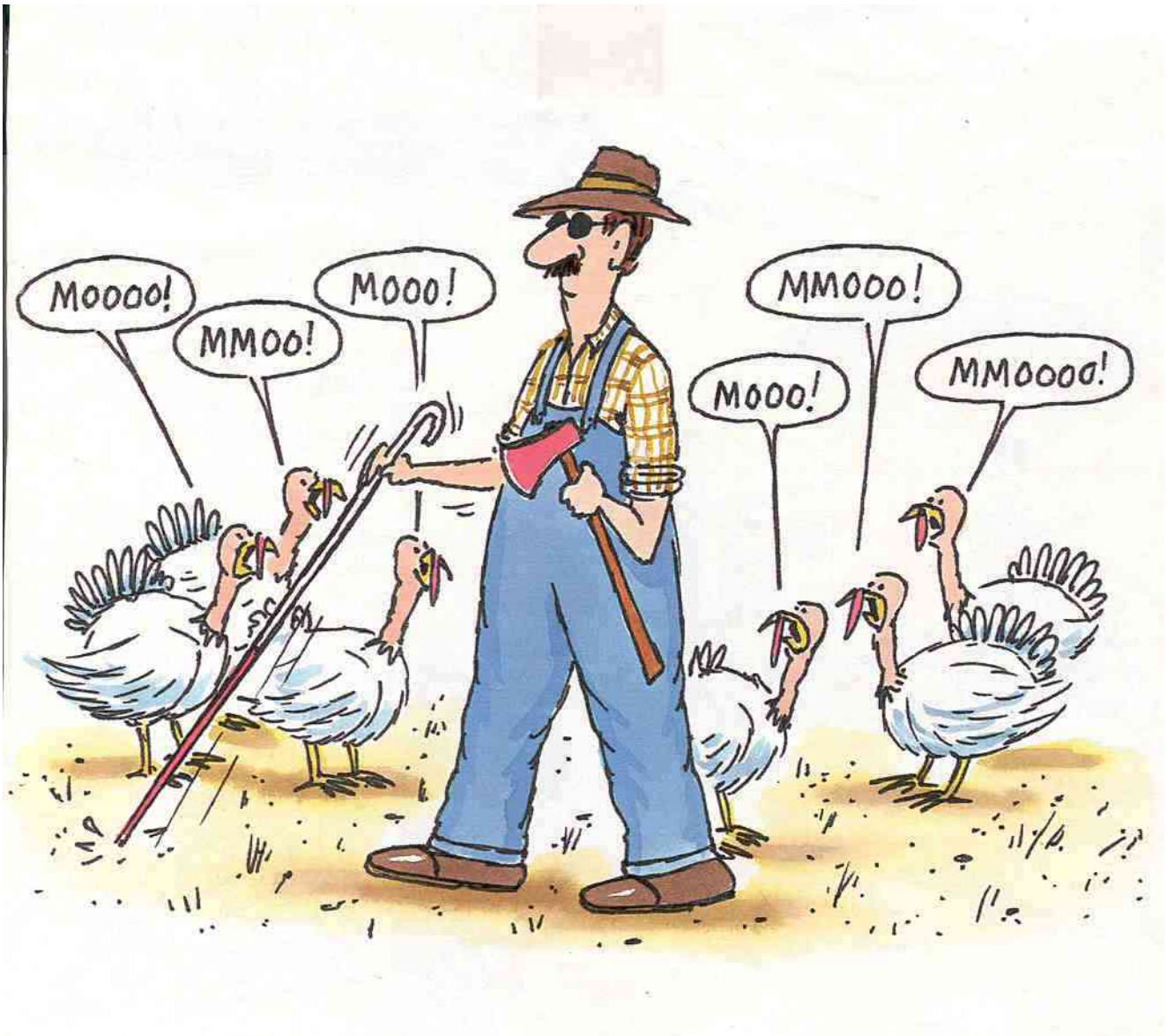
"Members of the Central Oklahoma Chapter assist an Oklahoma City music school by removing unwanted uprights from their facility."





Movers: David Bonham, Gary Bruce, Jordan Bruce, Jon Edwards

Cartoon Clip
(from the Internet)



Happy Thanksgiving