

THE SOONER TUNER

Central Oklahoma Chapter 731 Newsletter

Piano Technicians Guild

December 2014



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Greetings, and I hope you all are having a happy holiday season. Halloween reminds us of how scary things can be sometimes, like when we accidentally tip over the 39-drawer storage unit with nicely labeled drawers full of screws and parts for that grand rebuild we're working on and it tumbles to the floor spilling most everything and mixing that assortment of screws and parts all together. Thanksgiving then reminds us to be thankful that at least some of the parts remained in their drawers and the floor was clean enough to find everything that spilled out and to be thankful that we have good work to do and the health and ability to work. Then Christmas puts all of life into perspective, reminding us that no matter how good we try to be in life we'll never be good enough and will always be making a mess of something. So God became flesh in the form of baby Jesus, experienced life as a human and bridged the great chasm between our attempts at being good and His standard of perfection, so that we could, if we choose, live out our lives with freedom, hope and grace. The New Year then ushers in a time to rethink, retool, refresh and restart with renewed determination not to spill the parts and make a mess, but knowing that we probably will, since life is often what happens when we have other plans.

Our PTG chapter has experienced quite a bit of life over the last year - a new Chapter name, some new members, several health challenges, financial strains, personal victories and struggles - and we never know what the new year will bring. But I'm very thankful for the camaraderie that our chapter members have as we share our work and life experiences together. It makes all of the challenges easier to face and the victories more fun to celebrate when you have friends with whom to share.

There's a great sense of determination and excitement with our members to improve our skills and work together to help our Associates progress toward taking the RPT exams. Though we don't have a regular monthly meeting in December, several members decided to get together later this month to work on test materials. (Check with Jordan for more details.) We'll explore the PACE materials together in a variety of ways over the next several months in our chapter meetings which should be beneficial to both newbies and veterans.

Our annual Banquet is graciously hosted again this year by the Bonhams. The date has been moved to Thursday, December 18. There should be more information somewhere in this newsletter. I hope to see you there.

Christmas Banquet

December 18th, 2014

6:30pm

at the Bonhams

RSVP by the 14th

Special note from Barbara

For those planning to attend
you need to bring a wrapped gift,
maximum cost of \$20 for a fun gift exchange.



Secretary
Bob Scheer, RPT

- The Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter meeting was held on November 20, at Larsen Music.
- The meeting began with a prayer at 8:47 AM.
- Members present were David Bonham, Joe Woolston, Brad Broomfield, Gary and Jordan Bruce, Nathan Sobel, Nathan Rau, Keith Morgan, Jon Edwards and Bob Scheer.
- Special thanks to Walt Myrick and Nathan Sobel for a table of food fit for a king!
- The October minutes were read and accepted.
- In appreciation for the complimentary work performed at the October meeting, Granvill School donated 4 tickets to the Grand Opry Show.
- Treasurers report: \$2229.89.
- After much positive discussion, a motion was made by Bob Scheer, and seconded by Jordan Bruce for our Chapter to pay the 2015 PTG dues for Dale Probst in recognition for his massive contributions to the Piano Technicians Guild. The motion passed unanimously.
- The date for the annual Chapter Christmas party has been changed to Thursday December 18, at 6:30 at David and Barbara Bonhams. A dirty Santa gift [\$15.00 maximum] is encouraged. Please RSVP ASAP.
- The business meeting adjourned at 9:50.
- Walt Myrick at Nathan Sobel gave an interesting technical covering the new Yamaha Trans Acoustic U1 upright piano

Pietà (Michelangelo)

([wikipedia](#))

(History after completion section is an excellent read)





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~ High Lights ~

[Hang Massive](#)

(Hang Duo – Once Again)

[Malcolm Gladwell](#)

(TED - The unheard story of David and Goliath)

[Hiromi Uehara](#)

(Piano solo Old Castle, by the river, in the middle of a forest)

[Dance of the Last Rhino](#)

(Jon Gomm, guitarist)

[Aurora](#)

(Rosa de Saron, Renato Vianna, Johnny Letra)

[Moonwalk](#)

(Vimeo)

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September

Steinway Calendar pictures

October



Executive Outlook
December 2014
Giving and Receiving
Norman Cantrell, RPT
PTG President



"It's the most wonderful time of the year," sings Andy Williams in a song we all know. It certainly is one of the busiest times of the year, and it is a time that most are asked to give a little to help out here and there. Each one of us will come to a personal decision about the amount and type of giving in which we will engage. There is always some personal satisfaction in giving, especially when we give without expectation of getting anything in return.

Many of us will give gifts that represent a monetary investment. Others will spend a little extra time volunteering for a cause which is dear to us. Giving is a blessing on many levels. Sometimes we feel obligated to contribute to a particular endeavor, and often that obligation in itself can cause us to pause slightly and perhaps even move towards resentment. This can be especially true if we feel we are being taken advantage of in the exchange.

Regardless of the motive or the gift, one thing remains true: You cannot give what you do not have. Running on empty can cause a lot of problems. Whether you are driving or purchasing something, if the resources are not there, you have a problem. Have you ever noticed that when you are preparing to take off in an airplane, the safety speech contains a section that mentions the sudden loss of cabin pressure and the oxygen masks falling from the ceiling? The statement is always made that if you are sitting next to a child or someone who needs assistance, make sure that your mask is on before you aid the other person. There is a real danger in trying to help someone else when we are not safe ourselves. This illustrates once again that you cannot continue to give on an empty tank.

Many of us are sole proprietors, and I have noticed that there are several in our group who qualify as "Type A" personalities. We often push ourselves. We give when we are asked, and we even feel guilty on occasion when we are unable to help out further. Taking the time to recharge yourself will pay many benefits. As we are fast approaching the time to make New Year's resolutions, I would challenge you to plan ahead for some "recharge time" this upcoming year. Each of us finds that relaxation in different ways, but the point is to schedule some specific time to give back to yourself. You will be better rested and in a better place to give again.

Many of you have been generous to give to PTG over the years. I want to thank each of you who have given so selflessly. Whether it is just helping to set up chairs before a chapter meeting, stopping to pick up some refreshments or giving a technical presentation, you have been a giver to PTG. Many have helped on the regional and national level as well. PTG exists because many have given in countless ways for over five decades.

Blessings to you and yours this season.

Cartoon Clip
(from the Internet)



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In Memory

Arnold Lukowitsch, RPT
Bartlesville OK

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