



**JULY 2012**

## **Chapter Meeting-June 2012**

The final meeting before summer break was held at Az Piano on June 4th. Our new chapter President, Eliot Lee opened the floor to business, which began with some detailed explanation by Larry Messerly of the preliminary plans and location for the ice cream social in August. The group camp at Lynx Lake has been reserved. **As of June 18th, it has been announced that the event may be held once again at the home of Jim and Beverly Burns. Details to follow, but pencil in Aug. 25th if you're planning to be there.**

Peg Browne followed by informing us that Scott Helms will now be our chapter delegate at Convention, and proceeded to guide us through the process of voting on the proposals at hand. Since the first twenty of them concerned 'housekeeping' issues, i.e., amending certain language and syntax within the bylaws, we agreed to focus on the last two. Following some discussion on both of these proposals (refer to the PTG Journal Supplement, May 2012) we voted to defeat both proposals as recommended by the Board of Directors. Thanks to Scott for taking our vote to Seattle.

Steve Gevartz gave us some updated information on the chapter library, including the addition of a new copy of 'Piano Tone Building' signed by the author and donated by Larry Messerly. Thanks to Steve for making the library a going concern again. It continues to become a very substantial resource for all. We were then introduced to our newest member, Brian Krefting, who has moved here recently from Atlanta. Brian is primarily a rebuilder/tuner, and his folks are fairly well known in the industry. Welcome Brian, and remember 'it's a dry heat'!

There was no tech presentation scheduled, but rather, many of the attendees brought a unique tool or two, or a story to share-some 'fer instances'; Pete Coleman displayed his adjustable lyre brace support and a *wire pulling kit* that, when assembled, can be used to secure a spinet action for removal from the piano. Larry showed us a clever mod to a pinblock jack, and shared the secret of the 'Harvey chord' to check unison tuning. Peg Browne showed off an adjustable single needle voicing tool from Fazioli that is built much like a mechanical pencil. Vey cool. Wendell Smock shared some inside knowledge of how dentists are required to throw away picks or other certain tools, and those may be available if you just ask. There was a good deal of general discussion in which Jim Sr., Mark Purney, and Eliot all contributed. In all, it was a well-attended gathering and a positive way to finish the term. We look forward to continued comraderie in August when chapter events resume. Meanwhile, be safe and a have a good summer! 'Stay tuned' and we'll be in touch.

### **Coming Up:**

July 11-15 PTG Convention & Institute -Seattle

August 25 (tentative)  
Phoenix Chapter ice cream social in Prescott-  
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Monthly meeting resume in September TBA



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