

MAY 2013

Chapter Meeting - April 1st 2013

The meeting, which was held at Piano Gallery in North Scottsdale was called to order by Eliot Lee RPT at 7:15. As the summer break approaches, the focus of business was primarily centered on two items: choosing a delegate to represent our chapter at the Chicago convention, and the delicate matter of electing new officers for the next term. Peg Browne volunteered to serve as delegate with husband Nick Gravagne as alternate and it was agreed upon by those in attendance. Rick Florence, Jim Coleman Sr., and Steve Gevirtz were tasked with the duty of being the officer election committee. Suffice it to say that the chapter is grateful to everyone who has served as an officer, and to all who have given a class or participated in any way. Perhaps there are those whose time has come to shine by devoting a bit of time and effort for the cause? Please consider stepping up, if and when you get the call! Finally, Peg broached the subject of preparing for the Arizona seminar in January-just to get folks thinking of some ideas. Jim Coleman Sr. commended Peg (and Nick) again for the superb job done with the WestPac event. It was good to have Jim with us so soon after the passing of his wife, Myrtle, and we thought of her again that evening as it would have been her birthday. Good to see Pete, too!

The Technical Presentation was given courtesy of Mr. Ray Chandler, Senior Technical Manager for Yamaha Corp. of America's keyboard division. Ray has represented Bosendorfer Pianos for many years, and with its recent acquisition by Yamaha, no doubt he now wears a much larger hat! He shared a wealth of information with us, first about the history and tradition of Bosendorfer piano design and construction, materials and techniques used, and some of the changes that are taking place. The presentation included a slide show and some musical samplings on a 9'6" model 290 Imperial. There was open discussion on such topics as replacing hammers and strings as well as voicing and tuning etc., specific to Bosendorfer pianos. All in attendance received useful reference materials and a nice quality sanding paddle. To finish the evening, Ray gave us an overview of the new Yamaha lines, the 'CF' and 'CX' series. A sampling on a CX7 demonstrated how the sound is slightly darker and rounder, plus other style points attributed to European influences. A video on vacuum process plate casting was also a highlight. Thanks to Ray Chandler, plus Tom Miller and the folks at Piano Gallery for hosting an excellent meeting!



Next Meeting-
Monday May 6th
@ Az Piano, 7 PM

If possible, we will be pushing forward with officer elections-only one more meeting before break!

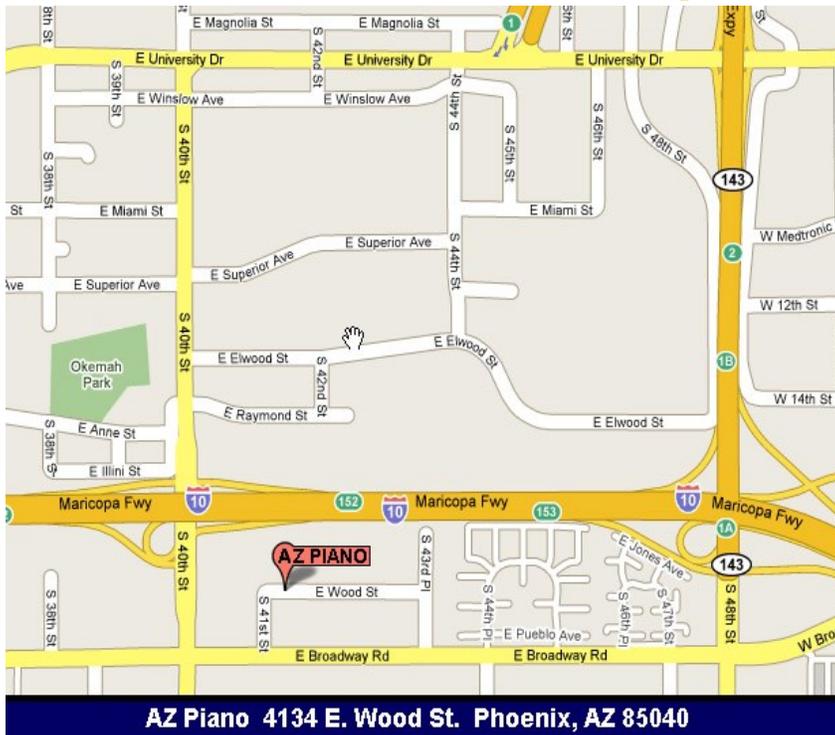
Tech topic will be about :
Player Systems-an overview of what's new in the specialty niche-with service tips & other good info- Given by **Richard Valencia** et al; Cool stuff!

See You There!

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