

JUNE 2013

Chapter Meeting - May 6, 2013

The meeting held in the showroom of Az Piano began at 7PM with President Eliot Lee addressing the first item of business-the election of officers for the next term. Jim Coleman Sr., having been previously assigned to the nominating committee and having much experience in these matters wasted no time in getting to the point. He suggested that the current slate of officers be retained if there was no objection, and so it was quickly motioned and seconded. The vote was finalized by an enthusiastic show of hands in nearly unanimous approval. And so it goes-Eliot, Lucas, Wendell, Steve and myself are committed to serving the chapter for another season and along with everyone's participation will endeavor to make the best of it. Next, Peg Browne made mention of some initial ideas for the upcoming Arizona seminar next January. One thought is to have it at Piano Gallery, depending on the availability of any of the Yamaha folks. Research and further discussion will continue...

Eliot and Wendell spoke briefly again about looking into an interest-bearing account for the chapter, then Wendell gave the Treasurer's report as of 1/7/13: From a balance of 10316.42, less expenses of 145.70, plus credits of 2375.49 (includes new member and chapter dues, Westpac host payment from PTG of 500 dollars and a generous 49 cents in interest!) for a balance of 12546.20 .

The Technical Presentation was given

by Richard Valencia on the subject of Pianodisc systems. Richard came well-prepared with a table filled with past and present Pianodisc parts and gadgets for demonstration purposes. These coincided with a clever 7-page handout titled 'The Latest Innovations From Pianodisc or A Conversation With Mrs. Smith'.



Richard uses the example 'Mrs. Smith' as being your faithful (virtual?) customer who asks many questions about the piano that the "Joneses" have and all the wonderful things it does and how they control it with their Iphone, etc.. Each question is answered with a wealth of information about the newest hardware and functionality. Also, the type of equipment and software or applications required to access and interface with various sources. Some general pricing guidelines were given for a variety of possible scenarios and options, but it's best to give Richard a call if your customer is considering a player system or upgrade. Finally, some basic service procedures were shown on an 'IQ' box as we enjoyed listening to some player piano music. Thanks to Richard for the good information and a great show!!

Notice: Next Meeting

Monday June 10th
7PM @ Az Piano

The Technical portion will be given by :
Rick Florence, RPT
Subject matter TBA

It's the last meeting before summer break so hope to see you there!!!



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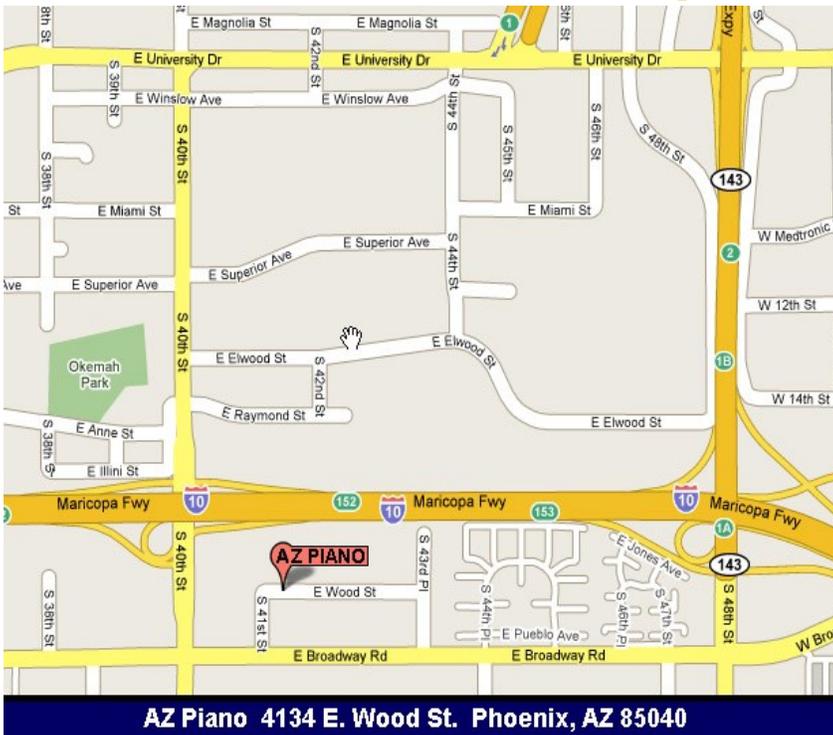
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