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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

For those of you who were unable to attend the January dinner meeting held at the Pennsauken Country Club, I am pleased to report that your newly elected Officers and Board of Directors were duly sworn in. I wish to thank the President of ALOA - SPAI, Mr. Thomas R. Demont, for taking time from his busy schedule to travel to Philadelphia and administer the Oath of Office. I also want to thank all of you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me as your President. I hope to reward that trust by serving faithfully during my term. I have some very big shoes to fill and will endeavor to do my best to fill them!! Our Past President, Cliff Shafer, demonstrated a tremendous work ethic during his term as President and on behalf of the membership, thank you Cliff for all of your tireless efforts!

One of my main goals for my term as your President is to make our General Membership Meetings so interesting and informative that you just won't be able to stay away! Attendance at our meetings has been dwindling and I want to reverse that trend! We have many skilled experts in GPLA and I plan on utilizing their talents to make interesting presentations that will help all of us expand our knowledge in, and out, of our chosen specialties! Look forward to meeting programs that include sessions on Small Format Interchangeable Cores, Safe Work – Tips and Tricks, Automotive Remotes Programming and Modern Vehicle Entry Methods. I need your help here. What would **YOU** like to see in **YOUR** meetings? What would make the meetings meaningful and interesting to **YOU**? Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

The GPLA faces many challenges over the next few years, including a dwindling membership, financial strains and the illegal locksmith issue. These are very difficult problems and they are not the only ones that we face. But I believe that with the efforts of the dedicated group of men who were elected along with me and the help of all GPLA members, we can solve these problems. I ask each of you to commit to helping GPLA achieve its' goals and true potential. Please, come to our monthly meetings, encourage other locksmiths that you know to join, and participate in your association.

Orvis A Kline, CPL, CAL
President

Minutes of the November 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The January 2014 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the Pennsauken Country Club and was called to order by President Cliff Shafer at 8:34 PM

As this was a dinner meeting for the installation of the Board of Directors and the Row of Officers, the President welcomed many guests to the meeting as most spouses were in attendance. Those guests that signed in were: Nelly Arnold, Linda Wallen, Judy Fitzgerald, Lorraine Wagner, Carol Williams, Robin Wilen, Joan Nimmo, Darinelle Parker, Karen Hellwig and Denise Dayton.

The meeting was opened with the swearing in of the Board of Directors and the Row of Officers by ALOA President Thomas Demont.

Newly sworn President Orvis Kline presented a plaque to out-going President Cliff Shafer in recognition of his dedicated & devoted service as President for the past two years.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: There was no reading of the previous minutes from the November 2013 meeting.

Membership: Chairman Nelson Dayton presented plaques to Alvin Jackson, Maurice Onraet and Bruce Wallen as they were promoted to Active Member status.

50/50: The winner was presented with \$50.

At 8:48 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barry Wilensky, 2nd by Sven Hellwig and was carried unanimously.

Mike Nimmo
GPLA Recording Secretary

Calendar of Events

February 17	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
March 17	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
April 21	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
May 2-3	JustCars	Orlando, FL
May 5-10	SAVTA Convention & Trade Show	Lexington, KY
May 19	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

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8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

**ELECTRIC STRIKES PRESENTED BY
JIM HANDSCHUH, DOORWARE ASSOCIATES**

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