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From Your President: September's Scribblings

Here it is Labor Day and sitting on I'm my sister's deck in Ventnor. The sky is blue; the sun is warm; the ocean is slapping away on the beach. The summer is almost over.

This summer has been a busy one for me and GPLA.

Personally, I've lined up too many big jobs. One of the interesting challenges was how to lock up valuables in a senior citizen facility. Each room needed a safe. OK, I thought; a hotel size safe would work fine. The administrator said we can't use anything with numbers or that size. The residents won't remember the codes. Each resident lives in a single room with 1 closet. Also, the price of \$100 plus installation wasn't in the budget. My solution was a cash box bolted to the middle shelf of the closet. So far, I have 14 units installed & 24 to go. The office has an extra key for each. Problem solved.

As for our GPLA:

I went to Chicago for the ALOA convention. Airfare and hotel were reasonable. We, GPLA, had a great representation at the event. We were the last to leave the kickoff party and had a blast being there. I didn't take any classes.

I did go to the Institutional Locksmith Association forum, the ambassador forum, and the ALOA membership meeting. The balance of my time was spent at the exhibits. I had a list of people to see, questions for others, and products to buy. I also invited vendors and others to our convention. Mission accomplished!

On the home front, the GPLA convention is later this month. Have you signed up? Thanks to Murray Bilker & Orvis Klein you can do this on line. We now have the GPLA store. This is a secure site to register and pay for any or all of the convention. Go to Gpla.org, click on the link to the convention, and create an account. All the

classes are listed as well as the social activities. I hope to see all of you there. If you have not been to our black-tie awards banquet try to make this year. I look at it as prom night for the grownups. Lots of fun and the best in the industry attend.

Finally, there will be a meeting on Sept. 18, at our HQ. At our last meeting, June, we did a cleanup. I want to thank all who participated. And the BBQ was great as was the chili. A big thank you to John for the chili and Maurice for keeping us on task. Also to Bob for checking up and stocking up over the summer.

♪ “And see you in September. See you when the summer’s through.” ♪

Barry Wilensky, CRL
President GPLA
“Opening doors to the future”

Minutes of the June 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The June 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on June 19, 2017 and was a housekeeping meeting, no official business was conducted.

President Barry Wilensky welcomed our guest, Yakov Weiss.

Clean-up Meeting: Barry Wilensky brought yummy BBQ ribs and chicken. John Williams brought his delicious, award-winning chili and Paul Kline brought the tasty salads. After all members in attendance ate the delicious cuisine they rolled up their sleeves and scrubbed the GPLA headquarters, including the board room from floor to ceiling.

Building: It was noted that due to the heavy rains the ceiling in the bathroom leaked and will be needing new tiles.

50/50: The amount of \$43 and some other nice prizes were won.

The membership started to depart at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

Bob Bostock Says Hello

Courtesy of Marty Arnold

Last week I visited retired Member Bob Bostock # 116 who, after a nasty fall in his home, moved into an assisted living community in Moorestown NJ.

Bob was the locksmith and safe tech for the now named PNC bank for over 40 years. He is 93 years old, but still chases some of the good-looking widows living there.

He became a member of GPLA in 1985 and was always present at our meetings. Before I left him, he said Marty, none of the guys probably remember me, but say hi to all of them anyway at the next meeting. I took this selfie of us.



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Monday, October 16th

Snacks at 7:15 PM

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

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8015 Craig Street, Philadelphia, PA

Scheduled Program:

TBA

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