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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Thanks to all of those whom attended and participated in this year's 62nd Annual Education Exhibit and Awards Banquet Convention. Classes were well attended and students went away with more smarts, more confidence, and a couple of new tricks under their belts. Some of those needing CEUs (Continuing Education Credits) fulfilled their requirements and all went home with a shiny new certificate of achievement...good job guys. Remember: you're never too old or too smart to learn something new.

Speaking of education, I hope to see some of you in my first impressioning class as an instructor in 2012. I'm happy to announce that with the blessing and generosity of my good friend Marty Arnold, I will be continuing the long legacy of this class. It is my goal to educate and inspire students in the art of impressioning, just as I was some 30 years ago by the master of the art himself.

One of the first classes that I took when I started out as a locksmith was this class and I attribute much of my early success to that inspiration. I remember being able to successfully complete that class and walk out of the classroom knowing I now can do something that I could not do the day before. Wow, what a feeling! And I might add I made more money in the 80's by impressioning keys for cars, homes and businesses, than any other facet of my business at the time. Thank you Marty, for getting me started, then as a professional locksmith and now hopefully as a first class educator! I learned from the best and plan to give my best to each and every student. I have taken many, many classes since then, each one making me a better locksmith, a better professional and a better man. I will never forget where I started. Please don't ever stop learning or you will stop growing into the best that you can be.

So, the next class that the GPLA or any other source puts on: TAKE IT! You'll never know what new money-making trick you can learn. Thank you to my convention committee for a great job with the convention this year: Ed, Cliff, Nelson, Jim, Ron and all of our helpers and members. Thank you very much, you guys are the best.

Sincerely yours, President and Convention Chairman,

Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL

Minutes of September 2011 G.P.L.A. General Membership Meeting

The September 2011 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at GPLA Headquarters on September 19, 2011 and was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Sven Hellwig.

The President then introduced the following guests: Dan Barnum, Yakov Weiss, Mitch Danzig, Fred Deisher and John McVerry.

A demonstration from AccesAbility was given by Fred Deisher and John McVerry.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Orvis Kline to accept the June, 2011 General Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Mike Nimmo and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Fitzgerald presented the profit & loss statement for March thru August. A motion was made to accept by Orvis Kline, 2nd by Barry Wilensky and passed unanimously.

Correspondence In: Bob Wagner reported the GPLA Post Office box is up for renewal. Bob also reported a thank you card was received from President Sven Hellwig thanking GPLA for the get well card.

Correspondence Out: Nothing to report.

President's Report: Sven Hellwig reported that Orvis Kline has been appointed as Nomination Chairman.

Health & Welfare: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Sven Hellwig requested if anyone would like to submit material for the GPLA Newsletter, please forward it to Mike Nimmo.

Convention Committee: Sven reported that everything is moving along with this year's convention. It will start September 28 and continue thru October 1, 2011 at the Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel. Wednesday's class will be held at GPLA Headquarters with the remaining classes held at the Hilton. This year's Friday night social theme will be crazy hat night. ALOA will be holding the PRP test on Saturday morning followed by the convention.

Nominations Committee: Orvis Kline requested that anyone who would like to run for the GPLA Board of Directors or a Row Office position to let him know.

Membership Committee: A Motion was made to accept Dave Tegtmeier for active membership in GPLA by Jimmy Armenakis, 2nd by Larry Schwalb and was passed unanimously.

Legislation: Nothing to report.

By-Laws: Orvis Kline made a motion to accept the new By-Law changes as printed in the Newsletter. This motion was 2nd by Barry Wilensky and was passed unanimously by all members present.

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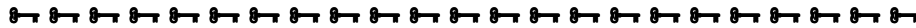


Last month, the locksmith community lost a true icon of the industry when Henry H. Printz lost a long-standing battle with cancer.

Widely known as a true leader in the industry, Hank was selected as the 1995 Philadelphia Award Recipient for his dedication and effort in the advancement of the locksmithing craft. He was also awarded the ALOA President's Award.

Printz served as Director of the Associated Locksmiths of America (ALOA) 1983 through 1987 after leading locally as the Northeast Director of ALOA and nationally as President of the Safe and Vault Technicians Association (SAVTA). In addition, he served on the ALOA Board of Directors and aided its growth in membership.

Most impressively, he earned the first Certified Master Locksmith (CML) designation awarded by the ALOA Proficiency Registration Program (PRP) in which he was instrumental in creating. He is also a recipient of the Lee Rognon Award for having fostered cooperation between fellow locksmith associations.



Bobby DeWeese (at left) directs the Philadelphia Boys Choir during the 62nd Anniversary Awards Banquet at the Philadelphia Hilton.

2011 GPLA Awards Banquet

Photo at left: Jay Long (at left) proudly accepts the Philadelphia Award from Board of Directors Chairman Ed Fitzgerald, CML.

Photo at lower left: Chosen as the 66th recipient of the Philadelphia Award, Jay Long, RL, addresses the banquet crowd. Long is the Founder and Director of the ClearStar Security Network.

Photo below: James Sundstrond (at right) presents the Hermann C. Henssler, Jr. Memorial Award to John Williams, CRL.



Photo at right: The Crazy Hat Social on Friday night attracted many including this rooster.





Photo at left: Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML presents the Gerald J. Connely, Jr. Pioneer Award to Claude Hensley.

Photo above: Distinguished Distributor Award recipient Mike Avena of Avco Key & Novelty accepts his award from GPLA President Sven Hellwig, CRL,



Photo above: Tom Foxwell instructs students in the Electronic Access Control course offered during Convention Week.

Photo to right: Honorary Chairman and SAVTA President Joe Cortie, CPS, CML, CMS tries his hand at the lock-picking station during the exhibit show.

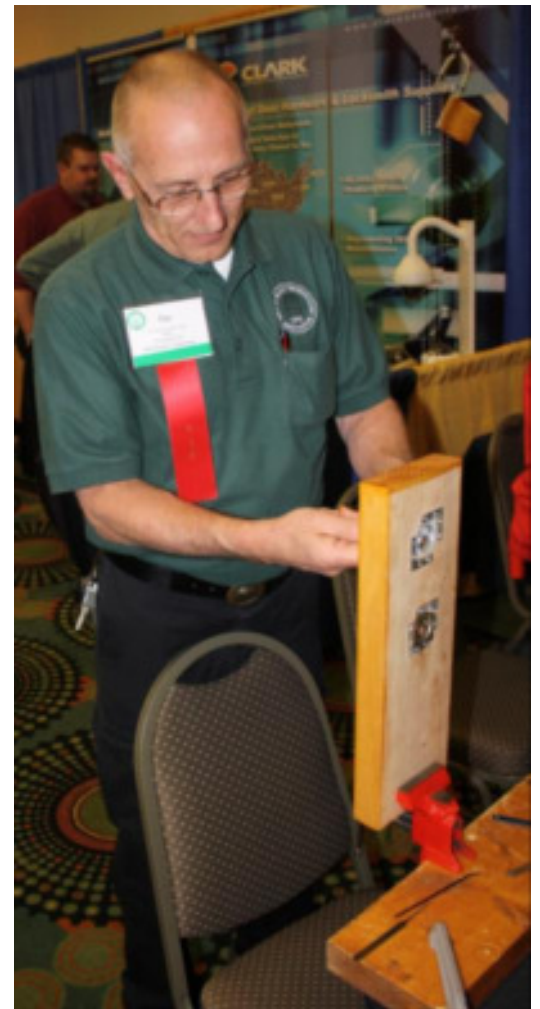
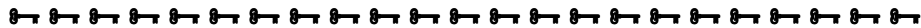




Photo above: Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML shares his safe and lock expertise with students in a Basic Safe Penetration class at the GPLA Headquarters as part of the 62nd Anniversary Convention.



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Programs: If anyone has a program they would like to see, contact our Program Chairman Mark Bolno.

Holiday Party: John Williams reported this year's Holiday party will be held on Friday December 9, 2011 at the Cannstatter Volksfest Club. Signup sheets will be available on the web, in the Newsletter, and at our headquarters

Web Site: New website Chairman, Orvis Kline, asked members to confirm their info on the GPLA web site.

Good of the Association: A few members asked about getting new GPLA shirts. Sven will look into it.

Sven Hellwig reported that ALOA has put a committee together to combat the scammer issues.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

50/50: The 50/50 was worth \$64.00 and was won by Paul Kline. Various other prizes were provided by Fried Brothers, Independent Hardware, Colonial Lock and AccesAbility.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barry Wilensky, 2nd by Ed Sellers & was carried unanimously at 9:04 pm.

Paul J. Kline
Recording Secretary

Scenes from the classrooms of the Convention



2011 Lock-picking Contest Winners



GPLA President and Convention Chairman Sven Hellwig congratulates Rick Stable, RL from Union, NJ on winning the Expert Division of the lock-picking contest with a time of 33:30.



Winner of the Novice Division with a time of 0:24.19, Dave Tegtmeier of East Petersburg, PA is saluted by Sven Hellwig.

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**NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 7:30 PM**

GPLA HEADQUARTERS
8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

**MARK BAELDINO SPEAKS ON
THE FIGHT AGAINST SCAMMER LOCKSMITHS**

**The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association
C/o Michael Nimmo
184 Clifton Ave.
West Berlin, NJ 08091**