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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

By the time you read this, the GPLA 63rd Anniversary Convention will be history. My sincere thanks to our hard-working convention general chairman Sven Hellwig, as well as the rest of the convention committee members. I hope you attended and took advantage of all of the education, social events and exhibit deals that were to be had. The committee worked hard again this year to assure GPLA of another successful convention. Our convention offers many of the same high-quality classes that the national conventions offer, all right here in your own back yard. A recap and photographs from the convention are included in this newsletter for those of you that receive it by email. The expense of the additional printed pages prohibits us from including the recap in the snail-mailed version. It's just one more reason why you should consider receiving your newsletter electronically.

Each year, one or two classes at our convention are canceled because they have not reached our minimum registration levels by the cut-off date, even though later registrations may come in that would have allowed us to run the class. Still other classes reach their maximum capacity and have to be closed to later registrants. Students who register late for either of these class scenarios are denied being able to attend their first class of choice and have to settle for their second choice. If only they had registered earlier. Remember that next year!

Much of the general business of GPLA gets pushed to the back burner in the 2-3 months leading up to our convention. The reason isn't hard to find. Take a look at the names listed as members of the convention committee and then look at the names of the row officers and board members. You'll notice the same names. Running a successful convention involves a large time commitment by the convention committee. With the convention behind us, we should be able to get back to addressing some of the other issues that GPLA contends with. Your input on these issues is necessary for us to do that. Please plan to attend the upcoming October membership meeting and give us your thoughts and feedback.

In just 2 weeks, Halloween will be upon us. From there it is one head-long rush into the holidays. Didn't we just do this? Somebody stop the merry-go-round, I want to get off! Or could somebody at least slow it down a little?

Happy Trick-or-Treating! Fraternally,
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
President

Minutes of the September 2012 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The September 2012 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on September 17, 2012 and was called to order at 7:29 PM by President Cliff Shafer.

A program was then presented by Bernadette Martell, Michael Browning and Joanne Manley of Yellow Book on web-based advertising. It concluded at 8:31 PM.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Joe Reustle to accept the June 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed/emailed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Dana Barnum and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

President's Report: Cliff Shafer reported that the Annual Convention will be held October 3rd through the 7th at the Philadelphia Hilton. Also, a Chinese Auction will be held with many themed baskets with ALL of the proceeds to benefit the ALOA Illegal Locksmith Task Force.

Correspondence In: John Williams reported that the challenges of accessing the post office box are being discussed with the Board of Directors for a solution.

Correspondence Out: Nothing to report.

Convention Committee: Sven Hellwig stated that it is very important for the membership to attend and support the efforts of the association. He reminded everyone to not only attend the tradeshow but to have your voice heard at the Illegal Locksmith Task Force Forum on Saturday morning at 8 AM. Nelson Dayton reported that class enrollments have been steady and room is still available in some classes. Ed Fitzgerald stated that there are many door prizes available including the Grand Prize of an education package by ALOA for the Security Expo in Baltimore in 2013. Ed also mentioned that it is important that the GPLA membership attend our tradeshow in support of our exhibitors who travel here a great distance, in some cases, to take part in our event. Also, Ed mentioned that the lock-picking contest and the Banquet are highlights not to be missed. Sven also commended Orvis Kline and his Electronic Communications Committee of Murray Bilker and Bill Neff for the seamless transition of both web sites to the new host and the rebuilding of the same.

NJ Legislation: Ed Fitzgerald reported that the change in total CEUs required for 2013 license renewal is still being discussed.

Good of the Association: Cliff Shafer asked the membership about the creation of a new membership classification called a shop member. To qualify, you must be an employee of an existing member in good standing of the GPLA. The yearly fee would be \$25 and the shop member would not be able to vote or hold office. Bob Mock stated that ALOA has expanded its education department and now offers many classes. Also, ALOA will be holding a convention in Guadalajara, Mexico on February 27-March 2.

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The 2012 GPLA Convention, Tradeshow & Banquet



GPLA President Cliff Shafer instructs the installation of the R2 VARYX continuous hinge at the Philadelphia Hilton Hotel. R2 Hinge CEO Kerry Sprick (far right) observes the install.



Pictured are the various baskets for the Chinese Auction. Proceeds from the Auction went directly to the ALOA Illegal Locksmith Task Force Fund. Baskets were donated from various locksmith associations and ALOA President Tom Demont.



Honorary Convention Chairman Mark Baldino conducted a forum before the tradeshow to discuss the war on illegal locksmiths. Over 25 concerned business owners attended the forum.



The Suburban Jazz Band, a collection of young high school artists from Bucks County, entertained the masses at the Big Band Bash social and the Awards Banquet.



Although a couple of classes were cancelled due to lack of enrollment, the lock-picking class was packed with new-comers to expert locksmiths refining their skills.



GPLA Convention Chairman Sven Hellwig presents a “replacement” Gerald J. Connelly, Jr. Pioneer Award to Don O'Shall, the 2008 recipient who lost his award in a tragic mishap.



John Malinowski (center) from Cape May Lock & Safe was the Grand Prize winner of the ALOA Education Package to the 2013 Convention in Baltimore, MD. ALOA President Tom Demont (left) and ALOA Ambassador Bob Mock (right) congratulate the winner.



WINNER: Bob Schuettrumpf (right), winner of the novice lock-picking contest with a time of :35.88, is congratulated by Paul Kline.



Ron Marcinkowski presents a donation of \$1340 to ALOA President Tom Demont. The Chinese Auction proceeds were raised to support the ALOA Illegal Locksmith Task Force.



Tim Abner (left) received the Distinguished Distributor Award, presented to an individual who, by their service to the industry, is especially worthy of our recognition. Bill Young presents the award as Susan Abner looks on.



Sven Hellwig presents the Lee Rognon Award to Ron Marcinkowski. The award is presented to individuals who have fostered cooperation between other associations.



Inventor and engineer Austin Baer was selected as the Gerald J. Connelly, Jr. Pioneer Award recipient. The award, presented by GPLA President Cliff Shafer, was given to Baer for his expertise in the development of the continuous hinge.



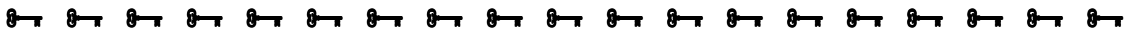
GPLA Recording Secretary & Newsletter Editor Mike Nimmo is presented the Hermann C. Henssler, Jr. Award by John Williams. The Henssler Award is reserved for GPLA members who have made exceptional contributions to the growth of the association.

Calendar of Events

October 15	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
November 19	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
December 22	GPLA Holiday Party	Philadelphia, PA
May 6-11, 2013	SAVTA Convention & Trade Show	Lexington, KY
July 13-20, 2013	ALOA International Security Expo	Baltimore, MD



Ed Fitzgerald presents the Prestigious Philadelphia Award to Clyde Roberson, the director of international sales and field services at Medeco. The Philadelphia Award is given to the individual whose efforts and dedication truly represent the building blocks of progress for the entire industry.



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By Laws Committee: Orvis Kline stated he is in the process of writing changes to the new member rules and expects to have them completed for review by the next meeting.

50/50: The amount of \$50 was won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Reustle, 2nd by Sven Hellwig and was carried unanimously at 9:14 PM.

Michael Nimmo
Recording Secretary

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Annual Holiday Party

When:

December 22nd, 2012

7:00pm



Where:

Canstatter Volksfest-Verein

9130 Academy Road

Philadelphia, PA 19114

Come and join us for

Drinks

Food

Fun

Dancing

Getting together with friends!



Name on Reservations: _____

Please reserve for me _____ **seat(s)**

Cost : \$40.00 per ticket

Hold my tickets at door: _____ **Mail me my Tickets:** _____

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7:30 PM

GPLA HEADQUARTERS
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SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

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