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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

I am writing my Presidential Message while trying to recover from yet another successful convention. This past weekend was the culmination of a year of effort by the 2013 Convention Committee. The result was a spectacular 64th Anniversary Convention, and Sven Hellwig and the rest of his committee deserve much praise. Sven has chaired the committee for the last 6 years and each year has been better than the previous one! How does he do it?



I have received numerous communications from various VIP's and out-of-town guests who were in attendance, thanking and praising GPLA for a memorable weekend. They all commented on the hospitality that they were shown by members of GPLA. That praise belongs to the many members of GPLA that attended and helped to build on our reputation as the finest locksmith association in the country.

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Minutes of the June 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The September 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters September 16, 2013 was called to order by President Cliff Shafer at 7:28 PM

The President welcomed one guest to the membership meeting: Gerald Guzinski of Discount Doors.

A program was then presented by Gerald Guzinski of Discount Doors to install weather stripping on the headquarters' doors and the different types of products and their applications.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Sven Hellwig to accept the May 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed/emailed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Dana Barnum and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: President Cliff Shafer stated that the report was presented to the Board of Directors and unanimously approved for the period of May 2013 through August 2013.

Correspondence In & Out: John Williams reported that we received an acknowledgement from the Samaritan Hospice in Burlington on behalf of Ed Pfeil, Jr. and a notice of The Lock Museum Show on October 12 in Terryville, CT.

President's Report: Cliff Shafer stated the GPLA was well-represented at the ALOA Security Expo in Baltimore where he taught the Kaba X-10 class. Barry Wilensky reported on the State of the States meeting as he attended on behalf of the GPLA.

Membership: Nelson Dayton reported that the following candidates were approved for shop membership: Zachary Gale and Jay Ricciardi sponsored by Ed Fitzgerald; Michael Hall, Harold McHale, Daniel McHale, Cheri Gizzie & John Reimel sponsored by Jack Magee.

Education: Over the summer, the GPLA HQ was host to some well-attended classes on safes, ASSA certification and panic hardware to name a few. Many were CEU certified courses.

Nominations: Orvis Kline reported that nominations for Row Officers and Board of Director positions are forth-coming. Please contact Orvis if you have interest in supporting the Association.

Convention: Chairman Sven Hellwig reported that many new classes are at the convention this year. Both Wednesday and Thursday will be held at HQ and Friday will be at the Hilton Hotel. The Kaba van will be on site Saturday for the trade show. Go to www.gpla.org to download the booklet.

Legislation: It was reported that there was a license suspended by the NJ State Division of Consumer Affairs due to violations and there is a State Representative from Philadelphia planning on bringing forth a bill in Pennsylvania for locksmith licensing.

Building: The PECO bill has dropped significantly by filling the freezer with water bottles to absorb the space and maintain the temperature.

Health & Welfare: It was reported that Board member Ed Pfeil, Jr. passed away from a long battle with cancer, member Maurice Onraet lost his son and Joe Reustle got married.

Old Business: No report

New Business: There was a discussion about the phone chain. A committee will look into the issue and other options of communications.

Good of the Association: By-pass methods of Medeco High Security locks with the use of a plastic key was discussed. Also, the use of cell phone photos of keys can be considered a breach of security.

50/50: Was won by Nick Denaro.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sven Hellwig, 2nd by Nelson Dayton and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Wilensky, CRL
Acting Recording Secretary



Your GPLA Board of Directors – prior to the 64th Anniversary Banquet – dressed to impress!

The 2013 GPLA Convention, Tradeshow & Banquet



Betty Singer and Carolyn Connelly served as the Honorary Convention Co-Chairwomen for the Banquet honoring their husbands, Leonard Singer and Gerald J. Connelly, Jr.



Tony Buenaflor instructs students in the fine art of chisel sharpening from the Locksmithing 101 class at GPLA Headquarters.

Three days of classes were filled with students that attended Kaba-Mas X-09 & X-10 factory certification, Automotive Remotes 101, Auto Key Origination, Lock Bypass or Impressioning.



John Truempy (left) and Bob Mock (right) congratulate Dov Israeli of Precision Lock & Safe in Floral Park, NY who won the ALOA Convention Package of five full days of classes.



"Tell them what they won, Monty!" Behind curtain #1 was a brand new washer and dryer (played by Orvis Kline and Cynthia Negrin) as part of the Friday Night Social Event: Let's Make A Deal!

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Congratulations are in order to the various award recipients: John Truempy was presented with the Lee Rognon Award for his efforts in promoting cooperation between associations; Jeff Volosing of StrongArm was this year's recipient of the Gerald J. Connelly, Jr. Pioneer Award for his innovative safe drill bits and drill rigs, and Skip Eckert was presented with our industry's highest honor – The 2013 Philadelphia Award. I might also add that I was humbled and honored to receive the Herman C. Henssler Jr. Award.

And finally, congratulations are in order for the recipients of this year's Connelly/Singer Scholarship: Rob Neville, Drew Campbell, Zachery Gale and Nicholas Denaro. These four individuals were each able to attend 2 classes at this year's convention at no cost to them (or their employers!). We will be awarding 2 more scholarships to next year's GPLA convention. It's not too early to apply for them now!

We will be holding nominations for Row Officers and the Board of Directors at the October membership meeting. Any interested member may be nominated from the floor if they are not already listed on the ballot. Elections will take place at our November general meeting. Please plan to attend both of these meetings and participate in this very important process as we select the leaders who will guide GPLA forward over the next two years.

Fraternally,

Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
President



Ron Marcinkowski instructs students on code cutting and the importance of record keeping in the Locksmithing 101 class during Convention Week at the GPLA.



Recognized by contest Chairman Orvis Kline, Nick Vinson of Certified Lock & Access from Wilmington, DE won the novice lock-picking contest in 0:24.3 seconds



In an amazing 0:08 seconds, Cynthia Negrin bumped her way to victory as Orvis Kline congratulates.



Bobby DeWeese directs the Philadelphia Boys Choir during their rendition of "Singer & Connelly."



Sven Hellwig (right) presents John Truempy, the first ever ALOA President of the Institutional Locksmith Division, with the Lee Rognon Award – presented to the individual that has fostered cooperation between associations. Currently, Truempy also serves as the Vice President and Chairman of the Board of the ILA-DV Chapter.



Flanked by GPLA President Cliff Shafer, StrongArm magnate Jeff Volosing (right) was selected as the 2013 Gerald J. Connelly, Jr. Pioneer recipient for his creation and development of the premiere safe and vault tools in the industry.

With the support and direction of his father Bob over the years, Jeff engineered the unique design of the StrongArm bit by combining machinist grade carbide tips – sharpened to exclusive tip geometry – and brazed to the drill shank with a special high temperature copper alloy.

Also supplying the world with innovative tools, StrongArm continues to produce new tools and techniques to make it cost & time effective for the safe technician to be successful and profitable.



GPLA President Cliff Shafer (right) is presented the Hermann C. Henssler, Jr. Memorial Award by Mike Nimmo. Recognized as the consummate expression of respect by the membership, Shafer was selected for his exceptional contribution to the growth of the Association and became the first three-time award recipient as the 2013 M-V-P of the GPLA.



Past ALOA President Bill Young (right) presents the prestigious 2013 Philadelphia Award to Skip Eckert. Awarded to the individual whose efforts and dedication truly represent the building blocks of progress for the entire industry, Skip has traveled the world as a renowned safe-cracker. He has educated both technicians and government agents across the globe on the fine art of manipulation and drilling techniques. Skip, a past SAVTA President, is the preeminent professional in the advancement of his craft to the industry.

Calendar of Events

October 21	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
October 23-27	Yankee Security Conference & Trade Show	Sturbridge, MA
November 18	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
December 14	GPLA Holiday Party	Philadelphia, PA

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:30 PM

GPLA HEADQUARTERS
8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

**NOMINATIONS FOR ROW OFFICERS
& BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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