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## PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Boy – where has 2014 gone??? It seems like just last week I was “being sworn at” by Tom Demont and wondering what had I got myself into! Highlights of my first year as President have to be the great 2014 GPLA Convention, ably Chaired by Past President Cliff Shafer and his Committee, the Holiday Party Chaired by Paul Kline, who managed to bring “Joan Rivers” to the party – and – as promised – NO SNOW this year!! I also want to thank the GPLA Board of Directors for their dedication in steering our association in these difficult times. We had some outstanding educational programs at our meetings this past year, but unfortunately, attendance is still sadly lacking. We have more interesting and useful informational programs scheduled for upcoming meetings!



This month’s program, presented by John Truempy, is “Scattershooting and Legal Ethics”. Don’t miss this presentation of helpful information for all of us!! Won’t you please join us for refreshments and snacks (pizza and “subs”), the program, programs and comradery with your fellow members!

We will be voting at our General Membership meeting on Monday, 1/19/2015, on our first prospective new member, Nick Denaro, under our new vetting procedure and as such, Nick will not be present at this meeting. Nick has attended two previous meetings, as required, to get to know our membership and give people a chance to talk to him. Please come out and vote!

One other thing I have gained this past year, is a healthy respect for those individuals who have served as GPLA’s President!! I have never had a year in my life as busy and rewarding as this past year. It takes a lot of work to make GPLA the class

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## **Minutes of the November 2014 GPLA General Membership Meeting**

The November GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at Headquarters November 17, 2014, and was called to order by President Orvis Kline at 7:33 pm. There was 1 guest, Gabriel Kanes of Exelkey Locksmith Services in Spring City, PA.

**Program:** Cliff Shafer, Mike Nimmo, and Bruce Wallen gave a 1-hour presentation on repairing drill holes in safes.

**Minutes:** Motion by Martin Arnold to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Murray Bilker (yes, you read that right), and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Martin announced that due to the presence of guests there would be no verbal report, but said it was presented and approved at the last Directors meeting. He did go over some general results of the Convention. Motion by Murray to accept the report, seconded by Dana, and passed unanimously.

**Correspondence In & Out:** Martin sent out dues notices. A letter was received from PECO explaining what was done to correct our problem. Bob Mock sent a thank you note. David O'Toole and Gary Eckersall sent thank you notes.

**President's Report:** Orvis and Paul went to the Yankee show, which was education and exhibit, with no banquet. Paul worked the booth for H.L. Flake. Orvis reiterated his challenge to GPLA members to attend meetings and provide feedback on what we the members would like to see from the leadership. There was a discussion about moving the speaker/program to the end of the meeting.

**Health & Welfare:** Joe Reustle reported Bob Mock was feeling better and in attendance at the SJLA meeting. Jamey Taylor's wife passed away. Former member Fred Radich passed away.

**Newsletter:** Mike Nimmo is looking for someone to take his place, as he continues to be swamped at work with extensive travel requirements.

**Convention:** Cliff announced next year's convention will be September 30 – October 3.

**Membership:** Gabriel Kanes of Exelkey has submitted his Apprentice Membership application. Shop Member Nick Denaro is attending his second official meeting since the Board cleared his full Active Membership application. Voting will take place at the next (January) meeting.

**Holiday Party:** Paul Kline reported the date will be Sunday, December 14, from 4-8 pm at the Pennsauken Country Club, and he is ready for reservations.

**Program:** January will be John Truempy on SFIC. Murray is working on putting a program together.

**Old Business:** Our website may be migrating from Front Page to newer technology.

**Good of the Association:** There was a discussion about Mark Baldino suing Google and HiBu. ILCO bought Advanced Diagnostics and Keyscan. Just Cars will be in May.

**50/50:** Several people won various prizes.

At 9:16 pm the President called for a motion to adjourn. Sven Hellwig made the motion, seconded by Dana, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Dayton, Recording Secretary

## Calendar of Events

January 19	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
February 16	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
March 16	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
April 20-25	SAVTA Convention	Reno, NV

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organization it is!! I am very lucky to have dedicated and talented Chairmen “taking care of business” for us!! An example of this is Chairman Cliff Shafer has just called a Committee meeting for the 2015 GPLA Convention, our 66<sup>th</sup>, scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015!! Planning has to start NOW to be ready for another world class Convention in September/October! This would be a good time for YOU to get involved and help with the preparations! Let Cliff know if you are willing and able to Chair or serve on a sub-committee.

Finally, I hope everyone had a very Happy Holidays and 2015 has got off to a good start for you!

Fraternally,

Orvis A Kline, CPL, CAL  
President, GPLA

*Membership Applicant to be voted on at January Meeting:*

*Nicholas Denaro*

*Apprentice Member*

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015**

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAM:**

John Truempy

Scattershooting and Legal Ethics

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