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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Well folks, if you missed our very successful 66th Anniversary Convention and Banquet, you missed an excellent opportunity for a quality education and to enjoy a very well-attended Friday night social, where we had quite a few pirates and comely wenches in attendance.

Also, our busy Product Exhibit featured 53 manufacturers and



distributors showing and demonstrating all of the newest products, services and tools available in the security market. And, not to be forgotten, our prestigious Awards Banquet – reaffirming GPLA's place as the finest locksmith association in the country!

I would like to thank Cliff Shafer, General Chairman, and the rest of his committee for their effort in bringing forth another spectacular event!! I have received many communications from folks thanking and praising GPLA for a memorable weekend.

Congratulations are in order to the various award recipients: Robert (Bobby) DeWeese was presented the Lee Rognon Award for his efforts in promoting cooperation between associations; Locksmith Resource, represented by Patrick Malloy, was presented the Industry Award for their contribution to the growth and stature of the craft; Jamie Taylor, from Bullseye Safe Deposit Locks, was presented with the Gerald J. Connelly, Jr Pioneer Award; Ed Fitzgerald received the Hermann C. Henssler, Jr. Memorial Award and Mark Bates was presented

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Minutes of the September 2015 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The September GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at Headquarters September 21, 2015, and was called to order by President Orvis Kline at 7.38 pm. Bruce Wallen led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 3 guests, Tom McAuliffe of Jester Associates, Steve Lerner of Fried Brothers, and Gabriel Kanen, who is in the membership application process. Orvis announced that this would not be an official meeting, as there was not a quorum. However, some unofficial business did take place.

Program: Tom gave a 45-minute show and tell on some of the lines and products that he represents.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Fitzgerald, reporting for Martin Arnold, indicated that the current report was approved by the Board at their last meeting, and is available to any current member for perusal.

Correspondence In & Out: Paul Kline received an update request from National Locksmith.

President's Report: Orvis, as Nominations Chair, will have a slate for next meeting. He asked those present to encourage or bring another locksmith to the next meeting.

Convention: Cliff Shafer gave a report update. The exhibit floor is sold out, all classes are a go, and try to bring another locksmith to the Exhibit on Saturday.

At 8:54 pm Joe Reustle made an unofficial motion to adjourn, and Paul unofficially seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelson Dayton, Recording Secretary

2015 GPLA Board of Directors – prior to the Banquet



Applicants to be considered for membership:

Under the vetting process, each applicant must attend 2 of the next 4 meetings to qualify for voting into the Association. The Board of Directors on May 4 approved the Apprentice applicants and on August 31 approved the Shop applicants for presentation to the Membership.

<i>Gabriel Kanés</i>	<i>Apprentice Member</i>	<i>Sponsor: Cliff Shafer (CLC Locksmiths)</i>
<i>Scott Roop</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>	<i>Sponsor: Cliff Shafer (CLC Locksmiths)</i>
<i>John Magee IV</i>	<i>Shop Member</i>	<i>Sponsor: Jack Magee Security Solutions</i>
<i>Timothy Fultano</i>	<i>Shop Member</i>	<i>Sponsor: Jack Magee Security Solutions</i>

For prospective Apprentice Members, each applicant is asked to attend 2 meetings and then they may be voted into the Membership at the next official meeting. For prospective Shop Members, simply being listed and voted at the first available meeting will suffice for acceptance.

Presidential Viewpoint

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with our industry's highest honor – The 2015 Philadelphia Award.

Also of note are the winners from our Friday Pirate's Night social: Paul Kline won a prize for the best dressed Pirate (Captain Morgan – at right); Ellen Volks-Reustle – won for best dressed Wench and Bill Young & Joe Reustle won the "Walk the Blank" contest.

Our program for our meeting on Monday, 10/19, will be presented by GPLA member, Murray Bilker. He will introduce us to basic wiring requirements for access control and other electronic applications.

We will also be holding nominations for GPLA Row Officers and the Board of Directors at this meeting. Any interested, eligible member may be nominated from the floor if they are not already listed on the ballot. Elections will take place at the November 16th meeting. Please plan to attend both these meetings!! A Quorum must be in attendance to conduct either of these meetings!! Please get involved!! These two meetings will determine who will guide GPLA forward over the next two years.

See you on Monday!!

Fraternally,
Orvis A Kline, CPL, CAL
President, GPLA





Presented to the individual whose efforts and dedication truly represent the building blocks of progress for the entire industry, Ed Fitzgerald (right) congratulates the 2015 **Philadelphia Award** recipient Mark Bates.



The consummate expression of respect among GPLA members, the **Hermann C. Henssler, Jr. Award** is presented to the member who has made exceptional contributions to the growth of the association. For 2015, Nelson Dayton presents the Henssler to Ed Fitzgerald (right).



Cliff Shafer (right) presents the **Gerald J. Connelly, Jr. Pioneer Award** to Jamie Taylor. Selected in recognition of innovative contributions to our industry, Jamie works at Bullseye Safe Deposit Locks.



The **Industry Award**, given selectively to a firm for their contribution to the growth and the stature of the locksmithing craft, is presented to Patrick Mulloy by Sven Hellwig.



The **Lee Rognon Award**, presented at various times and locations throughout the year to individuals who have fostered cooperation between associations, is presented by Marty Arnold to Robert (Bobby) DeWeese.



At left, Bobby DeWeese directs the Philadelphia Boys Choir as they salute *Online Locksmith Forums – Information at the Speed of Light*.



Bill Gannon (center) of Haddon Lock wins the ALOA Door Prize of a free week of training classes at the 2016 convention. Presenting, Mary May (left) and Tom Foxwell.



WINNER! Tom Demont won the Novice lock picking contest. Marty Arnold, not pictured, won the Expert contest. GPLA President Orvis Kline (right) congratulates the Tom.



Friday's Social Event: Pirate Night had quite a response! Above, from left to right, are Paul Kline, Ellen Volks-Reustle, Sandi McKay and Woody McKay. Paul and Ellen were selected as the male and female winners as the McKay family were second place in both categories.



GPLA members having fun at the Friday Night Social Event.

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

GPLA HEADQUARTERS
8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

MURRAY BILKER PRESENTS ...

Basic wiring of Access Control and other Electronic Devices

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