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WIN a LAB pinning kit – by just attending a GPLA **Membership Meeting**

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October's Offerings

I'm sorry that this article is sooo late. I know Mike does a bang up job putting the Newsletter together monthly. My being late doesn't help. But with the Jewish Holidays and the convention I lost 5 days and counting of shop time. So here it is as I continue to try and catch up.

(Editor's Note: Although our President is taking blame and is a true Mensch in every sense of the word, his tardiness in submitting the Presidential Viewpoint is not to blame for the late generation and distribution of the Newsletter. That ownership rests solely on the current Newsletter editor.)



Friday Night Social -- Best dressed couple

This has been a very busy (tough) month. First I want to send my condolences to Bill Neff on the loss of his wife, Barbara. Secondly, get well wishes to Denise Dayton, Nelson's wife, after a car mishap.

On the brighter side I would like to thank everyone that were involved in GPLA's 67th Convention, classes, exhibit, and

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Minutes of the September 2016 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The September 2016 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on September 19, 2016 and was called to order at 7:25 PM by President Barry Wilensky.

Sergeant at Arms Bob Thomas led us off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barry Wilensky welcomed our one guest: Roland Cooper from Stanley Security.

Roland gave a very interesting and informing presentation on the new Best SHELTER Lock Technology which helps the user to quickly and safely lock down their facility.

<u>Previous Meeting Minutes:</u> Orvis Kline made a motion to accept the previous minutes as printed with a 2nd by Murray Bilker and the previous meeting minutes were passed unanimously.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Marty Arnold stating that the June 2016 through August 2016 treasurer's report was presented to the Board of Directors. Marty reminded all in attendance that any member in good-standing may request a copy of the financial statement upon request. Barry Wilensky thanked Marty for taking charge of the finances and also mentioned that some of GPLA's investment strategies were changed on our investments.

Correspondence In and Out: Nothing to report.

Membership: Everyone welcomed Sven Hellwig Jr. as a shop member to GPLA.

Education: Cliff Shafer announced that the June course on "Blueprint Reading and Hardware Scheduling" went very well.

Convention: Sven Hellwig stated that the convention is as ready as it ever will be. Sven asked that all GPLA members should support GPLA and try to make it to the convention. Sven mentioned that the classes are filling up. Sven also mentioned that the Friday Country Western Night social and the Saturday evening banquet are a good time and members should show their support. Joe Reustle stated that SAVTA will be needing a room for their Board meeting Saturday morning. Barry Wilensky added that there are 3 elements to the convention; Education, Social and Awards Banquet and Exhibits. Barry stated that members of GPLA get into the exhibits for free and highlighted the importance of GPLA members show up. Cliff Shafer mentioned that the Saturday convention exhibit is free to everyone if they preregister for the event. Joe asked if in the future we can have the ability to register for the convention online.

<u>Building:</u> Marty Arnold called Sonny and he stated that 14 new tiles were installed. Joe Reustle added that the floor in the bathroom needs updating.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

<u>Legislation:</u> Barry Wilensky asked if you renewed your NJ locksmith license on-line make sure that it went through or you may have to pay a late fee.

<u>Web Site:</u> Barry Wilensky stated that the web site is up and running. Orvis Kline thanked Murray Bilker for his quick response on updating the web site. It was discussed that there should be a link on the GPLA web site to the newsletters.

<u>Health and Welfare:</u> Marty Arnold thanked the Association for the get well card and his back is feeling much better.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Nothing to report.

<u>New Business:</u> Sven Hellwig and Barry Wilensky both thanked Bob Thomas for stepping up the to the position of Sergeant of Arms. Orvis added that we are now one member short on the GPLA board and asked if anyone is interested.

<u>Good of the Association:</u> Joe Reustle noted that there is a SAVTA meeting on Saturday at the GPLA convention. Bob Wagner stated that Gail Johnson's wrote an article in Locksmith Ledger which mentioned Ed Fitzgerald and GPLA members saying that we are one of the few Locksmith Associations in the country that are still strong and meeting on a regular basis. Barry Wilensky added that the chapters of ALOA are also falling by the wayside. Larry Schulke sadly mentioned that Liam Gribben the owner of Blue Dog Key passed away.

50/50: The amount of \$43 as well as other nice prizes were won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barry Wilensky and was carried unanimously by the membership at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary



October's Offering

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banquette. As president I had the privilege of receiving many "thank yous and accolades". This year's event was stellar. The feedback was nothing but positive. The legend of our hospitality continues to grow. Sven as chairman did an excellent job. I will let him and his committee take the credit that they deserve. Each and every member of the convention gig are superstars. We had a great social and black tie affair. The exhibits were buzzing. I hope you saw of the some pictures.

Finally I hope to see you at this month's meeting and as always thanks for showing up and supporting our events.

Barry Wilensky President Serving the membership for another year

2016 GPLA Banquet – The Awards!! The Awards!!



Presented to the individual whose efforts and dedication truly represent the building blocks of progress for the entire industry, Bill Young (left) congratulates the 2015 **Philadelphia Award** recipient Don O'Shall. Long recognized as the most prestigious World-wide Award in the Industry, it should be understood that this is not an award to be 'earned,' nor is someone's title, affluence or position within the industry the criteria by which candidates are selected. Awarded for a life-long dedication to his colleagues and the industry as a whole, please congratulate Don for being such a tremendous inspiration to not just locksmithing but life!













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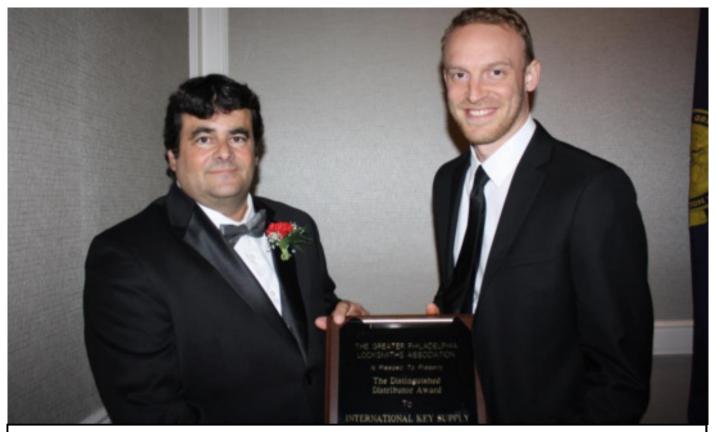
The consummate expression of respect among GPLA members, the **Hermann C. Henssler, Jr. Award** is presented to the member who has made exceptional contributions to the growth of the association. For 2016, Ed Fitzgerald (right) presents the Henssler Award to Paul Kline.



Cliff Shafer (right) presents the **Gerald J. Connelly, Jr. Pioneer Award** to Jim Hetchler on behalf of Zhi Qin, Li. Selected in recognition of innovative contributions to our industry, Mr. Li developed a simple tool that became the genesis for what has become a revolution in the automotive lock service industry. Unable to join us from his homeland of China, Mr Li developed a 2-in-1 tool that could both pick and decode an auto lock in one simple operation. The Lishi picks are renown as the Gold Standard in the automotive industry.



The **Lee Rognon Award,** presented to individuals who have fostered cooperation between associations, is presented by Barry Wilensky to William Mandlebaum.



The **Distinguished Distributor Award**, bestowed to a distributor who is especially worthy of recognition by their contributions to the industry is presented by Paul Kline (left) to Sean McAuliffe of International Key Supply.



The **Industry Award**, given selectively to a firm for their contribution to the growth & stature of the locksmithing craft, is presented to Jerry Buckley on behalf of Kaba Ilco by Sven Hellwig.

Training Classes for Everyone! Even Car Guys!!









Sven Hellwig, Jr (center) of SKH Lock wins the ALOA Door Prize of a free week of training classes at the 2017 convention. Presenting the award package is Mary May (far right) and a contingency of ALOA executives and dignitaries.

The Friday Night Social – Country Western Night



Jasper P. Pots, better known in the Industry as Sven Hellwig, Sr., was the ultimate host and MC of the Social Event as he presents a lock clock to President Barry Wilensky. For those who didn't attend, you missed an amazingly fun and entertaining evening of Rodeo Round-up and an Old-Fashioned shoot-out. Jasper and his committee should be commended for such an impressive boot scootin' reception.















Lock Picking Contest at the Exhibits/Trade Show



Orvis Kline (right) congratulates the Lock Bumping Champion, Chino Rosa of Rick's Key House, on winning in a smoking time of :07 seconds!





WIN a LAB Color Passport .003 Pinning Kit!!

Donated by Jerry Roraback of LAB, this kit will be awarded at the November 2016 Membership Meeting

How to win: Every GPLA member who attends each of the May, June, September, October and November General Membership Meetings will receive a raffle ticket for each individual meeting. Those who attend all 5 meetings will receive an additional single *bonus* ticket. A corresponding stub will be placed in a bin and randomly selected at the November meeting to declare the winner. There will be only one winner.

Who is eligible to win: Only GPLA members in good standing are eligible to win. GPLA Officers and Board Members are not eligible to win.

Where/When to win: The more you attend over the next 5 meetings, the greater your chance to win. And ... you must be present to win at the November meeting. So come out and support <u>your</u> Association and win!!

The Connelly - Singer Scholarship of GPLA









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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 LIGHT SNACKS 7:15 MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30

GPLA Headquarters 8015 Craig Street, Philadelphia, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM: TBD

Win a LAB pinning kit See inside for details

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