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# The Professional Locksmith

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## From Your President: June's Jestings

Allow me to start on a serious note. I want to thank the GPLA family for the cards, words of support, and genuine caring along. that I received upon the passing of my father. Donations to our scholarship fund in his memory total close to \$600. He always believed in education. Thanks again.

Speaking of education, I will be heading out to Chicago for the ALOA convention. I'm not taking any classes this year but I'm sure I'll learn a thing or two on the exhibit floor. I'll bet that I see some other GPLA members there. Are you going to be one of them? I will be attending the ALOA membership meeting and the Ambassadors Forum representing GPLA.

Speaking of conventions and education have you put the GPLA's convention on your calendar? The convention committee is working on the last few details, including finalizing the classes and setting up on-line registration. Take the time to better your future and learn something new. Don't forget the awards banquet (black tie) on Saturday night of the convention. Attend the product exhibit Saturday day and you might win a door prize. Whatever you decide, go to [GPLA.org](http://GPLA.org) and click on the link. Sign up, sign up, sign up.

As promised last month I went to SJLA's monthly meeting. I want to thank Jim Sundstrond III, SJLA president and GPLA member, for treating me to dinner. Their program was on safe deposit locks. Joe Reustle, a GPLA member, presented a power point on these locks and all in attendance went home with a safe deposit lock in hand. It was nice to touch base with our brothers across the river.

Our June meeting will be: "Clean the HQ." We will be using the headquarters for a convention class. Let's put our best foot forward. Maurice has stepped up to organize the clean-up. If we all pitch in it will take no time at all. For your dinning pleasure, we will be serving BBQ. I heard there might be some home-made chili. You'll just have to show up to find out.

Since this will be our last meeting until after the convention I just want to thank everyone that keeps our association running. I'm not going to list names but this is what it takes:

newsletter – board of directors – convention – treasurer – bylaws – programing  
correspondence – good and welfare – education – web site – legislation – annual roster  
monthly meetings - door prizes – minutes – membership – exhibits – awards – registration  
supplies - house manager – membership cards – e blast - and 99 other things I missed

Thanks to all our volunteers and remember there is always an opening for you to get involved.

Have a safe and peaceful summer. And if anything comes up you can always contact me.

Barry Wilensky, CRL  
President GPLA  
“Opening doors to the future”

**PIN WINNER!** Alvin Jackson wins the second LAB Pin Kit drawing.



# Minutes of the May 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The May 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on May 15, 2017 and was called to order at 7:32 PM by Vice President Paul Kline.

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

Vice President Paul Kline welcomed our guests; Nathan Ruoss and Tom Moser from Liberty Door Systems and John C. Magee IV.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Bob Thomas made a motion to accept the previous minutes as printed with a second by Murray Bilker and it was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marty Arnold stated that since there wasn't any board meeting, there was no approval of the financial report. Marty also added that any GPLA member in good standing can request a copy of the Treasurer's report.

**Correspondence In and Out:** Marty Arnold received a letter dated November 2016 from Mary Lynn Morino, daughter of Bob Psolka, thanking the GPLA for their donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Membership:** Paul Kline stated that John Magee IV handed in his application and check for membership.

**Convention:** Cliff Shafer stated that the convention plans are moving along smoothly and on target. Cliff noted that there is one more class needed for Friday. Cliff also stated that we have three Gold, two Silver, and 2 Refreshments sponsors for the convention. Cliff added that the theme for the Friday night social will be "Speakeasy".

Ed Fitzgerald added that he will be sending out contracts to the exhibitors we had last year. Ed then added that last year's exhibitors have first choice of the booths. Ed stated that he will then send out additional contracts to new vendors and other vendors who set-up in the past.

Cliff stated that there will be on-line registration for the GPLA Convention. Cliff added that there will still be a vetting process. If you are a GPLA member or have attended the convention in the last 3 years, you are automatically vetted.

**May Meeting Program:** Nathan Ruoss and Tom Moser from Liberty Door Systems gave an informative presentation on Liberty Door Systems' products and services. Nathan and Tom discussed how Liberty Door Systems and locksmiths can work together to offer customers a great product.

**Building:** Marty Arnold stated that the roof is fixed and the bathroom is dry.

**Newsletter:** Paul Kline gave Gabriel Kanes kudos for doing a fine job with the newsletter.

**Health and Welfare:** Bernard Wilensky, father of Barry Wilensky and last charter member of GPLA, sadly passed away at the age of 99 years old.

**N.J. Legislation:** Ed Fitzgerald mentioned that Kevin Mann from Union City failed to meet the continuing education requirements for the years 2013 and 2016. Kevin Mann had to pay a civil penalty of \$1150.00: \$100 for each of the hours of class time he missed.

Joe Reustle added that there are currently two new bills in the N.J. Legislation to reword the current rules for clamping down on people who operate as a Locksmith in N.J. without a license or use Locksmith tools without a license.

**P.A. Legislation:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** *Nothing to report.*

**Web Site:** Orvis Kline thanked Murray Bilker for all the help on the web page. Orvis added that he has a lot of work to do on the convention web page. Orvis also thanked Murray for purchasing software so that the tickets to the convention can be purchased online.

**Good of the Association:** Marty Arnold reported that only three members, Ron Marcinkowski, Scott Roop and Alvin Jackson are eligible for the extra ticket for the Lab pinning kit. The winning ticket was drawn and the winner was Stan Bilker. Since Stan won the last pinning kit he was kind enough for a redraw and Alvin Jackson won the new Lab pinning kit.

Cliff Shafer stated that there were many GPLA members represented at SAVTA in Albuquerque. Cliff added that he is proud to say that Joe Reustle was named instructor of the year. Joe then added that next SAVTA will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 30 through May 5, 2018 and Orvis Kline added that Just Cars will be in Orlando, Florida next year.

Murray Bilker stated that he tried to make a Medeco key at the Key-me kiosk at Lowe's and it was not successful. However, Murray added that he was able to copy a restricted Mul-T-Lock key.

Paul Kline thanked Marty for getting the Lab Pin kits and also stated that he picked up enough Ford ignition and door locks from STRATTEC at Just Cars for a little course on the locks in the Fall.

**June Program:** The June GPLA meeting will be the headquarters clean-up meeting.

**50/50:** The amount of \$43, a dozen fresh eggs, some other nice prizes that were donated by Jim Handschuh, as well as other various prizes were won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Magee and was seconded by Murray Bilker at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

## Marty Arnold in Europe Demonstrates the Advantages of Working with a GPLA Member

*“While attending the European Locksmith Federation convention in Prague, Czech Republic, I assisted LAB by introducing my European connections to George Bertram, who was manning the booth, and by inviting other people to visit the LAB booth.”*



# THE LEE ROGNON AWARD

## Presented by Marty Arnold at the European Locksmith Federation Convention in Prague

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, the Lee Rognon award was established more than 35 years ago, so it's no surprise to me to see people wondering, "who was Lee Rognon?"

Lee volunteered to be the first secretary of the Associated Locksmiths of America, also known as ALOA. She held that position for over 20 years and during that time laid a solid foundation for ALOA to grow into what it is today.

But more than that Ladies and Gentlemen, she motivated locksmiths to professionalize, to foster cooperation and to organize. She was instrumental in the formation of over 25 Locksmith Associations all over the US and some are still active today.

To keep her memory alive, the Greater Philadelphia Locksmith Association established the Lee Rognon Award in her honor. We have been presenting it to deserving individuals all over the globe, as far away as China and New Zealand.

Tonight's recipient deserves the Lee Rognon recognition for promoting cooperation and professionalism for many years as Secretary of the Italian Locksmith Association, also known as "ERSI," and as a long time Director of the European Locksmith Federation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to present the 85th Lee Rognon Award to:

**Ms. Lucia Casiraghi**



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Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of classes desired: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please write a few sentences telling us why you would like to be considered as a recipient for this Scholarship:

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Cliff Shafer, c/o CLC Locksmiths, 2103 Branch Pike, Cinnaminson, NJ, 08077-3044

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Jul 21-22, 2017	ALOA Convention Expo	Rosemont, IL
Sept 20-23, 2017	GPLA Convention and Banquet	Philadelphia, PA

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**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, June 19th**

BBQ 7:15 PM

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

**GPLA Headquarters**

**8015 Craig Street, Philadelphia, PA**

Scheduled Program:

***Headquarters Clean-Up***

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