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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I hope this address finds all of the membership and their loved ones and families, safe and healthy! During these unprecedented times of heroism and heartache, of sacrifice and survival, we all must count our blessing in whatever way we may and keep those families experiencing heartache in our prayers and thoughts and bless those heroes who are out there helping us all.

Through our sacrifice we will come to a better appreciation of the things and people in our lives, and we will learn to take nothing for granted! Please be safe, kind, understanding, patient and strong.

With having no Board or Membership Meetings for two months, there is not much to report on, but here are a couple of things to let you know. We will be having a Board Meeting in May, which will be done electronically through video conferencing or email at the least. I have requested Paul Kline (#269), our Chairman of the Board, to implement this electronic meeting through Zoom, Go to Meeting, or Google Hangouts, so as not to miss three meetings in a row and some important business. This is obviously a very popular way of doing business now a days and I think it would be beneficial to GPLA in moving forward. Thank you Paul for making it so.

Under Health and Welfare, please send "Get Well Wishes" to Dana Barnum (#80), it was reported by Joe Resustle (#218) that Dana had a heart attack on Friday 4/10/20. I will be personally reaching out to Dana and report back. Health and Welfare has been informed. Get well soon friend! (If anyone has any knowledge of health and welfare issues pls. report them to myself or our Health and Welfare Chairman, Bob Mock (#84), thank you).

I know that everyone is very slow or have no work at all, that is why I am so thankful for a couple of jobs that came our way, directly related to the Corona Virus. One of our good customers with a large production plant, called us for our help in keeping his employees SAFE by installing Detex Automatic Door Controllers. Now his employees won't have to touch the door, the push plate, the exit bar or any buttons, hence a touchless wave sensor. We will be posting a video on our website to encourage more sales. Maybe something for your shop to think about. I want to give a "thanks" to Jim Handschuh, Board of Director (#228) for procuring some of the specialty items.

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I will keep the membership informed as to when the next GPLA Membership Meeting will be held. During this time please, know that your Row Officers, Board of Directors, Finance Chairman, and some of the committees are still working hard for you, by keeping in contact and discussing important matters at hand. Please don't let their hard work go in vain, read your Newsletter, visit our website (GPLA.org) and stay engaged. A big "thanks" to Marty Arnold (#59), Financial Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Website Administrator and so much more for all he does and for continuing to produce an outstanding Newsletter and Financial Report, as well as keeping the website up to date.

I look forward to seeing you all again, as soon as it is safely possible.

Be Safe and Be Well,

GPLA President **Sven K. Hellwig Sr, CRL**

MEETING NOTICE

Monday April 20, 2020

**THE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED
BECAUSE OF COVID 19**

Membership Notes

Last week Dana Barnum (Member # 80) suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. He received 4 stents before they send him home to recuperate. We wish you a speedy recovery Dana.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

April Member of the Month,
Mr. Robert Mock (#84)

Wow, what I can say about Bob that hasn't already been said by some prominent individuals in the Locksmith Industry. All good by the way. Bob has been a loyal member of GPLA since 1979, a two digit membership number 84. To the best of my recollection he has held every Row Officer position, a long time Board of Director, a great Holiday Party Chairman, an outstanding Convention Committee Member, and Financial Audit Trustee, Health and Welfare Chairman and more. It is hard to remember all the contributions Bob has made to GPLA, with them being so numerous. And I would need a couple of pages to start to tell you of his contributions to ALOA and the Industry as a whole. The list of ALOA positions he has held goes from the top as President and down and is just as long as GPLA's. He has done a fantastic job of representing GPLA and ALOA all over the world and I know that it is with the strength and support of his other half, his lovely wife Dee that helps him shine so bright. The spotlight is on you this month Bob, as the President of GPLA and on behalf of its members, I would like to say "thank you" for your contributions, which have made our association stronger, better, and something we can all be proud to be a part of. Keep up the good work. In your own words "Take r easy".

On behalf of GPLA, submitted by **Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL**

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At the May meeting we will have the last LAB pin kit drawing. Those LAB Pin Kits were first donated Jerry Roraback, and later continued by Tom Martucci to help us increase attendance to our membership meeting. Below we see some of the winners. The pictures below show Alvin Jackson, Nelson Dayton and Jimmy Armenakis.

Other winners were Stan Bilker, Bill Neff and Ron Marcinkowski.

LAB, via Tom Martucci and George Bertram also support us as a 2020 GPLA web sponsor.

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SAVTA CONVENTION CANCELLED

As you know, ALOA has been meticulously monitoring COVID-19 updates from the U. S. Government, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and multiple authorities in Tulsa and Oklahoma. Due to the latest restrictions placed on travel and gatherings, we have made the difficult decision to cancel SAFETECH 2020. Foremost on our minds is protecting the health and safety of our attendees at the convention.

Moving forward in 2020, we will be exploring alternate ways of providing safe training and looking forward to ALOA 2020 in July.

Please keep the following details in mind:

- **Registration Fees:** Credit for registration fees will automatically be applied towards SAFETECH 2021 in Reno, NV, April 10 – 15, 2021 within 30 days. Or you may request a credit towards ALOA 2020 in Kansas City, MO, July 19 – 25, 2020. Refunds will be provided by special request in writing.
- **Hotel Bookings:** If you have already booked your hotel room, be sure you cancel your reservation to avoid any fees. Hyatt Regency Tulsa Toll-free at (888) 591-1234 or the hotel directly at (918) 582-9000
- **Transportation:**
- **Airline Bookings:** Please remember to call your airline to cancel if you already have a flight booked
- **Car Rental:** Don't forget to cancel any car rental reservations.

On behalf of the ALOA Board of Directors and Staff, thank you for your understanding and please accept our apology for any inconvenience it may cause.

We appreciate the enthusiasm and commitment of our members, attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, and supporters who make SAFETECH a wonderful convention. We hope to keep the momentum for SAFETECH moving forward and look forward to seeing you at SAFETECH 2021 at the Atlantis Casino, Reno, NV; April 10 - 15.

Mary May
ALOA Executive Director

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PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

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What is harder to catch the faster you run?

(1st one to send in correct answer wins a great prize)

March winner was Member, Maurice Onraet.

I'm worried about crime, so I asked a friend from Texas what I needed to defend my home. He said a 9mm, a couple clips, and a box of shells. I put it together pretty quickly. Still not sure how it's suppose to work, though...



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