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President's Address – June 2020

Well, here we are four months into this stay at home thing, six feet apart, masks and all. Finally there is light at the end of the tunnel with many regions entering the yellow phase of reopening. On June 5th retail stores and others have opened with some restrictions, just a small sign of things getting back to normal.

Even with that being said, the Board took a vote to hold or not hold the June membership meeting. With the majority of no votes, we will **NOT** be having a membership meeting this June. This decision was made weighing on the side of caution and safety for all.

Therefore, we will be going right into our summer break of July and August, with hopes of reconvening in September. An unfortunate sign of these trying times are cancelation after cancelation and lots of rescheduling of shows such as Just Cars, SAFTA, ALOA, local supplier shows and others.

It was such a very difficult decision with the canceling of the 2020 GPLA Convention, that is something that we have tried to avoid at all costs. Well, the costs of everyone's safety was just too high of a price. I hope you all understand and thank you for your cooperation, patience and helping us make the 2021 Convention twice as good.

Speaking of good, here is some good news from your Executive Board and Board of Directors. There has been some decision on the matter of making up for lost time of membership benefits, like our recent loss of meetings, programs, education, convention, etc. The Board would like to make some special compensation for the members going into the new year. Stay tuned for good things to happen in 2021.

Have a great summer be safe and stay healthy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Your President

Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL

The June Meeting has been Canceled

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21
at GPLA Headquarters

Excellent food prepared by our Master Chef "SVEN"
Food 7:00 • Meeting 7:30

PROGRAM TBA

Membership Rosters and ID cards will be available
Pin kit tickets will be issued
Drawing for the \$100 bill.

Membership Notes

We heard that Associate member Steve Kaufman (214) had a heart attack, spent 2 night in the hospital and is doing well. He has the following message for our members.

Hey everyone. I had a heart attack and I'll be fine. Please pay attention to your body. If you have chest pains for a couple of days get yourself to an ER. If you enjoy living and being around your family and friends then don't wait for the excruciating pain to make the important changes in life because it will catch up to you. Be kind to those around you and avoid being an asshole whenever possible.

Allan Halverson



We have been notified of the passing of a good Friend of GPLA, Allan Halverson. Allan was a recipient of the Philadelphia Award in 2002. He was the 1996 recipient of the ALOA Raymond D'Adamo ACE Award and was inducted into the SAVTA Hal Of Fame in 1999
May he Rest in Peace.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT JUNE 2020

This month we say Hey Bruce Wallen, active member #297 and thank you for being a great GPLA member. Although we don't see Bruce as often as we would like to at meetings that doesn't change his value to GPLA. Bruce has been a member since November of 2011, he owns and operates Wallen Professional Safe Opening.

If your shop doesn't have a full time professional safe man and have the need for a safe opening, Bruce is the man to call.

Bruce is largely a self-taught safe expert, when he started out with the interest in locksmithing and safes he picked up a safe combo lock and made it his best friend, he played with it for hours and hours, took it apart and put it back together again and again and would go to bed at night dreaming about what makes it tick and click. Educating himself with articles and literature from experts. Once he understood the lock inside and out he took some classes from other professional to learn their techniques. All this and more has made him the safe expert and master locksmith that he is today.

Now as a loving and nurturing father he shows his son all of the tricks of the trade. His lovely wife is so happy that the days of taking the lock to the dinner table and playing with it for hours is over and she makes sure that all he dreams about now is her. Bruce you have much to admire and are an outstanding safe man, kudo's to you. I am very happy to call you my safe tech and friend. The spotlight is on you keep up the good work.

Respectfully Submitted,

You're President

Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Extend your hand, reach out to a friend or stranger, working together to resolve conflict in difficult times makes us all stronger and enriches all of our lives.

RIDDLE ME THIS (1st one to answer correctly wins a great prize)

At night they come out without being called, by day they are lost, without going anywhere? What are they?



I applaud any one who send in a story.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dear ALOA member,

We sincerely hope you're safe and doing well during the coronavirus pandemic, which has devastated economies globally.

We know that many of our members are small business enterprises, and that disruptions to your businesses and personal lives have been severe. I'm sure you realize that ALOA, your organization, has felt these same economic repercussions.

As you're likely aware, we were unable to hold SAFETECH 2020. Regarding the 2020 ALOA Convention & Security Expo in Kansas City, ALOA is unable to hold the event due to the prohibitions against large gatherings and other restrictions arising out of the coronavirus pandemic. These restrictions do not allow us to hold the event. To ensure the safety of employees and members, we've also had to discontinue all in-house classes.

While we've had some financial relief from the Payroll Protection Plan, we're nowhere near recovering the pandemic-related losses we've had so far this year.

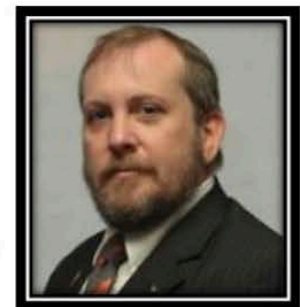
For ALOA to continue providing member support, we must make additional cost reductions, including the elimination of all staff and board travel.

Thanks in advance for your understanding as we continue to make the best of a difficult business climate. Stay safe, and please know that your their hardest to protect and preserve ALOA during these unprecedented times. To continue supporting ALOA and ALOA Education, please consider taking one of our many webinars we are holding. Contact education@aloa.org for more information.

Respectfully,



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