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## Presidents Address – October 2020

### My son is our hero.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:02 pm my daughter in-law, 29 years of age, had a cardiac arrest, her heart stopped beating and she was not breathing and no pulse. She collapsed and fell to the floor. With God's grace my son Sven Jr. was home in the other room, he heard the loud sound of her fall, as he lifted her into his arms he checked and saw no vital signs. He then cried out his adrenalin surged and he went right into action, as if automatically the CPR training he received as a Boy Scout over 17 years ago prompted him to begin chest compressions and mouth to mouth lifesaving breaths, while a friend called 911. He continued chest compressions until she gasped for air. Her heart started to beat again, but very rapidly.

First Responders arrived in 7 minutes, shocking her 2 times to bring her heart into standard rhythm. She was rushed to St. Mary's hospital where they induced a coma, connected her to a ventilator and began to cool her core body temperature to 32 degrees C for 24 hours, then they rewarmed her very slowly. It was 4 days of agony not knowing. With much prayer, hope and love she awoke very disoriented, scared and distraught, could barely speak but recognized Sven Jr, thank God.

All of the EMT's, nurses and doctors said that without Sven Jr's heroic actions, Laura would not be alive today. Her condition is a birth heart defect which she has had all of her life unrecognized. It is called Prolong QT. Laura has a long road in front of her with the need of several operations to install a defibrillator, as the condition is inoperable and can only be treated.

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**Presidents Address continued**

I tell all of you readers this, not only because I am the proudest father in the world for my son saving her life, but because I have mentioned to the Board of Directors in the past that I would like to bring a CPR certified program to GPLA members. It is now my pledge to see to it that every member who wishes to complete a CPR course will have the opportunity to do so, with little to no cost to our valued members. I will make my case of importance and make a motion at the next meeting of GPLA to cover a greatly discounted group rate that I have already obtained, so that we all may someday be able to save a life! Please keep reading the newsletter and check the website for more information and a safe meeting date in the future.

I thank you all for your prayers and positive thoughts for Laura's' speedy and full recovery.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Your President  
*Sven H. Hellwig Sr., CRL*

**Last month the President asked the memberships to vote YES or NO  
about having a meeting in October**

**The Membership voted NO,  
so the October meeting is cancelled  
The November meeting is still pending.  
Stay tune**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS**

**Covid 19 was the reason many of our meetings as well as our annual convention was canceled. Because of lack of association activity all GPLA members in good standing will not be charged dues for 2021**

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## Membership Notes

### Obituary for Robert "Bob" Thomas

GPLA Life Member Robert Thomas, who was affectionately know to all as Bob, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Joann (nee Sadowski); loving father of the late Michael Holtz, Jr., and dear Pop Pop of Taylor Marie, Colby Robert, and Chase Michael. Bob also leaves behind his devoted nieces: Jessica and Juliana Haigh and nephew, Maximus Davis. Bob's Celebration of Life will take in the Spring 2021 in a place near and dear to his heart, North Wildwood. We will miss him.

Philadelphia Award recipient Mark Miller past away on September 21 May he rest in peace.

On the fist day of October, Aaron Fish founder of Ilco past away. May he rest in peace

Shop member Sven Helwig Jr. wife Laure is presently hospitalized after suffering a cardiac arrest. See Presidents message for more details.

Honorary Member Dee Mock's received some bad news, her Sister is in an insulin coma and has been moved into hospice.

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**Before our Board meeting on September 14 we sanitized the whole area with our masks on.**



## MARTY'S MEMORIES

Jarvis Inc, a company located in my home town had a great payment record, 30 days or less. Nothing big, just regular service calls like fixing a lock or replacing a door closer or an occasional safe combination change. They were steady commercial customer for many years.

When OSHA became law in 1971 we were called to bring the 6 warehouse doors up to code. We replaced thresholds, fixed hinges and removed the Segal jimmy proof locks that we installed years ago. The approved quote also called for installing Von Duprin exit devices and exit alarms that would activate if an unauthorized opening took place.

Their monthly statement was usually around a hundred dollars, but this job brought it in the thousands. 30 days past by and no check arrived. What happened to your excellent pay record I asked the girl at Accounts Payable? The check will go out next week was the answer, and by next week it was the same story, the check will go out next week. Weeks went by without getting paid and after visiting their office in person I was told again it will go out next week, but the check never came. Now I am seriously considering taking this invoice to small claims court.

The day I was going to file, I see the picture of a man in my local paper receiving a big trophy as the winner of a big charity tournament at the Riverton Country Club. His name was John Murphy, President of Jarvis Inc. Hé, that is the company that owes me a lot of money. I got a better idea to get my money than filing a claim in small claims court.



I waited a few days, then called the person in charge in account payable, when he mentioned "next week" again, I told him firmly "*I do not want to embarrass John — I mean Mr. Murphy*" but next time while at the bar comparing our golf scores, I will have to ask John why Accounts Payable is playing games with me.

Two days later the check arrived, dated the same day I called. I really must have hit a nerve.

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