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**Membership Meeting April 19**

**Food & refreshments at 7.00 PM**

**Program:**

**50/50 chances**

**Pin kit tickets will be issued**

**The drawing will be at the May meeting so come in  
this Monday and pick up one more ticket.**

**Distancing and Masks will be required**

**There are no minutes for the March meeting as we did not  
make a quorum.**

**Presidents Address - April 2021**

Hello Members,

April is upon us, finally spring is here, beautiful weather and beautiful flowers help make it a beautiful life.

Our membership meeting in March was one of the first in some time. I would have liked to see more members in attendance as we could not make it an official meeting with minutes being taken or any motions or votes. We did not make quorum with the 11 members that were in attendance.

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**Presidents Address - April 2021 Continued**

So, with that being said, our new e-commerce chairman, Paul Kline, will attempt to set up a Zoom type meeting at our April 19, 2021 membership meeting. ALL ARE STILL WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND THE MEETING. For those who are not willing to physically participate, you can perhaps log in with the login information to be announced, so that we can have a more productive meeting.

As always, I thank you all in advance for your continuing support to your association and will see you on the 19<sup>th</sup>, whether it is in-person or through the web.

Be happy, prosperous and proud, and as always, be safe.

As you know, as I have stated before and noted below, we will be taking all CDC guidelines as it pertains to COVID-19 to ensure everyone’s health safety.

Please note that we will be social distancing, therefore, a limit of 18 members will be permitted in Headquarters. All seats at least 6 feet apart, masks will still be required, hand sanitizing stations will be available and anyone present will be asked to sign a waiver stating that they have not traveled or felt flu like symptoms in the past 14 days and that you attend this meeting under your own accord and take full responsibility absolving GPLA of any.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Your President

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

**Membership Notes**



We lost another previous recipient of the Philadelphia award by the passing of Gale Johnson, Editor of the Locksmith Ledger for over 30 years. May he rest in peace.

Member Bill Young had another procedure performed to combat his A-fib condition.

Board member Murray Bilker was hospitalized for Sepsis, but has fully recovered.

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The following prospective members have been approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the General Membership:

- 1. James Handschuh Jr.
- 2. Darren Essen
- 3. Byron Clark
- 4. Robin Rudisill

In an effort to expedite the vetting process in the face of the ongoing pandemic and cancelation of meetings last year, the Board of Directors has voted to streamline the process **for just these 4 applicants.**

Each of them must attend one of the next four General Meetings (rather than the usual two of the next four meetings) where they will be introduced to the membership. Voting members are encouraged to attend these meetings where you will have the chance to review their qualifications and ask questions of them. Once any of these applicants has attended a meeting, they will be brought to the floor for a confirmation vote at the next General Meeting. Prospective members are not permitted to attend the meeting of their confirmation vote.

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## MARTY'S MEMORIES

**In my time I received many calls to open safes. A death in the family, a burglarized unit, or a lost combination. This safe opening request came in because the dishwasher stopped working.**

The call went like this, *"I'd like to get a price on opening a safe. My dishwasher broke down and repair would take a week, so I purchased a dish basin at Walmart. When my husband was putting a hook on the wall along the basement stairs to store it out of the way, he saw a small knob protruding from the paneled wall, and when he pulled on it a piece of panel came out exposing a safe door ."*

Asking her for some identifying information, she told me it was round and had a big pull plate with the name Diebold on it with big letters. Asking her for hinge details, she said it had small steel blocks with two screws on top and bottom. Recognizing it as a Diebold Tri-bold chest, I quoted her the going rate and she told me she would get back to me.

A few days later she called back, asking how much more it would cost to do it on a Saturday or Sunday at early noon. After checking with my safe tech Chuck, I told her we could do it on a Saturday afternoon with a surcharge of about \$100. The job was scheduled for the following Saturday and I accompanied him because it looked like an interesting job.

When we arrived around 12.30, there was a party going on. About a dozen people were eating and drinking and having a great time. We were immediately invited to have something to drink and help ourselves to the food spread out on the table together with bottles of wine, beer and bourbon.

After we had a bite and a drink, I asked who was in charge and told him we would unlock the safe and he would have to be there to actually open it. Every one present wanted to witness it as it actually was a neighbors safe opening party. They all had chipped in to pay our bill and would share the contents.

Chuck drilled a small hole at the right location, scoped it and unlocked the safe. The man in charge opened the door with every one looking on and .....yes, it was empty. Some disappointing remarks were heard and then everyone started laughing. We both were invited to stay and join the party and when we finally left, it was still going strong between a real happy bunch of neighborly people.

**Our Association is planning its 2021 Convention during September 22-25  
at the Airport Double Tree Hotel**

**Classes will be held Wednesday - Thursday and Friday.**

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A husband and wife were shopping at a busy mall shortly before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed her husband was missing so she called his cell. Where are you? I am looking all over for you. Honey he said, do you remember that jewel store we went into a few year ago and you fell in love with that diamond necklace I could not afford? Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up. .... Oh, Yes dear I remembers that shop she replied. Good, he said I am in the golf shop next door to it.





# The Connelly - Singer Scholarship of GPLA



Gerald J. Connelly, Jr.



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M. Leonard Singer

## **GPLA MEMBER APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP**

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Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Length of time in Locksmithing: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Recipient? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ If yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please return completed application to:

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

OR — FAX to 856-829-4088

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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