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GPLA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday May 17

Food & refreshments at 7.00 PM

50/50 chances

**Drawing of the 0.03 PIN KIT
donated by LAB will be at this
meeting**

Program:

**A review of LSDA products by
Steve Kaufman from IDN**

Distancing and Masks will be required

Presidents address May 2021

Hallo members,

We are finally getting back to normal in the work world, life in general and our GPLA membership meetings WHORAY! Our April membership meeting was very well attended and I'm projecting May's meeting on the 17th to be nicely attended as well. Please plan to be there. Refreshments will be served and our program will be Steve Kaufman and a regional manager from IDN with some new products and programs.

I am very **excited** to announce my pet project, the free CPR certified training program is going to happen. I have received the Boards approval and have made arrangements for it to take place on June's membership meeting, Monday June 21st at 7:00 pm. All members in attendance of this approximately 1 ½ hour training course will received FREE of charge, compliments of GPLA, CPR certification. So that someday you may to be able to save a life.

I do need to give a head count several days before the event, so PLEASE register with me by email at SKHLOCK@AOL.COM or phone me at 215-442-9191. Don't pass this great opportunity to learn something new for free. This course is normally priced over \$100 per person. We will also have a special menu with good eats on this night. Something a little different all around. I thank all members for their continuing support of your association and GPLA is very happy to offer this life saving program to all members.

See you all at the next meetings. Until then stay safe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your President

Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL



Membership Notes

Mr. Tom Martucci and Mr. George Bertram from LAB have been supporting GPLA by donating pin kits to GPLA and signing LAB up as a GPLA Web Sponsor.

The last pin kits will be raffled off Monday 5/17. The membership of GPLA is sending Tom and George a "**Thank You**" for their continued support.

Retired member Bob Schuetrumpf donated a brand new Corbin Unit Lock to the Connelly Museum. He donated a second one to Marty's collection. Thanks Bob.

James Handschuh Jr. & Darren Essen will be voted on this Monday to be accepted as a GPLA Member.

The following prospective members have been approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the General Membership: **1 Byron Clark 2. 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.

Marty will hold another drawing for a LAB 003 large pin kit this month. Below you see some of the previous winners. Other winners not pictured are Mr. Bill Neff and Mr. Stan Bilker. This month it could be YOU.

Attend the meeting this Monday, get a ticket and maybe YOU WIN.



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A business card for Alexander M. Howe. The card has a light blue background. At the top left is the 'SCHLAGE' logo. At the top right is the 'ALLEGION' logo. Below the logos, the text reads: 'Alexander M. Howe', 'Channel Led Business Development Consultant', 'Laurel, MD 20723', 'United States', 'Mobile 301-821-7569', and 'alexander.howe@allegion.com'.

Minutes of the April 2021 GPLA General Membership Meeting

A GPLA General Membership meeting was held on April 19, 2021 at GPLA headquarters. There were 16 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President S. Hellwig, Sr. The President introduced the following guests: Jim Handschuh, Jr., Neal Rose and Darren Essen.

There was no program as most companies are not sending speakers/presenters out just yet due to COVID-19 concerns. Jim Handschuh made a brief presentation on the Restroom UPLOK.

Previous Minutes: Motion to accept the February 2020 General Meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter by M. Onreat, second by R. Marcinkowski. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: S. Hellwig, Sr. expressed his pleasure with the evening's turnout considering the circumstances with the pandemic and reported that he will try to conduct a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting for the May meeting. The President mentioned that the key-motif facemasks that all members should have received were courtesy of Key Craze and sent out after approval by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: S. Hellwig, Sr. reported on behalf of the absent Treasurer the Board had approved the various Treasurer's Reports for all dates up through March, 2021.

Correspondence In: None reported.

Correspondence Out: M. Onreat reported that he had sent notices of the April Membership Meeting to the four prospective members currently awaiting ratification.

Membership Committee: M. Onreat presented Jim Handschuh, Jr. to the membership and reported that the Board has recommended him for approval as an Associate member. This was his second meeting since Board recommendation and that he would be voted on at the next Membership Meeting.

M. Onreat then presented Darren Essen to the membership and reported that the Board has recommended him for approval as an Active member. This was his second meeting since Board recommendation and that he would be voted on at the next Membership Meeting. Both prospective members were reminded that they are not permitted to attend that meeting.

Health & Welfare Committee: S. Hellwig reported that Jack Magee's father was experiencing serious health issues.

Building Committee: S. Hellwig notified M. Arnold that there is a leak in the storage room and that several tiles were damaged. M. Arnold to bring to the attention of the Landlord.

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Communications Committee: P. Kline reported that he had been sending our Constant Contact e-blasts when needed.

Website: M. Arnold reported that the Newsletters are posted to the website within a day or two of sending them out to the membership

Convention Committee: C. Shafer reported that the committee has selected: "Locksmiths – Essential Service Providers" as the theme for this year's convention and that ALOA Executive Director Mary May has accepted the position of Honorary Chairperson. C. Shafer also reported that the theme for the Friday Night Social will be "Under the Big Top", which is a circus/carnival theme.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: M. Arnold distributed rosters and ID cards courtesy of the efforts of B. Neff. B. Wilensky reported that ALOA convention information has been sent out and noted that GPLA is listed as a sponsor. V. Kelley, who is the Secretary of the ALOA Scholarship reported that scholarships are still available and any locksmith is eligible to apply whether they are a member of ALOA or not. V. Kelley also reported that the NJ Division of Fire Services is really checking on fire door inspections.

Good of the Association: J. Ruestle reminded everyone that SafeTech will be held in April 2022 in Tulsa, OK and that Kansas City, MO will be the host city for the ALOA convention in July 2022.

S. Hellwig reminded everyone that Just Cars will be held in Florida on April 23 & 24. He also reported that he and P Kline will be teaching an automotive class in VA

50/50: \$33.00 was awarded to the winning ticket holder. Various other door prizes were won including a dozen eggs provided by J. Handschuh.

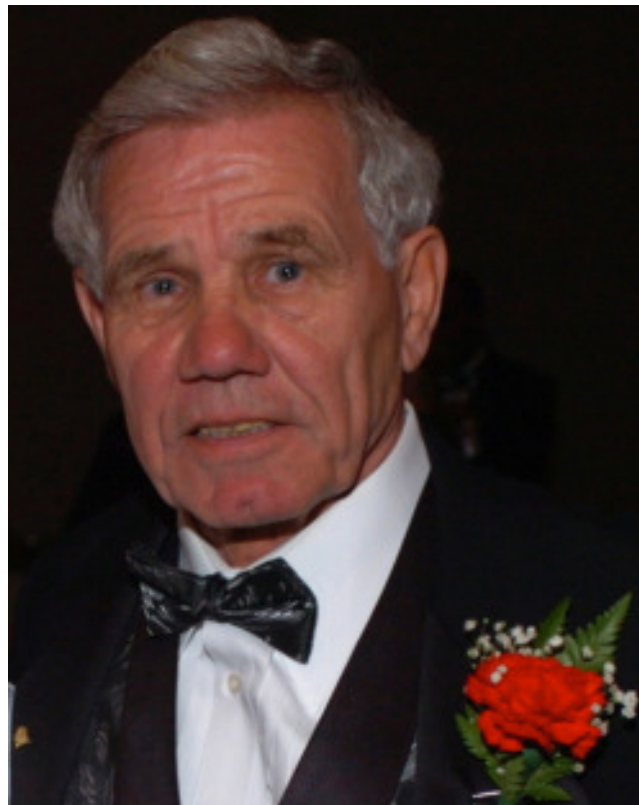
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Buenaflor, second by D. Armenakis. Motion was passed unanimously at 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
Recording Secretary



**Congratulations to Marty Arnold for
50 years of active membership in GPLA**

NO, he has no intentions of stepping down from any of his activities.





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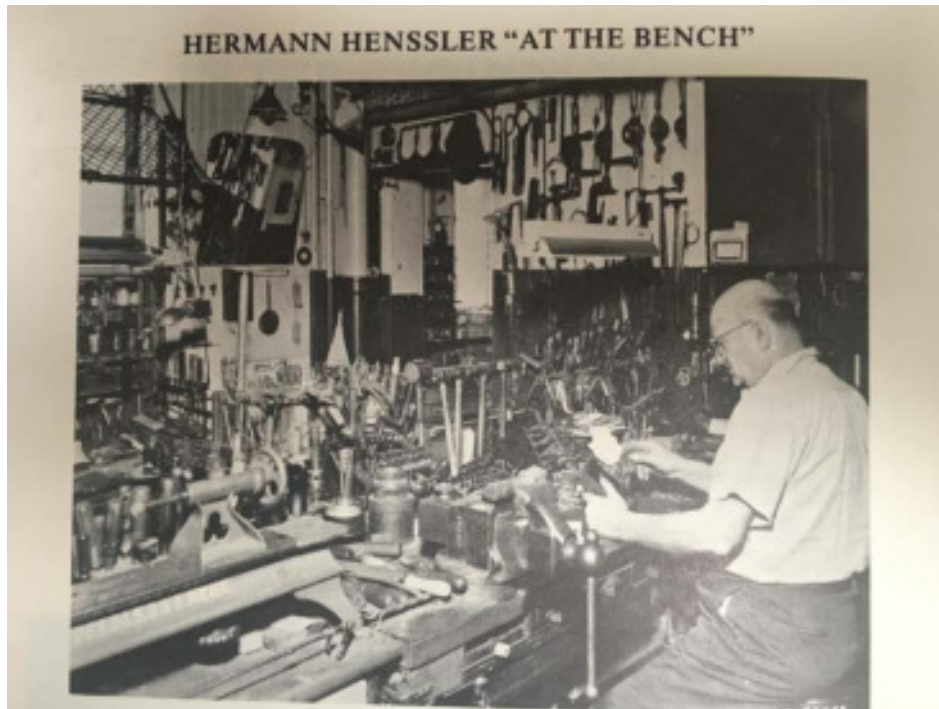


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A PIECE OF GPLA HISTORY

Hermann Henssler was a spark plug in GPLA and was presented the Philadelphia Award in 1955. In 1962 The Hermann Henssler Memorial Award was established in his honor, to be presented at the annual Awards Banquet to a member who made exceptional contributions to the growth of GPLA.



In the early years the Award Banquet was attended by trade related men and woman from all over the Country. The 1954 Award Banquet attendance was close to 200.





MARTY'S MEMORIES

I was in the Safe and Lock service business over 40 years, before Ed Fitzgerald took over my business and I am very sorry that I cannot come up with an interesting story this month

I still remember interviewing Ed when he graduated High school more that forty years ago, and gave him his very first job. About thirty years later he became the owner of the company, moved the business to a better location and doubled the gross.

During all those years on the road I performed a lot of safe, lock and access control jobs, but not all qualify to become a story. I am sure we all experienced problem customers. Some are impossible to satisfy and others give you a big tip out of appreciation. So this month I am sitting this one out and hope some of you have a story to tell and send it to me for publication.

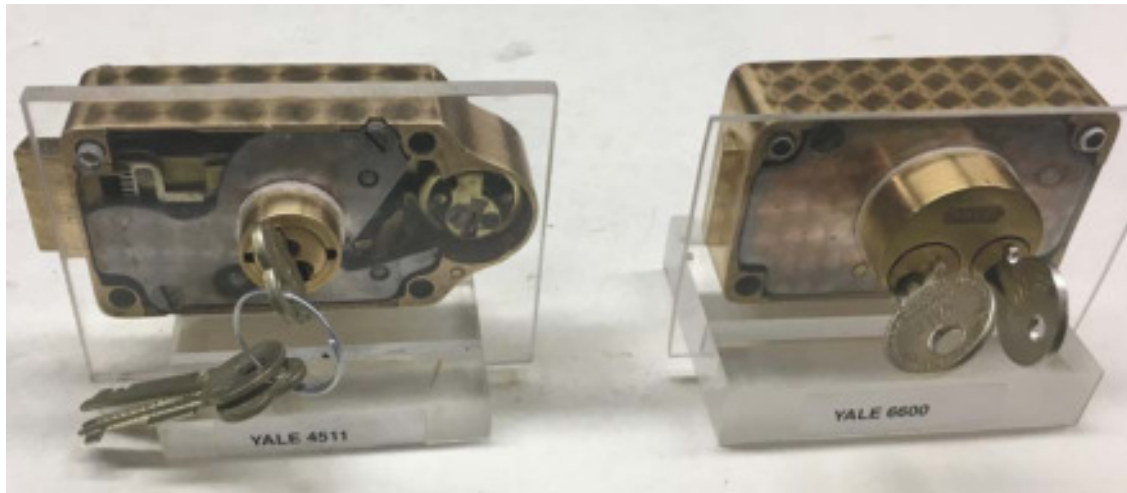
**Our Association is planning its 2021 Convention during September 22-25
at the Airport Double Tree Hotel**

Classes will be held Wednesday - Thursday and Friday.

**Do not forget about scholarship opportunities through the
Connelly-Singer Scholarship of GPLA. An application is
included in this newsletter. Apply Now, its Free!!!**

From Marty's Collection

Left: A Yale 4511 changeable safe deposit lock. This lock has a pin tumbler cylinder mounted on the back that is used to set this lock into a change mode. I cut away sections of the cover to be able to view the movement of the renters as well as the guard levers when either key is being used.



When the husband arrived home he found his wife all upset and crying. It's the pharmacist she said. I had to call him multiple times before answered and then he insulted me terribly, even using profanity. The husband immediately drove down to the pharmacy and demanded an apology.

Before he could get in one word, the pharmacist told him "just a minute" let me explain.

I ran a little late this morning and to make matters worse I got stopped by a cop and got a speeding ticket. When I opened up the store people were waiting and the phone was ringing off the wall. Then the cash drawer failed to open and the people waiting were driving me nuts, and that darn phone kept on ringing and ringing.

I finally got to the phone and it was your wife asking me how to use a rectal thermometer, ***so I told her!***





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Work Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Number: _____ Position: _____

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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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