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We thank Mr. George Bertram and Mr. Tom Martucci from LAB for their support of GPLA

The Editor Wishes Everyone A Very

- HAPPY NEW YEAR -



President report

Hello Members & Friends of GPLA,

Let me start by wishing everyone and their extended families a safe and happy Holiday and a New Year filled with good health and prosperity.

I would also like to thank all of you for your support to myself and GPLA during my second and third term as your President. I was truly honored to serve our members and to help advance the growth and prosperity of our fine association. I will continue to serve GPLA with pride as your Convention Chairman and on the Board of Directors to the best of my ability, as I have done for over 30 years.

Please plan to attend our swearing in ceremony for all of the new Row Officers and Board of Directors at January's membership meeting, to be held at the Pennsauken Country Club. See the newsletter and website for details.

Thank you again and best wishes,

Your President,
Sven K Hellwig Sr. CR

Our 2023-2024 Row Officers

President	ED FITZGERALD
Vice President	NELSON DAYTON
Corresponding Secretary	DANA BARNUM
Recording Secretary	MAURICE ONRAET
Sergeant at Arms	BARRY WILENSKY

Our New Board of Directors

Board of Director	JIM HANDSCHUH
Board of Director	SVEN HELLWIG
Board of Director	PAUL KLINE
Board of Director	RON MARCINKOWSKI
Board of Director	CLIFF SHAFER
Board of Director	JOHN WILLIAMS
Alternate Member	MIKE NIMMO
Alternate Member	SCOTT ROOP

Membership Notes:

Yes, last Saturday morning my 39 year old Grand-daughter lost her courageous fight with breast cancer and passed away peacefully with her closest family around her. **Finally at Peace, and no more pain! R.I.P Jaime**

Minutes of the November, 2022 GPLA General Membership Meeting

A GPLA General Membership meeting was held on November 21, 2022 at GPLA HQ. Prior to the meeting, a traditional Thanksgiving meal was served, prepared by S. Hellwig, Sr, along with side dishes provided by various members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President S. Hellwig, Sr.

The President introduced 3 guests: Martin White, Matt Marcinkowski, Roland Cooper, Scott Cordaine.

The President turned the floor over to Roland Cooper and Scott Cordaine of Banner Solutions, who presented a program on various product lines available through Banner Solutions

Previous Minutes: Motion to accept the October 2022 minutes as printed in the November 2022 Newsletter by J. Reustle, second by J. Hand-schuh. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Arnold reported that he had presented the Operating Account and Convention Account reports from September 1 through October 31, 2022, as well as the 2022 Convention Financial Report at the November Board meeting and reminded everyone that copies of all financial reports are available to all members in good standing upon request.

Correspondence In: None reported.

Correspondence Out: None reported.

President's Report: S. Hellwig, Sr. stated that this would be his last full meeting as President and thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as GPLA President for the past 3 years. S Hellwig, Sr. also thanked the Officers and Directors who served with him.

Membership Committee: M. Onraet reported that he had received new applications for membership from Dan McGlynn and Martin White, and that he would be presenting his report on them to the Board at the next Board meeting. M. Onraet also reported that the Board had approved the application of Anthony Wiersielis, who is the ALOA NE Director. Because of his status as a VIP, the Board voted to forego the usual vetting process for Mr. Wiersielis, including the requirement that he attend 2 membership meetings prior to being voted on.

Education Committee: C. Shafer reported that no classes were currently being planned until Spring of 2023.

Health & Welfare Committee: No new report.

Building Committee: M. Arnold reported that there were no new issues to report.

Communications Committee: P. Kline reported that continues to send out Constant Contact e-blasts as needed, or as directed by the Board.

Newsletter: M. Arnold reported that the November newsletter was sent out in a timely fashion, as usual.

Website: M. Arnold reported that the new pictures from this year's convention were up, including all Award recipients.

Licensing and Legislation: No report.

Convention Committee: S. Hellwig announced that there would be no convention in 2023 so that the committee could spend extra time planning to make our 75th Anniversary Convention in 2024 extra special. S. Hellwig also reported that the committee was looking at possible dates in the Spring or Fall of 2024.

Program Committee: P. Kline reported that the Administration of the Oath of Office for all incoming Officers and Directors would take the place of the program at the January 2023 meeting, and that that meeting would be a dinner meeting at a location TBA. S. Hellwig thanked P. Kline for his past efforts in arranging for meeting programs over that past 3 years.

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Bylaws Committee: M. Onraet reported that the Board was discussing a change in the Bylaws regarding the minimum length of time that an Active or Associate member must have been a member before a member can serve as an Officer or Director. M. Onraet reported that he would present his proposal at the next Board meeting.

Nominations Committee: M. Arnold presented the slate for Officers up for election at this meeting:

President: Ed Fitzgerald ♦ Vice President: Nelson Dayton ♦ Recording Secretary: Maurice Onraet Corresponding Secretary: Dana Barnum; ♦ Sergeant at Arms: Barry Wilensky

M. Arnold made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for each Office in lieu of a secret vote since all Offices were uncontested, seconded by J. Reustle and carried unanimously.

M. Arnold then presented the slate for Board of Directors: (6 to be elected)
Jim Handschuh ♦ Sven Hellwig, Sr. ♦ Paul Kline ♦ Ron Marcinkowski ♦ Mike Nimmo ♦ Scott Roop
Cliff Shafer ♦ John Williams.

After conducting a secret ballot, M. Arnold announced that J. Handschuh, Sven Hellwig, Sr, Paul Kline, Ron Marcinkowski, Cliff Shafer and John Williams had been elected.

S. Hellwig, Jr. congratulated all of the newly elected Officers and Directors and thanked them M. Arnold for his service as the Nominations Chairman.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: M. Arnold reported that C. Martin held the winning ticket for the LAB pinning kit. S. Hellwig thanked M. Arnold for once again securing the kit from LAB and thanked LAB for their continued support of GPLA.

Good of the Association: J. Reustle reminded everyone that ALOA and SAVTA offered numerous scholarships for their conventions. V. Kelley reported that those scholarships can even include transportation, room and board under special circumstances. V. Kelley reminded all NJ locksmiths that they must get their new Locksmith License photo taken by December 31, 2022. P. Kilne reported that he and S. Hellwig, Sr. would be teaching their motorcycle class in Florida.

50/50: \$55.00 was awarded to the winning ticket holder. Other prizes included a Select Hinge and a dozen farm-fresh eggs donated by Jim Handschuh.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by B. Wilensky, seconded by R. Marcinkowski. Motion was passed unanimously at 9:14 PM.

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

**When I was the GPLA Editor during the 1970, Tony Buenaflor asked me
to pass this on because it really worked for him.**

Here is his advice again for those looking for inner peace!

A doctor on TV said that in order to have inner peace in our lives, we should always finish things that we start. Since we all could use more calm in our lives, I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished. I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiumun scriptins, and a box of choclutz. Yu has no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all ur frenz who need inner piss. An telum u luvum

Reprint from my 1975 newsletter

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Like the promised in his President report, Sven prepared a delicious holiday dinner.



It looks like everybody enjoyed the food and desserts Sven put on the table.



Barry is going back for seconds.



Both Barry and Tony just went back again for some more stuffing.

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