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**Our next meeting is
scheduled for September 19**

Food & refreshments 7.00Pm

Meeting 7.30 Pm.

Program

T.B.A

Also

**Nominations for Officers and Board Members
will be open from the floor.**

**Ticket will be giving out for another LAB pin kit,
Drawing will be at the November meeting.**

Our convention is in full gear.

**Three days of classes,
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The GPLA Award Banquet**

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PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

September 2022

Hello Members and Friends of GPLA,

I hope that all of you had a good summer and a chance to relax while vacationing. Of course it went by very fast, here we are already in September. The GPLA Executive Board and Board of Directors have re-convened at the September Board Meeting and are getting back to serving our members as we have for so many years.

With that being said, I would like to remind all members that this is an election year, with voting for new positions taking place in November. I have appointed Marty Arnold as the nominations Chairman and have tasked him with trying to get some new board members and executive positions filled. We have had many devoted members serving in different positions again and again for many years. WE NEED YOU to step up to the plate and consider filling some of these positions! We need new blood, new ideas, new faces, and new attitudes to continue the long tradition of GPLA being the strong and viable organization that we have become known for. This is absolutely needed to help move GPLA into the future with new horizons. Show us what you have got, put your best foot forward and get on the fast track to become a GPLA Director. New and old members alike - call Marty today and say: "I'm in, Marty, what can I do to help GPLA?". Nominations will be accepted from the floor, so please plan on attending all of the next meetings and absolutely make sure to come out to November's membership meeting to cast your vote.

I thank you all for considering and giving serious thought to my proposal and request, let's work together to keep GPLA great.

Now let's think Convention, Convention, Convention. This will be our 73rd year, WOW! Please plan to attend, as always, a good time will be had. We and all of the Exhibiting Vendors would love to see you there September 28th thru October 1st, 2022, at the new Hotel. Go to GPLA.org to make your reservations and for all the details. We will have some important upcoming announcements concerning our 75th year, which will be here before you know it. We are planning now to have an extra ordinary Convention for our 75th, unlike you have ever seen before. Some outrageous benefits are proposed to all Members to benefit from for our 75th jubilee! So, stick with us and keep an eye out for upcoming details and announcements that will make you say "Wow, that's great!".

We will search new likes and new locations; we will boldly go where no Association has gone before.

Thank you for your continuing support of my efforts as your President and Convention Chairman and for GPLA as a whole.

Regards,

Sven K. Hellwig Sr.

President GPLA

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Minutes of the June, 2022 GPLA General Membership Meeting

A GPLA General Membership meeting was held on June 20, 2022 at the Pennsauken Country Club. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President S. Hellwig, Sr.

Previous Minutes: Motion to accept the May 2022 minutes as printed in the June 2022 Newsletter by J. Reustle, second by M. Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Arnold reported that the Board had approved the Treasurer's Reports from April 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 and reminded everyone that a copy of all reports is available to all members in good standing upon request.

Correspondence In: None reported.

Correspondence Out: None reported

President's Report: S. Hellwig, Sr. reported that he was happy to see the many members and guests that were in attendance at this Member Appreciation dinner meeting, and pointed out that the gold stars on the shirts/jackets of members with a number denotes how many years that that individual had been a member of GPLA. The President singled out several members for having been members for milestones of 40, 45 and 50+ years and thanked them for their many years of service.

Membership Committee: M. Onraet presented Christopher Martin, who is applying for active membership and sponsored by V. Kelley, and Randolff Carpenter, who is applying for apprentice membership and is also sponsored by V. Kelley. Both individuals are employed by The College of NJ. M. Onraet reported that all of the required documentation for both candidates was in order, the vetting process and background check found no issues and that the Board has recommended both candidates to be presented to the general membership for consideration.

Education Committee: C. Shafer reported that the Key Systems Forensics NJ CEU class taught by John Truempy and Vernon Kelley held on Saturday June 11 had a great turnout and that final profits were waiting to be confirmed at the next Board meeting.

Health & Welfare Committee: C. Shafer reported Shop Member D. Sly had injured his hand and would be in a cast for 6-8 weeks

Building Committee: M. Arnold reported that the landlord had agreed to replace the entire roof in order to resolve the on-going leaks in the bathroom and other places.

Communications Committee: P. Kline reported that he has been sending out e-blasts through our Constant Contact account announcing the various CEU classes being held at GPLA headquarters and that an e-blast would be sent out as soon as the convention online store was open.

Website: M. Arnold reported that the Find-a-Locksmith section of the website had been updated. C. Shafer reported that the Convention page had some updates and that the online store should be open for class, exhibit and social events registration by mid-July.

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Newsletter: M. Arnold made a request for articles from the membership that he could print in the newsletter.

Legislation Committee: E. Fitzgerald reported that no new minutes of a NJ Locksmith Licensing Board meeting had been released since his last report

Convention Committee: S. Hellwig reported that the committee continues working on the various aspects of the upcoming convention and requests that the membership support the committee efforts by making plans to attend. S. Hellwig reminded everyone that our new location this year was the Clarion Hotel Philadelphia Int'l. Airport in Essington and that the theme of the Friday Night Social was "Nifty Fifties". S. Hellwig also reported that early preparations are already being worked on for our upcoming milestone 75th Anniversary Convention to be held in 2 years and promised that it would be "outrageous".

Program Committee: P. Kline reported that the topic of the September meeting program was still to be confirmed and hoped to announce the topic in the September newsletter.

Special Presentation: S. Hellwig called upon E Fitzgerald to make a special presentation. In recognition of his over 50 years of dedication serving GPLA in almost every capacity, office and position, Martin Arnold was presented with a commemorative clock in a wood case bearing the GPLA logo and a dedication plaque.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Good of the Association: It was reported that T. Bueanaflor was ratified as a member in June of 1972 - exactly 50 years to the month from tonight's meeting.

50/50: \$110.00 was awarded to the winning ticket holder.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by B. Wilensky, seconded by N. Dayton. Motion was passed unanimously at 8:54 PM

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

Membership Notes

Two Applicants for membership, Chris Martin and Randy Carpenter, sponsored by Vernon Kelley were both introduced to the membership at the dinner meeting. The membership will vote at the September 19 meeting to accept both applicants as members of GPLA. The Applicants are not permitted to attend that meeting.

Three years of back dues have been received from Kevin Donaghy, his membership reinstatement is now complete. He will maintain his old membership number #139. Kevin's business is Donaghy Hardware Consultants. 5075 Beacon Hill Court
Doylestown, PA 18902-6205. Phone: 267-292-1798

Our Recording Secretary Cliff Shafer was hospitalized last month suffering a lot of pain battling kidney stones.

September 4, 1957



Your Editor Marty Arnold and Nelly Arnold celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this month. They have 3 children: Martyn Jr. in Prescott, AZ; Nancy Amorosi in Maple Shade, NJ; and Nelly Dixon in Branchport, NY. They have 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren

2022 ALOA Convention Pictures



From L to R: Ron, Stefanie and Matt Marcinkowski, Vernon Kelly, Ed and Judy Fitzgerald at the ALOA Convention. Matt Marcinkowski won a week's worth of ALOA classes at our convention last year. Barry Wilensky was there too, but missed the picture.



Judy and Ed Fitzgerald with the President of ELF, David O'Toole.



At the ALOA convention Ed Fitzgerald presented a Lee Rognon Award to Mark Dawson from Houston Texas.

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

BOARD MEMBERS VOTE FOR 6

Board of Director 1	CLIFF SHAFER
Board of Director 2	JIM HANDSCHUH
Board of Director 3	SVEN HELLWIG
Board of Director 4	PAUL KLINE
Board of Directors 5	RON MARCINKOWSKI
Board of Director 6	SCOTT ROOP
Board of Director 7	JOHN WILLIAMS

Nominations will be taken of the floor at the September and October membership meetings

The election will be held at the November membership meeting

At the September Board meeting Marty Arnold CML was reappointed Treasurer for another 2 years by an unanimous vote.

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