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Meeting 7.30

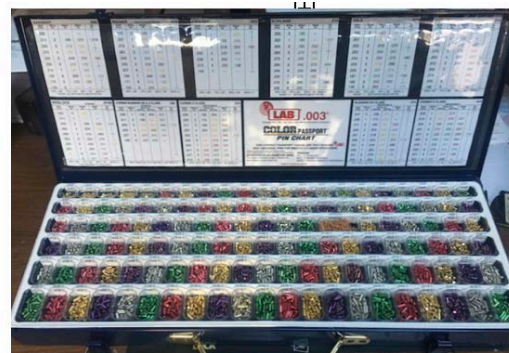
**Our meeting is scheduled
Monday November 20**

PROGRAM

Jim Handschuh, Jr from Doorwares Associates will be making a presentation on Mega Handles. Mega handles are perfect for high rise apartments, multi family dwellings or elegant updates to single family dwellings as well. Mega Handles is a fairly new manufacturer of luxury high quality residential door handles with a focus on contemporary design. Come and check them out!

**Tickets will be issued for another
Pin Kit donated by LAB**

**Drawing will be at Monday's meeting
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Presidents Message

Hello GPLA members and friends,

It's been an eventful 2 months since we last met. I was honored to represent GPLA at the Master Locksmiths Association of Great Britain Expo and Gala. The hospitality of the MLA was very much on display, and Judy and I were given the royal treatment, even getting seated at the President's table for the Saturday night gala. A presentation was made of the Lee Rognon Award to a long time MLA member, Dion McAllister, for his support of the MLA and efforts in supporting cooperation between locksmiths and locksmith associations.

The Expo was supported by over 80 manufacturers and distributors with a heavy emphasis on the automotive side. Besides driving on the other side of the car on the other side of the road, a lot of things are different over there with the use of lever locks and profile cylinders on the mechanical side of locksmithing. Plenty of access control also, but also the reinforcement of windows and doors with multi-point locking. It was a great experience and I suggest you give it a try.

Sven Hellwig also represented GPLA well on his trip to the Yankee Security Convention in Springfield, MA. Sven was promoting our 75th Anniversary Convention next year as I did at MLA, so we're hoping for a big turnout and an event everyone will remember.

On a sadder note, GPLA honorary member Dee Mock passed away after a long battle with cancer. I can remember seeing Dee helping at the conventions years ago, before I was a member. Her contributions to GPLA were duly recognized as a recipient of the Herman Hennsler Award in 2005. Both Bob and Dee traveled to many industry events over the years and proudly represented and promoted GPLA. Thank you, Dee.

We had a good turnout at the September meeting and I'm hoping for the same going forward. GPLA needs the membership to be involved and this includes attending meetings as well as supporting the classes and convention. Let's make sure the future of our association is a positive one.

Lastly, Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and we all have a lot to be thankful for in our industry. Everyone I talk to is busy and there seems to be plenty of work out there and it doesn't matter what aspect of locksmithing you do most. Even though we've become a bit of a niche type industry, we can be thankful for the ability to be able to pick where we want to specialize our talents and have success. Enjoy your time with family and friends this Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,

Ed Fitzgerald, CML

President



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as the fear of making a mistake!**

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Membership Notes

The members of GPLA extend their heartfelt condolences to Member # 84 Bob Mock for the loss of his wife Dolores. Dee was an Honorary member of GPLA. May she rest in peace.

Our secretary's wife Diana Barnum is now receiving Chemo treatments in her fight with cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts or prayers. We wish her a successful recovery.

Member 184 Jack Magee suffered a mini stroke recently. I stopped by Jack's place of business and saw he is back at work, but is taking it easy. I told Jack "to watch out" and take care of yourself!

Just a note to inform our members who might be wondering: "Our traveling officers are paying their own fares". No Association money is used to pay for those P.R. trips representing GPLA.

Our President Ed Fitzgerald CML, is ready to enter the MLA Expo in Telford UK



Here Ed is presenting the Rognon Award to Dion McAllister at the MLA banquet



Our President with his wife Judy and the President of ELF Dave O'Toole in the center



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Our Convention Chairman Sven Hellwig, CRL attended the Yankee convention and made a presentation of the Rognon Award to Mr. D.J Dabenigno. DJ is a past president of the Massachusetts locksmith association and he is active in the Yankee Convention organization. Thanks Sven.



SOME HUMOR

Two men are standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A blonde asks them what their problem is. They reply that they have been told to measure the height of the flagpole; they have a tape measure but no ladder.

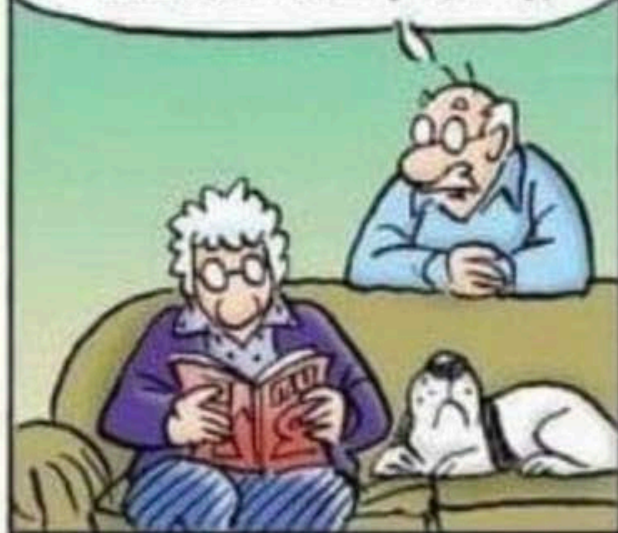


I'm Confused !

The blonde steps forward, removes a bolt from the base of the pole, lowers it horizontal, takes the measure and tells them “It is 23 feet” and walks away.

One man turns to the other and says “Stupid blonde. We ask for the height and she gives us the length”.😄😄😄

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
I SAW OUR NEIGHBOR
MRS. LUNDGREN AT
THE STORE TODAY.



SO I ASKED HER HOW
HER HUSBAND WAS
DOING. I DIDN'T
KNOW HE'D DIED.

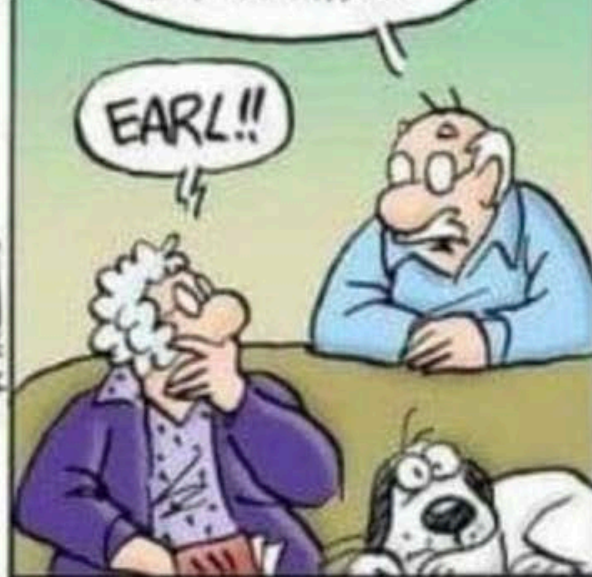


SHE SAID "HE'S GONE."
I THOUGHT SHE MEANT
HE'D GONE ON A TRIP.



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SO I SAID, "WHY
DIDN'T YOU GO
WITH HIM?"



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