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LOCATION CHANGE

Our next meeting will be on

MARCH 18

AT TIFFANY'S DINER

9010 Roosevelt Blvd, Phila 19115

Dinner 7.00

Meeting at 7.45

Come for dinner at 7.00 for dinner @ \$25.00 Per person

or just show up at 7.45 to attend the meeting at no charge.

PROGRAM

Logan Humphreys of INOX.

Presenting access control in a box.

Thanks to Bill Neff

Rosters and ID Cards will be available

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

It was reported that Member 302 Arnie Rabinowitz had food poisoning and has been in intensive care for two weeks and recuperating in the hospital for another two weeks and then at the rehab facility for two weeks learning to walk again. I have not received any details of his present condition.

We all wish Arnie a speedy recovery.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello GPLA members and friends,

In my February message I mentioned that the groundhog was predicting an early spring, and of course a few days after it warmed up it snowed. I think I'll leave the weather predictions to the folks that don't seem to mind being wrong quite often and still manage to keep their jobs. At least the warm weather in Florida and some spring training baseball made it all better. Spring is right around the corner for sure now.

We all strive to do the best we can at our jobs and encourage employees to do the same. Most of our colleagues can agree how busy they are and with that in mind, a job completed quickly is no good if you must go back later to fix it again. The adage that time is money is even more important today as we try to be as efficient and thorough as possible. One way to make sure work is done right is to make the most of the educational opportunities that are available.

The SAVTA Convention in Tulsa, OK from 4/22 to 4/27 has 5 days of classes in which to expand your knowledge in the field of safe work. Whether you're just starting out getting into safe work or have been doing it for some time, there's something for everyone and every level of experience.

The ALOA Convention in Las Vegas from 7/22 to 7/28 has 5 days of classes offering a wide variety of classes for beginners as well as experienced technicians. The ALOA Scholarship Foundation has opportunities to assist with expenses to help anyone achieve success through education.

The GPLA 75th Anniversary Convention scheduled for 9/25 to 9/28 has 3 days of classes being planned so there's no reason why you shouldn't take advantage of the education available locally. Combine that with the scholarship opportunities available through the Connelly Singer Foundation and you can get a lot of education locally.

Everyone I talk to is saying how busy they are and even with technology rapidly changing you need to seriously consider taking the time out to learn how to do it better and to instruct or get instruction for those new employees to the trade. Education is the way to success and continuing to move forward.

The general meeting this month will be at Tiffany's Restaurant on the Roosevelt Boulevard, which keeps us in the city and is still reasonably accessible for most members. Be there by 7:00 pm if you plan on having dinner. Thank you to Sven Hellwig for making the arrangements and remember the program and meeting will follow immediately after dinner. Looking forward to a good turnout. Thank you and take care.

Respectfully,

Ed Fitzgerald, CML
President

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Repeat of the Minutes of the January 2024 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on January 15, 2024 and was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ed Fitzgerald.

Sergeant at Arms Barry Wilensky lead us off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ed Fitzgerald welcomed and introduced our program guest Mark Slingerland from dormakaba.

Program: Mark Slingerland from dormakaba gave an interesting and informative presentation on Best Exit Devices and Best Extra Heavy-Duty Surface Door Closer.

President Ed Fitzgerald welcomed the rest of our guests Mike DiRienzo, guest of Jack Magee, Steve Garay, guest of Randy Carpenter and Jamie Wiersielis, wife of Anthony Wiersielis.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Marty Arnold approved the previous minutes as printed in the Newsletter with a second from Ron Marcinkowski and was approved unanimously by the Membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marty Arnold reported sending out the End of Year finance reports to all Board members for approval at the January 9th Board meeting. Marty then added that the Board meeting was canceled due to incumbent weather and the financial reports approval are pending until the next Board meeting.

Correspondence In and Out: Dana Barnum received Correspondence In asking about the where the next meeting will be taking place.

President's Report: President Ed Fitzgerald thanked Jimmy Armenakis for ordering the food for the meeting. Ed informed us he is going to the ALOA Convention in July and that the next ELF Convention will be held in May in Düsseldorf Germany.

Ed stated that our next GPLA General Meeting will be held on March 18th and to watch your Newsletter and for Constant Contacts being sent out for the location of the meeting.

Membership: Marty reported that Thomas O'Hagan from the College of NJ was accepted as a Shop member. He was sponsored by Member 307 Chris Martin. His # will be 307A

Education: Nothing to report.

Health and Welfare: Marty Arnold stated that his wife Nelly is doing much better and getting around adding the nerves in her mouth are slowly healing. Dana Barnum stated that his wife Diana is finishing up chemotherapy and is about to ring the bell. Sven Helwig stated that his arm surgery went well and the pain is a lot less. Sven added that all should be well in 6 to 8 weeks. Ed Fitzgerald added that he had Carpal tunnel surgery and it is coming along well.

Building: Marty Arnold stated that he is going to negotiate February's rent because of all the water damage do to the last couple of rain storms. Marty added that Sonny wanted us to leave early and Marty added that we need to the end of February to get out.

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Repeat of the Minutes of the January 2024 GPLA General Membership Meeting, Continued

Communications: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Ed Fitzgerald asked if everyone is getting Newsletter.

Convention: Sven Hellwig stated that the 75th anniversary Convention is off to a great start. Sven added that a lot of courses are set and you can see the courses on the GPLA website. Sven then stated that the Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia has a block of rooms that have been established at a really great price. Sven suggested reserving your room as soon as the rooms become available, adding at that Convention rate, the rooms will go fast. Ed Fitzgerald added the he had got in touch with a lot of vendors. Cliff Shafer added that he plans to post advertisements in all the Locksmith Journals and ClearStar. Cliff stated that this is a very special event and we will need to know how many people will attend to work with the Hotel. Sven added that we are getting many Locksmith suppliers sponsoring the Convention.

P.A. Legislation: Nothing new to report.

N.J. Legislation: Nothing new to report.

By-Laws: Ed Fitzgerald entertained a motion to make changes the By-Laws as printed in the December 2023 Newsletter and January 2024 Newsletter. Sven Helwig made a motion to accept the changes to the By-Laws with a second by Barry Wilensky and the change was approved unanimously by the Membership. Ed thanked everyone for coming out to make a quorum to approve the By-Law changes.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: Anthony Wiersielis North East ALOA Director ask for signatures so he can run again for the Director position.

Paul Kline reported that thieves are breaking into the back windows of Jeep Grand Cherokee, which doesn't set off the alarm and use their own Key Programmers to add a key to the cars computer to steal the car.

Sven Hellwig added that if you break the back passenger window on a Hyundai or Kia the alarm will not go off and thieves are stealing the cars.

Barry Wilensky announced that tonight the 50/50 cash prize is \$50 and a few other nice prizes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 was made by Ron Marcinkowski and was seconded by Marty Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

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Instructor: Tom Demont

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For Class Info Contact: Jim Sundstrond @ 856-854-5200

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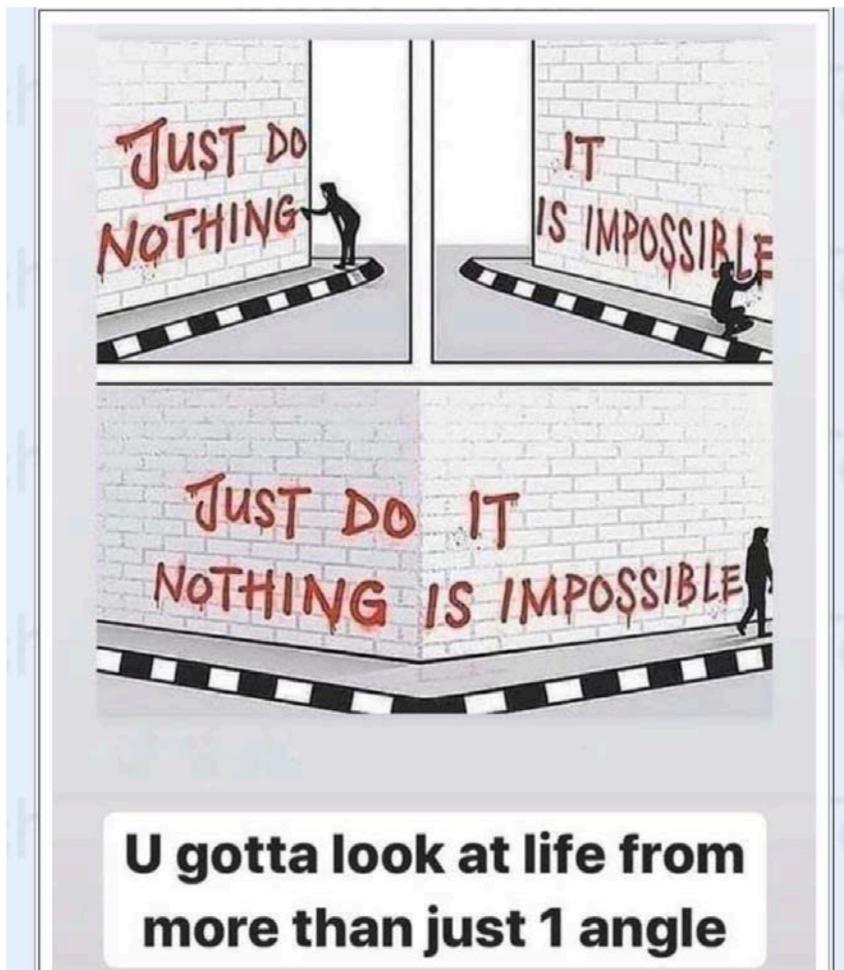


An elderly couple was attending church services.

About halfway through she leans over and says to her husband.

"I just let out a silent fart. What do you think I should do?"

He replies, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."



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