



# nyail news

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF IN-HOUSE LOCKSMITHS, INC. PO Box 1439, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10159-1439

The largest and oldest continuously-active locksmith association in New York City.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

6:00 PM

55 LEXINGTON AVE (corner of 24th Street)

Room 14-285 (14<sup>th</sup> floor)

The meeting starts at 6:00 PM Please be on time.

There is no sponsor this month, since this is our annual membership meeting.

All members are invited, including Corporate Members.

#### **BUS TRIP IN APRIL**

As we mentioned right here last month, the Master Locksmith Association of New Jersey show will be held on April 17 and 18.

Lou Mazza, the rep for Corporate Member IDN Hardware, has generously agreed to pay for a bus to the show on Saturday, April 17. The bus will be departing 28th St and Lexington Ave at 9:30 AM sharp and will leave the convention at 4:00 PM. That should leave plenty of time to tour the exhibition floor.

As always, we will collect a deposit of \$50 (check only), which will be returned at the end of the day. Please mail in your deposit as soon as possible, or bring it to Wednesday's meeting.

If you will be coming on the bus, contact Martin Murphy at 212 562-5040 and leave your name so he can register you for the convention.

The registration fee charged by MLANJ for each member is \$10, but our association will pay the fee if you come on the bus.

## ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THIS MONTH

Nominations and elections for all officer positions will be held at this Wednesday's meeting.

We mentioned last month that we needed volunteers to help out in non-officer positions, and we want to thank Allan Rose for agreeing to pick up the soda each month. This helps

ease the strain on those who arrange the monthly meetings.

Don't forget, there's always room in our association for someone who wants to help out.

Speak to Martin or Wai if you're interested.

#### **LEGISLATION**

Besides the sticker legislation that we post about on a fairly regular basis, there are two other pieces of City Council legislation you may be interested in. One calls for the banning of all audible vehicle alarms within NYC, and the other is a law that would require all locksmiths and car dealers to verify ID before reproduction of any vehicle key. It has been pointed out that the lack of a keycutting license in NYC creates a

huge loophole that makes this just another useless and unenforceable law.

Treasurer Rick Duskiewicz attended a community board meeting in Queens when he heard that the bill on the alarms was to be discussed. As it turns out, one community board member was a car recovery agent and another was a locksmith with a shop in Queens. They both gave several excellent reasons why this bill should not go forward. It appeared that most of the audience of 100 agreed with their statements.

#### **DUES**

All Regular Members' dues are expected to be paid by Wednesday's meeting. If you have not yet paid your 2004 dues, please do so immediately.

#### **CERTIFICATION TEST**

The ILA has agreed to have a sitting for the Certified Institutional Locksmith exam for NYAIL members on Sunday, May 23. The exam will be held at Baruch College, 55 Lexington Ave in room 9-155.

All applicants must register in

advance, since the test proctors will only bring enough tests for the registrants. No walk-ins will be allowed.

The cost for the exam is \$50. Your check will go directly to the ILA. We will have more information as we receive it.

#### BYLAWS AND POLICIES

There will be some discussion of possible bylaw changes and also some policy rules implemented.

Bylaw changes may only be made at the March meeting, but policies will need to be revised as the Executive Board determines.

#### MEMBERS ONLY SECTION AT WWW.LOCKSMITH.ORG

Next month, the password for the members only section will be changed. Only paid-up members will receive the new password for access into this area. At that time, paid-up members will need to e-mail Rick for the code. More info next month.

#### VINNY LENO

NYAIL Member Vincent Fortunato of Memorial Sloan Kettering, who's heard many times that he looks like Jay Leno, was chosen by the producers of the Tonight Show to appear in a "look-alike contest". Vinny was flown to California and appeared with seven other participants. The show aired Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, guest judge Owen Wilson did not choose Vinny as the winner.

### WELCOME NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

**Abloy Security** 

**Master Lock** 

**Medeco Security Locks** 

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