



GE ELFUN NEWSLETTER

GE Foundation Luncheon

For the 18th year in a row, the Syracuse Elfun Society hosted the annual luncheon for the non-profit organizations that received gift matching funds from the GE Foundation.

Representatives from twenty-nine non-profit agencies were honored on June 13, 2012 at Julie's Place Restaurant, 770 James Street, Syracuse, for their contribution in the Syracuse area. Their organizations were recipients of funds in excess of \$180,318.00 from the GE Foundation that matched donations from local General Electric employees and retirees.



During the luncheon, Elfun representatives reminded the attendees that in addition to providing financial support through the GE Foundation, local chapters also provide support through supporting community activities and construction projects. The Syracuse Chapter has already received several requests for assistance as a result.

Congratulations to all the GE employees and retirees who made this possible.

Nicholas Vaccaro

Save The Date

Just a short reminder that you should mark Saturday, December 1st on your calendar as this is the date for this year's Annual Holiday Party at the Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club.

We always have a large turnout for this outstanding event and this party offers both a great opportunity to renew acquaintances and to start your holiday season. A detailed flyer will be included in the November newsletter.

This is a great event so plan on attending.

Dick Enright

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of the following members of the Syracuse Chapter:

Dr. Harold Lyness—March 15, 2012

James Tillman—May 20, 2012

Alfred Kerr—May 20, 2012

Joseph Dreher—May 24, 2012

James Kearney—May 27, 2012

Bynum "Lee" Holtzclaw—May 30, 2012

Leslie Bertz—June 29, 2012

Social

We began the New Year with a brand new event when we attended the Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra concert on April 22 at Atonement Lutheran Church. Music Director Erik Kibelsbeck led the orchestra in a rousing classical program, starting with “Fanfare for the King”, a piece written for the inaugural performance of a church organ in Wisconsin. Atonement has a similar organ and so we enjoyed a true fanfare of the organ and horns from the choir loft. The musicians were smartly dressed in black tuxedos and dresses, and the church was still adorned with Easter decorations of butterflies and lilies. This was a feast for the senses.

We followed the concert with a family-style Italian dinner at Luigi’s Restaurant. Many thanks to Elfuns Fred Wenthen and Ed Brennan, who are also part of the Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra had not hosted a large group before and Ed and Fred went above and beyond the call of duty helping me with logistics for the event.

Our next outing was an old favorite. When it is 95 degrees in Syracuse, one of the best things you can do is cruise and dine on Skaneateles Lake, and a group of 58 of us did just that on June 21. Once the crew of the Judge Ben Wiles opened the windows and got under way, we were treated to a cool, refreshing breeze. We admired the stately homes along the lake while dining on a light lunch. There was plenty of time to socialize both on the boat and in Austin Park as we gathered together to board. Mid-



Lakes Navigation loves to host us and we always have fun on the cruise.

As we go to press, the next two upcoming events are also tried and true. We will take our annual trip to “Elfun Family Day at the Ballpark” on July 31 for a game against the IronPigs and attend “Cabaret” at Merry-Go-Round Theater followed by dinner at the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles on September 5. We’ll have a report on these outings in the fall newsletter.

I’m working on another old favorite for the fall. Several years ago we had a sell-out crowd for the Adirondack Scenic Railroad fall leaf-peeping tour. We’d love to do a railroad event again and are working on finding just the right excursion for us. Stay tuned.

Cindy Chermak



GE Volunteers & Construction

We received a request for assistance from Hope For Bereaved in performing some repairs at the Butterfly Garden of HOPE. The power box door and top panel, made of plywood were badly deteriorated. The replacements, made of cedar, took an estimated 42 hours for fabrication, assembly, routing the butterfly, and finishing. Neal Schantz assisted Marv Hahn in the installation process.



The GE Volunteers also carried out a project at the Newland Center (The Learning Place) on 1443 East Genesee Street in Syracuse. A gap between an existing fence on their property and a nearby neighbor's fence offered an attractive passageway for neighborhood youth that the Center wanted eliminated. On June 18th nine volunteers including Ed Brennan, Dick Enright, Marv Hahn, Bob Killius, Bill McGrath, Neal Schantz, Stan Shubsda, Art

Toll, and Fred Wenthen arrived at the Center and made quick work of the fabrication and installation of the new section of fencing. A total of 46 volunteer hours were involved with this project.



Activities for the GE Volunteers from the Skaneateles area have included: Visiting the Auburn Nursing Home on a weekly basis, serving as activity volunteers; Construction of a Lean2Rescue involving long distance hiking and moving heavy building materials; Collecting food for the Roots & Wings food pantry; Participating in the United Way campaign and Day of Caring; Working in the Bingo activity at the New York State Veteran's Home; Assisting in the Fair Haven 7th Annual Run for Hospice of the Finger Lakes; and Helping out at the Muscular Sclerosis 2012 Bike Finger Lakes Challenge.

Marv Hahn & George Fay

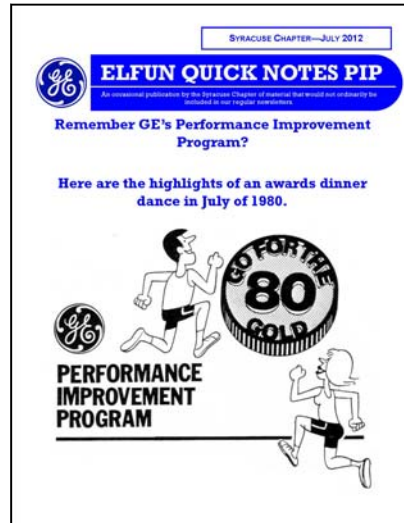
Newsletter

For those of you who have asked to receive your newsletter by e-mail, no—we haven't ignored your request with this issue. We find that the annual dues request is harder to overlook if we present you with an actual, real, hardcopy that you can hold in your hand, as opposed to a PDF file that you have to print off before you can mail it in. That's why you're receiving a hard copy this month.

We continue to recommend that as many of you as possible receive communications by e-mail and there's a box on the dues notice that you can check off to start this process if you haven't already done so. At the present about 40% of our membership receives mailings by e-mail.

Other than the benefit to the chapter of less labor involved in getting out a hard copy mailing and elimination of First Class postage, there's the benefit to you as members because we put out addi-

tional mailings, typically about once a month that are sent out only by e-mail. So if you don't sign up for e-mail, you miss these additional mailings. A snapshot of the most recent "bonus" mailings is shown below—so consider signing up for e-mail.



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