

Syracuse Chapter Social Events for 2014

Social Activities Chair Cindy Chermak presented her plan of events for the 2014 year and the Executive Committee approved the the events listed below.

On Sunday May 4, we will attend the Symphoria concert at 2PM St. Paul's Cathedral followed by an Italian Buffet Dinner at Casa Di Copani on Burnet Ave near Thompson Road. The annual Senior Luncheon is Thursday May 15 at Noon at Barbagello's Restaurant on East Molloy Road. On Wednesday, June 4, we will travel to Skaneateles Lake for a Luncheon Cruise from Noon-2PM.

We plan to attend the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse with dinner at a local restaurant for their presentation of Damn Yankees sometime in July. On Sunday June 29, 5PM we will attend the Syracuse Chief's game with Buffalo. Due to the change in Chief's management, the cost will be \$5 per ticket but that will not include a food coupon as in the past. We plan to attend the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse presentation of Will Rogers Follies [with no dinner] sometime in September.

The Annual Holiday Party is Saturday, December 6 at Lakeshore Country Club.

Cindy is still working to schedule additional activities that we will announce when the plans are definite. If you have suggestions for future Elfun events, please send to syracusechapterelfun@gmail.com.

Holiday Party

This Holiday Party was held on December 7th at the Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club and catered by "Attilio's At The Lakeshore". "Smokin" again provided music for our dancing and listening pleasure. We were able to offer the same price per couple as last year - \$75 for dues paying Elfun and spouses and \$95 for guest couples. The 85 attendees had a good time. We have booked both Lakeshore as the venue and Smokin' as musical entertainment for this year's party scheduled for December 6, 2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dick Enright

IN MEMORIAM

We have received word of the deaths of the these Syracuse Elfun: James Sprague 1/3/14, Ted Webb 1/8/14, Robert Keane 2/18/14, Brainard Fancher 3/3/14, Bruce Cole 3/6/14, and John Mills 3/13/14.

Leadership Team 2013-2014

If you are interested in participating in the Syracuse Chapter Leadership Team, please contact Dave Fulmer. In particular, we are looking for someone with graphic arts experience to take over as our newsletter/communications person.

Salvation Army Bell ringing

We had a very successful day ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Christmas kettle at Destiny Mall. We rang from 10AM to 9PM on December 4 and are very thankful to all of our volunteers: Marilyn Wiggers, Dave Fulmer, Cliff & Helen Oram, Herb & Jeannie Coddington, Dick Enright, Tony Calaprico, Gene & Lorrie Schiefer, Jessie & Rebecca Hunter, and Carl Chermak. Their help was very much appreciated and when Major John Stewart picked up the money, he was very thankful as am I. We plan to ring again next year and I hope to see you all then.

Pete Scalzo

Upcoming Work Projects

We will be refinishing the benches at the Butterfly Garden at Onondaga Lake Park sometime after the snow melts – probably in May. Chair Marv Hahn will be contacting workers. If you are interested in being part of the work crew, please contact Marv or send a message to syracusechapterelfun@gmail.com.

Newsletter and event Flyer Distribution

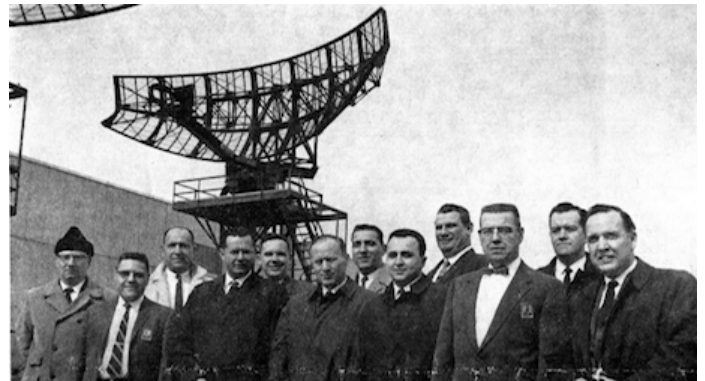
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HIPAR History from the GE News

In the 1950's the Air Force needed to improve the Nike surface-to-air missile system to allow it to detect, track and destroy high altitude supersonic targets. The government turned to General Electric which developed the fixed, and subsequently the mobile, HIPAR radar to be used with an improved Nike-Hercules missile. GE's HIPAR radar scanned the horizon out to a horizontal range of over 100 nautical miles and up to a vertical range (altitude) of over 148,000 feet (over 28 miles) searching for incoming hostile aircraft. Once hostile aircraft were detected, data on their course, speed, altitude and location were passed electronically by computer and other electrical means to the target-tracking radars, while the HIPAR acquisition radar continued to sweep the horizon searching for more targets.

The HIPAR radar was developed and produced in Syracuse and the following photographs describe the program and the employees who contributed to it as seen by readers of the GE NEWS.



HEAT EXCHANGER TEAM - This HMED value engineering team re-designed the HIPAR heat exchanger.

Pictured below a HIPAR antenna at the Farrell Rd. plant are: (l to r) Bill Tardy, Bill Masin, Tom Dudarchik, Clem Wilson, Ed Kmbrell, Hal Britton, Harry Ritzel, Roy Paratore, Bernie Kerrigan, Don Masso, Marv Hahn and Ralph Tackett.



TEAMWORK—These are some of the Heavy Military Electronics Department employees who took part in redesign of the HIPAR acquisition radar for the Nike-Hercules Weapons System.

Engineer Ernie Johnson (center) and engineering specialist Bob Radford (right) of the Heavy Military Electronics Department show model of door-sealing device for radar and sonar cabinets to Donald Uren, HMED manager of Engineering. Uren presented cash awards to the two in recognition of their invention which assures that electronic equipment is shielded from electrical interference.

Thanks to Steve Auyer for providing the photos and captions from his GE News history collection.