

2014 Road Scholar Program

The 2014 Road Scholar Adventure for GE Elfun is "Preserving Virginia City's Treasures" in Virginia City, Montana from Sunday, September 21 to Saturday, September 27, 2014. Accommodations are at Nevada City Hotel and Cabins.

Become a key player while working with Montana Heritage Commission staff to help preserve historic artifacts and structures in an 1860's historic gold rush community, one of the Treasure State's most significant cultural resources. The projects, tours and activities will take place in both Virginia City; a registered National Historic District and nearby Nevada City, an open-air museum.

Program Price: Double Occupancy: \$799, Single Occupancy: \$1,051.

Program Price Includes: six nights of accommodations; six breakfasts, five lunches, six dinners; two Expert-led lectures; seven hands-on experiences; two performances; group travel and transfers throughout the program; a Group Leader to accompany you through the program to handle all logistics; modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees; the Road Scholar Emergency and Travel Assistance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies.

To enroll in this exclusive program for Elfun members, please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315, reference Program # 2621 – Service: Preserving Virginia City's Treasures starting on Sunday, September 21, 2014 and that you are an Elfun.

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of these Syracuse Elfun: James N. Dunn 3/21/14, Hugh M. Calder 3/31/14, Harry J. Tucker 4/4/14, Lloyd E. Moncrief 5/19/14.

Leadership Team 2014-2015

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.

Upcoming Social Activities

Monday, July 21 at 2PM is **Damn Yankees** at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse followed by dinner at the **Sherwood Inn**. On Sunday June 29, 5PM we will attend the **Syracuse Chief's** game with Buffalo. Thursday, September 4, 2PM is the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse presentation of **Will Rogers Follies** [no planned dinner]. Reservation forms are included with this newsletter or from the Chapter web site.

Upcoming Work Projects

Marv Hahn will be contacting workers about work tasks including refinishing the benches at the Butterfly Garden. If you are interested in being part of the work crew, please contact Marv 315-699-2621 or at marvh@twcny.rr.com.

Chairman's Column – Dave Fulmer

The topics discussed in the recent teleconference of Elfun leaders on April 30 included highlights of activities of several chapters, Road Scholar Program, Elfun Medical Benefits Plan, planned transition from Elfun website to an Elfun Facebook Page, and a grant program for charities in localities of Elfun Chapters.

Included with this newsletter is the ballot of election of Chapter Officers. Also included is your dues notice for the 2014-2015 year.

The small group that attended the Symphoria concert on May 10 also enjoyed a GREAT meal at Casa Di Copani on Burnet Avenue. We had just over 50 at the annual Senior Luncheon at Barbagallo's on May 15. Our speaker was Jeff Marier of Lockheed Martin who brought us up to date on the current organization and work and discussed the status of many of the radar programs of the past.

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Some GE Syracuse History thanks to Steve Auyer

Signal from Thruway—

June 28, 1956

New Electronics Park Sign, Biggest Of Its Type, To Be Lighted Thursday

Final electrical work on the world's largest metal-plastic fluorescent lighted sign—set atop Building 7 at Electronics Park—will be underway this weekend, and the huge sign to be officially lighted by Dr. W. R. G. Baker on Thursday night of next week.

A special ceremony will see Dr. Baker use two-way radio to signal lighting of the sign from an automobile moving along the New York State Thruway.

Purpose of the sign is to identify Electronics Park for countless numbers of New York State Thruway motorists and airline passengers who pass our big electronics center. Engineers say the sign will be easily read-

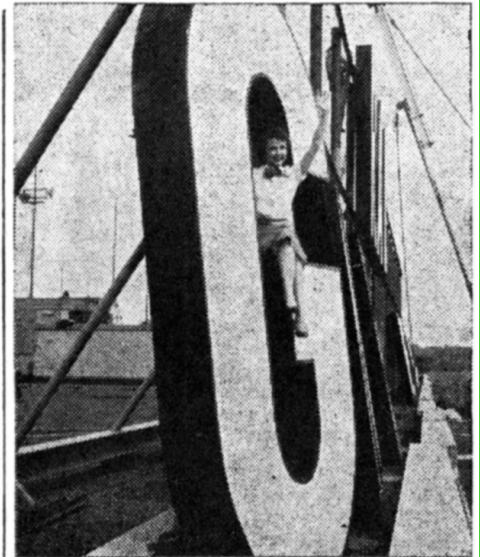
able more than a mile away.

The sign is 186 feet long. It has plastic-faced steel-frame letters with an average weight of 750 pounds each. The letters range from 6 to 12 feet in height, with a General Electric monogram 24 feet in diameter. The sign will be lighted by 1,127 fluorescent lamps to be operated 24 hours a day.

Over 200 ballasts will be used in 41 individual circuits required for the sign's electrical system.

Continuous operation of the fluorescent lamps will more than double their life span.

Monthly power requirements for the sign would supply the electrical needs of 50 average homes for a similar period.



'G' WHIZ! — Jane Reid of Bldg. 7 provides some idea of the size of letters used in the new General Electric sign at Electronics Park as she waves from within a giant "G". This letter is 12 feet high.



SIGN GOES UP—This was the scene last week atop Building 7 as workmen progressed in erection of the huge new General Electric sign. Girls seen in foreground are (l. to r.) Cathy Zimmer, Trudy Thompson and Lillian Ingersoll, all employed in Building 7.

New Sign Marks Electronics Park for Thruway Travelers



LIGHTED LAST THURSDAY — General Electric Photographer Ted Purtell took this night picture of the giant sign atop Bldg. 7, Electronics Park, shortly after it was officially lighted for the first time last Thursday night by Dr. W. R. G. Baker.

The sign, which reflects here off the top of a car in the foreground, faces the New York State Thruway to introduce travelers to Electronics Park. Its lamps will be kept illuminated on a round-the-clock basis.



Photo of the sign removal on September 27, 1993

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