



Chairman's Column – Dave Fulmer

On June 24, Elfuns received a message from Corporate Elfun stating that the Corporate Elfun Board voted at its June meeting to merge Elfun community service initiatives into GE Volunteers and dissolve the centralized GE Elfun organizational structure and chapters. Local Elfun chapters will be welcome to continue to work in the community with GE Volunteers and to have local social activities as a stand-alone organization, but without the continued funding and support of the Corporate Elfun structure.

The Elfun Funds will not be impacted by this change. Electric Insurance will continue to offer auto/homeowner discounts in selected states to Elfun members who enjoy them today. The Elfun Medical Benefits Plan is insured by UnitedHealthcare. The Elfun designated Ministerial Board, set up to finalize the organization's dissolution activities, will oversee administration of that plan.

The Syracuse Elfun Chapter Board met and voted to continue as a local stand-alone Elfun chapter, operating much the same as we have been. Volunteers for construction projects will need to register with GE Volunteers for liability insurance coverage. In order to conduct our other activities such as social events, the Syracuse Chapter will incorporate as an IRS 501(C)7 social club and obtain our own liability insurance for our stand-alone activities.

We plan to continue our work projects and social activities much like we have done in the past. The main financial impact will be the purchase of liability insurance but this time we see no need for a dues increase. We plan to establish our own web site that will be very similar in structure to that provided by Corporate Elfun. Bob Ruth will continue maintain our member database and asks that you provide him with any changes to your personal information such as mailing address and email address.

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of these Syracuse Elfuns: Thomas Walsh 12/30/13, Harry Pywell 6/5/14, Louis Budell, 6/6/14, George Farrell, 6/7/14; Louis Alteri 6/13/14, and Don Ward 7/31/14.

Upcoming Social Activities

On 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. Reservation are needed no later than August 14.

We will have our **First Annual Clambake** on Saturday, September 6 from Noon – 4PM at the Barking Gull in Liverpool. The Barking Gull is located adjacent to the former Griffin Field and the Salt Museum parking lot near Onondaga Lake in Liverpool. Cost is \$40 for Elfuns and significant others and \$48 for guests. We plan to also invite the members of the Quarter Century Club since Lockheed Martin dropped their clambake. All you can eat in 4 hours! Alcoholic beverages are not included in the price. Reservations are needed by August 27.

The annual **Golf Outing** is on Monday, September 15 at Tuscorara. Shotgun Start at 1:00pm for the Four Man Teams, Captain's Choice. After golf we will have Hors D'oeuvres and a Buffet Dinner with a Cash Bar. Golf, Cart & Dinner is \$70 for dues paying Elfuns and \$77 for guests. Dinner only is \$24. Flyers or reminders are included with this newsletter.

Social Activities Report

Fifty-eight Elfuns and significant others enjoyed the Luncheon Cruise on the Judge Ben Wiles on Skaneateles Lake. We had beautiful weather, a delicious lunch, a fun cruise, great descriptions of the sites on the shores by our cruise captain, and positive feedback from the attendees.

On Sunday June 29, 5PM we had a rather small group attend the **Syracuse Chiefs** game with Buffalo. The Chiefs lost.

We had a group of fifty-one on Monday, July 21 at **Damn Yankees** at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse followed by dinner at the **Sherwood Inn**. The show was great and the buffet dinner was delicious.

Work Projects Report – Marv Hahn

1 The GE Volunteers worked at ON POINT for COLLEGE, Inc. on June 16, 2014 at their office in Syracuse. The project consisted of stuffing plastic bags with useful items for underprivileged college students and required 12 man hours. Photo L-R: Helen Oram, Cliff Oram, Fred Wenthen, Marv Hahn, Neal Schantz, Ed Brennan, Dave Fulmer, and Pete Capponi.

2 Construction of shelves in a storage area for the ALS Association in Liverpool on June 2, 2014. The project involved removal of boxes and supplies from the storage area, construction of custom wooden storage shelves with four levels on the sides and back of the storage room, and replacement of the material to be stored on the shelves. The project took a total of 120 man hours by 13 GE Volunteers. Photo L-R: Stan Shubsda, Bill McGrath, Dick Martin, Bob Killius, Pete Capponi, Ed Brennan, Marv Hahn, Jim Jaeger, Neal Schantz, Fred Wenthen, Dick Enright, Dave Fulmer, and Harry Heilman.

3 Installation of a lamp post at Hope For Bereaved, inc. on July 14, 2014. The location was the Hope for Bereaved office property at 4500 Onondaga Blvd., Syracuse. The project involved the assembly and emplacement of a 7 ft. tall 3 lamp light post near the entrance to the parking lot. Work included placement of wiring in a 45 ft. trench, making a quickrete foundation, and installation of the lamp post. The project took a total of 54 man hours by a total of 7 GE Volunteers. Photo L-R: Neal Schantz, Jim Jaeger, Bob Killius, Marv Hahn, Pete Capponi, Dick Enright. Fred Wenthen is not in the photo.

Marv will be contacting workers about future work 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.



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.

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