

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell Ringing at Destiny Mall is on Tuesday, Dec 2, 2014.

We need volunteers from 10AM to 9PM in 2 hour shifts. Please call Pete Scalzo for details [315-457-0598].

Syracuse Elfun Society

The Syracuse Elfun Chapter executive Committee is in the process of incorporating the Syracuse Elfun Society as an IRS 501(C)7 social club and will obtain our own liability insurance for our stand-alone activities. Corporate Elfun has provided funding to pay for this process. We have hired a lawyer who is preparing the necessary documentation to establish our new corporation with the goal of certification by New York State prior to December 31, 2014. Future Community Service projects will be done as GE Volunteers for liability insurance coverage. We are working 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 since he will no longer receive updates from Corporate Elfun. We can no longer use the GE Corporate logo but we can continue to wear existing apparel with the GE logo.

2015 Information - Road Scholar Program

The GE Road Scholar offerings for 2015 are listed below. The DC trip in April will soon be available for registration. The Vermont Summer Camp event will be in June and we are working with them now on dates. This email is just to give you enough info to 'mark your calendars' for any of these events you might like to attend. The first two are new programs for us, but something different and a little unique.

Wildlife Rehab, South Florida – Mar 1-6

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference Program #13107, "Service Learning: Wildlife Rehabilitation in Southern Florida" mention that you are a GE employee/retiree.

Monumental DC – Apr 27-May 1

Vermont Camp – June

Sacajawea Interpretative Center – Aug 23-29

Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th at the Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club. This year, the party will be catered by the staff at Lakeshore and we are looking forward to an excellent meal preceded by a cocktail hour featuring hot and cold appetizers. Following dinner, a large selection of desserts will be offered. "Smokin" will again provide music for our dancing and listening pleasure. Lead vocalist Janice Wilson, accompanied by band members will sing a variety of songs from the 50's through to today.

A flyer for the event included with this newsletter provides details including the meal selections. We are able to offer the same price per couple as last year. This event is a great bargain. We encourage all of our members to take advantage of this opportunity to renew acquaintances and start your holiday season. Reservations with payment, must be received no later than Monday, December 1st. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dick Enright

Annual Golf Outing

The 2014 Elfun Golf Outing was held at Tuscarora Golf Club in Marcellus, NY on Monday September 14, 2014. What a beautiful day. For once it didn't rain or snow. Joe Welch from the Tuscarora pro shop made sure everything ran smoothly. 28 Elfun and guests enjoyed the competition. The team of Dave Vaccaro, Terry DelMarsh, Cory Boyer and Sean Mulligan won with a low net score of 59. Ken Hines, Stuart Schwartz, Bob Blake and Dave Fulmer were a close second with a net score of 62. Jim Petrie won the closest to the pin contest on the 2nd hole with a distance of 12 feet 8 inches and Sean Mulligan won the long drive contest on the 14th hole. Everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, fellowship and a buffet dinner after golf. Thanks to Bob Blake for making this year's golf outing a big success.

Carl Chermak

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of the these Syracuse Elfun: Phillip Tressler 9/1/14, Philip Johnston 9/1/14, and Richard Davis 9/30/14.



Community Service Projects

The GE Volunteers had a project at the Butterfly Garden of Hope at Onondaga Lake Parkway on August 11, 2014. Many benches were power washed, so the project consisted of lightly sanding and then painting a preservative stain on the benches. The crew was small but the GE volunteers painted 80 of 112 benches. A total of five gallons of preservative stain was required. The project required a total of 45 man hours to complete the 80 benches. The GE volunteers were: Pete Capponi, Myron Egtvedt, Dick Enright, Marv Hahn, Bob Killius, Stan Shubsda, and Mrs. Shubsda.

GE Volunteer One Time Grants

One result of the demise of Corporate Elfun is the distribution on “one time” GE Volunteer grants using funds originally designated to support Elfun chapters. Our selections of Hope For Bereaved, Hospice and St. Francis House each received a \$10,000 grant.

Volunteers Appreciated

We received a thank you from the Food Bank of Central New York for the Elfun workers at the Syracuse Car Show at the Holiday Inn and NYS Fairgrounds.

Volunteers Needed

Samaritan Center is an interfaith effort to feed the hungry in Syracuse. We have a continual need for volunteers on the weekdays for meal service both in the morning for breakfast and afternoon for dinner. Other volunteer opportunities are available as well. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@samcenter.org call us at 315-472-0650, or visit our website at www.samcenter.org to set up a time to volunteer or gather more information.

Social Events

We have had a busy early fall. 32 of us attended The Will Rogers Follies on September 4 at Merry-Go-Round Playhouse. Tom Wopat, Luke Duke from The Dukes of Hazzard TV show, was the star. He has played this role previously, and his personality and charisma carried the evening. He could do the rope tricks, too. A few days later, we held the first clambake in a long time at The Barking Gull in Liverpool. An unusually cold September day meant that all 57 of us had to remain indoors with the heater on, but the clams and side dishes were still delicious. Elfun must love clams, as the venue struggled to keep up with us and eventually ran out! The food was great and we had a lot of fun catching up with old friends. Several Elfun who had never attended another event in my records showed up for this, so we would like to make a few changes based on this experience and repeat the event in the future. I will be back with a new slate of activities for us in 2015. As always, contact me with suggestions or comments on our social activity schedule. Happy Holidays and warm winter weather to all.

Cindy Chermak

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