

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.

Photo is from the Hospice Winter newsletter.



Caryn Hughes-Hospice of CNY, Peter Scalzo, Bob Bryerton, Bob Ruth, Marv Hahn, Dick Enright, Dave Fulmer and Brenda Zook-Hospice of CNY

Syracuse Elfun Society Status

The former Syracuse Elfun Chapter is now officially the **Syracuse Elfun Society**, incorporated as an IRS 501(c)7 social club and we have purchased our own liability insurance for our stand-alone activities. Corporate Elfun provided funding to pay for this process. Future Community Service projects will be done as GE Volunteers using their 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 USPS mailing 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.

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of the these Syracuse Elfuns: Walter Bergstraesser on Nov 6, Louis Gettman on December 17, Thomas Centore on January 4, Richard Stasior on January 7, Robert Fredricks on January 30, and Donald Perkins on January 30.

Social Events for 2015

Dates have been set for several Social Events for the 2015 year. On Sunday April 19, we will have lunch at Rico's Restaurant and attend the Onondaga Civic Symphony Concert at St. Matthew's Church in East Syracuse. On Thursday May 28, we offer an Erie Canal Luncheon Cruise leaving from the canal dock near NY RT 370. Our annual visit to the Syracuse Chiefs is Sunday July 12 at 1:05 PM. Tuesday, August 4 at 2PM we go to the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in Auburn to see “Saturday Night Fever” followed by dinner at the Sherwood Inn. And on Thursday, September 10 we will go back to the Merry-Go-Round in the evening for the “Calamari Sisters”. We are also planning our Second Annual Clambake at the Barking Gull in Liverpool on a Saturday in September and the annual golf outing on a Monday in September. We will end our social season with our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5 at Lakeshore Country Club.

Community Service Projects

Community Service Projects Coordinator Marv Hahn is planning our activities for 2015. If you would like to be added to Marv’s list of GE Volunteers, please contact him at marvh@twcny.rr.com or 699-2621.

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 their website at www.samcenter.org to set up a time to volunteer or gather more information.

Holiday Party

This 2014 Holiday Party was Saturday, December 6th at the Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club. The food, service, and band were great. We had 90 attend. Fred Wenthen was honored as Elfun Of The Year for 2014. The site and band have been reserved for the December 5, 2015 party so save the date.

Dick Enright



Road Scholar Program for 2015

Here are the GE Road Scholar offerings for 2015.
Program # 13107 -- Service Learning: Wildlife Rehabilitation in Southern Florida from March 1-6.

Program # 21430 -- Monumental Impact: Service Learning in Washington, DC from April 27 – May 1. Mornings helping with minor maintenance activities in and around the Mall and afternoon field trips of all the wonderful monuments and memorials, led by Park Service employees.

Program # 14811 -- Preservation and Renovation of a Classic Old Vermont Summer Camp from May 31 – June 5. Registration is now open..

Program # 8888 -- Sacajawea Interpretive Cultural and Education Center Service Project from August 23-29. The location is beautiful Salmon, ID.

For more details or to enroll in any of the first 3 programs, call Road Scholar at (800) 322-5315.

Make sure to mention you're from GE.

Program on History Of Electronics Park

The members, spouses, and guests of the Syracuse Elfun Society have been invited to this program. On Friday, April 10, 2015 at 6 PM the Liverpool First United Methodist Church Senior Ministries will have a 50's Theme Dinner (Hoffman hot dogs, coneys, salt potatoes, old fashioned pop, root beer floats and retro desserts catered by the LFUMC Men's Club. **Steve Auyer** will present a multi-media program "The History Of Electronics Park". Learn how the Central New York area changed following World War 2 as new industries moved into the area and some whose development was spurred by the war effort continued to grow and expand. GE's Electronics Park had a big impact on the Liverpool area, and was one of the reasons that Bayberry was developed. The program will talk about how our community changed over the years. A collection of 8 x 10 prints of GE's TV ads from the 40's through the 70's arranged in a time line and a collection of vintage radios will be on display. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Advance payment by check payable to LFUMC Senior Ministries, 604 Oswego Street, Liverpool 13088 must be received by 3/29/15.

Final Message From Elfun Corporate

As we have previously communicated, the Elfun Medical Benefits Plan terminated effective December 31, 2014. All impacted Elfun members were notified and provided information on OneExchange in order to receive assistance in obtaining individual coverage starting January 1, 2015. We have heard from many Elfuns who have attended the OneExchange meetings, and that process has moved along as expected. As in the past, claims for expenses incurred through December 31, 2014 should be filed as soon as possible by plan participants, but no later than ending June 30, 2015. The Elfun Medical Plan has a Premium Stabilization Reserve (PSR). The Elfun Ministerial Board has concluded discussions with United Healthcare (UHC) and has reached agreement with United Healthcare (UHC) concerning the distribution of the PSR Fund after 2014 claims are finalized. We expect the remaining PSR funds will be distributed to eligible plan members during the latter part of 2015 and UHC will notify eligible Plan members of the amounts that they will receive. We do not know the final amount of the PSR Fund that will be distributed, since it is dependent on the claims incurred in and paid for 2014.

The Elfun Funds are not impacted by this change. They will continue to be managed by GE Asset Management and available to all current investors, as well as GE employees, GE retirees, and their immediate family members.

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