

Syracuse Elfun Society Annual Report given at the Senior Luncheon on May 21, 2015

The GE Corporate Elfun organization was terminated on June 30, 2014 when GE decided to no longer fund the organization and no longer allow selected employees to conduct Elfun business as part of their GE work assignments. Several of the Elfun chapters including ours decided to continue our social events and community service activities. In order to do this, a local corporation was formed.

The Syracuse ELFUN Society, Inc. is a "corporation" as defined in subparagraph (a) (5) of Section 102 of the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The Corporation was formed for the following purposes: To provide social activities for Corporation members and their families; to provide volunteer services to local non-profit organizations in furtherance of their philanthropic works; to encourage cooperation, fraternity, and good fellowship amongst members of the Corporation; and to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, or attainment of any or all of the purposes or powers of the Corporation.

The Corporation is non-charitable under Section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation law organized as a Social Club as specified in Section 501(c) (7), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Members of the Corporation shall consist of individuals who are current employees, former employees, or retirees of the General Electric Company.

Our corporate bylaws specify that an annual meeting of the Members shall be held in Syracuse in conjunction with the Senior Luncheon. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to report on the activities of the Corporation and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. A list of corporation activities is included in this newsletter.

The Board of Directors shall have full power to manage and control the affairs and property of the Corporation. The Board shall consist of eleven directors. The eleven directors shall be elected by

mailing and return of ballots to all Members in good standing. Directors shall hold office for a term of three years.

The Board shall be constituted in such a way so that the term of approximately one-third of the current number of Board of Directors shall be set to expire in any one year. The current Directors are the officers and chairpersons of the Syracuse Elfun Society. They are: Chair Dave Fulmer, Vice-Chair Pete Scalzo, Secretary George Fay, Database/Web Site Manager Bob Ruth, Treasurer Bob Bryerton, Social Events Cindy Chermak, GE Volunteers Carl Chermak, Community Service Projects Marv Hahn, Seniors Dick Enright, Skaneateles Plant George Fay, and Benefits Mal Clark.

Included with this newsletter is your dues notice for the 2015-2016 year and flyers for the next three social activities listed below. Also included is the ballot of election of Corporation Directors sent to paid up members and an information form sent to surviving spouses.

Upcoming Social Activities

We will attend the Syracuse Chiefs game on Sunday July 12 at 1:05 PM. We go to see "Saturday Night Fever" at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in Auburn followed by dinner at the Sherwood Inn on Tuesday, August 4. Thursday, September 10 we will go back to the Merry-Go-Round in the evening for the "Calamari Sisters". Our Second Annual Clambake at the Barking Gull in Liverpool is Saturday, October 3 and our annual Holiday Party is Saturday, December 5 at Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club. Save the dates!

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@twcnny.rr.com.

In Memoriam

We received word of the death of Otis Shuart on March 21.

2016 Road Scholar Program

Attached is a list of 10 Road Scholar events that will be scheduled for 2016. In order to still provide programs for GE people we have come up with the following process for 2016. We will choose 3 of these events and they will be publicized to GE employees and retirees first. We will have the opportunity to register for these events and if we get enough GE people to sign up then it will be a 'GE only' event. If we don't get enough, by a certain date, then they will open it up to other groups that they have worked with to allow them to register and fill out the minimum # of attendees so the event won't get canceled. We can select the 3 events we're most interested in and they will have dates for these events probably in June/July timeframe. Please look these over carefully and respond to Diana directly with your 3 choices, by number no later than June 8th.

Thank you!

Diana Kuehl Diana.Kuehl@med.ge.com

1. Wildlife Rehabilitation In Southern Florida (~\$998, 5 Nights, Nov)

2. Preserving President Lincoln's Heritage (~\$785, 5 Nights, Oct)

3. Volunteering: Navajo Nation Schools, Arizona (~\$750, 6 Nights, Oct/Nov)

4. Restoration Of The American Chestnut Tree, Virginia (~\$499, 5 Nights, June)

5. Maine Seabird Biology And Conservation, Maine (~\$946, 5 Nights, June/Sept)

6. Mesa Verde Artifact Preparation And Curation, Colorado (~\$1064, 6 Nights, June)

7. All Hands On Deck: Maintaining The USS Missouri, Hawaii (~\$1495, 7 Nights, Jan/Aug/Sept)

8. Preserving Historic Buildings In Clearwater Crossing, Montana (~\$899, 6 Nights, Sept)

9. Building Bridges And Trails For Coastal Preservation, Maine (~\$980, 5 Nights, Sept)

10. Archeology And Preservation Of Virginia's Heritage, Virginia (~\$999, 5 Nights, Sept/Oct)

Elfun Activity List for 2014-2015					
Event	Year	Day	Date	Location	Activity
Comm Svce	2014	Monday	6/2/2014	Work for ALS Association in Liverpool	Build shelves in storage area
Social	2014	Wednesday	6/4/2014	Skaneateles Lake	Luncheon Cruise
Comm Svce	2014	Monday	6/16/2014	Work at OnPoint	Assemble backpacks for college students
Comm Svce	2014	Wednesday	6/18/2014	Julie's Place	More Gifts-More Givers Lunch
Social	2014	Sunday	6/29/2014	Alliance Bank Stadium	Syracuse Chief's game
Comm Svce	2014	Thursday	7/17/2014	Holiday Inn	Volunteers for Food Bank Program
Comm Svce	2014	Friday	7/18/2014	NYS Fairgrounds	Volunteers for Food Bank Program
Social	2014	Monday	7/21/2014	Merry-Go-Round & Sherwood Inn	Damn Yankees
Comm Svce	2014	Monday	8/11/2014	Butterfly Garden	Stain park benches
Social	2014	Thursday	9/4/2014	Merry Go Round Playhouse	Will Rogers Follies
Social	2014	Saturday	9/6/2014	Barking Gull	Clambake
Social	2014	Monday	9/15/2014	Tuscorora Golf Course	Elfun Golf Tournament & Dinner
Social	2014	Monday	11/10/2014	Butterfly Garden	Install Christmas Lights
Social	2014	Saturday	12/6/2014	Lakeshore CC	Holiday Party
Comm Svce	2015	Monday	1/5/2015	Butterfly Garden	Remove Christmas lights
Social	2015	Sunday	4/19/2015	Rico's and Atonement Luthern Church	Lunch and OCS Concert
Comm Svce	2015	Monday	4/27/2015	Work at Learning Center	Repair railing
Social	2015	Thursday	5/21/2015	Barbagello's	Senior Luncheon
Comm Svce	2015	Monday		Butterfly Garden	Butterfly Garden bench staining
Social	2015	Thursday	5/28/2015	Erie Canal & NY Rt 370	Luncheon Canal Cruise
Comm Svce	2015	Wednesday	6/17/2015	Julie's Place	More Gifts-More Givers Lunch
Social	2015	Sunday	7/12/2015	Alliance Bank Stadium	Syracuse Chief's game
Social	2015	Tuesday	8/4/2015	Merry-Go-Round & Sherwood Inn	Saturday Nite Fever
Social	2015	Thursday	9/10/2015	Merry-Go-Round [no dinner]	Calamari Sisters
Social	2015	Saturday	10/3/2015	Barking Gull in Liverpool	Clambake
Comm Svce	2015	Monday	December	Butterfly Garden	Install Christmas Lights
Social	2015	Saturday	12/5/2015	Lakeshore CC	Holiday Party
Comm Svce	2015	December		Destiny USA	Salvation Army Bell Ringing

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