

In Memoriam

We received word of the death of John M. "Jack" Loudon on August 10.

From The Past:

Persons installed in the Elfun Society in 1973 were presented with a gadget for slicing cheese which was inscribed with the words "Elfun Installation 1973". In years past this event was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Syracuse. It was somewhat formal with wives in attendance. New Elfuns were then entitled to the privileges of Elfun Funds investment, annual medical check ups, social events and volunteer activity. Thanks to Elliott Krackhardt for this information and for use of the gadget for the photo.



Upcoming Social Activities

Thursday, September 10 we will go back to the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in the evening for the "Calamari Sisters". Flyers are included for the following: This year's golf outing is Monday, September 14 at Woodcrest CC in Chittenango starting at noon. Our Second Annual Clambake at the Barking Gull in Liverpool is Saturday, October 3. A WCNY Broadcast and Education Center Tour and Lunch is on Wednesday October 21 at 11:30 AM. Save the date! Our annual Holiday Party is Saturday, December 5 at Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club.

Election of Board Members and Officers

Since our organization is now a separate Not For Profit Corporation, we recently held our annual election of members of the corporation Board of Directors by ballots mailed out in early June. Nearly 300 ballots were received. Results: Elected to 1 year terms as Directors: Dave Fulmer, Pete Scalzo, and Fred Wenthin; 2 year terms: Dick Enright, Mal Clark, Steve Auyer, Carl Chermak; 3 year terms: Bob Bryerton, Cindy Chermak, Bob Ruth, and Marv Hahn. Corporation officers elected at the July 2015 Board meeting were Dave Fulmer, Chair; Pete Scalzo, Vice-Chair; Steve Auyer, Secretary; Bob Bryerton, Treasurer; and Bob Ruth, Database Manager.

Recent Social Activities

Saturday Night Fever at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in Auburn and dinner at the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles on August 4. Attendance was 50 for the show and 52 for dinner.



We had 32 at the Syracuse Chiefs game on July 12.



Syracuse Elfun Luncheon

For the twenty first consecutive year, the Syracuse Elfun Society has hosted an annual luncheon for local non-profits that received gift-matching funds from the GE Foundation. Representatives from 24 non-profit agencies were honored on Wednesday, June 17 2015, for their contribution in the Syracuse area. The organizations were recipients of funds in access of \$161,000.00 from the GE Foundation that matched donations from local General Electric employees and retirees. Congratulations to all the GE employees and retirees who made this possible.

Nicholas J. Vaccaro, Event Chairman

2016 Road Scholar Program

Road Scholar will offer us first chance at registration for 3 programs in 2016. If we do not meet the minimum by a certain date they will open the event up for public registration. Please note, that does not provide any guarantee that the program will take place as the minimum # of attendees still needs to be met. Also, their Service Learning offerings are being cut back as they are finding that the general public is not that interested in participating in these types of events. The top 3 programs you voted for were: (high to low): Preserving Lincoln's Heritage-Oct, 2015; Preserving Antietam National Battlefield-April 17-22,2016; and Mesa Verde Artifact Preservation-Feb 14-20,2016 that is open for registration. If you are interested in any of these programs, send an email requesting information to syracusechapterelfun@gmail.com and we will forward the details.

Membership Requirements

The Syracuse Elfun Society is open to membership for all current and former GE employees. Dues are \$15/year and help pay for Community Service Projects and subsidize our Social events. Potential new members should contact Bob Ruth.

Other Elfun Chapters

We are in contact with the Elfuns in other chapters that have also decided to continue as stand-alone organizations. They include: Cincinnati, Florida, Wisconsin, Schenectady, Boston, Greenville, Binghamton, Syracuse, Tarheel, Louisville, Houston, Chicago. If anyone is relocating to one of those areas, we can provide a point of contact.

Recent Community Service Projects

The Elfun/GE Volunteers worked at ON POINT for COLLEGE, Inc. on June 19, 2015. The project consisted of stuffing bags with useful items for new college students and required 16 man hours.



Another Community Service project was done at the Butterfly Garden of HOPE at Onondaga Lake Parkway on July 27, 2015. The project consisted of painting preservative stain on benches and modifying the water faucet/ hose cabinet. Workers were: Ed Brennan, Pete Capponi, Dick Enright, Dave Fulmer, Marv Hahn, Neal Schantz, Stan Shubsda and his granddaughter and grandson.

Marv Hahn is now planning future work tasks. If you are interested in being part of the work crew, please contact Marv at 315-699-2621 or at marvh@twcnny.rr.com.

Syracuse Elfun Society Officers for 2015-2016

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