

Recent Community Service Project

The most recent Elfun/GE Volunteers project was completed on three recent Mondays. The tasks included repairs to a wooden fence, a cyclone metal fence, and replacement of the rear outside door at the Newland Center on East Genesee Street in Syracuse. A GE Volunteers grant was submitted and approved which paid for the materials used. One day 1, four new 4x4 fence posts like the one in the photo were set in concrete in 30 inch deep holes. Several large rocks were found in the holes. On day 2, the fence was pulled upright and secured to the new posts. On day 3, the steel door at the rear of the building was removed and replaced with a new door. A new crash bar was installed and the outside door trim molding was replaced and painted. Harry Heilman repaired the broken cyclone fence at the rear of the property.



The top photo shows [L-R] Pete Capponi, Dick Enright, Marv Hahn and Fred Wenthen after completion of fence post installation on day 1. Fred, Dick and Marv are shown on day 3 after the door was installed. Dave Fulmer, Harry Heilman and Bob Ruth also worked on the project.

Social Activities Reports



WCNY Broadcast/Education Center Tour

All 27 members and spouses who made reservations attended the event on October 21. We were taken on a tour of the facility in downtown Syracuse by WCNY President Bob Daino (at left in photo). We visited one of their television studios, saw the equipment used for their Master Control operation that serves public TV stations from New York State to Hawaii, and their “mini-city” education area where area school students attend and become “citizens” for a day to learn how real life businesses are run. We concluded with a sandwich lunch catered by the Brooklyn Pickle.

2015 Golf Outing

Thirteen Elfuns plus guests enjoyed perfect weather on Monday September 14, 2015 at the 2015 Syracuse Elfun Society Golf Outing at the Woodcrest Golf Club in Manlius, NY. All participants were treated to a hotdog and hamburger lunch prior to golf. Richard Winstead, head pro at Woodcrest, kept things running smoothly. Bob Blake, Dave Fulmer and Gary Gates won the event with a net score of 64. Mal Clark had the longest drive on hole number 6 and Bob Blake won the closest to the pin contest on the 13th hole with a distance of 8 feet 10 inches. A steak bake dinner concluded the outing. Thanks to Carl Chermak for organizing the outing. Carl is looking a volunteer to organize next year’s outing.

Other Events

24 attended the Calimari Sisters at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse on September 10. Because the Barking Gull closed early this season, our Clambake scheduled for Saturday October 3 was cancelled.

2016 Road Scholar Programs

Here is information received recently from Diana L Kuehl regarding future Road Scholar Programs. Information on all but the first program listed are posted on our website.

Program # #11104RJ -Preserving Antietam National Battlefield, April 17-22, 2016, \$585 per person. For more details, and/or to register go to <http://www.road scholar.org/n/program/summary.aspx?id=1%2DG2S5H&MC=>

Program # 13548RJ- Artifact Preparation and Curation, February 14-20, Mesa Verde Country, Colorado, Price starting at: \$1,064.00.

I know the following are not service learning programs but occasionally, our international program colleagues offer us specially priced Road Scholar programs which we share with a select list of loyal charter group organizers. Enroll 10 members on any of these four **Adventure Afloat** programs, and the 11th member attends for free (Airfare not included).

Program # 14662 – In the Footsteps of the Great Masters: Impressionism Along the Seine. Thursday, March 31 to Monday, April 11, 2016. Price starting at \$3,099.

Program # 19359 – The South of France by River: Wine and History From Sarlat to Bordeaux. Thursday, April 21 to Monday, May 2, 2016. Price starting at \$2,999 double occupancy.

Program # 21555 – Champagne Canal Voyage: The Spirit of France by Barge. Monday, May 2 to Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Price starting at \$3,175.

Program # 20118 – The Best of Croatia: A Coastal Voyage by Yacht. Thursday, May 5 to Tuesday, May 17, 2016; Wednesday, May 18 to Monday, May 30, 2016; Thursday, June 2 to Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Price starting at \$3,199 double occupancy.

While these prices do not include international airfare, our Road Scholar Travel Division will be happy to help you make travel arrangements. As you know, our Road Scholar programs are generally all-inclusive with the exception of a few meals on your own. Taxes, tips and an Emergency Travel Assistance Plan are also included in the program price. If you are interested in receiving future emails on Road Scholar programs, send an email request to syracusechapterelfun@gmail.com and we will forward the details.

In Memoriam

Since the August Newsletter, we received word of the deaths of Elfun members C. Rodney Womble on 8/16/15, Edward B. Carrillo on 9/11/15, George H. Millman on 10/15/15, John F. Place on 10/15/15, and David L Brown on 10/19/15.

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.

Future Community Service Projects

Marv Hahn continues to plan 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.

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