

**Syracuse Elfun Society Annual Report
given at the Senior Luncheon
on May 19, 2016**

The GE Corporate Elfun organization was terminated on June 30, 2014 when GE decided to no longer fund the organization and 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 Members of the Corporation 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.

The Board of Directors consists of eleven directors that are elected by mailing and return of ballots to all Members in good standing. Directors shall hold office for a term of three years and approximately one-third of the eleven Directors are elected each year. The current officers and Chairpersons are listed on page 2.

The Syracuse Elfun Society, Inc. is organized as a non-charitable Social Club under Section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation law and in April 2016 was declared by the IRS to be a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. We have corporate liability insurance that costs just under \$1000 per year. We participate in a monthly teleconference with many of the 12 or so other independent former Elfun chapters to share ideas and experiences.

As of 5/1/15, we have 341 paid members and 23 widowed spouses who do not pay dues. Attrition is due to deaths and non-payment of dues.

Thanks to Marv Hahn for planning and coordinating our Community Service Projects. And thanks to Cindy Chermak, we held 11 Social Events that were attended at total of 400 Elfuns and spouses. Thanks also to Nick Vaccaro for coordinating our annual More Gift-More Givers luncheon where we meet with representatives of charitable organizations that receive donations from the GE Foundation.

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of the following Elfun and spouses: Genevieve E. Thuma on January 9, Marilyn K. Swanson on January 11, John T. Nykaza on March 3, Maxwell K. Butin on April 11, Richard C. Kimm on April 17, Louis M. Izzo on April 28, James T Robinson on May 5, Harold K. Boyce, Jr. on May 10, and James F. Wertz on May 22.

For current Elfun members, a donation of \$50 is given to a charity selected by the family.

Upcoming Social Activities

The information and reservation form for the Syracuse Chiefs game on Sunday August 21 at 1:05 PM at NBT Stadium is included in the mailing with this newsletter.

On Friday September 30, we have an Adirondack Scenic Railroad Fall Foliage Tour from Utica Union Station to Thendara that will depart Union Station in Utica at 11:30 AM SHARP! and return at 4:30 PM for dinner at Trackside Restaurant in Union Station. Our annual Holiday Party is Saturday, December 3 at Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club. Save these dates!

Butterfly Garden Work Project

The Syracuse GE Volunteers performed a project at the Butterfly Garden of Hope at Onondaga Lake Park on Monday, May 23, 2016. The project included installing screws to securely anchor a seat on the gazebo, sand and paint the floor of the gazebo, and repair and paint the power cabinet. Two gallons of preservative was used to refinish many of the benches. A defective light was also replaced. The GE volunteer team of Syracuse Elfun Society members were : Harry Heilman, Dick Enright, Pete Capponi,, Jim Jaeger, Marv Hahn, Bob Killius, Fred Wenthon, and Dave Fulmer. The project required 22 man-hours to complete.

2016 Road Scholar Program

Bob Ruth is posting information we receive about the Road Scholar Program is posted on the News page of our website:
syracuseelfunsociety.org.

Activities Report for 2015-2016.

A detailed list of Community Service Projects and Social Events that covers the period from January 1, 2015 to the present is listed below. We performed 9 community service projects under the direction of Marv Hahn for 4 local non-profit agencies that totaled 252 man-hours of work. Thanks to Cindy Chermak, we have held 11 Social Events that were attended by a total of 400 Elfun and spouses.

Syracuse Elfun Society Activity List						
Event	Date		Location	Activity	#	M-Hrs
Comm Svce	1/5/2015	9:00 AM	Butterfly Garden	Remove Christmas lights	4	8
Comm Svce	4/27/2015	9:00 AM	Work at Learning Center	Repair railing	5	15
Comm Svce	6/19/2015	9:00 AM	Work at OnPoint	Assemble backpacks for college students	10	15
Comm Svce	7/27/2015	9:00 AM	Butterfly Garden	Butterfly Garden bench staining	8	56
Comm Svce	10/12/15-11/2/2015	10:00 AM	Work at Learning Center	Replace rear exit door Repair fence	7	110
Comm Svce	11/16/2015	10:00 AM	Butterfly Garden	Install Christmas Lights	5	10
Comm Svce	12/2/2015	10am-8pm	Destiny USA	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	12	24
Comm Svce	12/14/2015	9:00 AM	Work at OnPoint	Assemble backpacks for college students	6	12
Comm Svce	1/9/2016	9:00 AM	Butterfly Garden	Remove Christmas lights	1	2
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Social	4/19/2015	1:00PM	Rico's and Atonement Lutheran Church	Lunch and OCS Concert	32	
Social	5/21/2015	Noon	Barbagello's	Senior Luncheon	48	
Social	5/28/2015	11:00AM	Erie Canal to Baldwinsville	Luncheon Canal Cruise	36	
Social	6/17/2015	Noon	Julie's Place	GE Foundation More Gifts-More Givers Lunch	23	
Social	7/12/2015	2:00PM	Alliance Bank Stadium	Syracuse Chief's game	37	
Social	8/4/2015	2:00PM	Merry-Go-Round & Sherwood Inn	Saturday Nite Fever	51	
Social	9/10/2015	7:30PM	Merry-Go-Round Playhouse	Calamari Sisters	24	
Social	9/14/2015	Noon	Woodcrest Golf Course	Elfun Golf Tournament and Dinner	13	
Social	10/21/2015	11:30 AM	WCNY Broadcast and Education Center	Tour and Lunch	27	
Social	12/5/2015	6:00 PM	Lakeshore CC	Holiday Party	73	
Social	4/21/2016	Noon	Onondaga Lake Visitors Center	Tour and lunch	36	
Social	5/5/2016	9:30 AM	Canandaigua Lake	Luncheon Cruise and Sonnenberg Gardens Tour	23	
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