

Board Officer Elections Report

Bob Ruth reported that 155 ballots were received from members in good standing in the recent election of Board of Directors members. The following three members were elected to three-year terms as Directors: Dave Fulmer, Pete Scalzo, and Fred Wenthen. Continuing Board members are Dick Enright, Mal Clark, Steve Auyer, Carl Chermak, Bob Bryerton, Cindy Chermak, Bob Ruth, and Marv Hahn. The Board then elected these the five officers to one-year terms:

Dave Fulmer, 2016-2019, serving as Chairman

Pete Scalzo, 2016-2019, serving as Vice-Chairman

Steve Auyer, 2016-2017, serving as Secretary

Bob Bryerton, 2016-2018, serving as Treasurer

Bob Ruth, 2016-2018, serving as Website/Database Manager

Work Projects Report

Marv Hahn will be contacting workers about future work tasks including refinishing more benches and general maintenance work at the Butterfly Garden. If you are interested in being part of the work crew, please contact Marv 315-699-2621 or at marvh@twcny.rr.com.

Senior Citizen Humor

Scientists have identified this e-mail virus. Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those born prior to 1960. Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND".
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE."

IT IS CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS."

In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of the following Elfuns: James T. Robinson on May 5, 2016 and James McMaster on June 19, 2016.

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

2016 Road Scholar Program

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

Social Activities Report

Thirty-six Elfuns and spouses attended the Onondaga Lake Visitor Center Tour and Lunch on April 21. The bus trip on May to ride the Canandaigua Lady for the luncheon cruise and the tour of Sonnenberg Gardens on May 5 had 23 participants. There were 50 of us at the June 7 performance at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse of "Oklahoma" followed by dinner at The Sherwood Inn. Reservations have been closed for the Syracuse Chiefs game on Sunday August 21.

Upcoming events include our annual "Captain & Crew" Golf Outing at Cazenovia Country Club on Monday September 19 at Noon; an Adirondack Scenic Railroad Fall Foliage Tour from Utica Union Station to Thendara that will depart Union Station in Utica at 11:30 on Friday September 30 and return at 4:30 PM for dinner at Trackside Restaurant in Union Station; Broadway in the Finger Lakes presents Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 PM at Merry-Go-Round Playhouse; Lunch at the Syracuse Marriott Downtown with a Tour/Presentation on the Renovation of the Hotel Syracuse on Monday October 17 at Noon; and our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 3 at Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club. Save these dates!

Flyers for the Golf Outing, Fall Foliage Tour, and "Tenderly" are included with this newsletter for members near Syracuse. Please reply by the due dates. Flyers are also posted on the web site.

OTHER ELFUN CHAPTERS

The Elfun chair in Cincinnati conducts monthly teleconferences with other Elfun organizations. Here is some information from other chapters.

California - Have about 500 dues paid members. Dues - \$15/year. Upcoming events: Annual "Shred Out" where members can bring their documents to be shredded safely. Free for Elfun members, can bring up to 4 bankers boxes. Fundraiser golf tournament to support Honor Flight. Tour of local GE facility in San Jose tours of a facility; September Sailing event. Website: www.elfuncanorth.org.

Florida - Stabilized around 150 members. Events: Minor league baseball picnic. Oyster roast in fall or boat ride with dinner. Speaker luncheons where next is with local police chief: police work and how to avoid scams for older folks in particular. With GE grant funding drying up, they are putting in seed money and asking if Elfun members want to put in money and help to fund volunteer events.

Cincinnati - Have about 1600 dues paid members, more are active GE than retired. Dues are \$25.00 per year. Main business is GE Aviation with a few other GE businesses in the area as well including GE Power and Water, GE Energy, and GE Corporate. Host about 20 – 25 events per year covering social, volunteerism, and informational sessions with good GE Leadership support for monthly luncheon speakers. Have 501(c)(7) status. Website: www.gcelfun.org.

Wisconsin - About 350 members, almost all retirees. Difficulty recruiting new members. Have 501(c)(7) status. Provides a hard copy membership directory to members. Multiple social events are planned.

Schenectady - About 800 members, almost all retirees. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Have 501(c)(7) status. Multiple social events planned. Currently having issues connecting with the local GE team for member recruitment.

There may also be Elfun organizations in Boston, Greenville, Binghamton, Tarheal, Houston, and Chicago but they do not participate in the monthly teleconferences.

Syracuse Elfun Luncheon June 2016

For the twenty-second (22nd) consecutive year, the Syracuse Elfun Society has hosted the annual luncheon for the non-profit organizations that received gift-matching funds from the GE Foundation. Representatives from twenty-one non-profit agencies were honored on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Julie's Place Restaurant, 770 James Street, Syracuse, for their contribution in the Syracuse area. Their organizations were recipients of funds in excess of \$140,000.00 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

Helpful Hint from Fred Wenthen

There is a free robo-call blocking service called Nomorobo. I believe it works for any phone using VOIP. To use it, follow the simple procedure given on their website <https://www.nomorobo.com/>.

The procedure involves adding a number they give you to the list of phone numbers you want blocked by your phone service provider. Your phone will stop ringing after the first ring from robo-calls. You will quickly learn to let your phone ring twice before answering.

Membership report

We have 269 paid memberships for 2016-2017 which compares to 293 memberships in the same period last year (24 behind). Prior year totals after were: 2014-2015: 364; 2013-2014: 406. 15 of the 269 renewals were from Elfuns that did not pay dues last year. 201 of the 269 paid members have provided e-mail addresses.

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