

## In Memoriam

We have received word of the deaths of the following Elfun: Steve Altes, Carl Masten, Bill Shattuck, Al Berical and Larry Snowman. For current Elfun members, a donation of \$50 is given to a charity selected by the family.

## Fulmer Receives Elfun of Year Award

Syracuse Elfun Society is pleased to announce Dave Fulmer as our 2016 Elfun of the Year. Dave joined GE in 1962 and worked in the sonar hardware design area from 1965-2007. He was a member of the Elfun Society while at GE, and then re-joined Elfun in 2008 following his retirement from Lockheed Martin in 2007. Dave quickly assumed leadership roles, becoming our secretary in 2011 and our Chapter chair in 2013. Dave was our chair when GE effected its separation from Elfun. As a result, our Chapter was forced to completely reorganize as a new entity. Dave was instrumental as our leader in the transition. He spearheaded a new corporate structure, by-laws, insurance, bank account, website, communications portals, and just about everything else. Our Chapter is one of the few that emerged intact, and is one of the most vibrant of the remaining Chapters, due in large part to Dave's effectiveness as our leader.

Dave's community involvement does not stop with Elfun. He is a member of Syracuse University Oratorio Society, Syracuse Pops Chorus, and a charter member and former President of the Liverpool Community Chorus. He is also actively involved with Liverpool First United Methodist Church as past Chair of Trustees, member of the dinner/fund-raising committee, manager of the church's office building, and a member of church choir. He is also the Charter President of the Optimist Club of Liverpool and currently the club Secretary/Treasurer. He is a three-time past Governor of the New York-New England District of Optimist International, and current District Secretary/Treasurer. Last, but not least, Dave is the proud owner of a Miata convertible and a member of the Midstate Miata Club of Central New York. Thank

you, Dave, for your successful efforts to keep our Elfun Society organization alive in Syracuse. We all benefit from strong and active Chapter. Congratulations as we honor you as our 2016 Elfun of the Year!

## Social Events

We are busy planning our 2017 social season. A few events are set and the information is on the website ([SyracuseElfunSociety.org](http://SyracuseElfunSociety.org)). Keep watching the website for info on other events as we complete our plans. Here is what we have planned so far.

**Sunday April 23** we will once again attend the Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra concert. Our own Fred Wenthen and Ed Brennan are members of the Orchestra. The concert has a "Water" theme, and we will hear a near world premier of a new piece. Luigi's Restaurant has been a staple in Syracuse since 1954, and will host us for a family style Italian Sunday Dinner prior to the concert. Many thanks to Fred for helping us with the arrangements.

June will be busy, as we first cruise the Erie Canal in Herkimer on **Friday, June 2**. Lunch at the Waterfront Grille will be followed by a 90 minute cruise (including the "Liquid Elevator" at Lock 18) as Captain Jerry offers his award winning narration of the history of the Erie Canal. The Grille and Lil' Diamond are located at Gems Along the Mohawk, which is a comprehensive visitor center for the area with information on many other sites you may want to visit.

Later in June, on **Monday the 19th**, we will enjoy "Guys and Dolls" at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, followed by a buffet dinner at The Sherwood Inn. This is one of our most well-attended events each year. MGR always presents a great show and The Sherwood Inn loves hosting us. Guys and Dolls premiered on Broadway in 1950 and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. Nick Vaccaro tells us he performed in Guys and Dolls way back when with the Pompeian Players at Our Lady of Pompei. So, mark your calendars and see if you can get Nick to reprise his role for us.

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**October** is a long way away, but we have already planned a tour of the Salmon River Fish Hatchery in Altmar during their busy season so that we can observe the spawning process (where eggs are taken from mature female fish and fertilized by mature male fish) and other workings of the hatchery. Lunch will follow at the Tailwater Lodge, a former elementary school on the banks of the Salmon River, which has been converted to a restaurant and lodge. The restaurant itself is in the gymnasium, complete with the original floor. We will enjoy exploring this unique property.

We hope that everyone will find an interesting event or two and join our group for some entertainment, education, and fun this year.

### '77 & '78 GE NEWS on CD

A recent project involved the scanning of all 1977 and 1978 issues of the **Syracuse GE NEWS** so that they could be stored on a single CD as high-resolution PDF files. Each newspaper file is about 15MB in size - too large to be e-mailed, and the two year's worth just about completely fill a 700 MB CD.

Copies of the CD containing these two year's worth



of newspapers can be obtained from Steve Auyer free of charge - if you pick them up from Steve. If you would like to have a CD mailed to you, send Steve a check in the amount of \$7 to cover mailing costs and be sure to give him your correct mailing address. As a sample, a (much reduced) 2-page spread from the May 13, 1977 **Syracuse GE NEWS** is shown above. Steve's mailing address is: 4780 Lighthouse Village Circle, Liverpool, NY 13088.

### Community Service

Volunteers recently completed 2 projects at the Hope for Bereaved office. We are planning a project at the Butterfly Garden in late spring or summer to paint benches and do some light repairs. If you are interested in being part of the work crew, Marv's contact information is shown below.

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