

# Syracuse Elfun Society 2022 Spring Newsletter

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## IN MEMORIAM

We have been saddened to learn of the deaths of the following current or former members of the Syracuse Elfun Society:

**Joseph Francis Conley**, 99, of North Syracuse, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, January 31, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. *(See a remembrance of Joe later in this newsletter.)*

**Vincent Joseph Miceli**, 87, died peacefully at Crouse Hospital February 1, 2022.

**Patrick H. Williamson**, 80, of North Syracuse, passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

**Homer "Gene" Eugene Satterfield** passed away February 7, 2022 at the age of 92.

**Daniel Benjamin Friedman**, 84, passed away Saturday morning, March 19, 2022 at Crouse hospital.

**Jerald Jerome Stewart**, 81, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2022 in his home.

Complete obituaries for local individuals may be found online at [Syracuse.com/obituaries/Syracuse](https://Syracuse.com/obituaries/Syracuse).

## Meet the New Webmaster

Please join the Syracuse Elfun Society in welcoming Ron Panetta as our new Webmaster. Ron comes to the board with many years of IT experience. He joined GE in 1974, starting his career in the E-Lab working computer-aided test software development, primarily FORTRAN.

In the early 1980's he transitioned to administration of the E-Lab's VAX computers and GE's DECnet computer network. He was instrumental in the GE, Martin Marietta and Lockheed Martin network migrations at the local and corporate levels.

In 1995, with the impending E-Lab closure, he transitioned to EIS assuming responsibility for managing the Syracuse local area network and rearchitecting it for the impending French Road, Utica closure and transition to Syracuse.

After the transition he continued to support the Syracuse network in addition to IT architecture for Lockheed Martin's Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS) business area. In 2005 he managed the transition of Syracuse's telephone system to a Cisco VoIP system and later managed the network portion of the Lockheed Martin IS&GS business area closure. Ron retired in 2017.

In his non-GE life, Ron is an avid snow skier, records concerts for two North Syracuse elementary school choir concerts, has recorded some Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra concerts and enjoys amateur radio activities.

## Information Changed?

One of the things that keeps Bob Ruth, our database manager, busy is keeping up with changes to our

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member's information. An e-mail sent to a member will "bounce" and then Bob has to contact the member to find the new e-mail. Or a letter may be returned by the USPS as "undeliverable" and Bob has to locate the member and get the correct address. And while this is happening the member is missing out on communications and information that fail to reach him/her. So if you know that any of your information has, or will, change, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and mail it to Bob, or e-mail him the change. Thanks!

## Holding & Selling GE Stock

Several members who hold GE stock have asked questions about how the stock shares are physically held, and how they can be sold. It turns out that the answers, including the pros and cons of different holding/selling procedures take up several pages to cover.

Members who receive this newsletter by email will receive a separate attachment "Holding and Selling GE Stock." Those who do not receive email and want the document, just send an email to the Editor (steve.auyer@gmail.com) and we'll print off a hard copy and send it to you through the USPS.

## Joe Conley Personal Remembrance

Joe Conley, age 99, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2022. A natural athlete, Joe loved to play golf and tennis and was an accomplished Track and Field athlete during his college years at Dartmouth

and during his service in the Navy. He had 38 years of service with GE.

Joe was my manager through the years as I progressed through different management responsibilities in our Syracuse Heavy Military businesses. He was my tutor, mentor, and friend. I had the opportunity to visit with Joe during the last few years and always enjoyed his company.

Joe was very important and highly respected for his many years as Division Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis. He was a key advisor to senior management during the evolution of the GE Defense businesses in Syracuse and sought after for his business acumen. He was known for his calm demeanor, his modesty, and very importantly, his integrity in his responsibilities as they related to Heavy Military's forecasts, reports, and analyses. Without exaggeration, Joe played a significant role in the financial success of the Heavy Military, Radar, and Sonar businesses and, I am certain, was a major contributor to the decision for GE to invest in the Syracuse Defense businesses.

*Don MacLaughlin*

## Social Events

### Annual Meeting & Luncheon Save the Date – Wednesday June 8

How delighted we are to hold our first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019. We will keep this one simple...no speaker, just a "Chairman's Update" on how we navigated the past two years and the current state of our Chapter (which is good). Then, everyone

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I wish to receive communications from the Syracuse Elfun Society by (please check **ONLY 1**):

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Or e-mail this information to him at: **RUTHROB@msn.com**

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will have the opportunity to re-connect and chat.

We will hold the event at Coleman's on Wednesday, June 8 at Noon, which we hope does not conflict with doctors' appointments and other social activities. Coleman's has reserved the first floor for us, so we do **NOT** have to climb the stairs to the function room. The last time we were there, a few years back, we put somewhat more than 75 into a second-floor room designed for 75.

That lunch was delicious, and we expect this one will be as well. Look for the flyer on page 4 of this newsletter and make your reservations soon. Remember, we are one of the handful of remaining Elfun Chapters. Let's be actively involved and keep ourselves vibrant along with Wisconsin, Southern California, North Carolina, Florida, Lynn, Utica, Schenectady and Cincinnati (and maybe others that we have not found).

### **Elfun Family Day at the Ballpark Save the Date - Sunday July 31**

Let's have a nice big Elfun crowd to cheer on the Syracuse Mets. Our annual outing will be on a Sunday afternoon when the Mets host the Omaha Storm Chasers, an affiliate of Kansas City. The Mets will once again assign us, all by ourselves, to the left field terrace. We can move around and mingle with our friends. The flyer includes some pictures from last year, illustrating what great seating we had.

Your ticket package includes your ticket in the wonderful and spacious left field terrace, \$5 food per person, and a parking pass for each family. What a bargain! This is a family event, and we welcome all Elfuns and extended family members. The Mets have reinstated their promotions, so kids under 12 will eat free and run the bases at the conclusion of the game. It is also Christmas in July, whatever that means. Bring along your kids and grandkids! The more, the merrier. The flyer is on page 6 of this newsletter, so reserve your tickets today for this fun afternoon.

### **Rev Theater Save the Date - Thursday October 6**

We will attend the 2pm matinee of "**Ain't Misbehavin**" and dine at The Springside Inn in

Auburn. It is so close to three years since our "A Day in Auburn" outing way back on October 4 of 2019. We remember touring the Willard Chapel and enjoying our private organ concert, visiting the Seward House, and dining at The Springside Inn. That dinner was delicious, and we were seated in the most beautiful private room.

The Springside looks forward to welcoming us back, especially after we had to cancel due to COVID in 2020. We will include the flyer in the Summer newsletter. Meanwhile, Ctrl/click [this link](https://youtu.be/whBOZKTrE7Y) (or just type <https://youtu.be/whBOZKTrE7Y>) to listen to the Broadway Cast recording of this great Broadway musical and remind yourself that you really want to see this show live and in person.

*Cindy Chermak*

## **Lockheed Martin wins Three Dealer Contract !**

The U.S. Air Force has selected Lockheed Martin in Syracuse to produce a new generation of long-range radars – a deal that promises to be one of the most lucrative in the history of the defense contractor's plant in suburban Syracuse. The Air Force decision will lead to decades of production work at Lockheed's plant at Electronics Park in Salina, and create or sustain hundreds of jobs, a company spokesperson said today.

The radars are expected to generate sales to the Air Force and international military partners worth at least \$1.3 billion over the next 10 years, according to defense industry analysts. The Air Force on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, approved an initial \$75 million contract with Lockheed to produce the first two radar systems for the Three-Dimensional Expeditionary Long-Range Radar, or **Three Dealer** program. The Air Force said it plans to acquire up to 35 of the new radar systems, which will become its principal long-range radar of the future.

The mobile, ground-based radars can detect, identify and track aircraft, missiles and other incoming aerial threats. The digital radars can also detect stealthy cruise missiles and provide long-range early warning for tactical ballistic missiles.

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# Syracuse Elfun Society

## Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 12 Noon

\$25/person - Elfun/spouse/guest

Reservation deadline Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

The **Syracuse Elfun Society** invites you to attend our 2022 Annual Meeting. It will be held at:

Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub  
100 South Lowell Avenue (Tipperary Hill)  
Syracuse, NY 13204  
Large parking lot next to the restaurant, easy first-floor access

Gather at 12:00noon, cash bar. Buffet luncheon served at 12:30pm. Annual Meeting follows luncheon.

Buffet includes: entrees, salad, side dish, fresh vegetables, roll and butter, coffee and tea, dessert.

During the meeting Carl Chermak will discuss the status of the Syracuse Elfun Society and plans going forward. Questions from attendees are welcomed and encouraged. Think of a few in advance. What would you like to see as upcoming events and programs?



Ye can be using me own personal entrance if ye wish!

Questions? Cindy's phone is (315)-637-0380 and her e-mail is: [Chermak@msn.com](mailto:Chermak@msn.com)

**Tear off & return before May 31<sup>st</sup> with payment**

Mail to: Cindy Chermak  
10 The Orchard  
Fayetteville, NY 13066-2254

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

My E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# attending: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25/person. Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Lockheed Martin beat out defense contractor Northrop Grumman in a competition for the contract after both companies developed prototypes that were tested by the Air Force. A team at Lockheed's plant in Salina spent more than 10 years and \$100 million to develop, build and test the prototype radar systems. Radars built for the **Three Dealer** program are slated to replace the Air Force's main TPS-75 air search radar, built by Northrop Grumman, which dates from the Vietnam war era.

Military leaders were impressed with Lockheed's radar system after a series of "live-fly" demonstrations over the past two years, including one at the company's Cazenovia test site in September 2020. Following those demonstrations, the Air Force awarded Lockheed's Salina plant a contract for \$8.4 million in March 2021 to finish developing the radars. In July, the Air Force gave Lockheed's radar system an official designation – TPY-4 – an encouraging sign of approval of the Department of Defense.

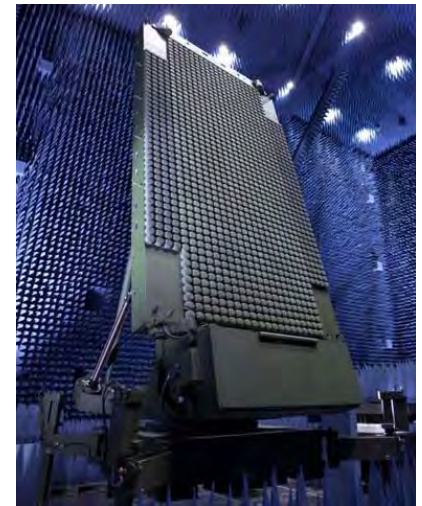
Lockheed spokesperson Kelly Vann told The Post-Standard today that the company is already hiring to fill some of the new positions tied to the radar contract.

Overall, the company has more than 100 job openings in Salina, mostly for high-paying engineering positions. Lockheed does not disclose a salary range for the open jobs. CNBC reported last year that Lockheed offered signing bonuses of \$10,000 for some senior-level jobs in select locations.

Vann said the company cannot say exactly how many jobs will ultimately be tied to the Air Force project, other than an estimate of hundreds over the course of a decade or more. Lockheed currently employs 1,961 people on its Electronics Park campus in Salina, up from about 1,600 eight years ago. The company is one of Central New York's largest employers. The Salina plant has won several significant contracts and grown steadily since 2013, when Lockheed Martin considered shutting down its local operations as part of a nationwide reorganization that cut 4,000 jobs.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., convinced company executives at the time to keep the Salina plant operating. Schumer, the Senate majority leader, pushed to include funding for the Three Dealer program in a \$1.5 trillion federal spending bill passed by Congress earlier this month.

Lockheed Martin's TPY-4 radar will serve as the Air Force's next generation long-range radar. An early prototype is shown in a testing chamber at Lockheed's Electronics Park campus in Salina, N.Y.



The Air Force contract is the latest in a series of long-term deals that have helped the plant thrive and expand. In 2019, Lockheed won the biggest contract in its local history – a deal worth up to \$3 billion to produce the Army's next generation of powerful radars for short-range air defenses.

The Air Force's selection of Lockheed for the Three Dealer radar system follows more than a decade of intense competition among defense contractors bidding for the work. In 2014, the Air Force chose radars developed by Raytheon Corp. and subcontractor Saab Defense of DeWitt as the winner over Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.

But Lockheed and Northrop Grumman filed formal protests and legal challenges of the contract with the Pentagon. A federal judge ruled in 2015 that the Air Force could re-evaluate its decision. In 2017, Raytheon won the contract again. But the Air Force canceled that contract in 2020, citing "numerous technical and supplier challenges."

(Portions of his article appeared on Syracuse.com on March 30, 2022 and later in The Post-Standard.)

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# Family Day at the Ballpark

Sunday, July 31, 2022 - 1:05pm

Syracuse METS vs. Omaha Storm Chasers

\$15/person

\$15/person - dues paying Elfun/spouse/extended family/guest

Reservation Deadline: Friday, July 15th



The **Syracuse Elfun Society** again sponsors this popular, socially-distant outdoor event. Gather your children, grandchildren and extended family members and join us as the Syracuse Mets welcome the Omaha Storm Chasers. The Mets tell us that it is **Christmas in July!** Your ticket package includes seating in the Left Field Terrace, with tables, moveable stools and room to move around, \$5 concession voucher, parking pass (1 per family), and an afternoon in the sun with lots of Elfun camaraderie. The daily promotion is **Kids Eat Free** - kids 12 and under receive voucher good for kid's popcorn, 12oz Coca-Cola beverage, kid's Hofmann hot dog, and Perry's ice cream! At the conclusion of the game, the kids can run the bases. **The Mets will follow government protocols then in place to enable us to enjoy a safe outing.**

Questions? My phone is (315)-637-0380 and my e-mail is [Chermak@msn.com](mailto:Chermak@msn.com)

**-Tear off & return by July 15<sup>th</sup> with SASE-**

Mail to: Cindy Chermak  
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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Remember! Enclose a LARGE Self-addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with extra postage for a large group. Ticket packages will be mailed to you prior to the game. Reservations must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup>!

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets.

Yes Cindy, I did enclose a SASE!

# More SPAM and Phishing.....

Years ago we might have gotten a phonecall from someone who wanted to sell us something, or who wanted to “help” us invest our money and it would show up as just a telephone number or the name of a company we didn’t recognize on our answering machine or smartphone. We got pretty good at ignoring those calls. Lately calls have been coming from what appears to be a local number and with the name of a real(?) person: “Joseph Grensheimer”, or “Christopher Ziegler”, or “Carol Campbell” but we’ve stopped picking up on those calls too (they never leave a message).

So now, they’re trying something new, sending text messages to our smartphones. They don’t need to know our phone number, their computers just keep dialing all possible phone numbers till one answers, and then sends a text message to it. Here are some samples:

**Bank or Charge Account Problems.** Call them right away, they only want your account number.

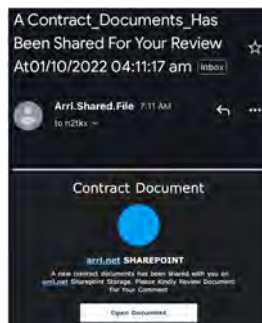
M&T Bank: Call us immediately at (470) 634-6980 Your acct. ending in #9336 has been temporarily BLOCKED. Do not ignore. uf6r" Notice-ID: fhg7ty

"We received one discussions in time in charge of \$729 on your Amazon account from David Ohio for dispute on the charge press one to connect with our Amazon customer care representative thank you..."

**Bad Charge On Your Credit Card?** They just want your account number.

**Dangerous Link** - They want you to download a file or click on a link. DON'T!

Free Msg: Your bill is paid for March. Thanks, here's a little gift for you: [jpihz50.xyz/3rNCyh2dWm](https://jpihz50.xyz/3rNCyh2dWm)



This will BLOW YOUR MIND. LEARN the SMARTEST way to make \$7550 income every 2 weeks stress free. Follow this simple steps . Zero Investment on your part. Follow the link to learn more and signup <https://form.jotform.com/212306319309551> Thank you

**Easy Money.** Don't believe them!

Powerball Millions Jackpot, click here to see my winning interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTm2y1G7zC0>

**They Want to Give You Money.**

Who knows, someone might have won Powerball Millions, and the YouTube link might show the winner. But do we really believe they will give that money away?

I'm donating to 200 random individuals. If you get this message then your number was selected after a spin ball. I have spread most of my wealth over a number of charities and organizations. I have voluntarily decided to donate the sum of \$50,000 USD to you as one of the selected 200, to verify your winnings send a text to the agent in charge. Here is the number of the agent Brad Harrison in charge 205 287-3235, text him for confirmation and delivery of your winning.

"Hey it's Marianne with credit national assist and I want to tell you one last time regarding an online request for the getting some financial help as I was able to get you an approval that I think you're like so just go ahead and call me back and I'll give you the details again my number is 866-336-1767 thanks..."

**Marianne Sounds Nice.** But she wants your bank account information so she can wire the money to you - or

you need to pay a large processing fee!

**Forgive a Student Loan?** Mark will help you. All it costs you is a processing fee. He'll convince you that you have an outstanding loan even if you don't.

"Hey this is Mark calling again agent ID 3077 I'm not sure if you got the correspondence in the mail but your forgiveness application for your student loans was approved give me a call back as soon as you get this message my direct line is 727-295-4557 again 727-295-4557 your forgiveness application was approved meeting your student loans are eligible for partial or total forgiveness now with everything going on it's a lot harder to pay back these loans the Department of

**Got A Car?**

"This would make you financially responsible for all services press one now if you wish to extend or reinstate your cards warranty once again press one now or press two to be placed on the DNC \_\_\_\_\_ call 833-304-1447..."

It's warranty will be expiring soon and think about all those thousands and

thousands of \$ you'll spend on repairs. Just send us some \$ to extend your warranty!

**Syracuse Elfun Society Board of Directors**

| <u>Position</u>  | <u>Individual</u> | <u>E-mail</u>                | <u>Phone</u> |
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## Election of Officers

The Syracuse Elfun Society has a Board of Directors with each Director elected for a 3-year term of office. To assure continuity terms of the terms are staggered so that the terms of no more than one-third of the current numbers of the Board of Directors expire in any one year. Terms begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the first year and end on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the third year.

The Board of Directors is proposing that the 3 individuals shown below be elected to 3-year terms. All dues-paying members of the Syracuse Elfun Society have the option of:

- 1) Voting to re-elect any or all of the 3 proposed individuals, or
- 2) Writing-in alternate candidates, or
- 3) Refraining from voting.

Surviving Spouse and Complementary members neither pay dues nor vote for BoD members.

If you wish to vote for any or all of the 3 individuals, or to propose alternate individuals, you may use the ballot at the bottom of this page. Simply tear off the ballot, fill it out as you wish, and mail it to Bob Ruth.

----- Tear off and mail if you wish to vote -----

- Carl Chermak (currently Chairperson of the Board of Directors)
- Don MacLaughlin (currently At-Large Member of the Board of Directors)
- Ray Terry (currently At-Large Member of the Board of Directors)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Vote for no more than 3.  
Thanks!**

Mail to: **Bob Ruth, 150 Old Liverpool Road - Apt. 415, Liverpool, NY 13088**  
Ballot must be received by July 1, 2022.