

Syracuse Elfun Society

2023 Fall Newsletter

Chairman's Column

Fall is my favorite time of the year. It is still warm during the day yet chilly enough at night for good sleeping weather.

I am very thankful for what the Syracuse Elfun Society accomplished as a chapter this summer and fall. The Syracuse Mets and Merry-Go-Round Theater events were well attended. I had the opportunity to see some old friends and meet some new ones as well. I heard good comments after our luncheon with the County Executive.

Some of our snowbirds are packing to make their annual trip to a warmer climate. For those remaining, I hope you will be able to join us for our Holiday Party at the Bella Domani on December 11, 2023.

Carl Chermak

Save these 2024 dates

Wednesday June 19 @ 2pm
Broadway in the Finger Lakes
"Jersey Boys" at Rev Theater followed by dinner

Sunday July 14 @ 1:05pm
Elfun Family Day at the Ballpark
Syr. Mets vs Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders

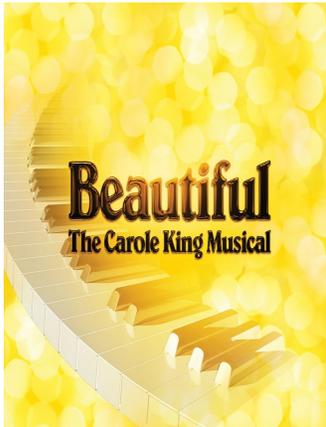
Social Events

Now that fall has arrived, it is time to report on our summer activities. We held three very different events...a couple of perennial favorites and something completely new.

Elfun Family Day at the Ballpark

We always have a nice turnout for this family event, and 50 of us gathered on July 16 as the Syracuse Mets hosted the Rochester Red Wings, winning by a score of 8-2. We have that Elfun luck. Once in a while it is drenching rain, but more often it is one of the most beautiful days of the summer. Today we all soaked up the sun! Most of the excitement happened in the first inning as the Mets scored 6 runs on two home runs. After that we settled in, enjoyed some ballpark food, and most importantly mingled with our friends. The Mets enjoy hosting us and they treat us like royalty in the Left Field Terrace. The kids were thrilled to run the bases at the conclusion of the game. Plan to attend next season on Sunday July 14, again to watch the Mets vs Red Wings.

Broadway in the Finger Lakes



It was indeed a "Beautiful" day in Auburn when we enjoyed our annual outing to Rev Theater. Broadway seems to be in a trend of musicals inspired by songwriters and performers, and "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" is one of them. After 6 years and 2400 performances on Broadway, the show continues to delight audiences across the country. Our "Carole" was fresh out of college, and her acting and singing and piano skills took us from her start as a teenage songwriter to her induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Many in our group remarked that they were not familiar with Carole King herself, but they sure recognized the many songs she has written for others. We followed the performance with dinner at the classic Springside Inn in Auburn.

We will continue exploring the story of performing artists when we attend "Jersey Boys", all about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, on Wednesday June 19.

Lunch with the County Executive

We had the opportunity for a "lunch and learn" on October 5 as Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon addressed our group. He spoke for an hour about several subjects, primarily the backstory and impact of bringing Micron to Central New York. Who knew there had been near-misses landing other companies, including Intel, for the White Pine site, or that our well-situated electrical grid was an important factor? He also touched on navigating through the covid pandemic, the plan to use the proposed aquarium as a complement to the zoo for enhancing quality of life, and noted that there is progress toward redeveloping Shoppingtown. He left time for our questions and addressed some inquiries about wastewater and traffic associated with Micron, as well as the I81 project, which is progressing but out of the County's domain. Way back when, our Elfun Society Chapter was highly involved in renovating the original McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center location. Several of those members were at the lunch. The County Executive distributed a packet of photos and articles from the project and thanked Elfun for the support. Contact Cindy if you would like a copy via email.





After the presentation we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Coppertop Tavern Fireside Room. Many thanks to Steve Auyer, who assembled historical maps of Onondaga County and devised a quiz based upon them. (Cindy was lucky to be the one person with the answers.) Some of us attempted the quiz during lunch, though most opted to work on the questions at home. The handout is included as an attachment to the email distribution of this newsletter. For those who receive this newsletter by mail, let Cindy know if you would like a copy. *Thanks Steve.*

Holiday Luncheon

Our buffet lunch is scheduled for Monday December 11. This year, we will try Bella Domani on Taft Road. Several Elfuns have attended events and highly recommend the venue. The large open room will allow us the opportunity to say hello to each other during the social hour and to space the tables for social distancing. There is ample parking and easy accessibility. Last year, Joan and John Knapp won the door prize of a

holiday arrangement. They tell us it is thriving and looks wonderful. Maybe you will win this year. Look for the flyer in this newsletter and send in your reservation. We hope to have a nice festive crowd to kick off the holiday season at this popular event.

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Whom to call

As GE enters its new era, with three separate businesses, GE Healthcare, GE Aviation and finally GE Vernova, from time to time we get questions about stock transfers and pension benefits. Since the Syracuse Elfun Society is a separate social club, not connected with GE, we are not in a position to answer these questions. For questions about the redistribution of GE stock, contact investor relations, investor@ge.com or 617-443-3400 by phone. Questions about your pay, pension, benefits or other HR services, should be directed to oneHR.ge.com. To access the site, you must provide your Single Sign On (SSO) number and password.

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In Lockheed-Martin's latest issue of VECTOR STAR, a periodic newsletter of what's happening in the corporation, there is a section on Multi-Mission Radar for Next-Gen Threats, specifically the TPY-4 radar. Steve Auyer advises that the TPY-4 is an evolution of the FPS-117 radars produced in Syracuse. The newsletter provides a link where you can watch a 2 minute video on the TPY-4.



IN MEMORIAM

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

- Thaddeus "Ted" Walter Starowicz, 90, of Palmyra, VA, died on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at his home.
- Robert M. Tonnesen, 89, of The Villages, Florida, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones.
- John (Jack) McKissick Jr., age 91, passed away on Wednesday, July 19th, 2023. In passing he was reunited with Joan, his wife of 67 years, who left us five months earlier.
- George T. Boss, 85, of Syracuse, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Upstate Community Hospital.
- Robert Lewis Winje, 88, entered into heaven on Monday, August 7, 2023, surrounded by his family in Bellevue, NE.
- Thomas V. Lefebvre passed away peacefully on Monday, August 28, 2023, at the age of 89.
- Emilio Chassé, 91, died peacefully on Thursday, October 12, 2023 surrounded by his family.
- Robert "Bob" Vincent Manning Jr., 92, of Camillus, passed away peacefully October 29, 2023 with his loving family by his side.
- Albert F. Larmann, Jr., age 97, entered into heavenly rest October 28, 2023.

Note: Since it is not possible for the board of directors to keep tabs on all member passings, especially when the notices weren't in the local Syracuse Post Standard, we request that, if you are aware of a member passing, please notify a board member so we can include the announcement in our newsletter.

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