

Syracuse Elfun Society

2024 Winter Newsletter



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

- Robert H. Killius, 91, of Liverpool NY, passed away November 19, 2023 at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- Arthur E. Morris, Sr., 97, formerly of Liverpool, NY and Baldwinsville, NY passed away on Monday November 20, 2023 at the Nottingham in Jamesville, NY.
- William (Bill) Putman, 86, of Baldwinsville, NY passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 16, 2023 of complications from Parkinson's disease.
- James Ernest Harris, 90, of Liverpool, NY, passed away peacefully and gently at home on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.
- Harry W. Ritzel, 99, of the North Syracuse/ Cicero area, formerly of Leesburg, Florida, passed away Thursday, January 18, 2024.
- George Francis Pfeifer, Jr., 92, of Liverpool, NY passed peacefully on February 3, 2024.

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. Thanks.

Chairman's Column

Happy New Year to all my Syracuse Elfun associates. I want to thank Gary Gates for joining the Board of Directors. Our first in-person activity will be the 2024 Annual Meeting. We are having the Annual Meeting a little early this year to secure a date at the Spinning Wheel and to take advantage of the schedule of our speaker, Connor Williams, a historian with the Great Camp Sagamore. Cindy and I had the opportunity to spend a weekend at the Great Camp Sagamore and, believe me, it is an experience you won't forget. During the Annual Meeting, we will talk about what you want the Syracuse Elfun Society to look like in 2024 and beyond. If you will be unable to attend, send me an email with your thoughts to carlchermak@gmail.com. We have been fortunate to have a milder than normal Winter. Take advantage of these warmer temperatures to get out of the house if you are able. The first four Saturdays in March you can enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Beaver Lake Nature Center and then walk off the feast with a hike to the sugarbush.

End of year assistance for Lockheed Martin retirees

Recently a Lockheed Martin retiree asked how they could obtain a copy of their 1099 form. It was suggested that the Lockheed Martin Corporation Employee Service Center at 866-562- 2363 might be a good place to call to ask for a duplicate form. We called, and a recorded message instructs retirees how to get duplicate 1099-Rs either on line or via USPS.

Social Events

By Cindy Chermak

Annual Meeting

Thursday April 25

11:30 am

The Spinning Wheel

We are so pleased to hold an in-person annual meeting this year. Let's all gather at 11:30 at the Spinning Wheel to renew acquaintances and hear a recap of our chapter's 2023 activity. We will follow the brief annual meeting with a buffet lunch. Then, the highlight of our day will be a presentation by Connor Williams, Historian at Great Camp Sagamore in Raquette Lake. Connor will present "Greetings From the Great Camps: The History of the Adirondack Vacation". Carl and I spent a day with Connor last fall when he led us on a historic tour at Sagamore. We time traveled back to the early 1900's in our morning hike to a high point of the camp to trace the original water system, then enjoyed lunch in the dining room where Mrs. Vanderbilt hosted 70 for Christmas dinner, then off in the afternoon to the 1914 hydroelectric powerhouse that supplied electricity to the great camp two decades before the surrounding area had such a luxury. You won't have to do all this hiking to share in Connor's knowledge and love of all that Great Camp Sagamore has to offer. I only wish that we were holding our luncheon in Mrs. Vanderbilt's beautiful dining room.



Broadway in the Finger Lakes

Wednesday June 19

2pm matinee of Jersey Boys followed by dinner at Lasca's

We all know the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and likely have seen the show and movie, perhaps multiple times. We know the songs from "Big Girls Don't Cry" in 1962 through "Grease" in 1978. But the songs are so good, and the story so compelling, that we want to see the show again. Rev Theater anticipates a blockbuster run. 9 matinees have sold out, so we are fortunate to have reserved our seats. Our group should be together about 10 rows up toward the

right side. With the full house the day of our performance, we unfortunately do not have any of the more accessible seats in Row D, but Rev Theater will offer some to us if they become available.

We will have our customary after-theater dinner, and this year will try Lasca's, an Auburn classic. (about 4 miles and 15 minutes from the theater). Our family style banquet includes Roast Chicken Lasca's style, Roast Beef Au Jus, Baked Scrod, fresh garden salad, pasta, vegetable, fresh baked bread and tomato oil, coffee and dessert, tax and tip. There is a cash bar available.

Remember to include your self-addressed stamped envelope, as we will mail your ticket package to you in late May.

Rev Theater has asked us to remind you that Jersey Boys contains **some colorful "Jersey" language.**

Elfun Family Day at the Ballpark

Sunday July 14

1:05 pm

Our annual outing to NBT Bank Stadium remains one of our most well-attended events. We will once again take over the left field terrace to watch the Mets vs the Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. The Mets just held their open house and made announcements regarding promotions and concessions for the coming season. Kids Eat Free and Kids Run the Bases remain staples of the Sunday afternoon games! The WildCat Concession Stand will offer wings and tater tots in the former Scooch's Scoops behind the left field terrace and The Pierogie Guy will offer a local addition to the food choices. Gather your friends and family and extended family and make it a day. Your ticket package includes the tickets, concession vouchers and parking passes, so remember to include your self-addressed stamped envelope for this as well, and if you have a large group, make sure to supply a large envelope with lots of postage.

Holiday Luncheon

Monday December 9

11 am

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Save the Date - information will follow

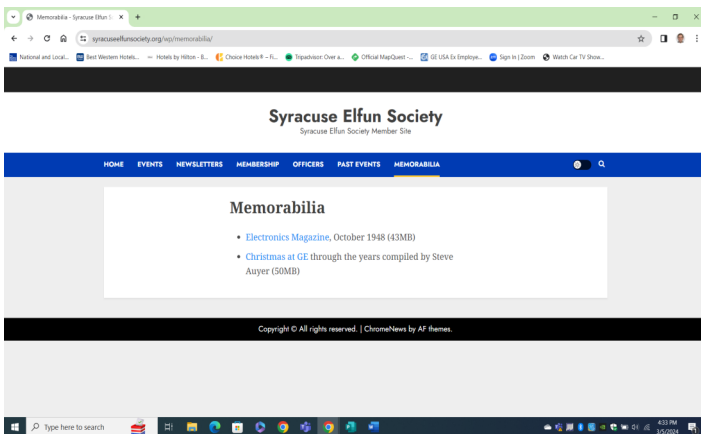
Look for the eye-catching flyers that Steve Auyer has created for our events and send in your reservations for our busy 2024 social season. We can't wait to see you.

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Memorabilia

For those of you who like to reminisce about days gone by, Ron added a new category to the Elfun homepage called Memorabilia and uploaded Steve Auyer's compilations 'Electronics Magazine' and 'Christmas at GE'. To view them, click on the link <https://www.syracuseelfunsociety.org> or copy the link and paste it to your web browser. Once you have arrived at the homepage, just click on the category entitled Memorabilia.



We have a few paper copies of 'Christmas at GE'. If you would like one to be mailed to you, send a note to carlchermak@gmail.com.

GE Vernova and GE Aerospace will become standalone companies on April 2, 2024

According to a press release dated February 29, 2024, General Electric Company announced that its Board of Directors approved the previously announced spin-off of GE Vernova which will begin trading on the NY Stock Exchange on April 2, 2024 as GEV. Holders of GE common stock will be entitled to receive one share of GE Vernova common stock for every four shares of GE common stock held on March 19, 2024. GE stakeholders do not need to take any action to receive shares of GE Vernova common stock. Following the spin-off, GE will operate as GE Aerospace. GE shareholders will continue to hold their shares of GE common stock with the company name GE Aerospace and the listing on the NYSE will be GE. The launch of GE Vernova and GE Aerospace will complete the

transformation of GE into three independent businesses, GE Vernova, GE Aerospace and GE Healthcare. Syracuse Elfun Society does not speak for GE. You can learn more about the spin-off at <https://www.ge.com/investor-relations>. Also refer to <https://www.gevernova.com/investors> for more information and updates about GE Vernova.

Welcome Gary Gates

We are pleased to welcome Gary Gates to the Syracuse Elfun Society Board. Gary is currently fulfilling Marv Hahn's term and will stand for election this year. Gary joins us with a long association with GE and Elfun.

Gary joined the United States Air Force out of high school, then had the good fortune to live in Bermuda with responsibility for maintaining and training search radar for Bendix. He holds a BSEE from Michigan Technological University, which led to the commencement of his career at GE in 1968. His assignments have included Receiver Engineering involving equipment redesign, Advanced Development Engineering at the Navel Research Lab, Purchased Material Quality Control, Quality Control Manager of the Hybrid Integrated Circuits (HIC), Senior Quality Assurance Advisor, and Manager of Product Assurance for OTH (Over the Horizon) program. Gary retired from Lockheed Martin in 1994 and then lent his expertise as a Quality Engineer with TRW Automotive Electronics in Union Springs/Auburn, Quality Assurance Manager at ITHACO in Ithaca and, and Quality Engineer at Armstrong Transmitters in Marcellus. Since his final retirement, Gary serves on the board of directors for Marcellus Citizens (non-profit group dedicated to youth activities on our wooded land), Matthew 25 Farm (non-profit farm growing fruits, vegetables, and honey, manned by mostly volunteers) which donates thousands of pounds of produce to needy people via food pantries, churches, etc. all over CNY, and now the Syracuse Elfun Society, serving the community and GE Syracuse alumni.

He also continues to lead and play in the GE Golf League at many local courses. Gary and MaryLee have been strong supporters of our Elfun chapter and social events for many years, and Gary has offered much insight and advice regarding our activities. We are delighted to have Gary join our board, and we appreciate his input and commitment to our chapter. By the way, Gary provided much more detail than our space allows. If you would like to read "the rest of the story", let me know and I will email Gary's document with the supporting details.

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XX Tear off and mail if you wish to vote XX

Election of Officers

We will continue the practice of electing Directors by mail-in ballots. There are 4 Directors (below) who are up for re-election to a 2024-2027 term. Dues-paying-members can vote for directors. Vote for any or all of the 4 or propose and vote for an alternate candidate of your choice. Tear off this ballot, fill it out and return it to The Syracuse Elfun Society, PO Box 36, Liverpool, NY 13088. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting April 25, 2024.

- ☐ Cindy Chermak, Current Social Committee Leader
 - ☐ Joe Kinzel, Current Treasurer
 - ☐ Bob Ruth, Current At-Large Member
 - ☐ Gary Gates, Current At-Large Member