

Branching Out

Schenectady Elfuns 2016

As we move into a new year I thought it would be a good time to reflect on our past and plan our year going forward. First and most important, I would like to welcome our new officers who were elected by the steering committee to a 2 year term.

Carl Erikson	President	Sean McCullough	Vice president
John Viertl	Secretary	Larry Carrier	Treasurer

As of the close of 2014 GE closed their affiliation with GE Elfuns, they did provide us with the ability of continue if we desired. A few of us in our chapter took on the challenge and formed what is now called Schenectady Elfuns. Over many months, meetings and hard work, we developed new bylaws and constitution. We then registered and formed our own group as a 501 c7. In laymen terms it is a social club. We were not alone in this challenge. Twelve other GE Elfuns societies decided to take on the challenge also. Some are still in the process. Nevertheless we do meet via telecon every month to discuss activities and how individual groups are doing. This is a slow and painful process that to date has been rewarding in its own way.

We as a group lost the Elfuns insurance and as a result were given the option to use an outside contractor for health insurance. This has given many of us a chance to review what our own personal insurance needs are and choose from many different plans. For many, it provided a cost savings.

Not only did we lose the health insurance but we also lost some of our well known service projects such as Computer Rehab, Toy Modification, Education and Science Workshops and Talking Books. They did not dissolve but are now under the GE volunteer umbrella. Anyone interested in participating should feel free to contact them.

Looking forward, the new Schenectady Elfuns continue to have a successful speaker lunch series. The lunch series is open to any present or retired GE employee for a nominal cost. This runs ten months of the year. We also are able to provide discount tickets for programs at both Schenectady Civic Playhouse and some Proctors performances. We need to understand that we are only a reflection of the people who would like to participate in activities and share stories within our communities.

We have added a new position on our steering committee. We now have a historian that is working with MiSi to document and secure some of our past history. There are many interesting artifacts that have been long forgotten.

We are always looking for new exciting programs to share across our members. It takes inputs from its members and some small effort on their part to make it all happen. If you have suggestions feel free to call one of us.

Troy Music Hall is starting an Albany Pro Musica series over the next few months. All of the performances are at Troy Music Hall. If there is enough interest in the performances, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!!! We would be eligible for discounted tickets if we are able to meet the minimum ticket purchases.

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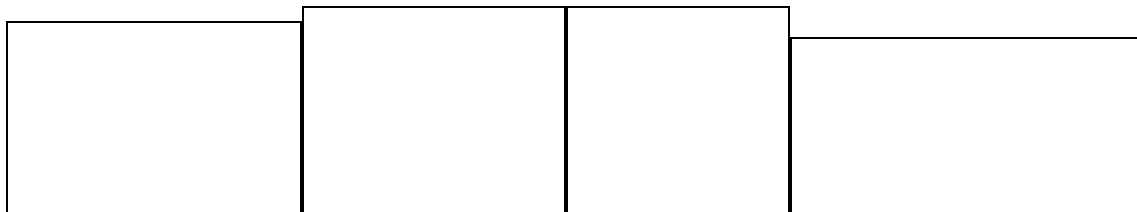


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JOIN US – YOU’RE INVITED ...

Friendship Cafe

Friendship Café Schedule January to June 2016

Gathering time is around 10:30 a.m. – watch for monthly flyer with further details

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| January 13, 2016 | Game Day: Card Games at the Apostrophe Café (Come and play Canasta, Hearts, and Pinochle) |
| February 10, 2016 | Brandi Wells and Lisa Whitman, Schenectady County Department of Public Health “<i>What is a Senior Corp and How Can We Develop One in Schenectady County? – Lessons Learned From the Schenectady County Medical Reserve Corp Leader</i>” |
| March 7, 2016 | MiSci Trip: Monday March 7, 2016, 3:00pm
Senior Science Day at the Dudley Observatory
“<i>Life in the Universe – Possibilities for Life in our Solar System Beyond Earth</i>” |
| March 9, 2016 | Friendship Café Social “<i>If I Could Have, I Would Have</i>” Ice Breaker Games and Opportunity to Meet Current Friendship Café Members |
| April 13, 2016 | Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation “<i>DSIC Resources and Improvements in the Downtown Schenectady Area</i>” |
| May 11, 2016 | Lisa Whitman “<i>Your Schenectady County Medical Reserve Corp; Preparedness Overview and Community Engagement</i>” |
| June 8, 2016 | Cynthia Seacord; City of Schenectady Archives – Efner History Center “<i>Pictorial History of Schenectady: Who are these People and Where were these Photos Taken?</i>” |

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE SERVICES
SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY 2016
NOMINATION FORM**

***Recognizing Older New Yorkers Who Demonstrate The Power Of Making
A Difference In Their Community Through Volunteerism!***

Due by Monday, January 25th, 2016

Nominee Information

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Personal

Years of Volunteer Service _____

Previous Profession _____

Place(s) of Employment Including Length of Service

Date Retired _____

Military Branch _____

Education (Where, Degree and/or Course of

Page 2 Nominee Name _____

Born: (Where, When) _____

of Children _____ # of Grandchildren _____ # of Great Grandchildren _____

Contribution and Impact

Describe the contribution(s) to his/her community (please note timeframe)

Describe how this individual's contribution impacted an individual(s), the community at large, an organization/agency/facility

Other Volunteer Efforts or Achievements (List organizations and positions held, include timeframe):

Why did they start volunteering? _____

Page 3 Nominee Name _____

What does he/she feel has been the greatest reward from their volunteer experience?

Why do you believe this candidate should receive this award? _____

Name of Individual and/or Organization Submitting the Nomination

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Due by Monday, January 25th, 2016

☒ Faxed to:

(518) 382-0194

☒ Through email to:

Event Coordinator -

Daniel.Garrow@schenectadycounty.com

Event Assistant -

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☒ By mail or in person to:

Schenectady County Senior & Long Term Care,
107 Nott Terrace, Suite 305, Schenectady, NY 12308

SCHENECTADY ELFUNS

You are cordially invited to attend the Schenectady Elfuns Luncheon to be held at Mallozzi's Restaurant, 1930 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12306 on Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Our speakers will be Millie and Clark Gittinger.

A cruise on the Clipper Adventurer "Out of the Northwest Passage" sailing from Kugluktuk, Nunavut to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland visiting many ancient ruins, historic sites, Inuit villages, glaciers and ice bergs. Most of the time was spent above the Arctic Circle and we reached as far as 79o 3 minutes north - a record for the ship. It was the first ever cruise to deliberately follow the route of the American explorer, Elisha Kent Kane in 1855 when he and his men journeyed 980 kilometers along the Greenland coast in open boats from Rensselaer to Upernavik. Historic sites will include Beechey Island - the last know siting of Sir John Franklin's expedition before he disappeared, old Hudson's Bay Company posts and the Northernmost RCMP post now abandoned.

Details- Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Place: Mallozzi's Restaurant, 1930 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Times: 11:30 AM Cash Bar

12:00 PM Luncheon: Tomato Bisque Soup, Chicken Marsala with Roasted Potatoes and Chef's Choice Vegetable, Vanilla Profiteroles, Rolls & Butter, Soda, Coffee, Tea, and Decaf.

1:00 PM **Northwest Passage**

Costs: \$ 24.00 for One, \$48.00 Two; etc.

Reservations close Friday, February 12, 2016 To be refundable, cancellations must be received (Glenn Gerber, 355-9570) 48 hours prior to the luncheon.

Carl Erikson, President
Schenectady Elfuns

Please return this reservation portion to: Glenn Gerber, 219 Shirlwood Dr., Schenectady, NY 12306, to be received not later than Friday, February 12, 2016 Include your check payable to Schenectady Elfuns, \$24.00 per person. web

Please print name(s): Phone: _____

Elfun: first _____, last _____

Guest: first _____, last _____

Future Luncheons

March 16	Wednesday	Mohawk Golf Club
	Rebecca Milligan of Global Foundries	
April 13	Wednesday	The Century House
	Scott Strazik, Vice President, General Electric & CFO, Power Generation Products for GE Power	
May 17	Tuesday	Glen Sanders
June 15	Wednesday	Edison Golf Club