

Branching Out

Talking Book Machine Repair – Help Wanted

Since February, 1988 Volunteers working in a room in the back of the emergency garage at the GE Global Research Center have repaired more than 60,000 talking book machines for the New York State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Initially, we repaired tape player machines. The digital machines, introduced in the fall of 2009 have since taken over. While they do not need the extensive repairs that the tape player machines required, they do need to be cleaned and checked to be sure the electronics are functioning as they should. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to help in this important task. It can easily be learned and those currently working in the program will be happy to help any new volunteers. We work from 1 to 4 on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Clark or Millie Gittinger at 377-0671 or gittinger@verizon.net.

HELP HELP HELP

GE Elfun Computer Rehab of Schenectady is in need of volunteers to fill three to four openings. No experience is necessary. On the job training is provided. We work Tuesday and Thursday mornings. You volunteer according to your availability, and you choose what tasks you would like to do. Tasks include preparing computers for customer needs, testing monitors, testing keyboards, repairing monitors, preparing laptops for customer needs, repairing laptops, material handling, disassembling machines for parts and scrap value, maintaining the website, listing surplus items on Craig's list, etc.

If interested, please call Terry on 385-9606.

The Schenectady Elfunns mourn the loss of the following Senior Elfunns from June 2014 to the present. We express our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased. If you are aware of the passing of any other Elfun Seniors that are not on this list, please forward those names to Carol Anderson (anderca162@yahoo.com).

David M. Bowder
George C. Stout
Robert S. Lewandowski
Richard C. Elwell
Donald S. Fentiman
George E. Terwillger
Ernest W. Kunz
Alan S. Rubenstein
Rudolf E. Slovacek
Richard B. Schiefer
Richard L. Mathews
Robert P. Holdeman
Harvey W. Schadler
Bernard J. Murphy
William C. Young
John W. Brown, Jr.
Peter R. Kozak
James F. Burgess
Arne Loft
John C. Rucigay
Anthony E. Iungano
Harrison C. Leland
Dewey R. Bosley
James E. Tillma
George Keller

Donald R. Kerr
John J. Merry
Thomas J. Jordan
Hart K. Lechtenwalner
Leonard L. Garver
Henry Lenz
John Novak
James C. Oakes
Richard E. Campagnoni
Marvin R. DuBois
Lynn D. Adams III
Donald J. Anthony
William J. George
Leonard Vandenberg
William W. Rohling
William M. Musgrove
Donald E. Dutt
Joseph D. Davies
Jonas Wolff
Ernest H. Kahn
Leo D. McIlroy
Ralph DeBlois
Leroy E. Foley
Peter D. Johnson

Challenger Learning Center Mission Assistant Volunteer Job Description



Position:

Daily as scheduled, Mission Assistants work directly with student groups to enhance the mission experience. The Challenger Learning Center missions are spaceflight simulations in which students become astronauts and mission controllers working together as a team to accomplish the mission. Mission Assistants provide support to our museum educators - the Mission Commander and the Flight Director - and the astronauts and mission controllers (student crew).

Responsibilities:

- Act as a Mission Assistant for student groups: typical groups are 5 – 8th grade with occasional classes of younger or older students.
- Orient student groups to their day at miSci (expectations, schedule, behavior). Their day includes the Challenger mission experience, but it may also include a planetarium show and lunch time.
- When appropriate, help the students engage in and focus on the mission and their team responsibilities in Mission Control or in the Space Craft.
- Assist students when there is a barrier to their success as an astronaut or mission controller. These barriers may include: reading difficulties, inability to move through the simulator, frustration thresholds, communication issues.
- Guide the students to and from the Challenger Learning Center for the scheduled planetarium show or lunch time location.
- Assist the teacher in getting the group to these areas on time.

Requirement and Qualifications:

- Attend regular volunteer training workshops as scheduled
- Participate in weekly volunteer sessions as able
- Demonstrate awareness and sensitivity in interacting with diverse populations
- Exhibit the ability to respond with flexibility and patience
- Develop a positive rapport with students and teachers
- Defer to the group's teacher as necessary while accepting the role of leader in coordinating and guiding the group

Supervisor: Julie Muffler, Director, Challenger Learning Center at miSci

Challenger Learning Center Tech Team Volunteer Job Description



Position:

Weekly the Tech Team meets to enhance the mission experience. The Challenger Learning Center (CLC) missions are spaceflight simulations in which students become astronauts and mission controllers working together as a team to accomplish the mission. The Tech Team keeps the CLC working, clean, and innovative!

Challenger

Responsibilities:

- Work with other volunteers to maintain the Challenger Learning Center
 - Equipment & instruments
 - Facility space
- Assist in weekly cleaning efforts
 - Computers
 - Plexi
 - Behind the house space utilization
- Act as a Think Tank to enhance the learning opportunities for students
 - Add mission equipment such as
 - Rovers
 - Portals to see our Earth below (as from the ISS); the surface of Mars (during the Mars mission); the surface of the Moon (during the Moon mission): and so forth
 - Solar panel deployment system
 - Supplemental experiment station
- Trouble-shoot equipment failures such as robotic arms and headsets
- If you can imagine it, maybe we can build it!

Requirement and Qualifications:

- Enjoy creating and generating ideas
- Skilled in building
- Technology background is not required, but it is a plus
- Committed to maintaining an exceptional learning experience
- Able to work as part of a team
- Don't mind getting your hands dirty

Supervisor: Julie Muffler, Director, Challenger Learning Center at miSci

SCHENECTADY ELFUNS

You are cordially invited to attend the Schenectady Elfuns Luncheon to be held at The Edison Club, 891 Riverview Rd., Rexford, NY 12144 on Wednesday 17, 2015. Our speaker will be Wallace Graham, Chairman of the Board of the SI Group. The SI Group is a family-owned company with more than 2,700 employees, was founded in Schenectady more than 100 years ago by a former GE Chemist, Howard Wright. The company develops and manufactures chemical intermediates, specialty resins, and solutions that feed into countless industrial and consumer goods. Hear how the company is leveraging its deep knowledge of chemistry combined with a vision for growth to solve complex global challenges. SI Group is making the world a better place by delivering The Substance Inside.

Details- Date: Wednesday - June 17, 2015

Place: The Edison Club, 891 Riverview Rd., Rexford, NY 12144

Times: 11:30 AM Cash Bar

12:00 PM Luncheon: Fruit Salad, Baked Scrod with Roasted Potatoes and Broccoli Salad, Apple Dumpling with Carmel Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Decaf.

1:00 PM **Wallace Graham**

Costs: \$ 20.50 for One, \$ 41.00 Two; etc.

Reservations close Saturday, June 13, 2015 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, May 15, 2015 Include your check payable to Schenectady Elfuns, \$20.50 per person.

Please print name(s): Phone: _____

Elfun: first _____, last _____

Guest: first _____, last _____

Future Luncheons

**See you in the fall
Have a great summer**