

Branching Out

Letter from the president Schenectady Elfuns

The past year has been one of many surprises. GE dropped the Elfun's and carries the service activities under GE volunteers. Shortly after we were informed there would not be Elfun insurance for former Elfuns, followed by dropping health care for all salary employees. The steering committee met to discuss our concerns about our future and where we as an organization wanted to go. We are able to maintain our contact with other Elfun Chapters and only a hand full decided to continue. Our first step was to meet with an attorney and see what our options were and the steps we needed to take in order to preserve the Elfuns name. We then wrote our new by-laws and constitution that would define our purpose, membership and how our organization would evolve. I encourage all to read them both on our new web-site www.schenectadyelfuns.org . The old GE Elfun site is not maintained and will be going off line soon.

Our new charter is now registered with both the State of New York and the IRS as a 501c3. This by definition is a social organization with not for profit activities. We have opened our membership up to all GE employees past and present. A surviving spouse is welcome to continue membership.

We will maintain our speaker lunch series as well as discounts for other social activities around the area. Our monthly newsletter will continue and we encourage members to use the internet as hard copies are becoming expensive for both material and mailing.

Our liability and indemnity insurance is in place and we are covered. Keep in mind we were covered under the GE umbrella policy but that coverage went away on January 1 this year.

Although we are not affiliated with GE in any way, we still have monthly town meetings with the existing Elfun chapters and share challenges as well as activities. As for the Schenectady Elfuns , I see a positive future and a great way to stay in communication with old friends with the ability to make new. We are open for suggestions on activities as well as looking for champions to arrange future activities.

Sincerely
Carl Erikson President

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.

Schenectady ELFUNS AND



SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

12 So. Church St. Schenectady, NY 12305 (382-2081) www.civicplayers.org

PRESENT

Del Shores' fast, delicious, funny, touching . . .

Daddy's Dyin'; Who's Got the Will?

Directed by Gary Hoffmann

Set in a small Texas town in anytime, U.S.A., Daddy's Dyin' concerns the reunion of a family gathered to await the imminent death of their patriarch, who has recently suffered a physically as well as mentally disabling stroke. In essence, however, it is not the story of the impending demise of the father or of the drafting of his will, but of a rebirth of the spirit of the family unit. Without becoming ponderous, losing a sense of humor or pandering to timeworn cliches about Texans or Texas drawls, it's fast, delicious, with funny moments, tense moments, touching moments, and characters you care about. -*The Hollywood Reporter*

Tickets only \$14 (almost a 20% discount off regular \$17 ticket price)

March 20, 21, 22 and 25 thru 29

(FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS at 8 pm; WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY at 7:30 pm; SUNDAY matinees at 2:30 pm)

SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYHOUSE

(12 South Church St. – Downtown Schenectady – In the historic Stockade district)

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(-- **MAIL ORDERS ONLY** -- You will be contacted to confirm your order --)

Mail to: Elfuns Sales, Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

NAME: _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE RESERVE ____ "DADDY'S DYIN'" Tickets @ \$14 each \$ _____ (total enclosed)

Check Performance Desired: ____ Fri. 3/20(8 pm) ____ Sat. 3/21 (8 pm) ____ Sun. 3/22 (2:30 pm)

____ Wed 3/25 (7:30 pm) ____ Thur 3/26 (7:30 pm) ____ Fri 3/27 (8 pm) ____ Sat 3/28 (8 pm) ____ Sun 3/29 (2:30 pm)

Preferred Seating: ____ Front ____ Toward Front ____ Mid ____ Rear

(We'll come as close as possible. Subscribers have first preference.)

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____ MADE PAYABLE TO: SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

(Tickets held at SCP Box Office for pick up 15-30 minutes before curtain.)

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SCHENECTADY ELFUNS

You are cordially invited to attend the Schenectady Elfuns Luncheon to be held at the Mohawk Golf Club, 1849 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12309 on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 Our speakers will be Richard L. Walters & Adam Lendt. They will speak about the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldiers who were once one of the most obscure units, almost invisible to the rest of the military. Today, however, these specialists serve front and center of the modern battlefield. In the last decade, they come from obscurity to the big screen in movies such as The Hurt Locker, but these Soldiers are and what they actually do, is far from Hollywood.

Details- Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 (St. Patrick's Day)

Place: The Mohawk Golf Club, 1849 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12309

Times: 11:30 AM Cash Bar

12:00 PM Luncheon: Cream of Leek Soup,
Choice of two (2) Entries: (1) Corned beef and Cabbage with Potatoes and Carrots or (2) Chicken Marsala with Penne Pasta and vegetable
Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Decaf.

1:00 PM The Enigma that is Explosive Ordnance Disposal. NY National Guard's 108th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company activities in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Canada.

Costs: \$ 23.00 for One, \$46.00 Two; etc.

Reservations close Friday, March 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, March 13 2015 Include your check payable to Schenectady Elfuns, \$2300 per person. **Please remember to indicate your entrée choice**

Please print name(s): Phone: _____

Elfuns: first _____, last _____

Guest: first _____, last _____

Entree Choice Corned Beef _____ or Chicken Marsala _____

Future Luncheons

April 15 Century House

Brian Merriam, Schdy Chamber of Commerce

\$7500 that Changed the World – The Amazing Story of Edison and Steinmetz that Almost Didn't Happen

May 19 Glen Sanders

TBD – GE Speaker

June 17 Edison Golf Club

Wally Graham, Chairman of the Board and Past President of the SI Group