

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.

Here is another great opportunity to volunteer

On May 1, 2015, the Challenger Learning Center of the Capital Region at miSci, will open joining a network of over 40 Centers world-wide. After the Challenger shuttle tragedy, families of the seven crew members decided a living legacy would be the best way to honor their loved ones. Through their commitment to building a tribute that would long fulfill the crew's educational mission, Challenger Center for Space Science Education was created. Together with NASA and the generosity of our partners, the Challenger Learning Centers are able to deliver on this mission. At the Challenger Learning Center, we give students a hands-on experience – engaging them in all areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through simulated space missions. We make an impact on today's students, prepare them for an increasingly competitive workforce, and inspire them to pursue STEM careers.



We strive to inspire students by providing an exciting, engaging experience that will stay with them far beyond their time at the Challenger Center. The simulated environment is created from computer technology, real science data, hands-on activities, and STEM related content. Complete with a mission control room and orbiting space station, students become astronauts, scientists, engineers, and researchers, all sharing the thrill of discovery. Challenger Center students are our future leaders and innovators who will help advance and improve the quality of life to generations to come.

In order to offer this experience to the students of Schenectady and the Capital Region, we are in need of volunteers who have a love for science and a passion for the future and our nation's youth. We are looking for volunteers to be part of our Tech Team. This team of volunteers will help maintain our simulator and computers as well as envision, build, and implement mission enhancements such as working Mars rovers (about

the size of a trunk), solar array deployment systems, etc. The sky is not the limit! The Tech Team will meet once a month on the third Thursday evening to start.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the missions as Flight Assistants, providing support for students who may experience difficulty with reading as so forth. It is our goal to provide a positive experience for all students. The missions last 2.5 hours. Flight Assistants may create their own schedule from the list of scheduled missions.

A volunteer orientation evening is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21. There will be two sessions: one from 4:30 – 6 pm and the other from 6 – 7:30 pm. Each session is identical with both volunteer categories covered.

We invite you to join our team! Please contact me if you are able to attend the orientation.

Best regards,

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Schenectady ELFUNS AND



SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

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

PRESENT

Steven Dietz's devious and delightful romp . . .

Becky's New Car

Directed by Melissa Lacijan

Have you ever been tempted to flee your own life? Becky Foster is caught in middle age, middle management and in a middling marriage—with no prospects for change on the horizon. Then one night a socially inept and grief-struck millionaire stumbles into the car dealership where Becky works. Becky is offered nothing short of a new life...and the audience is offered a chance to ride shotgun in a way that most plays wouldn't dare. BECKY'S NEW CAR is a thoroughly original comedy with serious overtones, a devious and delightful romp down the road not taken.

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

May 8, 9, 10 and 13 thru 17

(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)

*** MAIL ORDERS ONLY ***

(PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION *(or a Print Out)* WITH PAYMENT BY Wednesday, May 6)

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

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

NAME: _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE RESERVE ____ "BECKY'S NEW CAR" Tickets @ \$14 each \$_____ (total enclosed)

Check Performance Desired: ____ Fri. 5/8(8 pm) ____ Sat. 5/9 (8 pm) ____ Sun. 5/10 (2:30 pm)

____ Wed 5/13 (7:30 pm) ____ Thur 5/14 (7:30 pm) ____ Fri 5/15 (8 pm) ____ Sat 5/16 (8 pm) ____ Sun 5/17 (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.)

*** MAIL ORDERS ONLY * NO REFUNDS * NO EXCHANGES ***

**Schenectady ELFUNS and the
GE Athletic Association Presents:**

A 3Day Trip To Washington DC

Friday, September 18 To Sunday, September 20,2015

PRICE PER PERSON: Single: \$458.00 Double: \$340.00

PRICE INCLUDES: 2 nights lodging,2 breakfasts, 2full course dinners,
Smithsonian Institution, Tram tour of Arlington Cemetery, visit to the various
memorials, guided sightseeing tours; U.S. Capital,& Visitor 's Center, U.S.
Library of Congress, Embassy Row. Visit to the Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts, guided tour of various illuminated monuments, Air & Space
Museum, souvenir gift, luggage handling, all taxes and gratuities & transport-
ation by Wade Tours. Note; no smoking or drinking of intoxicants on the
coach.

motor

DEPART: 7:00 AM from Wade Terminal, 797 Burdeck St. Schenectady, NY

RETURN: 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 20th

CANCEL BY; Monday, August 3, 2015. After this date, there will be a cancelation fee of \$5.00
per person plus any costs incurred that cannot be recovered.

For any additional information please call Joe DiPietro, phone: 355-3998

Please mail the Reservation Slips below to: Joe DiPietro, 13 Keator Dr.,Schenectady,NY 12306

Balance due August 13, 2015

NAME: _____ Phone No. _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR \$ _____ PAYABLE TO SCHENECTADY ELFUNS

Deposit of \$100,00 per person due by May 15th,2015

NAME: _____ Phone No. _____

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Schenectady **ELFUNS** AND
Proctors Theatre Presents
PIPPIN

Join us... for this magical, unforgettable production the *New York Times* declared "*ASTONISHING! A PIPPIN FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.*"



The 2013 *TONY AWARD* Winner for *BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL* is back for the first time since it thrilled audiences 40 years ago. With a beloved score by Tony nominee *Steven Schwartz* (*Godspell*, *Wicked*), *PIPPIN* tells the story of a young prince on a death-defying journey to find meaning in his existence. Will he choose a happy but simple life? Or will he risk everything for a singular flash of glory.

This captivating new production is directed by *TONY* winner *Diane Paulus* (*Hair* and *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess*).

PIPPIN features sizzling choreography in the style of *Bob Fosse* and breathtaking acrobatics by *Les 7 Doigts De La Main*, the creative force behind the nationwide sensation *Traces*.

DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2015
PLACE: Proctor's Theatre
TIME: 7:30PM
PRICE: \$54.40 (Orch. Seats)

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS WILL BE MAILED AFTER May 1, 2015
For additional information please call Joe DiPietro, Phone 355-3998

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT BY Tues. April 21 2015
To: Joe DiPietro, 13 Keator Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306-2514

NAME: _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE RESERVE: _____ TICKETS AT \$54.40 EACH

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SCHENECTADY ELFUNS

You are cordially invited to attend the Schenectady Elfuns Luncheon to be held at The Glen Sanders Mansion, One Glen Ave., Scotia, NY 12302 on Tuesday May 19, 2015. Our speaker will be Ray O'Connor, Author and former President and CEO of Saratoga National Bank & Trust Co. and Senior Vice President of a financial holding company. He is also a former United States Border Patrol Agent and a Special Agent with the United States Department of Defense. He resigned from the Saratoga National Bank to write his book "She Called Him Raymond". The story of his mother, Helen Gregg, the daughter of Irish immigrant parents who grew up in the miseries of Hell's Kitchen during the Great Depression, and her first husband, Clarence Raymond Stephenson. He was a young aspiring B-17 pilot raised in the small, struggling city of Ironton, Ohio. Fate brings them together in New York's Central Park in 1942. The story includes his exploits as a highly decorated B-17 pilot during World War II, and the tragedy that tears them apart.

Details- Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Place: The Glen Sanders Mansion, One Glen Ave., Scotia, NY 12302

Times: 11:30 AM Cash Bar

12:00 PM Luncheon: Salad -Assorted Wild Baby Greens with Sliced Poached Pears, Crumbled Blue Cheese & White Balsamic Vinaigrette; Chicken Francaise with Chopped Plum Tomatoes and Lemon White Wine Sauce; Chef's choice vegetables; Apple Cranberry Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream; Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Decaf.

1:00 PM **"She Called Him Raymond"**

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

Reservations close Friday, May 15, 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, \$23.00 per person.

Please print name(s): Phone: _____

Elfun: first _____, last _____

Guest: first _____, last _____

Future Luncheons

June 17 Edison Golf Club

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