

# SCHENECTADY ELFUNS

You are cordially invited to attend the Schenectady Elfuns Luncheon to be held at the Lighthouse-Waters Edge, on Wednesday , October 18, 2017. Our speaker will be Alvin Magid  
Urban distress in the City of Schenectady is mirrored in its hard-pressed school district: The annual graduation rate for Schenectady High School is about 65 per cent, one of the lowest in the Capital District and New York State; at every Schenectady grade level, K-12, more than half of the students are unable to meet the State standard in English Language Arts and Math. Four years ago, I founded the all-volunteer Reading Is Fun Program (RIF) to help needy 4-9 year olds--many of them members of economically-challenged communities of color--in pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-3 learn foundational reading-readiness and conversational skills and vocabulary. In the school year 2016-2017, about 100 RIF volunteers worked with about 150 Schenectady children in all 12 elementary schools in the city. The numbers of RIF volunteers and children with whom they work are expected to keep growing. RIF and I have garnered community service awards and citations at the local, county, state, and national levels. I will talk to the Elfuns gathering about RIF's evolution and activities and its future goals.

Details- Date: Wednesday - October 18, 2017

Place: Lighthouse - Waters Edge, 2 Freemans Bridge Rd., Scotia, NY 12302

Times: 11:30 AM Cash Bar

12:00 PM Luncheon: Field of Greens Salad with Goat Cheese, Mandarin Oranges and Champagne Vinaigrette; Sliced Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Green & Yellow Squash and Carrots; Chocolate & Strawberry Sundaes: Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Decaf.

1:00 PM **Schenectady School Kids Need Us:  
The All-Volunteer Reading Is Fun Program (RIF)**

Cost: \$ 21.50.00 for One, \$ 43.00 for Two

Reservations close Friday, October 13, 2017. To be refundable, cancellations must be received (Glenn Gerber, 289-5665) 48 hours prior to the luncheon.

Carl Erikson, President  
Schenectady Elfuns

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Please return this reservation portion to: Glenn Gerber, 12 Forestbrook Dr., Ballston Lake, NY 12019, to be received not later than Friday, October 13, 2017 Include your check payable to Schenectady Elfuns, \$21.50 per person. Web Version

Please print name(s): Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Elfuns: First \_\_\_\_\_, Last \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: First \_\_\_\_\_, Last \_\_\_\_\_