

Syracuse Elfun Society

2024 Winter Newsletter 2nd Edition



We have been saddened to learn of the deaths of the following current or former members of the Syracuse Elfun Society:

- William Bernard Connor, 88, of Hickory, NC., passed away on June 11, 2024 at Trinity Ridge in Hickory.
- Donald C. Nash (formerly from Manlius, NY), passed away peacefully on September 25, 2024 in Old Tappan, NJ. He had just celebrated his 98th birthday with family, beer and a slice of pizza.
- Bobby Boerschig, 93, of Camillus, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 26, 2024.
- Howard M. Deutch, 97, died on October 10th, 2024.

Complete obituaries for local individuals can usually be found at <https://obits.syracuse.com/us/obituaries/syracuse/browse>.

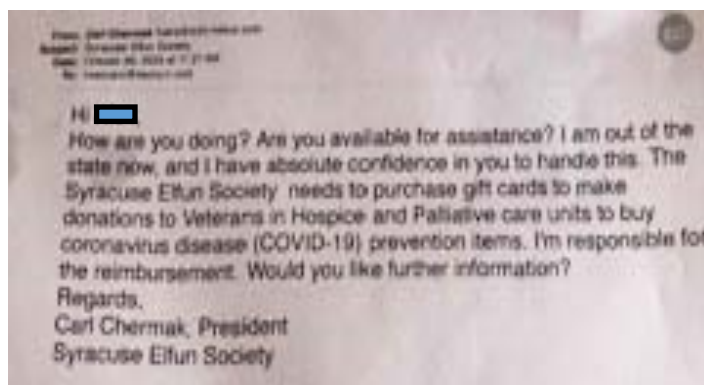
Note: Since it is not possible for the board of directors to keep tabs of all member passings, especially when the notices weren't in the local Syracuse Post Standard, we request that, if you are aware of a member passing, please notify a board member so we can include the announcement in our newsletter. Thanks.

Chairman's Column

As we head into the holiday season, best wishes to all Syracuse Elfun and family members. We have one last chance to get together as a group at the holiday party. If you haven't sent in your reservation, take a moment to do so now.

Beware of Spammers

A number of members have mentioned that they received an email from me or the Syracuse Elfun Society that didn't look legitimate. I want to assure you that the Syracuse Elfun Society will never solicit donations, offer gift cards or sell raffle tickets. If you receive such an email, check the email address of the source. If address is not mine, Steve's or Ron's, **do not reply, click on a link inside the email or open an attachment and do delete the email.**



Social Events *by Cindy Chermak*

A reminder that our Holiday Luncheon at Bella Domani is Monday, December 9. Arrival and social time between 11 and 12, buffet lunch at Noon. The flyer is included in this newsletter. Gather your Elfun friends and make your reservation by our deadline. Let's have a big festive group for this holiday lunch.

2025 Events

We will of course return to our perennial favorites of a Syracuse Mets game and a trip to Rev Theater in Auburn for the Broadway in the Finger Lakes performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar". We are also looking at a boat ride on the Seneca River or the Erie Canal as well as a lunch at the new cafe "Louise" at the Everson Museum.

Syracuse is Still in the Radar Business

In the 1960's, Thomas "Pag" Paganelli championed the development of solid-state radar transmitters vs. using vacuum tubes to generate the high power, high frequency signals.

GE lost a major 1968 development contract for the Navy's new solid-state ASMS/AEGIS radar to RCA on price, and Pag vowed not to lose another major contract. Pag "priced-to win" a 1970's fixed-price contract for a Marine Corps TPS-59 solid-state, transportable radar and Heavy Military was now in the solid-state radar business!

We thought it might be a good idea to bring members of the Syracuse Elfun Society up to date about how Lockheed Martin's Syracuse business is doing. Radar design and production in Syracuse is still alive and doing very nicely, as a 4-page article in this newsletter will confirm.

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