

# Syracuse Elfun Society

## 2025 Spring Newsletter 2nd Edition



We have been saddened to learn of the deaths of the following current or former Elfuns:

- Leon Jacobson, a long-time collector and dealer in nineteenth-century cameras and photographs, died on 10/26/2024 at the age of 101. During his career with GE, Leon worked on radio-controlled missile guidance systems including for some of the early space launches by NASA and developed new methods for making printed circuits.
- Richard E. Ashley, beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and community leader, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2025, at Elderwood Nursing Home, Liverpool, NY, at the age of 86.
- Edward W. Heinzerling, aged 95, passed away on the 23rd of February 2025.
- Patricia "Pat" M. Cupernall, 87, of North Syracuse, passed away Monday, March 3, 2025 at her home.

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

We are sending this abbreviated newsletter early in order to include a couple of event flyers that need to be responded to right away. Both the Annual Meeting and Rev Theater events work for me and I look forward to seeing you there.

A couple of days ago, I sent out an email survey inquiring about a potential Clam Bake at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant for both Elfuns and guests with a target cost of \$65.00 per person later in August. So far I have not received enough positive responses to warrant continuing with the event. If you feel strongly that you would like to see this event happen but haven't gotten back to me, give me a call or send me a note to [carlchermak@gmail.com](mailto:carlchermak@gmail.com) and maybe we can still make this event happen.

In the mean time, enjoy the warmer weather that this springtime is bringing us. I actually got outside yesterday and cleaned up the yard where the brown snow piles had once resided.

## Election of Officers

We are continuing the practice of electing Directors by mail-in ballots. Enclosed is a ballot form on which dues-paying-members can vote for up to 4 Directors who are up for re-election to a 2025-2028 term. If you don't like any one of the candidates, write in one of your own. After competing the ballot, return it to The Syracuse Elfun Society, PO Box 36, Liverpool, NY 13088.

# Social Events by Cindy Chermak

## Annual Meeting and Social Lunch, Wednesday April 30, Camillus Elks Lodge

Our by-laws require an annual meeting, and we like to hold it in the context of a nice lunch. Carl will briefly recap our 2024 year, and then we will enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared by the Lodge's chef. All Elfuns and spouse/guest are welcome to gather and renew acquaintances. It is a great kick-off to our 2025 social season. Look for the attached flyer and make your reservation.

## Broadway in the Finger Lakes, Tuesday June 3, Lunch at The Sherwood Inn and Jesus Christ Superstar at Rev Theater

Our regular attendees at this event overwhelmingly requested Jesus Christ Superstar for this year's outing. We will return to The Sherwood Inn, which for many years hosted our traditional after-theater dinner. This year, we will gather before the show. The Sherwood will provide us with a limited luncheon menu of an entrée salad with protein choice -or- one of their Sherwood Classic entrees such as Yankee Pot Roast or Scrod Christopher. That means we get to choose at the Inn, rather than pre-select. As usual, the meal will include coffee or tea, tax and tip. There will be a cash bar available. Rev Theater has reserved a block of seats for us in Center Rows R and T, along with one lone seat in Row B (which requires no steps). Speak up quickly if you want dibs on this more accessible seat! This flyer is also attached. The senior price for the theater ticket alone is \$84, so take advantage of the Elfun group outing and send in your reservation along with a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we can mail your tickets prior to the show.

## Baseball in Syracuse, save the date

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**SYRACUSE METS VS. LEHIGH VALLEY**  
**IRONPIGS**  
SUNDAY | 1:05PM EDT  
NBT BANK STADIUM

The Mets look forward to welcoming us back and have reserved the Left Field Terrace for us. This fantastic event includes Elfuns, spouse/guest and extended family members. We all enjoy seeing adult children and grandchildren each summer. Mark your calendars and look for the flyer in the next newsletter.



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