

## Reporting Hybrid Meeting of 3 October 2022

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 9/26 Soroptimists Saratoga

**This Week:** 10/3 Terry Lustofin-GE Elfun Computer Rehabilitation

**Next Week:** 10/10 Melanoma Education Foundation- Steve Fine  
(Zoom only meeting)

**Coming Up:** 10/8-BH/BL Rotary Golf Tournament  
10/9 Camp Stomping Ground Community Day  
10/15 Town in Bloom Clean up  
10/17 Greater Galway Food Pantry- Karen English  
(Hybrid Meeting- Zoom/Town Hall)  
10/19 BH/BL Rotary Drive Thru Dinner

**Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm.**  
Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link and password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Note: Many Meetings are now hybrid with an in-person option.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower & Peter Sawyer.*

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*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves*

### GE Elfun Computer Rehabilitation Terry Lustofin

The primary mission of GE Elfun Computer Rehabilitation, a 501(C)(3) organization, is to help bridge the digital divide by providing free computer systems to schools & nonprofit organizations & the individuals they serve, who cannot afford to buy new equipment. Secondly, to extend the useful life of computers that are no longer wanted by businesses & individuals through reuse rather than recycling them for scrap materials. This program is located at GE Schenectady and began in 1993 with three volunteers. Today it has 30 volunteers who contribute about 9,000 manhours a year. They meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays. They donated on averaged about

800 computers a year before covid. Last year they donated about 550 and anticipate between 700 & 800 computers this year. Their recipients are both domestic and international. Their refurbished inventory is about 40% desktops and 60% laptops. All donated computers are inspected, cleaned, repaired, and checked for serviceability.

All software & data are removed from the hard drive. A Windows 10 operating system is installed (for a license fee of \$10) as a starting point to install other software. They are licensed only to distribute the Windows operating system and a version of Microsoft Office or open-source software.

They rebuild printers, scanners and other peripherals & provide them as fully installed system components as requested.

All equipment must be picked up at the GE location. GE Elfun does not ship or deliver.

For more information on the GE Elfun Computer Rehab of Schenectady, Inc. Please visit their website. [www.ComputerRehab.org](http://www.ComputerRehab.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Week's meeting, October 10, will be zoom only.
- We still have room for golfers at our tournament on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have a new feature at the tournament this year— a silent auction.
- Thursday, October 13 – District Social at Galway Rock Winery
- Our Club will participate in Wreaths Across America at Gerald B H Solomon Cemetery on December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- Still need a President Nominee and a Secretary. In the interim, looking for rotating volunteers to take notes at BOD meetings.
- No meeting on Monday October 31 – Halloween.
- Mike, as he always does so well, led both those in attendance & on zoom in Happy Dollars. Much Happiness Was Shared!
- 10/19 BH/BL Rotary Drive Thru Dinner through Spartan Catering at the BH/BL High School. Please see email from Darlene with attached order form which is due back at the latest on 17 Oct. Orders can also be completed online at [BH- BL Rotary Club Drive Thru Dinner- Oct.19, 2022 \(google.com\)](http://BH- BL Rotary Club Drive Thru Dinner- Oct.19, 2022 (google.com))

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