

1-30-2019

Greetings,

Following are minutes of our Elfyn Society CA North Inc. "Annual General Meeting of the Membership" on 1-23-2019. It was held in conjunction with the Elfyn Monthly Luncheon at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose, CA. This Annual General Meeting is mandatory, per our bylaws. It included:

- Our bi-annual election of officers for 2019-2020
- A member interest survey
- A summary our chapter's:
 - o Status (current financial position and membership level)
 - o Elfyn activities in 2018
 - o A look-ahead at 2019 activities

Jim Leonard, President, presided over the meeting. There were 18 Elfyns present. Elfyn Board members present were: Jim Leonard, Yogi Dayal, Dave Wilmer, Fred Wassem, Hugh Miller, and Gretchen Zane.

Board Officers Election:

Board officers were unanimously elected as follows:

- Yogi Dayal President
- Jim Leonard Vice-President
- Dave Wilmer Treasurer
- Gretchen Zane Secretary

Member survey on activities of interest:

We distributed a survey asking input from attendees regarding their interests in various activities. Following are those that had the highest number of votes: Elfyn BBQ, Filoli Gardens, SF Exploratorium/Space Station Museum, a SF field trip, a GE perspective, and US Geological Services information talk.

Chapter Status:

Jim reminded attendees that our chapter officially incorporated on Nov. 18, 2014. We have approximately \$60,000 in funds, and 425 members. We are expecting that those numbers will increase after the dues letter is sent out in early February.

2018 Chapter Activities: Jim reviewed the activities in 2018:

Monthly Board Meetings are held at the GE-Hitachi Training Facility in San Jose. Meeting minutes are available upon request.

Monthly luncheons included speakers on the following topics: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, tax law update for 2018, travel considerations (especially for seniors), fire and earthquake safety in the home, financial update, '5 ways technology will change how you age', information session on social media. There were also social luncheons.

Field Trips and events included the 30th Annual Yosemite Camping (led by Gretchen Zane and Fred Wassem), San Francisco trip to Coit Tower and lunch at Ghirardelli Square (led by Bob Benich), wine tasting at Zanatto's Market (led by Dave Wilmer), golf outing (led by John

Armenta & Tom Ruffo, Bocce Ball (led by Gretchen Zane), San Jose Giants baseball game (led by Tom Ruffo), and Santa Clara Chorale performance of The Messiah (led by Jim Leonard & Dave Wilmer).

Information session: talk on Social Media, given by Willard Roit.

Volunteer activities/projects: Our volunteering includes AARP Tax Aide (led by Fred Wasseem), Honor Flight (led by Carl Stewart and John Armenta), Almaden Elementary tutoring (led by Fred Ikemoto), Lions Eyeglass collection (led by Yogi Dayal and Matt Polomik), Lego Robotics (led by Earl Nichols and Yogi Dayal), toiletry collection for shelters (led by Gretchen Zane).

Member Services: We continue to offer the “Great Elfun Shred-Out” to members (led by Matt Polomik and Tom Ruffo). Our Elfun website highlights upcoming activities and photos/write-ups of past activities (led by Matt Polomik and Willard Roit). Visit our website at: www.ElfunNorCal.org

2019 Chapter Look Ahead: Yogi Dayal reviewed the proposed 2019 activities.

Monthly luncheon speakers already lined up include topics on: 2018 tax law implications, at home health care, and possibly US Geological Services, preparation for emergencies relative to extreme weather, nutrition/diet, and growing warm season vegetables.

Field trips and events planned or other possibilities being considered include: 31th annual Yosemite camping weekend, tour of Filoli Gardens in Woodside, wine tasting/dinner at Zanatto’s Market in San Jose, a golf outing, a San Jose Giants baseball game, Bocce Ball in Los Gatos, Lick Observatory, a trip to San Francisco, and a San Jose Chorale performance.

Volunteer projects and member services: Those done in 2018 will continue through 2019.

Additional ideas to consider: In addition to the ideas immediately above, other possibilities include: an Elfun BBQ, Imax-Tech Museum, SSF Exploratorium/Space Station Museum, and a “GE Perspective” talk,

Appreciation: Jim expressed appreciation to the following Elfuns:

- Garrett Harms (GE-Hitachi facility manager in San Jose) for his support in providing a conference room for the Board’s monthly meetings, storage for various volunteer activities, reprographics, and for providing the site for our annual Elfun Shred Out.
- Dave Wilmer (Board treasurer) for tracking membership dues and related data, and generating financial data for our annual tax return.
- Fred Wasseem for arranging our monthly luncheons and sending out monthly updates and all bulletins related to Elfun activities, and preparing/filing our annual tax returns.
- Yogi Dayal (chapter Vice President, and incoming President) for his leadership and enthusiasm.
- Matt Polomik and Willard Roit for maintaining our website.
- Gretchen Zane for being Board secretary, leading the annual Yosemite trip and other events.
- Membership who came to this Annual Meeting, and for all Elfuns who have given us their long-term support.
- Of course, we also appreciate Jim Leonard for his leadership as past President, and incoming Vice-President, plus all the events he coordinates.

Activity leads:

We are always looking for new activities and activity leads. If you have any suggestions, or would like to help lead the charge, please contact any member of the Elfun Board. You can also let us know at a Monthly Luncheon or reply to the monthly email.

A list of Elfuns present at this Annual Meeting of Membership will be attached to these minutes in our Elfun file.

Best regards,
Gretchen Zane
Secretary
Elfun Society, CA North Inc.