



**Geneva Township
Center**

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602

Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

Geneva Township Officials

- J. Patrick Jaeger, Supervisor
- Sharon Brazill, Trustee
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- Robert Kovacs, Trustee
- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Movies	2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
Super Bowl Party	2/3
Card Making	2/13
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Fiddler on the Roof	3/23

February

2013



The Center Newsletter

Arts Group Announces Selections

Our new **Arts Group** met in January to preview musical and theater performance opportunities scheduled for the next few months at several local venues. Their selections are detailed below...call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation if you'd be interested in attending one or both with transportation arranged through the Center. Note that we need a minimum number of attendees for each trip.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra (ESO)

Sunday, March 10 @ 2:30 p.m. Hemmens Cultural Center

Acclaimed trio **Time for Three** performs Pulitzer Prize-winner Jennifer Higdon's Concerto 4-3. Conductor Alastair Willis will lead this performance that also includes John Estacio's Spring's Promise and the much loved Symphony No. 5 in E minor by Tchaikovsky. The cost for round-trip transportation from the Center and ticket is \$45. We'll depart the Center at 1:30 pm. **We need a minimum of 15 people for this trip.**

"Fiddler on the Roof"

Saturday, March 23 @ 4:00 p.m. Paramount Theatre in Aurora

This musical tells the story of Tevye, a simple and loving milkman, who does everything he can to maintain his family and their religious traditions. The all-inclusive cost (round-trip transportation and theater ticket) is \$60. The group will leave the Center at 3:00 p.m. **We need a minimum of 20 people for this trip.**

The Uncoupling is Book Club Choice

New members are always welcome to join the monthly book club discussion. This month's novel by **Meg Wolitzer** is a funny, provocative story that will surely spark some great discussion. Join the group on **Tuesday, February 26 at 10:00am** to add your "two cents".

Any Questions? Call Director Sheri McMurray at 630-232-3602

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Center shall be to act as the primary community resource to serve all citizens of Geneva Township by enriching the social and intellectual life of our older adults; helping our older adults contribute to the well being of our community as effective and useful citizens of the township; helping those approaching or in retirement to plan appropriately; organizing community interest in improving the overall climate of living for our older residents; decreasing the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age; and, helping our older adults meet practical problems attendant with aging.

Holiday Closing

The Center will be closed on **President's Day, Monday, February 18.**

NEW Knitting Circle a Hit

Thirteen enthusiastic knitters with varying degrees of experience gathered in the social hall last month for an old fashioned knitting circle. Experienced knitters taught "new" knitters how to begin a colorful scarf. Much progress was made at this first session by even the beginning knitters. Knitting (crocheting, too) will join many other activities on the calendar as a monthly event. Why not join this fun activity on **Thursday, February 21 at 1:00pm.**



Card Making Class Sign-ups

It's not too late to sign up for Center member **Joan Zirzow's** card making class. Samples of Joan's beautiful cards are on the bulletin board in the Center office. What better way to express your creativity... If you'd like to join this activity on **Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 1:00pm**, please call the Center at 630/232-3602 no later than Monday, February 11 to sign up. Joan will be on hand to assist attendees with their personal projects. All supplies will be provided with a cost of \$3 to cover the cost.

New Current Events Discussion Group

Our new **Current Events** group had a great discussion in January. On **Thursday, February 14 at 1:30pm** the group will explore "Television's Influence on Cultural Norms". Why not contribute to the February discussion and talk about behavior patterns that are **or** are not related to television. This coed, open-minded group welcomes all opinions. Meet in the social hall for the discussion. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

Super Bowl Party Reminder

Reservation calls to the Center for this popular party have been brisk. You won't want to miss this event! The Center doors will open at **5:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 3rd** for the **47th Annual Super Bowl (Baltimore vs. San Francisco)**. Kick-off is at 5:30. The Center will provide assorted sub sandwiches, chili, and drinks. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring **one appetizer, side, or dessert**. You can also participate in a **FREE** raffle drawing for prizes. Get your raffle ticket on the day of the game. A drawing will take place at half-time. Help the Center plan... call and make a reservation. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Of course, you're also welcome to play pool, poker, or surf the internet. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register and join the party!



AARP Tax Preparation Appointments

Volunteer AARP preparers will once again be at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday each week to help members complete and file their 2012 Federal and IL tax returns. Tax preparation appointments are now available for all dates beginning Tuesday, February 5. AARP volunteers are trained and tested in current tax law using materials from the IRS. They can complete most tax forms including 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with schedules. However, please see a professional tax preparer for complicated returns. For a specific list of tax forms that can be completed by the AARP preparers, please contact the Center. There is no cost for this service. Appointments are required. Call 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.

Ladies Valentine's Day Tea

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year.

On Friday, February 15 at 11:00, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day with tea, finger sandwiches, and treats. The dining room will be awash in red and pink. Dress in Valentine colors if you like. We can accommodate the first 40 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up for this popular event.

Join Us for Lunch at the Center in February

Be sure to look at all of the varied options on the February menu calendar. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Reservations are now being accepted for every lunch meal this month. The midday meal on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30–12:15**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. **You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...** walk-ins can only be accommodated after registered diners are served. **A free-will donation is accepted at each meal.** Don't be disappointed; call early to sign up for your favorite, special meal! If you're able, please call if you can't make it. We have a waiting list most days.

Daily Drop-In Activities

The following activities are available whenever the Center is open, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30. It's all free; no need to sign up!

- **Billiards:** 8-ball and 9-ball, on the porch when the porch is not scheduled for other activities. The players tend to gather Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice solo.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars etc.
- **Magazines:** the latest are in the lounge area.
- **Newspapers:** Daily Herald, Chronicle, Tribune, Wall Street Journal. New every day.
- **Jigsaw Puzzles:** One is always underway and anyone can help solve it.
- **Games:** Bridge, card bingo, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, mah jongg and other board games.
- **55" Big Screen TV:** When the TV room is not otherwise in use, you can watch our movies or bring in one of your own.
- **Computer Access:** Drop by and log on.

Wellness Matters!

The flu season has hit particularly hard this year. Please take the time to read some good prevention advice included below that applies to time at the Center or elsewhere. Every room in the Center has hand sanitizer and tissues for your use.

1. Follow the "six-foot rule" with anyone who seems sick. When someone with the flu coughs, sneezes, or even talks, the virus is expelled via respiratory droplets—and this is the most frequent way people become infected.
 2. Wash your hands often—after you shake hands, for example, or handle an object someone else was using, such as a computer keyboard or phone. When you can't wash with soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
 3. When out in public, try to avoid touching your lips, nose, or eyes, unless you've just washed your hands.
 4. If you do get the flu, stay home so you don't infect others (typically, adults are contagious for about a day before symptoms begin and for about five days after; children longer). If you have to go out and need to cough or sneeze but have no tissue, do it into your sleeve or the crook of your arm, rather than into your hand or the air.
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FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM



ON THE BIG SCREEN! WITH POPCORN!

Friday, February 1
Downton Abby (Season 1)
Approx. 2 Hours

Come watch the 1st two episodes of this critically acclaimed PBS Masterpiece Theater series. This British period drama won't disappoint.

Friday, February 8
Flight (2012)
Rated R (2:18)

Starring Denzel Washington

A seasoned airline pilot miraculously crash lands his plane after a mid-air catastrophe, saving nearly every soul on board. After the crash, he is hailed as a hero, but as more is learned, more questions than answers arise as to who or what was really at fault and what really happened on that plane?

Friday, February 15
Robot and Frank(2012)
Rated PG-13 (1:29)
Starring Frank Langella

This comedy was a 2012 Sundance Film Festival winner. Set in the near future, an ex-jewel thief receives a gift from his son: a robot butler programmed to look out for him.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screen (2nd Monday)
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!) One stop. (\$5.00 charge for non-residents)
- Personal Document Shredding
- File of Life
- Notary Service (No Cook County real estate docs.)
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

Friday, February 22
Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (2012)
Rated R (1:41)

Starring Steve Carell and Keira Knightley

This comedy explores what people will do when humanity's last days are at hand. As the respective journeys of Dodge (Carell) and Penny (Knightley) converge, their outlooks - if not the world's - brighten.