



**Geneva Township
Center**

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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The Center Newsletter

Winter Arts Opportunities Abound

Rave reviews were heard from our members about the Drury Lane Theatre production of **Hello, Dolly!** A group traveled together via coach bus to the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace last month. The **Arts Interest Group** has planned some new holiday offerings, detailed below. Don't miss the excitement of live theater! Call the Center to make your reservation for one, two, or all three productions. Tickets are limited; a check or cash for the cost of the ticket will secure your reservation. All are welcome to contribute ideas for future theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related events.

**** *Nuncrackers* at the Steel Beam Theatre
Sunday, November 24 at 3:00pm**

This holiday musical presents the nuns of Mount St. Helen's at their annual Christmas program. Audience participation and a sing-along are included in this hilarious show. We'll meet at the **Steel Beam Theatre** located at **111 W. Main St. in St. Charles @ 2:45pm**. The cost for each ticket is \$20. Call the Center to make a reservation.

*****Making God Laugh* at Fox Valley Repertory (Pheasant Run
in St. Charles)
Thursday, December 5 at 2:00pm**

This Thursday matinee performance will introduce you to two empty-nesters as they welcome home their three grown kids for the holidays - a priest, an aspiring actress, and a former star athlete. We'll meet at the theater in St. Charles @ 1:40pm. Call to reserve a ticket; the cost per ticket is \$24. A minimum of 20 is needed. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with questions.

*****The Nutcracker* at Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts
Sunday, December 15 at 1:00pm (bus will leave Center at
11:45am)**

A cast of over 100 dancers and performers presents Tchaikovsky's exquisite holiday ballet. Comfortable, round-trip coach transportation will be provided from the Center to Schaumburg. The all-inclusive cost (ticket and transportation) is \$32. We need a minimum of 20 for this trip.



Important Dates

Fri. Movies	11/1, 8, 15, 22
Holiday Show Practice	11/7
Bears	11/10
CENTER CLOSED	11/11,28,29
Topics	11/13
Ladies Tea	11/15
Holiday Card Workshop	11/18
<i>Nuncrackers</i>	11/24
Book Club	11/26
<i>Making God Laugh</i>	12/5
Holiday Review	12/8
<i>The Nutcracker</i>	12/15

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.

Chicago Bears @ the Center with Friends

The Center will open @ 11:45 for members to watch the **Sunday, November 10** Chicago Bears game vs. the Lions. The weekend vibe at the Center is a little different than the normal weekly schedule. Your football fix will be satisfied on one of the big screens in any room you choose. Lunch, cards, pool, and computers are also popular among attendees. If you've never attended this special Sunday activity, why not try it in November. A main course dish and drinks will be provided by the Center. If you're able, bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share. Please call 630/232-3602 to register.

Wheeler Senior Investment Club (WSIC) Seeks New Members

The **Wheeler Senior Investment Club (WSIC)** meets at the Center the **1st Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** The Club is seeking to add to its membership and invites members of the Center to consider joining their ranks. Investment and education go hand in hand with this group. The **WSIC** has sponsored educational seminars open to the Center membership on several occasions. The Center is not however a sponsor of the Club or the Club's activities. If you're interested in more information, please call the Center and we'll put you in touch with one of the WSIC members.

Thankful Tea

Ladies Tea continues to be one of the most popular events for women at the Center. Ask anyone who's attended; they'll tell you it's special! This month we'll come together on **Friday, November 15 @ 11:30** for a "thankful" tea. This monthly intimate gathering is not unlike annual Thanksgiving celebrations where friends and family get together to share their blessings. A special Thanksgiving tea (think spice and apples) will be served to accompany the light refreshments. Regular tea is also available. Members may call to make a reservation beginning November 1st. Ladies Tea is limited to the first 40 women who register. Call early; it fills quickly. If you were on the waitlist in October, we'll call to confirm your reservation for this month. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Topics Group in November

Try a new group this fall...**Topics** meets each month on the **2nd Wednesday at 1:00pm**. Come on **Wednesday, November 13** to participate in this month's discussion of your favorite holiday traditions and festivities. Maybe you'll remember some favorite childhood memories; or, perhaps you'll share something more current. The group is co-ed and meets in the social hall for an exchange of ideas about topics of interest.

Straight Man by Richard Russo

On **Tuesday, November 26 @ 10:00am** our Center book club will gather in the social hall for a discussion of **Richard Russo's** funny novel, ***Straight Man***. This group meets every month on the last Tuesday. The narrator of this novel (Hank) is described in a **New York Times** review as a "wisenheimer" and he's the chairman of the English department at an underfunded state college in Pennsylvania.

Holiday Cards with Joan

Center member **Joan Zirzow** will host a card making workshop in November. Each participant will get to make 3 personalized holiday cards. See samples of Joan's cards in the Center office. If you'd like to create some beautiful unique cards on **Monday, November 18 at 1:30pm** please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up. There is a limit of 15 people for this workshop. A cost of \$1 will cover the cost of the supplies.

Mark Your Calendar for the Holiday Review

A group of enthusiastic, talented members is busy planning and practicing for the Center's holiday review. It's not too late to get involved... all members are welcome. Not interested in performing? Maybe you'd like to help coordinate the program behind the scenes. This year's review is a departure from previous years. Details and reservation information will appear in the December newsletter. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 8th from 1:30pm – 3:30.**

The next meeting/practice for show participants will take place on **Thursday, November 7th at 1:00pm** in the meeting room. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with questions.

November Lunches

Minestrone Soup, Stuffed Chicken Breast, and Turkey & Stuffing are included on the lunch calendar this month. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. 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 to defray the cost of your meal.

The Holidays are for Kids

Our December Ladies Tea Committee is planning... it's early, but the Committee would like to let the general Center membership know that they will be collecting toys and games at the December tea to be donated to a local group who has identified children in need during the holidays. We aren't taking gifts yet; look for more details in the December newsletter.

Hand and Foot x 2

Hand and Foot is now offered on **Tuesday and Friday at 1:00pm.** This American card game is similar to Canasta. Come to play! Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

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.

Honor Flight Chicago is Expanding

The Honor Flight program recognizes America's war veterans for their service and sacrifice by flying them to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial, at no cost. Currently, only WWII veterans are being flown to D.C. Center member, **Al Lemak**, has brought to our attention that Honor Flight is now accepting applications from Korean and Vietnam War veterans. When no additional WWII vets are interested in making the trip, they will begin flying Korean War veterans. Al has acquired some applications and they are available at the Center. Veterans interested in traveling on the same flight may indicate that on the application. Contact the Center for more information.



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November 2013



FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM ON THE BIG SCREEN! WITH POPCORN!

November 1st
The East (2013)

Rated PG-13 (2 Hours)

An operative for an elite private intelligence firm finds her priorities changing dramatically after she is tasked with infiltrating an anarchist group known for executing covert attacks upon major corporations.

November 8th
The Family Man (2000)
Rated PG-13 (2 Hours)

Nicholas Cage and Tea Leoni

A fast-lane investment broker, offered the opportunity to see how the other half lives, wakes up to find that his sports car and girlfriend have become a mini-van and wife.

November 15th
What Maisie Knew (2013)
Rated R (1:39 hours)
Juliane Moore

Seven-year-old Maisie is caught in the middle of a custody battle between her mother, Susanna, an aging rock star, and her father, Beale, a major art dealer. In a race to win the court's favor, Beale marries Maisie's nanny Margo, prompting Susanna in turn to marry friend and local bartender Lincoln.

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

November 22nd
All is Bright (2013)

Rated R for language and brief nudity
(1:47 hours)

While out on parole, Dennis reluctantly takes a job selling Christmas trees with his old buddy Rene in order to make enough money to buy his estranged daughter the piano she's always wanted.