



**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
 - John Connolly, Trustee
 - Scott Queen, Trustee
 - Dick Sharp, Trustee
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- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

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| Friday Movies | 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 |
| Train Dominoes | 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 |
| St. Charles Singers | 12/6 |
| TRIAD Open House | 12/9 |
| Merry Ornament Craft | 12/10 |
| Ladies Holiday Tea | 12/11 |
| White Christmas Trip | 12/12 |
| Center Party & Concert | 12/17 |
| CENTER CLOSED | 12/24 |
| CENTER Special Hours | 12/25 |
| Book Club | 12/29 |
| New Year's Eve Toast | 12/31 |
| CENTER CLOSED | 1/1/16 |

December

2015



The Center Newsletter

Center Holiday Party and Songs of the Season

On Thursday, December 17 at 2:30pm members are invited to attend a holiday concert and the party that follows. A live musical performance by **Maureen Christine** will celebrate the *Songs of the Season*. Maureen is a national recording artist and you may have attended her Center concert a few years ago that featured Big Band and Jazz favorites. Her beautiful voice and wonderful performance style will enhance many of your favorite holiday songs. After the one hour show, please join us in the dining room for a holiday reception. Refreshments will be served. Beginning at 2:15 on the day of the show, please enter the building through the porch double-doors. The front and side entrances will be "exit only" in the afternoon. **No regular afternoon activities will be held that day to accommodate this special event.** Seats are limited. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation.

Holiday Food Collection 2015

Members are invited to donate non-perishable food items that will be given to the Food Pantry at St. Peter Church. This pantry serves almost 300 families twice a month regardless of denomination or belief. A box designated for this collection will be located in the Center office **through Friday, December 18**. A list of suggested items is printed below; **no glass items or fresh food, please**. Be sure to check expiration dates. We will have to dispose of all expired items. If anyone would rather make a cash donation, we will shop for you. Drop off an envelope with Sheri in the Center office with your name and phone number on the outside and donation inside. You'll get a return call telling you what was purchased. Thank you!

Food Donation Suggestions

Canned Beans, Tuna, Mac-n-Cheese Mix, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Pudding/Jello, Canned Soup, Jelly/Jam, Dry Soup Mix, Canned Veggies, Pasta Ready Sauce, Breakfast Cereal, Pasta Noodles, Spaghettios/Ravioli, Tomato Products, Ensure/Boost, Crackers and Potato or Rice Mix.

Winter Safety

Winter doesn't officially arrive until December 21 this year... but our pre-Thanksgiving snowfall reminded us that the weather is changing! The Center will work to keep the parking lot and walks as clean and free of snow and ice as possible. **Always use caution!**

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.

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 and New Years Day, Friday, January 1, 2016.** However, the Center doors will be **open on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 from 12:30 - 3:30** if you'd like to stop by and share some Christmas cheer. An informal lunch and dessert will be served in the dining room. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will also be provided. The pool table and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, please let Sheri know so we can plan accordingly.

Merry Ornament Craft

Stir up your holiday creativity and make a clear globe ornament with traditional décor, natural, or whimsical items on **Thursday, December 10 at 10:00am.** Of course, a holiday scene wouldn't be complete without snow (the faux kind)! The Center will furnish all the supplies... please call to sign up as space is limited. There is no cost for this craft.

Train Dominoes on Friday

Looking for a fun game to play indoors on those cold, snowy days? We're looking for members to join our **Train Dominoes** group that meets **every Friday at 1:00pm.** The object of the game is for a player to play all the dominoes from his or her hand onto one or more chains, or "trains", emanating from a central hub or "station". Call the Center if you have questions.

Ladies Holiday Tea

This month we'll come together on **Friday, December 11 @ 11:00** for our annual holiday tea. Take note - this is a week earlier than usual due to the holidays. Tea is always lovely but there is something special about tea in December. The Center is decorated and there are extra touches for the season. You'll enjoy some delicious finger food and holiday sweets. Of course, the teapots will be full of hot tea. We'll conclude the event by singing some favorite carols together. Don't miss it! You must have a reservation; call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Toast to 2016!

Another year is almost at an end! Stop by the Center on **Thursday, December 31 at 2:00pm.** We'll provide the sparkling cider and munchies, party hats and noisemakers...you can toast to the New Year that's just around the corner. Cheers to a wonderful 2016!

Operation Senior Care Sign-ups

Officer Penny Boedigheimer of the Geneva Police Department invites members of the Center who are Geneva residents to register for **Operation Senior Care.** A form, now available at the Center, asks for personal, medical, and emergency contact information. Should an emergency occur and the individual is incapacitated, the Geneva Police and Fire Departments, and TriCom Emergency Dispatch Center will provide necessary information to first responders. Many of you have filled out a similar form with the **File of Life** program promoted by **TRIAD.** A red plastic sleeve holds the form and fits over your car visor and participants can also carry the purse/wallet version. If you'd like the Operation Senior Care form or the File of Life, stop by the Center.

TRIAD Open House

What is TRIAD? Maybe you've attended the summer Central Kane County TRIAD picnic or one of the many TRIAD safety academies. Geneva Township is a founding member of TRIAD. On **Wednesday, December 9 from 12:30-2:30** TRIAD invites Center members to a holiday open house to meet the groups and individuals associated with the organization and to learn what TRIAD is all about. They'll provide refreshments and you can have your picture taken with Santa (rumor has it that the Kane County Sheriff will be Santa's helper that day)! Call the Center if you're interested in attending.

Book Club Selection

Join the book club discussion of Bill Bryson's book *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* on **Tuesday, December 29 @ 10:00am**. After living in Britain for two decades, Bill Bryson recently moved back to the United States with his English wife and four children. They were greeted by a new and improved America that boasts microwave pancakes, twenty-four-hour dental-floss hotlines, and the staunch conviction that ice is not a luxury item. Delivering the comic musings that are a Bryson hallmark, *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* recounts his sometimes disconcerting reunion with the land of his birth. The result is a book filled with hysterical scenes of one man's attempt to reacquaint himself with his own country, but it is also an extended if at times bemused love letter to the homeland he has returned to after twenty years away.

Candlelight Carols Reminder

If you've reserved a ticket for the Candlelight Carols with the St. Charles Singers, please stop by the Center no later than Friday, December 4 to pick up your ticket. If you can't pick it up by Friday, please call the office. We will make arrangements to meet you on the day of the concert. The concert will be held at The Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Avenues) on **Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m.** There is no reserved seating... it's suggested that you arrive early.

White Christmas Trip Detail

On Saturday, December 12 a Center group will travel to the Drury Lane Theatre to see *White Christmas*. Our coach bus will depart the Center at 2:00 pm. We'll enjoy a pre-show meal at 3:00 pm at Drury Lane and the 5:00 pm performance of this holiday classic. ****If you haven't signed up but would still like to join this fun trip, we have 3 tickets available.** The all inclusive cost for round-trip transportation from the Center, meal (gratuity included), and the show is \$60. If you'd like to attend, please call the Center soon to reserve a spot.



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.

MOVIES continued from last page...

DECEMBER 18

Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (2015)
Starring Tom Cruise & Jeremy Renner
PG-13 (2:11 Hours)

With the IMF disbanded, and Ethan out in the cold, the team now faces off against a network of highly skilled special agents, the Syndicate. These highly trained operatives are hellbent on creating a new world order through an escalating series of terrorist attacks. Ethan gathers his team and joins forces with disavowed British agent Ilsa Faust, who may or may not be a member of this rogue nation, as the group faces their most impossible mission yet.



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DECEMBER 2015



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

****NEW****

If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please make a reservation by calling the Center office at 630/232-3602.

DECEMBER 4

Jimmy's Hall (2015)

Rated PG-13 (1:49 Hours)

Based on a true story... in 1921, Jimmy Galton's sin was to build a dance hall on a rural crossroads in an Ireland on the brink of Civil War. As the hall grew in popularity its socialist and free-spirited reputation brought it to the attention of the church and politicians who forced Jimmy to flee and the hall to close. A decade later, at the height of the Depression, Jimmy returns to Co. Leitrim from the US to look after his mother, vowing to live a quiet life.

DECEMBER 11

Ricky and the Flash (2015)

Starring Meryl Streep Rated PG-13 (1:41)

Fifty-something rocker Ricki abandoned her family years ago when she left home to pursue her dreams in Los Angeles. Years later, she dates her guitarist but still fears commitment. But when she gets a call from

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

from her ex-husband that their daughter is going through a difficult time after the collapse of her own marriage, Ricki returns home to try to make things right.

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