

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 Robert Kovacs, Trustee Scott Queen, Trustee Sheri McMurray, Director



#### **Important Dates**

Friday Movies	12/1, 8,15,29
Cinderella at Drury La	ne 12/6
Holiday Sing-Along 8	e Lunch 12/11
Jingle BINGO	12/13
BUNCO	12/14
Barbie Encore	12/18
Center CLOSED	12/22, 1/1/24
Special Center Hours	12/25
Hand & Foot	Tues. & Fri.
Train Dominoes	Mon. & Fri.
Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Pinochle	Tues.

December



# The Center Newsletter

## Holiday Sing-Along and Lunch

The best part of the holidays is spending time with family and friends. The Center community is invited to Holiday Party 2023 on Monday, December 11 at 11:15 am. Plan to arrive no later than 11:00 am for a Sing-Along in the social hall. Beginning at 11:00, please enter the building through the side entrance off the handicapped lot. The front door will be locked. The Messengers of Hope is making a return visit to lead us in singing holiday songs words provided. The social hall, dining room, and porch will be reserved for the party that day. After the sing-along we'll retire to the dining room for lunch. Music and decorations will add to the atmosphere. During the meal members of the Center Writers' Group will share some memories and remembrances from their own holidays. They've requested that you join in by sharing one of your own holiday memories. If you'd prefer, write one down and one of the writers will be glad to share it. Seats are limited and reservations are required. Please call the Center no later than Wed., Dec. 6 at 630/232-3602.

## Center Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on Friday, December 22. See the article below for details about a Christmas Day gathering and special hours on Monday, December 25th. The Center will also be closed to observe New Year's Day on Monday, January 1, 2024.

## Christmas Day Gathering at the Center

The Center will be open on **Christmas Day**, **Monday**, **December 25 from 12:30 – 3:30**. Join us for an informal lunch buffet, drinks, and dessert served in the dining room. Drop in anytime – stay for a little while or spend the afternoon. It's always a treat to share some special holiday time with friends! The tree lights will be shining, and holiday music will be playing. The pool & shuffleboard tables, and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, please let Sheri know so we can plan accordingly.

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## AgeGuide Thank You

Last month, thirty-six members volunteered to participate in one of three AgeGuide listening sessions at the Center regarding programs and services for seniors in northeastern Illinois. Many additional Center members completed AgeGuide paper surveys. Your input is so important. **THANK YOU!** 

#### Lions Club Eyeglasses and Exams

**The Geneva Lions Club** conducts a program for people residing in the Club's covered area (Geneva, Geneva Township, St. Charles, and St. Charles Township) to pay for eye exams and eyeglasses for individuals who do not have insurance or who otherwise cannot financially afford to handle these expenses on their own. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call Sheri at the Center at 630-232-3602.

# Jingle BINGO

Don't miss **Jingle BINGO on Wednesday, December 13 at 1:00pm**. Note that this is the only date for traditional bingo in December. Special holiday prizes will be awarded to the winners this month. After bingo, enjoy some "rich", delicious hot chocolate. Top it with whipped cream and other toppings. YUM!

#### **Drury Lane Theatre Trip Reminder**

If you are registered for the Drury Lane Theatre trip to see *Cinderella*, don't forget that the coach bus will **depart the Center on Wednesday, December 6 at 10:30 am**. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes in advance; tickets will be distributed prior to departing. Give the Center a call if you'd like to be seated next to another attendee in the theater. This trip is FULL. We'll enjoy lunch at Drury Lane before attending the matinee performance of this critically acclaimed musical. The running time of this production is 2 hours and 10 minutes.

#### **Book Club Break**

The Book Club has decided not to meet in December as there is much to do to welcome Santa and bring in the New Year. Don't stop reading...there's nothing better than curling up on the couch with a good book! The January choice is *Horse* by **Geraldine Brooks** if you'd like to get an early start. More information regarding library pickup will be included in next month's newsletter. New readers are always welcome!

#### **Bunco and Holiday Snacks**

Come on down for a game of Bunco on **Thursday, December 14 (a) 1:00 pm**. This is the only game in December. Roll the Bones (throw the dice), and enjoy some holiday snacks!

### Cheers to 2024!

Thank you to our members (new and old) for all your enthusiasm... you make the Center a very special place. Let's toast to the coming year on **Friday, December 29 at 2:30pm**. We'll provide the sparkling cider and munchies, party hats and noisemakers...you can raise a glass to the New Year that's just around the corner.

## Barbie Encore

We had a waitlist in November for *Barbie*. If you'd like to see it, come for an encore on Monday, December 18 at 1:00 pm.

## **Train Dominoes Time Change**

**Train Dominoes** will continue to meet on Monday and Friday each week. But starting in December, the start time will change to 1:00 pm.

#### Health Reminder

If you have a cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fever, or otherwise are not feeling well – PLEASE stay home until these symptoms resolve. Many Center activities (i.e., movies and card games) involve close contact; keep yourself and other Center members safe!

#### Card Bingo Change

Card Bingo will not meet in December. Check the January newsletter for updates.

# DEC. 15 SCRAPPER (2023) 1:24 Hours

Living alone in her London flat, 12-year-old Georgie must confront reality when her estranged father, Jason, shows up out of nowhere. Uninterested in a sudden new parental figure, she remains stubbornly resistant to his efforts. As they both adjust to their new circumstances, Georgie and Jason soon find that they still have a lot of growing up to do.

## DEC. 29 OPPENHEIMER (2023) 3 Hours

During World War II, Lt. Gen. Leslie Groves Jr. appoints

# **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.

- **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch.
- **Crossword Puzzles.** New every day.
- Magazines: the latest are in the lounge area.
- **Newspapers:** Daily Herald, Chronicle, Tribune. 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.
- **Crossword Puzzle:** New one every day.

# **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.

physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer to work on the topsecret Manhattan Project. Oppenheimer and a team of scientists spend years developing and designing the atomic bomb.



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smcmurray @genevatownship.com

#### **DECEMBER 2023**

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

# **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please call the Center office at 630/232-3602.

# DEC. 1 5 FLIGHTS UP (2015) 1:33 Hours \* PG-13 Starring Morgan Freeman & Diane Keaton

This is a heartwarming story about a happily married couple, Ruth and Alex Carver, who have decided to cash in on their sought-after Brooklyn apartment. After enlisting the help of Ruth's niece, real estate agent Lily (Cynthia Nixon), they're about to embark on a whirlwind weekend they never imagined! As a series of crazy events unfold and offers on the apartment fly, they'll find their unwavering love tested in surprising ways—and ultimately discover a whole new lease on life! **DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES** Services are typically free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screen (Quarterly)\*\*
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!). One stop. (\$5.00 charge for non-residents)
- Personal Document Shredding
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Free Eye Care & Glasses. (financial qualification).
- Lunches\*\*
- Computer Access
- \*\* Not currently offered

# DEC. 8 SOUND OF FREEDOM (2023) 2:11 Hours \* PG-13

## Starring Jim Caviezel & Mira Sorvino

Based on a true story... After rescuing a boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

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