



**Geneva Township  
Senior Center**  
In Wheeler Park

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**Holiday Wreath Class**

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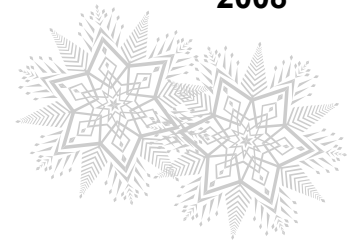
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**Senior Center**

**Newsletter**



**Our Merry Holiday Program**  
**Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to be at the Senior Center for our very Merry Holiday Program! **Jerry May's Mello-Tones** will be entertaining us with an acoustical accordion playing all the Holiday favorites! This program is guaranteed to put you in a happy holiday spirit and we hope you will join us for an afternoon of music, refreshments and some singing too. Let us know you are coming! Call Gayle at 232-3602

**Special Christmas Luncheon**

The Senior Center is offering a free Christmas lunch to all members age 55+ years on Monday, December 22 at 11:30. Little Owl will be catering our luncheon filled with great food, music and several surprises! Please call Gayle at 630-232-3602 and make a reservation by December 18.

Our Holiday wreath making was a huge success! Each person made a unique wreath, choosing their ribbon, flowers and embellishments to make a personal creative statement! They are beautiful and many thanks to **Judith Oakly** for donating all the supplies and instruction. Look for "Craft of the Month" to start in January.

**'Tis The Season**

Please join us at the Senior Center throughout the Holiday Season. Assorted activities will appeal to all interests. The Center will be filled with Holiday music, decorations and treats to enjoy. We will have lots of live entertainment; check the calendar so you don't miss the **Geneva High School Musicians** when they perform. We'll have a Christmas program where you can sing along to the carols, or just listen if you prefer. There will be an old-fashioned cookie exchange and several craft classes to get you in the spirit. In addition to the extra festivities, we will continue with our card games, acrylic painting workshop, scrap book workshop, exercise classes, etc. We are open 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday, except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please come visit.

**We wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and healthy holiday season.**

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Senior 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.



### Township Direct Phone Lines

**Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 to 4:30**

Senior Center

Director Gayle Kennedy 630-232-3602

Assessor: 630-232-3604

Deputy Assessor: 630-232-3605

Supervisor: 630-232-3606

Administration: 630-232-3607

Highway Commissioner 630-232-3608

Township Clerk: 630-232-6309

Senior Service Assoc. Inc. 630-762-2737

If not sure of your contact, and need assistance, just dial 630-232-3600, Ext: 0

### Acrylic Painting Workshop

The evolution of the acrylic painting workshop continues! Paint and brushes are available for your use from 1:00 – 3:00 and the creativity is flowing. Some of the artists are working on canvas, some on wood, and several are painting on glass. The workshop continues to grow and you are welcome to join in the experience.

### Tour Geneva History Center

Want to learn more about Geneva history? The Geneva History Center is located in downtown Geneva, and we have made arrangements for a guided tour and armchair chat. The hour and a half program will include a tour of the permanent exhibit, the decorated Christmas trees and an armchair talk on public art in Geneva. The date is Tuesday, December 16. We have arranged transportation and will meet at the Senior Center at 9:45 and return by 12:00 noon. You must make a reservation for this trip by calling Gayle at 232-3602

### Music and Ornament Creation

On Friday, December 12 at 1:00 the Senior Center will be filled with music from the **Geneva High School** orchestra strings. The musicians will play for about 30 minutes. Following the concert you are welcome to stay and make a holiday ornament with **Ina Wentzel** at 2:00. The ornament is easily crafted from ribbon and is on display at the Senior Center. We are asking that you sign up to ensure that we have plenty of supplies. Please call in at 232-3602.

### Senior Vitality at the Senior Center

The senior vitality exercise classes are held on the porch on Thursday at 10:30 and Friday at 9:15. Participation and response have been terrific and will continue throughout the new year. Classes focus on strength, balance and flexibility. You need your doctor's permission to participate; forms are available at the Senior Center. Join in and feel better.

### An Old Fashioned Cookie Exchange and Holiday Music

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 10 at 12:30 for our first annual cookie exchange. We ask you make 6 dozen cookies, all the same kind. In turn, you may take 6 cookies of each kind to make a delicious cookie assortment for yourself. Please sign up and tell Gayle what kind of cookie you'll bring to avoid duplicates. You must make cookies to take cookies. And please bring your recipe to exchange, too. **The Geneva High School Orchestra** will be sending a group of string musicians to play for the Center at 1:00. This presentation is open to all seniors and will provide beautiful entertainment. Join us for the music and participate in the cookie exchange, if you choose.

## And the winner of the photography contest is.....Marlena Parr!



Thank you to all the photographers who submitted a photo to the first Senior Center Photo Contest, we appreciate all your talents. It was a very difficult decision for our judge, **Henry Castle**. Henry is a professional photographer and he had the difficult task of choosing the winning picture. He appreciated Marlena's artistic framing, good composition and good colors. As the first place winner, Township Supervisor **Patrick Jaeger** will mat and frame Marlena's photo for her. Second place went to **John Swisher**, and third place to **Mary**



**Henry Castle & Marlena Parr**

**Lemak**. Thank you to all who contributed, and keep on taking pictures!

### Spotlight on a Star Volunteer

**Mary Jane Potts** is our Star volunteer for December! Most days Mary Jane can be found at the Senior Center helping in a variety of areas: welcoming new and old members, setting up for the acrylic painting and scrap book workshops, assisting with Golden Diners lunches and helping wherever she can. For 24 years, Mary Jane has lived in Geneva with her husband, Greg. Their "darling daughter" recently moved to California and is planning a spring wedding. Mary Jane has fun volunteering, and she feels like she is "giving back and giving forward". Mary Jane's compassion for all is evident in her great listening and caring of others. Thank you, Mary Jane, for being a big part of the Senior Center.



### Holiday Music to Enjoy

Music is food for the soul. A Brass Quartet from **Geneva High School** will be performing for our enjoyment December 3 at 1:00 in the dining room. We invite you to join us for the music and consider coming early for lunch. **Golden Diners** has scheduled a favorite meal. For \$3.75 you may make a reservation for lunch. Please call Gayle at least 2 days in advance to make a lunch reservation. No need to make a reservation for the music, just come and enjoy.

**About Your Senior Center...** We have compiled some information that will hopefully guide the Center to better meet your wants and wishes. We also have discovered many talents we were not aware were in our midst. Of the 605 members, only 240 have listed their profession, demonstrating a surprising diversity. We had been waiting for member 600 to sign up. **Margaret Madden** and **Hazel Olson** both signed up at the same time, so we do not know who is 600 and who is 601. The Center has a great need for your talent if you are looking to volunteer. Great hours, great socializing and guaranteed no overtime, no nights or no weekends.

### Volunteer Opportunities No Resumes Required

#### Director of First Impressions

Front Desk Duties... Greet members and guests, have them sign in, and direct them to the appropriate area or person. Phone duties, answering the phone, inquiries and assisting making phone calls.

#### General Assistance

Pick your hours, we need assistance in replenishing the coffee, snacks, displaying daily papers and periodicals,... Free Snacks...(we won't tell).

Assistance is always appreciated serving our seniors paid lunch three days a week., and the monthly free lunch.

#### Set Up People

Assist in setting up the rooms for all the different functions, lunches, meetings, seminars...

#### Monthly Newsletter

Wow, where to start??? Writers, proofreaders, computer savvy...



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### Fridays Flicks 1:30 p.m.



White Christmas 1954  
The Bells of St. Mary's 1945  
The Christmas Carol 1951  
Elf (Will Ferrell)

Stop by and watch a classic movie! We will provide the popcorn. If there is a movie that you would like to watch, let us know. We are happy to take request.

### December Book Club

Our growing book club has chosen a delightful short read for the busy month of December, *Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress*, by Dai Sijie. This book, described as “a very wise little story of love and illusion,” comes highly recommended and will be discussed on Monday, December 29 at 10:30.

### DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

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

- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. One stop. (*\$5.00 charge for non-residents*)
- Personal Document Shredding
- File of Life
- Notary Service
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Blood Pressure Check (2nd Monday each month)
- Hearing Screening (2nd Monday each month)
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Free Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic

If you have any questions about these free services—or if you would like the Township to add a service to this list, give us a call at 630-232-3602.