



The Center Newsletter



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
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Friday Movies	7/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Center CLOSED	7/4
Cribbage	7/5, 12, 19, 26
Hand & Foot	7/5, 12, 19, 26
Italian Sodas	7/7, 7/19
Bastille Day Ladies Tea	7/8
Galena Trip	7/14
Card Bingo Potluck	7/18
Book Club	7/26
Mama Mia @ Paramount	9/21

Superman on the Swedish Days Float!

The Center tradition of participating in the annual Swedish Days Parade was made even more exciting this year when close to twenty Center members riding on the float were joined by *Superman*. Superman, also known as **Geneva Township Trustee John Connolly**, held a stately, standing pose holding onto an American flag for the duration of the parade. The orchestral musical score from the original Superman movie played in the background. Kids were awed and adults were tickled by his presence! One young parade watcher said it all when he yelled, “Superman, thank you for all you do” while saluting as the float passed by. Thank you Trustee Connolly for helping to make this year’s parade entry an outstanding one!



Card Bingo Potluck

The **Card Bingo** group will have a potluck lunch prior to playing the game on **Monday, July 18 at noon**. This exciting Center activity continues to attract a large enthusiastic group every Monday. New players are always welcome. If you’re interested in attending the potluck and the 1:00pm card bingo game immediately following lunch, please call the Center to register. Registrations are limited to the first 30 people and lunch is provided for card bingo players only. The Center will contribute grilled hot dogs and drinks. If you’re interested in contributing an item for the potluck, please let us know when you register.

Bastille Day Ladies Tea

On Friday, July 8 at 11:00 (earlier in the month than usual) Center women are invited to Ladies Tea. This month’s committee has chosen Bastille Day (commemorating the storming of the Bastille in 1789) as their theme. Decorations and food reflecting this unique theme should entice you to make a reservation. We can accommodate the first 48 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up.

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.

Italian Sodas on the Patio

Did you enjoy an Italian soda at the patio party in June? This refreshing icy drink of sparkling water and your choice of fruit flavored Torani syrups will be served on the patio (weather permitting) or in the dining room - if you prefer - on **Thursday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 19 at 2:00pm**. The umbrella tables will provide shade for those who want it. Why not play a game of Bocce or Bags, too?

July Book Club

This month the book club will read and discuss **Kate Atkinson's** novel ***A God in Ruins***. Ursula Todd's younger brother, Teddy, is the focus...would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father – as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. Join the discussion on **Tuesday, July 26 @ 10:00**.

Low Vision Group

The Mid-Valley Low Vision Group is an educational discussion group formed to help members deal with the challenges of low vision or blindness. They meet at the St. Charles Library on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. For more information, you can contact **Dave Peterson at 630-918-0546 or Kathy Fordonski at 630-815-6284**.

Galena Trip Openings

On **Thursday, July 14**, a group from the Center plans to travel to historic Galena, Illinois. **Spots are still available for this trip; we need a few more travelers.** A large luxury coach bus equipped with a restroom will make for a very comfortable 2.5 hour one-way trip. The bus will leave the Center at 8:00 am. Complimentary breakfast snacks will be provided for the trip to Galena. Upon arrival, participants will tour Ulysses S. Grant's home and enjoy the home's gardens. We'll break for lunch (cost on your own) and after lunch the group will take a one-hour, guided trolley tour of Galena. After the tour, members can independently visit the shops and galleries on Main St. The coach will leave Galena around 3:30 pm for the return trip back to the Center. The cost of this trip is \$70 (round-trip coach bus transportation, admission to Grant's home, and trolley tour). **If you have registered but not paid or would like to register, please drop off \$70 in cash or a check made out to *Geneva Township* in the Center office no later than Thursday, July 7.**

Mama Mia at the Paramount

The Center Arts Interest Group met recently to choose future arts opportunities... Twenty-five tickets have been reserved for the **Paramount Theatre** production of ***Mama Mia*** on **Wednesday, September 21** for a matinee performance. It's the story of Sophie, a 20-year-old bride-to-be preparing for her wedding. Unbeknownst to her mother, she finds her mom's diary and reads about her love-filled summer 20 years before with three different men. Sophie is convinced one of the men is her father, and she's determined to find out who it is. She sends a wedding invitation to each of the men, forging her mother's signature on each note. The entire show is set to the music of a Swedish pop group, **ABBA**, popular during the 1970's. A comfortable coach bus will provide round-trip transportation from the Center (leaving at 12:30) for the 1:30 performance. The all inclusive cost (ticket and transportation) is \$55. Cash or a check made out to Geneva Township must be received no later than August 31. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation.

Upcoming Arts Opportunities

In order to secure tickets for future performances, we need to make arrangements early. Please let us know if you'd like to attend either of the opportunities described below by calling the Center office at 630/232-3602. More information will be provided in a future newsletter.

****Elgin Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, October 9** for the matinee performance of **Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights***.

****Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, December 1** for **lunch and the matinee performance** of the Gershwin musical comedy ***Crazy for You***.

NEW Cribbage Time

Cribbage will now be played on the Center porch beginning at 9:00am every Tuesday. Are you a cribbage player? This group would love to welcome some new players. This is a drop-in activity; there's no need to register. Call the Center if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Next time you're at the Center, take a look at the large glass cabinet located in the Social Hall. The cabinet shelves were recently decorated with summer items and photos by **Joni Salsinger and Mary Lemak**. It's beautiful and welcoming! Thanks, Joni and Mary.

NEW Hand and Foot Time

The **Tuesday Hand and Foot** game will now start at 12:30. Our lunch is served until 12:15 and this change will allow members to finish lunch in the dining room before play begins. Thanks!

MOVIES continued from last page...

the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by making an improbable and historic showing at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

JULY 22

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN (2015)

Rated PG (1:49 Hours)

Starring Jennifer Garner

Based on a true story...when Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident,

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.
- **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch.
- **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.

an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired.

JULY 29

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2 (2015)

Rated PG-13 (1:34 Hours)

Starring Nia Vardalos and John Corbett

Sixteen years after Toula Portokalos and Ian Miller get married in a wild Greek wedding, Toula, still working in her parents' Greek restaurant, and Ian strive to raise their rebellious teenage daughter, Paris, who is graduating from high school.



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JULY 2016



**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.

JULY 1

EYE IN THE SKY (2015)

Rated R for some violent images and language
(1:42 Hours)

Starring Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman

After tracking a British citizen-turned-terrorist for six years, Colonel Katherine Powell finally corners her target in Kenya with the help of high-tech American drone surveillance.

JULY 8

RACE (2015)

Rated PG-13 (2:15 Hours)

As a student and athlete in Depression-era America, Jesse Owens bears the weight of family expectations, racial tension at college, and his own high standards for competition. At Ohio State University, Jesse finds a savvy coach and stalwart friend in Larry Snyder, who is unafraid to push the young man to his limits.

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
- 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

JULY 15

EDDIE THE EAGLE (2015)

Rated PG-13 (1:45 Hours)

Michael "Eddie" Edwards was an unlikely but courageous British ski-jumper who never stopped believing in himself – even as an entire nation was counting him out. With the help of a rebellious and charismatic coach, Eddie takes on

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