



**Geneva Township  
Senior Center**  
In Wheeler Park

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**Senior Center Newsletter**

**Do You Remember The Original Crime Stopper,  
Dick Tracy?**

**Jean Gould O'Connell** is a Geneva resident with a fascinating story to tell. Jean is the daughter of **Charles Gould**, the cartoonist and creator of the Dick Tracy comic strip. Jean is the author of the book "Chester Gould: A Daughter's Biography of the Creator of Dick Tracy". Jean will be speaking at the Senior Center, sharing stories and showing memorabilia related to her father and his long-running comic strip. Jean will be speaking on Monday, January 12 at 10:30.



**January's Free Lunch**

Our monthly free lunch is from **Chianti's** in Geneva. Always a crowd pleaser, Chianti's will not disappoint this month with their delicious chicken oregano with sides. We welcome all members to attend our lunch at 11:30 on January 12 following the presentation by **Jean Gould O'Connell** (see above article). Please call Gayle to make reservations for lunch and/or the presentation at 630-232-3602

**Craft of the Month**

A new program, Craft of the Month, begins January 16 and on the third Friday of every subsequent month. We will be offering a different craft each month for your enjoyment. On January 16 at 1:00 we will be making beautiful material covered plates. Please look for the plates displayed at the Senior Center as an example of this beautiful craft. **Candy Briestansky** will be leading the project. Call Gayle at 232-3602, to make a reservation. The cost for the supplies to create the decorated plates will be \$1.00 each. The Senior Center will supply the plates. We are also looking for monthly craft ideas, so if you have a suggestion, please tell Gayle.

**Knitting and Crocheting Group**

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Would you like to get together with others, share ideas and socialize while you knit or crochet? The Senior Center provides a welcoming, warm atmosphere to gather. Meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 10:30 and let's start a knitting and crochet group. Our days and times are flexible if there is interest.

## 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

## Making a Difference Project



Our effort to match special needs young adults with our members was a great success! "It was a real pleasure to be with these young adults; they were so eager to try a new skill" said **Jim O'Flaherty** after working with **Scott** during the **Marklund** blanket making project.

## "Hooray for Holidays" a GREAT Success!

Thank you to all that attended our wonderful outing to Lake Geneva to see "Hooray for Holidays"! Everyone had great things to say about the luxurious transportation, generous food, lively entertainment and our helpful stewardess, **Candy**. We will be planning another trip. in the spring, stay tuned!

## Meditation

Learn how simple meditative methods can help you cope with life's challenges, promoting greater contentment and spiritual well-being. Meditation instructor **Pamela O'Brien** will teach basic meditation techniques that will benefit you spiritually, emotionally and physically. Start the new year with a calmer, peaceful attitude. Learn how Tuesday, January 20 at 10:30. Sign up for lunch following, if you choose.



## Celebrate Your Birthday With Us

We want to honor your birthday! At our monthly free lunch we are going to honor all members celebrating a birthday that month. When you make a reservation for the free lunch, just let us know if it is your birthday month.

## Want to Learn Mah Jongg?

The Senior Center is again providing an opportunity for you to learn Mah Jongg! **Ina Wentzel**, the Mah Jongg maven, will be teaching a beginner class in Mah Jongg on Tuesday, January 13, from 9:30 – 3:30. Space is limited, so sign up early. Once you are a Mah Jongg player, the Senior Center schedules games on every Thursday at 1:00 to enable you to play weekly. Call Gayle at 232-3602 to sign up for the class.

February will be our "**Heart Month**". We will be offering a Heart Risk Assessment Program on February 17. The details will be in the February newsletter.

## Coming in February...

We are sponsoring another contest! Bring in a baby picture of yourself, between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old. We'll then take a current picture of you and will post the pair, not together but mixed up with everyone else's "pairs". Contestants try to match baby with grown-up for as many people as possible, and the person with the most correct matches, wins a great prize. The pictures will be posted the month of February.

## Lights - Camera - Action! Have you seen any good movies lately?

Join your fellow Senior Center members and enjoy an afternoon at the Charlestown Theater. The best way to see a movie is with an audience and on the big screen. If you are a regular moviegoer, or your last movie starred Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh, join fellow seniors at the theater on Friday, January 9 and renew a great experience.

The New Year brings many new quality movies, and we will select a “thumb’s up movie” feature for our first outing. Movies come and go quickly, so about a week before we go, our choice will be posted at the Center.

The price is right - - \$4.00, which is a great value! We can meet at the Senior Center and car pool, or meet at Charlestowne Mall. Most movie times are between 12:00 and 1:30. Call the Senior Center and find out the movie choice, and let us know that you want to join us on January 9, it will be a great afternoon!

— Walt Spangler

### Spotlight on a Star Volunteer

Our very special volunteer this month is **Candy Briestansky!**

Candy is one of those unique individuals that is always helping.



Whether is it reorganizing the kitchen cabinets, leading Triple Play lessons, making sure everyone was happy on our trip to Lake Geneva or keeping everything straightened and cleaned, Candy goes above and beyond to help. Moving to Geneva from Lisle 8 years ago, Candy spends 6 months in Florida and 6 months in Geneva. She has 2 children: a son Johnny who works in Beijing, China, and a daughter Kathy and son in law Jeremy who 2 months ago gave her a granddaughter, Taylor. Candy loves playing board games, Mah Jongg, arts and crafts and enjoys her neighbors on Ginger Lane. Candy said “I’m very impressed with the Senior Center and like to help so it is a good fit for me to volunteer”. Candy will be teaching our first Craft of the Month class. Thank you Candy for all you do to make the Senior Center even better!

### A Better Newsletter

We are proud of our newsletter, but we’re always looking to improve. Right now we need your ideas! Announcing our first editorial brainstorming session and everyone’s invited. **Darrel Scarff** became newsletter editor in November, and **Walt Spangler** had fun submitting this month’s movie article, (top of this page). If you’d like being a part of this newsletter by writing an article, gathering news or letting loose your own ideas for improvement, we want your input. Be here at the Center right after Pat’s Chat at 10:30 Monday January 5.

### Do you enjoy board games?

Do you enjoy games like Scrabble or Sequence? If you like to play board games, join us at the Senior Center on Monday, January 26 at 1:00. Share an afternoon with friends while you keep your mind active. We will have several different games to choose from. See you then!

### Book Club

The reading selection for January is the highly recommended *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen. This must read is about a 90 year old man remembering his days with a circus during the Great Depression. The Book Club will meet Monday, January 26 at 10:30 to discuss this fascinating book. Happy reading!

### Strike Up Some Fun

How about an afternoon of fun and exercise at Wheaton Bowl? Whether you are an experienced bowler or a novice, join the Senior Center on Friday, January 23, as we venture to Wheaton Bowl to try our hand at bowling. We’ll meet at the Senior Center at 12:15 for the free bus ride and return about 3:30. Two games of bowling and shoe rental is included in the \$5.00 cost. Ramps and bumpers are available for your use. Please call Gayle to make your reservation at 232-3602, as space on the bus is limited.





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### Happy New Year to You All!

The Geneva Township Senior Center wishes YOU a happy, healthy New Year in 2009. We look forward to a year of growth and exciting new opportunities for you to join in at the Center. Come to the Center to meet your friends and make new ones, try something new, enrich your mind and “live life to the fullest”

### January 2009

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

Jan. 2: League of Their Own

Jan. 9: The Great Race

Jan. 16: Close Encounters of the Third Kind

Jan. 23: Some Like It Hot

Jan. 30: Sabrina

Stop by and watch a classic movie! We will provided the popcorn. If there's a movie that you'd like to watch, let us know. We are happy to take requests.



#### Jeopardy at the Senior Center

On Wednesday, January 28 we will be playing Jeopardy at the Senior Center! Join us at 12:30 and be part of a group trivia game that will provide entertainment, laughs and prizes! We welcome the **Geneva Friendly Seniors** as well as all members to come and participate. Prior to the game you may sign up for **Golden Diners** lunch at 11:30 for \$3.75, if you choose. Call Gayle to make a lunch reservation at 232-3602.

#### DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are offered 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.