



**Geneva Township  
Center**

400 Wheeler Drive  
Geneva, IL 60134  
630/232-3602

Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

**Geneva Township Officials**

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

**December**

**2013**



**The Center Newsletter**

**Holiday Revue 2013**

On **Sunday, December 8** from **1:30pm – 3:30pm** the **Holiday Revue** will be presented in the Center dining room. Enthusiastic Center members will entertain you with a fun mix of instrumental and vocal stylings, theater, comedy, and the ever popular sing along. Bring your enthusiastic voices! The acts will be interspersed during the afternoon; allowing the audience time to enjoy light refreshments and drinks at their tables. Seats are limited. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation. Please enter the building through the porch double-doors on the day of the show. The front and side entrances will be “exit only” that day.

**\*IMPORTANT HOLIDAY SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL\*  
FOR ALL PERFORMERS - TUESDAY, DEC. 3RD AT 12:30**

**Holiday Ladies Tea and Toy Drive**

This month we'll come together on **Friday, December 13 @ 11:00** for our annual holiday tea. The tea committee has planned a lovely event. Attendees will be treated to a warm mug of soup from Villa Verone in Geneva, a roll, fruit, and holiday cookies. Of course, the teapots will be full of hot tea. A string trio will provide entertainment and some lucky ladies may win a door prize. The tea is limited to the first 48 Center women who sign up. Call 630/232-3602 to make your reservation. In addition to the tea festivities, a voluntary toy drive is being conducted with collected toys to be donated to the Salvation Army Tri - City Corp. Salvation Army has more children in need this season than ever before. **Unwrapped toys** (\$10 can buy a great toy) for children newborn through age 12 are requested. A decorated drop box is located in the Center dining room for donations. **This opportunity is being extended to the entire Center membership.** The **deadline** to make a donation is **Friday, December 13**; toys may be dropped off at the Center any time prior to that date.

If you'd prefer to make a cash donation and have someone from the tea committee shop for you, stop by the Center office to pick up an envelope for your donation. A toy will be purchased with your donation and a receipt for the sale will be mailed to you. Please make your cash donation **no later than Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** so we have time to shop.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**Important Dates**

Holiday Revue Practice	12/3
Computer Workshop	12/3, 10
<i>Making God Laugh</i>	12/4
Friday Movies	12/6, 13, 20, 27
Holiday Revue	12/8
Ladies Tea	12/13
<i>The Nutcracker</i>	12/15
Bingo	12/18
Bears	12/22
CENTER CLOSED	12/24, 1/1/14
Center Special Hours	12/25

## 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, Tuesday, December 24** and **New Years Day, January 1, 2014**. However, the Center doors will be open on **Christmas Day, Wednesday,**

**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. As always, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available. The pool table and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, let Sheri know.

## December Lunches

Lasagna, Pork Riblet, and Sloppy Joes are included on the lunch calendar this month. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. Reservations are now being accepted for every lunch meal this month. The midday meal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30–12:15. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...walk-ins can only be accommodated after registered diners are served. A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.

## Chicago Bears

The Center will open @ 11:45 for members to watch the **Sunday, December 22** Chicago Bears game @ Philadelphia (the Eagles). Note that this is the only Bears game this month due to other weekend Center events. Come watch the Bears on big screens throughout the Center while you enjoy lunch with friends, pool, cards, and *et cetera*. A main course dish and drinks will be provided by the Center. If you're able, bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share. Please call 630/232-3602 to register.

## Winter Watch

We've had a few dustings of snow the last couple of weeks. It's only a matter of time though before we are confronted with colder temps, ice, and snow. The Center will endeavor to keep the parking lot and walks clean and free of snow and ice. Use caution when you're walking from your car to the building and use the walk whenever possible. Drive cautiously in the lot; we have more and more vehicles each day. Please let Center staff know if slippery areas outside need to be addressed. We want you to be safe!



## Computer Workshop December Schedule

**Ken Johnson's** Tuesday computer class will meet **ONLY on December 3 & 10 at 9:45** this month. On Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ken will feature a workshop on printing addresses on labels and envelopes. Think holiday cards! The class will resume meeting every Tuesday at 9:45am in January.

## Newsletter Vacation

If you are planning an extended trip away from home, please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped until you return. Every month, the postal service returns several newsletters to us that aren't deliverable due to a member being temporarily away from home. We remove you from our postal list if your newsletter is returned. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to return you to our active list upon your return – just call to tell us you're back. If you're away and have computer access, the newsletter is always available for your reading pleasure at [www.genevatownship.com](http://www.genevatownship.com).

## Holiday Theater Reminders

One down and two to go! *NunCrackers* at the Steel Beam Theatre, our first performance of the holiday theater schedule, was loads of fun; it was funny, touching, and musical. Some Center members even became a part of the show... Our **Arts Interest Group** holiday offerings continue with *Making God Laugh* at Pheasant Run on **Wednesday, December 4 at 2:00pm** (note that the performance date changed from the November newsletter) and *The Nutcracker* at the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts on **Sunday, December 15 at 1:00pm**. Details for both shows are below. If you'd like to join the fun, **TWO tickets** remain for *Making God Laugh*. Call the Center immediately to reserve your seat. No tickets are available for *The Nutcracker*.

**\*\**Making God Laugh* at Pheasant Run in St.**

**Charles on Wednesday, December 4 at 2:00pm**

We'll meet at the theater in St. Charles @ 1:30pm. Due to construction, parking is available in front of the theatre. Enter the parking lot at the main entrance off Main St. (Rt. 64). The cost per ticket is \$24. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with questions.

**\*\**The Nutcracker* at the Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg Sunday, December 15 at 1:00pm (bus will leave Center at 11:45am)**

Comfortable, round-trip coach transportation will be provided from the Center to Schaumburg and back.

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## Bingo

We're looking for some new traditional **BINGO** players... the meeting room turns into a bingo hall on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:30**. Prizes are awarded to each game winner. The bingo cage is turning; why not escape the cold and come play on **Wednesday, December 18 at 12:30**.

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## Topics Group Change

The **Topics** group has decided not to meet in December. **Topics** typically meets each month on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1:00pm**. Join the group on **Wednesday, January 8 @ 1:00pm** to participate and share what's on your "bucket list".

## 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.

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## No December Book Club

The Center **Book Club** will not meet this month. January's pick is the novel *Ape House* by **Sara Gruen**. Gruen is also the author of *Water for Elephants*. In *Ape House* you'll meet apes named Sam, Bonzi, Lola, Mbongo, Jelani, and Makena. These apes are capable of reasoning and carrying on deep relationships. But, unlike most apes, they also know American Sign Language. On **Tuesday, January 28 @ 10:00am** the club will gather in the social hall for a discussion. This group meets every month on the last Tuesday. Come join this interesting group.



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[smcmurray@genevatownship.com](mailto:smcmurray@genevatownship.com)

## December 2013



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

**December 6**

*Parkland* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (1:33 Hours)

Paul Giamatti and Billy Bob Thornton

Recounting the chaotic events that occurred in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963, the film weaves together the perspectives of a handful of ordinary individuals suddenly thrust into extraordinary circumstances.

**December 13**

*The Way, Way Back* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (1:44 Hours)

Steve Carell and Allison Janney

Having a rough time fitting in, 14-year-old Duncan, finds an unexpected friend in gregarious Owen, manager of the Water Wizz water park.

**December 20**

*The Kings of Summer* (2013)

Rated R for language and some teen drinking  
(1:35 hours)

In an act of independence, teenage friends Joe, Patrick and the eccentric and unpredictable Biaggio decide to spend their summer building a house in the woods and living off the land.

### **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

**December 27**

*Winnie Mandela* (2013)

Rated R for language and violence (1:47 hours)

Jennifer Hudson and Terrence Howard

Through determination and courage, Winnie Mandela survived the imprisonment of her husband, Nelson Mandela, continuous harassment by the security police, banishment to a small Free State town, and more than a year in solitary confinement.