



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
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- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Important Dates**

Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Wheeler Walkers	5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Wednesday Movies	5/7, 5/28
Computer Seminar	5/13
Ladies Tea	5/16
<i>Les Misérables</i> at Drury Lane	5/22
Memorial Day Ceremony	5/26
Closed for Regular Activity	5/26
Book Club	5/27
Art Insights	5/29

***The Greatest Show on Earth* with Art Insights**

On **Thursday, May 29 at 1:00pm**, the Center is pleased to again have a presentation by the **Chicago Art Institute's Art Insight** program. This time ***The Greatest Show on Earth*** features works by Cezanne, Renoir, Degas, Toulouse Lautrec, Seurat and Tissot depicting Harlequin figures, street circus events and scenes from the glamorous permanent circus venues of Paris. The American artists Shinn, Beal and Curry, drawing inspiration from the French, painted the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circuses that were amazing audiences in the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century. Please register for this program by calling 630/232-3602.

**Wheeler Walkers**

With warmer weather, the Thursday walkers can **FINALLY** return. Join them **every Thursday at 9:30am**. The group and individual walkers walk at their own pace on the paths just outside the Center doors in the park. Plan to gather in the dining room at 9:25 so the group can start off together. More than walking happens; meet someone new and enjoy some conversation as you walk. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

***Les Misérables* Close to Sell-out!**

Our trip to the **Drury Lane Theatre** in Oakbrook Terrace on **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the **matinee of *Les Misérables*** (bus will leave Center @ 12:00) is almost full. This production, based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel, follows French ex-convict Jean Valjean's journey as he relies on his faith and strength to help him hold on to both his freedom and his conscience. Comfortable, round-trip coach transportation will be provided from the Center. A box lunch will be provided to enjoy on our trip to the theater. The all-inclusive cost (ticket, transportation and box lunch) is \$55. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve one of the few remaining tickets. For those who have signed up for the trip and not yet paid the \$55 fee, please do so **no later than Friday, May 9th**. After May 9, all unpaid reservations will be cancelled and we will offer those spots to any wait-listed individuals in the order of their 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.

## May Book Club Selection

*Songs of Willow Frost* by **Jamie Ford** is the May selection. It follows the fortunes and misfortunes of a talented single mother who must make a terrible choice as she ekes out a living in Depression-era Seattle. On **Tuesday, May 27 @ 10:00am** the club will gather in the social hall. Get lost in a book this month!

## Topics

Topics, oh we've got topics! Join this group that meets once a month for a fun exchange of ideas on a group-selected topic. The subject for this month's meeting is *Privacy in the Technical Age*. Whether you're using the internet, paying for a purchase with a swipe of your credit card, or visiting your physician... do you have an expectation of privacy? Join the **Topics** group on **Wednesday, May 14 @ 1:00pm** to share your thoughts.

## Computer Organization

On **Tuesday, May 13 at 9:45am**, **Ken Johnson** will make a presentation on the organization of pictures and documents. Find out how to create subject folders on your computer. All members are welcome to attend this presentation as well as Ken's regular computer workshop that meets every Tuesday from 9:45 – 11:00 in the activity room. Bring your questions! Don't forget that the Center's three desktop computers are available for members' use during the week to practice what you've learned.

## Memorial Day Commemoration

Geneva Township will continue its tradition of observing Memorial Day **Monday, May 26** by placing ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags at each grave in Geneva Township of those killed in defense of our country. To honor those Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime and whose final resting places lay somewhere beyond our township, we will once again erect a 23-flag tribute. The tribute will occur on Memorial Day on the plaza immediately in front and west of the Center. At approximately 6:30 a.m. the Fox River-Geneva American Legion Post 75 Color Guard will perform a 21-gun rifle salute followed by the bugle call Taps. The Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for Township residents who wish to observe this moving tribute. Refreshments will be served in the Center dining room.

## NEW Wednesday Afternoon Movies

The Wednesday movies in April were well received. This month we have two movies suggested by a Center member on the schedule. On **Wednesday, May 7 at 1:00** the Center "theater" will showcase *Music and Lyrics* with **Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore**. In this 2007 romantic comedy, a washed up singer is given a couple of days to compose a chart-topping hit for an aspiring teen sensation. Though he's never written a decent lyric in his life, he sparks with an offbeat younger woman with a flair for words. This PG-13 film has a running time of 1:36 hours. On **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** a romantic drama *The Painted Veil* is on the big screen. **Naomi Watts and Edward Norton** star in this movie based on the **Somerset Maugham** book of the same title. A British medical doctor fights a cholera outbreak in a small Chinese village, while also being trapped at home in a loveless marriage to an unfaithful wife. It's rated PG-13 and lasts 2:05 hours.

## NEW Poker Schedule

Note that the poker times and days on the calendar have changed a little. Poker is now played on the porch starting at **12:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. New players are always welcome; just drop in!

## Coaster Pickup

If you made coasters in April and haven't yet picked them up, they're waiting for you in the Center office. After three coats of sealer, they all look great!

### May Day Greets Tea Ladies

**May Day** is celebrated all over the world... whether it's maypole dancing, May flowers, or May baskets, we all look forward to this traditional welcome to spring. It's especially welcome this year! On **Friday, May 16 at 11:00**, Center women are invited to tea. You'll enjoy finger sandwiches, fruit, sweets, and of course, tea. **Reservations will be taken starting Thursday, May 1.** This event fills very quickly; sometimes we reach the limit in a day. A waitlist is started and we encourage you to let us know if you're unable to attend so we can add the next person from the waitlist. All those who remain on the waitlist will be added to the top of the list for the next month. Call 630/232-3602 to sign up.

\*\*Tea committee sign-ups for 2014 are underway. July, August, September, October, and November are still available. Contact the Center office to sign up your group to host a tea. Or, we'll help individual members form a group. **Host members do not have to cover the cost of this activity; the Center has budgeted for this popular monthly event.** Eileen and Sheri are also available to help with planning and set-up.

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### Earth Day Planting

On Earth Day, more than 20 people planted pansies in terra-cotta pots to take home. A group also helped Center staff member, Eileen, place plants in the large pots that flank the Center entrance. Thank you... a little color goes a long way! A big thank you goes to Eileen for completing the planting of our patio pots and front urns.



**Center gardeners  
hard at work!**

### 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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### Lunch at the Center

Why not plan to stop in for lunch before or after an activity this month. Meat Stuffed Ravioli, Hamburger, Baked Chicken, and Brunch (scrambled eggs w/peppers & onion) are entrees in May. There's fruit at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. 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...A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.

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**The Center will be closed for regular activities  
on Monday, May 26 Memorial Day**



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### Save a Stamp

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

## May 2014



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

Reserve your seat for Friday movies by calling 630/232-3602.

May 2

*The Book Thief* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (2:11 Hours)

While subjected to the horrors of World War II Germany, young Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. In the basement of her home, a Jewish refugee is being sheltered.

May 9

*The Delivery Man* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (1:45 Hours)

Starring Vince Vaughn

An affable underachiever finds out he's fathered 533 children through anonymous donations to a fertility clinic 20 years ago.

May 16

*At Middleton* (2013)

Rated R (1:39 Hours)

Brief nudity and drug use

Starring Andy Garcia

Two parents fall in love over the course of a single day while playing hooky from their children's college tour.

May 23

*The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (2013)

Rated PG (1:54Hours)

A day-dreamer escapes his anonymous life by disappearing into a world of fantasies filled with heroism, romance and action.

### **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

May 30

*The Monuments Men* (2014)

Rated PG-13 (1:58 Hours)

Starring George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Bill Murray

An unlikely World War II platoon is tasked to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their owners.