



The Center Newsletter



Geneva Township Center

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630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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Important Dates

Constitution Alive!	5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Stretch and Balance	5/4, 11, 18, 25
Friday Movies	5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26
Laugh Yoga	5/9
Birding Field Trip	5/9
<i>My Fair Lady</i> @ Lyric Opera	5/11
<i>Lion</i> Movie #2	5/12
Ladies Tea	5/19
<i>La La Land</i> Movie #2	5/26
Memorial Day Ceremony	5/29
CLOSED for Regular Activity	5/29
Book Club	5/30
<i>Chicago</i> @ Drury Lane Theatre	6/8
Hand & Foot Tournament	6/9
Library "Digitize" Program	6/19
Swedish Days Parade	6/25

Take Me Out to the Ballgame at Ladies Tea

On **Friday, May 19th at 11:00** Center women are invited to celebrate Chicago's rich baseball history. Last summer after a 108-year World Series drought, Cubs fans finally celebrated a win! The American League White Sox team last won the World Series in 2005. Show your team pride; wear a **Cubs** or **Sox** shirt if you have one. The Tea Committee has a ballpark menu planned... grilled hot dogs, chips, Cuties, Cracker Jack, and ice cream. Iced tea (no tea cups at the ballpark!) and lemonade will also be served. New members are encouraged to sign up for this very popular monthly gathering. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.

Birding Field Trip

On **Tuesday, May 9th at 9:30am (weather permitting)** Art Johnson will lead a group from the Center on a birding field trip to the Les Arends Forest Preserve on Rt. 31 between Batavia and Mooseheart Road. This small preserve has a special focus on the river and the Fox River Trail that runs through the preserve and is smoothly paved. In April, Art gave a preview of birds that we may see on the field trip. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please bring binoculars if you have them. If it rains, this outing will be rescheduled.

Memorial Day Commemoration

Geneva Township will once again observe Memorial Day Monday, May 29th by placing ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags on poles 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 again erect a 23-flag tribute. The tribute will occur on Memorial Day on the plaza 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.

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

This month's selection by **Jill Ker**, *The Road from Coorain*, is a memoir that tells the story of her astonishing journey into adulthood—a journey that would ultimately span immense distances and encompass worlds, ideas, and ways of life that seem a century apart. Worlds away from Coorain, in America, Jill Conway became a historian and the first woman president of Smith College. The club will meet on **Tuesday, May 30th at 10:00** to discuss this book.

Constitution Alive!

The concluding four parts of this series will be shown on **Wednesday at 1:00pm.** through May. Members who missed the first part can view it on the fifth Wednesday, May 31 at 1:00pm.

Pool Tournament Results

Eight 2-person teams of players enjoyed friendly competition in the spring pool tournament. Each pairing was randomly drawn from the ladies and guys. Gift cards were awarded to the first-place team of **Mike Taormina and Mike Foote**, second-place was **Lou Kram and Ade Kunzelman**, and the third-place team was **Jim Lyons and Cliff Hair**. CONGRATULATIONS to you all!

Hand and Foot Tournament in June

On **Friday, June 9 at 11:30** the Center will hold a **Hand and Foot Tournament**. This card game (like Canasta) is played twice weekly. A complimentary lunch for all registered players will be served at 11:30. Play will begin immediately following the meal on the porch. Prizes will be awarded! The tournament is limited to the first 16 people who register. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to get your name on the list.

Stretch and Balance Time Change

Beginning **Thursday, May 4**, the **Thursday Stretch and Balance** class at the Center will start at **10:00am**. This change only applies to the Thursday class.

Chicago at the Drury Lane Theatre

A group will attend lunch and a matinee performance of the musical *Chicago* at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook on **Thursday, June 8th**. **Five tickets are still available; call soon to reserve one.** A comfortable coach bus will depart the Center at 10:45 am. We'll enjoy lunch prior to the 1:30 show. The meal includes a garden salad, choice of one entrée (herb roasted chicken breast with roasted shallot mashed potatoes OR bistro steak with bordelaise sauce and roasted shallot mashed potatoes), dessert, and one non-alcoholic beverage. **The cost (round-trip transportation, ticket, and lunch) is \$55.** Total payment (check made out to Geneva Township or cash) and your choice of lunch entrée must be received no later than May 15.

Laugh Yoga

Laugh Yoga was a hit last month! We've decided to add a monthly session at the Center every 2nd Tuesday at 10:30. This month's class will be held on **Tuesday, May 9th** in the meeting room. An experienced instructor leads this seated version.

SAVE THE DATES!

* On **Monday, June 19th at 10:00am** the Geneva Library will present a program at the Center on digitizing materials like photos, tapes, etc. with library owned equipment.

The Center continues the long tradition of entering a float in the **Swedish Days Parade... mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 25th**. Check out the June newsletter for more details.

The Center will be closed for regular activities on Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

IMPORTANT *My Fair Lady* Information

If you are registered for the Center trip to see *My Fair Lady* at the Lyric Opera in Chicago on May 11th and would like to sit with friends at the show, please call the Center **no later than Tuesday morning (May 9) to let us know.** We will do our best to accommodate your request. This trip is full. Participants should arrive at the Center **no later than 11:30 on Thursday, May 11th.** Our coach bus will depart for Chicago at 12:00 sharp. A complimentary box lunch and drinks will be provided. The musical begins at 1:30 with a show running time of three hours including an intermission. The group will return to the Center immediately following the conclusion of the show.

Golden Diners Donut Day Volunteers

National Donut Day commemorates the “donut lassies,” female Salvation Army volunteers who provided writing supplies, stamps, clothes-mending and home-cooked meals, and of course, donuts, for soldiers on the front lines. Help homebound seniors and active seniors at a dozen congregate sites in our area receive meals by volunteering to collect donations at area stores on **Friday, June 2 or 9 and Saturday, June 3 or 10.** Two hour shifts are available between the hours of 9am-6pm. Why not volunteer with a friend... call Kathy or Kolleen at 630/232-6676 if you're interested. Flyers about the opportunity are available at the Center.

Movie 2nd Showings

We were unable to accommodate everyone last month who wanted to attend the Oscar nominated movies – *Lion* and *La La Land*. A second “morning” showing for *Lion* will take place on **Friday, May 12th at 10:00am.** *La La Land* will again be played at **10:00am on Friday, May 26th.**

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answers from the universe by writing letters to Love, Time and Death. But it's not until his notes bring unexpected personal responses that he begins to understand how these constants interlock in a life fully lived, and how even the deepest loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty.

Honoring Those Who Have Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

During the placement of American flags on past Memorial Days (See article page 1), it was noticed that two headstones of “Geneva boys” who were killed in action, had over the years been damaged beyond repair.



Through the assistance of Supervisor **Patrick Jaeger**, Township Assistant **Eileen Stocking**, the **Kane County Genealogical Society**, the **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** and next of kin, the Township arranged for the removal and the replacement of the headstone of Genevan Oscar Smith who died in the Spanish American War in 1881 and the headstone of Genevan Patrick Coyne who was killed in the battle for Iwo Jima in 1945. Take some time this Memorial Day to visit



Oak Hill Cemetery and West Side Cemetery. Look for the 3'x5' flags and you'll be able to view these new simple marble memorials and those of other brave Genevans who, as aptly stated by Abraham Lincoln “gave the last full measure of devotion” to our nation.



MAY 26

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (2016)

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of Western violence, some language and suggestive material (2:13 Hours)

Starring Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke

With the town of Rose Creek under the deadly control of industrialist Bartholomew Bogue, the desperate townspeople employ protection from seven outlaws, bounty hunters, gamblers and hired guns. As they prepare the town for the violent showdown that they know is coming, these seven mercenaries find themselves fighting for more than money.



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**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.

MAY 5

FOUNDER (2016)

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language(1:55 Hours)

Starring Michael Keaton

This is the true story of how Ray Kroc, a struggling salesman from Illinois, met Mac and Dick McDonald, who were running a burger operation in 1950s Southern California. Kroc was impressed by the brothers' speedy system of making the food and saw franchise potential.

MAY 12

HIDDEN FIGURES (2016)

Rated PG (2:07 Hours)

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA – Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson – served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. Based on a true story.

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

MAY 19

COLLATERAL BEAUTY (2016)

Rated PG-13 (1:34 Hours)

Starring Will Smith, Edward Norton, Kate Winslet and Helen Mirren

When a successful New York advertising executive suffers a great tragedy, he retreats from life. While his concerned friends try desperately to reconnect with him, he seeks

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