



**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
- Robert Kovacs, Trustee
- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Important Dates**

Holiday Decorating	12/3
Victorian Holiday Luncheon Trip	12/5
Friday Movies	12/7, 14, 21, 28
Center Holiday Luncheon	12/8
Hearing Screening	12/10
Holiday BINGO	12/12
Ladies Holiday Tea	12/14
Food Drive Ends	12/18
Kindergarteners Sing	12/19
Center CLOSED	12/24, 1/1/19
Center Special Hours	12/25
New Year's Toast	12/31
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> Trip	1/13

**December**

**2018**



**The Center Newsletter**

**Ladies Holiday Tea**

This month we'll come together on **Friday, December 14 @ 11:00** for our annual holiday tea. Take note - this is a week earlier than usual due to the holidays. Tea is always lovely but there is something special about tea in December. The Center is decorated and there are extra touches for the season. The committee will treat you to a delicious lunch of pizza, salad, and peppermint ice cream. Holiday pizza; a first! Iced tea and lemonade will also be served. At the conclusion, we'll continue the tradition of singing some favorite carols together. Don't miss it! You must have a reservation; we can accommodate the first 48 ladies. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation.

**Holiday Bingo**

Don't miss **Holiday Bingo** on **Wednesday, December 12 at 12:30**. Note that this is the only date for traditional bingo in December. Special holiday prizes will be awarded to the winners this month.

**Food Drive**

The Center will be collecting non-perishable food items in December that will be donated to the St. Peter Church food pantry in Geneva. This pantry serves almost 300 families in the area twice a month regardless of denomination or belief. Boxes designated for this collection will be in the Center office through **Tuesday, December 18**. A list of suggested food is printed below; no glass items or fresh food, please. **Help us by checking expiration dates.** We will have to dispose of all expired products. If anyone would rather make a cash donation, we will shop for you. Drop off an envelope with Sheri or Art in the Center office with your name and phone number on the outside and donation inside. You'll get a return call telling you what was purchased. Thank you!

**Food Suggestions**

Canned Beans, Tuna, Mac-n-Cheese Mix, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Pudding/Jello, Canned Soup, Jelly/Jam, Dry Soup Mix, Canned Veggies, Pasta Ready Sauce, Breakfast Cereal, Pasta Noodles, Ravioli, Tomato Products, Ensure/Boost, Crackers and Potato or Rice Mix.

## 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.

## Kindergarteners Return!

You may remember that Center members were treated to a holiday visit last year from Western Avenue School kindergarteners. They sang for us and reminded everyone what makes this season special – children! We're happy to announce that three classes of kindergarteners (more than 50 students) will again entertain us with a few holiday songs. They will arrive on **Wednesday, December 19** at approximately **10:30 a.m.** Beginning at 10:15 on the day of the show, please enter the building through the porch double-doors. The front and side entrances will be "exit only" until the program's conclusion. Don't miss this; we'd like to have a big audience. Come a little early to grab a seat in the social hall.

## Book Club

The Center Book Club will take a holiday break in December. Keep reading and watch the January newsletter for the next book selection! It's certainly the time of the year when curling up with a book is preferable to outside activities! New readers are always welcome!

## Computer Workshop Change

The Computer Workshop will not meet on Tuesday, December 11. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> this month.

## Christmas Day Gathering at the Center

As in years past, the Center will be open on **Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25** from **12:30 – 3:30**. Join us for an informal lunch buffet, drinks, and dessert served in the dining room. Stop in to say hello or spend the afternoon. Christmas cheer, lights, and holiday music will greet you. The pool & shuffleboard tables, and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, please let Sheri know so we can plan accordingly.

## Center Holiday Luncheon Reminder

The Center's holiday luncheon will take place on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30**. Registered members will be treated to a wonderful Italian meal and holiday music! The seasonal decorations will add to the ambience. **This is a reservation only event.** We are almost full; only a few spots remain. Call the Center at 630/232-3602.

## *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Shakespeare Theater

On **Sunday, January 13** we'll travel to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier for a matinee performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. You'll enter a wonderland where fairies fly and a donkey bursts into song! Staged in the uniquely personal setting of the Courtyard Theater, internationally acclaimed director Joe Dowling's enchanting production is backed by a vibrant score that blends rock, jazz, blues, and '50s doo-wop—promising to warm even the darkest of winter nights. Rediscover Shakespeare's raucous humor and wondrous imagery, which have made this play an audience favorite for more than four hundred years. We will depart the Center at 12:00 and a box lunch and drinks will be provided for our trip into Chicago. Round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center, lunch, and a ticket to the production will cost \$55. Don't delay in making your reservation... the Shakespeare Theatre is always a popular destination.

## Center Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on **Monday, December 24**. See the article below for details about the Christmas Day gathering on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Center will also be closed to observe New Year's Day on **Tuesday, January 1, 2018**.

## Wheeler Senior Investment Club

The Wheeler Senior Investment Club (WSIC) is holding another information session in the Center meeting room at 9:00 am on Monday, Dec. 3rd. The group's regular monthly meeting will be held immediately following the session at 10:00 am. The Center is not a sponsor of the Club or the Club's activities.

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### Toast to 2019!

Come raise a glass to the coming New Year on **Monday, December 31 at 2:00 pm**. Sparkling cider and munchies will be served in the dining room. Don't miss the countdown on New Year's Eve... party hats and noisemakers provided by the Center will add to the fun!

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### Jacob Henry Mansion Trip Details

The Center trip to the **Jacob Henry Mansion** in Joliet will depart at **10:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, December 5**. We'll travel from the Center by coach bus to our destination. Please plan to arrive no later than 9:45 a.m. as we will leave promptly at 10:00. This trip is **FULL**, and the waitlist is closed. If you're registered for the trip and are unable to go for any reason, please call the Center. We have a waitlist of interested Center members and will refund your trip payment. The visit will include a self-guided tour of the mansion, a luncheon with live seasonal music, a tour of the Old Central Church located on the grounds, and a half-hour pipe organ concert in the church. It's anticipated that the group will return to the Center at 2:30 p.m.

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### Winter Safety

Winter has officially arrived... the most recent snowfall and cold reminds us that the weather has changed! The Center will work to keep the parking lot and walks as clean and free of snow and ice as possible. Please, always use caution!

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### MOVIES continued from last page...

suicide-prevention hotline called Lifesavers, assisted by Mrs. Munchnik (Madeline Kahn) and Catherine (Rita Wilson). On Christmas Eve, Philip learns that their landlord (Garry

## 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.

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Shandling) is evicting them from their office. Amid all this unrest, Catherine proclaims her love for Philip.

**DECEMBER 28**

**A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING  
ARTHUR'S COURT (1949)**

**(1:46 Hours)**

Following a head injury sustained during a storm, Hank Martin (Bing Crosby) comes to in Camelot in the year 528. Thought to be a criminal, Hank is brought before King Arthur (Cedric Hardwicke) and the evil magician Merlin. Using his knowledge of technology, Hank convinces everyone that he has special powers.



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

## DECEMBER 2018



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

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.

#### DECEMBER 7

#### **REMEMBER THE NIGHT (1940)**

**Starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray  
(1:34 Hours)**

A romantic comedy... Just before Christmas, Lee Leander is caught shoplifting. It is her third offense. She is prosecuted by John Sargent. He postpones the trial because it is hard to get a conviction at Christmas time. But he feels sorry for her and arranges for her bail and ends up taking her home to his mother for Christmas.

#### DECEMBER 14

#### **SCROOGED (1988)**

**Rated PG-13 (1:41 Hours)**

**Starring Bill Murray and Karen Allen**

Francis Xavier Cross is a cynical, mean spirited television executive. He treats his loyal assistant with contempt. He just sacked a member of staff on Christmas Eve for simply disagreeing with him, and he's alienated himself from his brother who still insists on inviting

### **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

Frank to Christmas dinner despite him refusing to go every year. However, Frank is forced to learn the true meaning of Christmas when he's visited by three ghosts.

#### DECEMBER 21

#### **MIXED NUTS (1994)**

**PG-13 (1:37 Hours)**

**Starring Steve Martin and Madeline Kahn**

A screwball comedy... Philip (Steve Martin) manages a

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