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**Senior Center Newsletter**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR**

Last month marked the 1st anniversary of the grand opening of the Geneva Township Senior Center. It's been an incredible year during which the Senior Center has developed into a vibrant hub of activity. It gives me great satisfaction to walk into the Senior Center to find it full of "older adults" and to hear their chatter and laughter. Whether they are working on computers, playing bridge, poker, mah jongg, card bingo, participating in the walking club, contributing to the slow completion of a complex jigsaw puzzle, participating intently in an art class, listening carefully in a seminar, attending the very popular free lunch, or simply sitting in small groups just "shooting the breeze", all are genuinely enjoying themselves. Some make the Senior Center part of their daily routine.

Most if not all of this would not have been possible without the foresight and commitment of the present and previous Township Board. More importantly, its not possible without the day to day efforts of a lot of dedicated volunteers, including those members of our Senior Services Committee who devote their time to support the day to day operations of the Senior Center. Thank you for your commitment and support!

*Pat Jaeger*

**OCTOBER'S FREE LUNCH**

Once again the Geneva Township Senior Center is offering its monthly free lunch to all Geneva Township residents age 55+. Lunch will be provided by a long time favorite Geneva restaurant "Chianti's". Please join us for a free Italian Cuisine at 11:30 a.m. on Friday October 24th. Space is limited, so please make lunch reservations by calling Gayle at 630-232-3602 no later than October 21st.

**BOOK CLUB**

The selection for September was, Three Cups of Tea, of which there was a lively discussion at the September meeting. For October we have chosen a fictional story written from a dog's perspective on life, The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein. We will meet to discuss it on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

## 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: 630-232-3602  
Assessor: 630-232-3604  
Deputy Assessor: 630-232-3605  
Supervisor: 630-232-3606  
Administration: 630-232-3607  
Highway Com: 630-232-3608  
Township Clerk: 630-232-3609  
Senior Service Assoc. Inc. 630-762-2737  
If not sure of your contact, and need assistance, just dial 630-232-3600, Ext: 0

## COME TO THE HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Senior Center will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday October 29th at 12:30 p.m. and you are invited to join us! The celebration will be an afternoon of the very fun and easy to learn dice game called "BUNCO" along with coffee and desserts. If you would like to make your favorite dessert to share, please let Gayle know. Prizes will be awarded for lucky BUNCO winners. Costumes are optional. See you there!

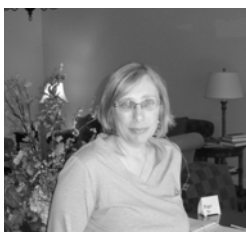
## LEARN HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE!

We are happy to announce that we will be offering a 6 week class for beginners, "How to Play Bridge", at the Senior Center. This class will be taught by the very accomplished bridge teacher, **Lois Hoyer**. Lois is ACBL trained and has offered to teach on Mondays from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. beginning October 27th. For this class you will need to purchase Bridge Basics, an introductory book, by Audrey Grant. This book is available at Amazon.com, Borders, Geneva Public Library and we will have a copy at the Senior Center. The class will start October 27th and you will need to sign up in advance by calling Gayle at 630-232-3202. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep your mind sharp and learn a popular leisure activity.

## THANK YOU!



A big thank you! to **Merritt King**, a member of the Senior Service Committee, for his generous donation of the beautiful yellow mums that are decorating the entrance to the Senior Center.



## JUST SAY YES TO (inexpensive prescription) DRUGS! MEDICARE PART D

Are you happy with your current drug plan? Do you want to compare drug plans? Come find out more about Medicare Part D. The Senior Center is hosting a very important and timely presentation by **Betty Erickson** from Senior Services Associates Inc., on October 24 at 10:30 a.m. Betty will be sharing information about Medicare Parts A & B and Part D and comparing various drug plans. All subscribers of Medicare Part D will need to make a decision between November 15 and December 31st and this presentation will help guide you through the confusion. Please join us for the presentation and stay for the free lunch that will follow at 11:30 a.m. You must make a reservation for the presentation by calling Gayle at 630-232-3202.

## Trip to Cantigny Park

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for a free autumn outing to Cantigny Park in Wheaton! This will provide a perfect opportunity to view the beautiful fall colors as you stroll through the park. The Robert McCormick Museum will be available for you to explore as well as the amazing grounds. We will be going by bus, leaving the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and returning by 12:00 noon. The bus will take you to the park and you decide how you want to spend your morning, enjoying the museum and/or meandering through the park at your own pace. Please sign up for this outing by October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Life on a Sailboat

Have you ever wondered what life would be like on a sailboat? **Linda and Loy Williams** will be sharing some of their sailing adventures in the Chesapeake Bay and showing pictures of the Bay, and surrounding environs. Linda and Loy retired in 2004 and set out to realize their sailing dream on what they expected to be a 2 year trip. They have been living on the boat for 9 months each year for 4 years. Come on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and enjoy a presentation on their sailing adventures.

### Practice E-Slate Voting

The election is only weeks away and soon you will be able to cast your vote. **The League of Women Voters** will be at the Senior Center with a real e-slate electronic voting machine for you to practice on. Join us on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center and learn how to use the machine. If you would like to stay for lunch, you may make a reservation for a deli lunch for \$3.75, by calling at least 2 days in advance.

### Photography Contest

The Senior Center is sponsoring a Photo Contest for all our members! We are requesting that you take pictures of the changing fall colors and submit your photo BY October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be displaying the photos and voting on a favorite. The winner will be announced at our November 10<sup>th</sup> free lunch. Amateur photographers are encouraged to participate as this is for fun. If you don't have a camera and would like to participate in the contest, please talk to Gayle.

### Help for Homeowners

Kane County Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Armstrong, will be giving a presentation explaining how property taxes and property values are assessed. In this presentation, "Fact vs. Fiction About Property Tax Assessments", rehab assistance will also be discussed as well as making sure you have the appropriate tax exemptions. This presentation will take place at 10:30 a.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to stay for a \$3.75 deli lunch following the presentation, please make a reservation 2 days in advance by calling Gayle at (630)232-3602.

## 1st Anniversary "Cook-Out" Wrap Up

A big thank you to all the wonderful helpers that made our 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration cook-out such a success! Following a record 9.5" of rain and the flooding of our grounds in Wheeler Park, the cook-out was washed out and moved inside. A special BIG THANK YOU! to **Walt Spangler** and **Don D'Amico** who arrived early to assist in set up and to **Ed Richter**: who came with his own tongs (what a pro!) to grill the bratwurst from **Ream's Meat Market**. Volunteer coordinator **Pat Brazill** was his usual helpful self, securing a grill and pitching in wherever needed along with **Sheri McMurray**. Township Supervisor **Pat Jaeger** was seen shovel in hand removing the mud and muck left on the sidewalks from the receding flood waters! So many others helped with clean up, we are grateful to you all! Congratulations to **Ade Kunzelman** for winning the penny guess with an estimate of 2015. There were 2,025 pennies commemorating the grand opening of the Senior Center on the date of  $9+9+2007=2025$  pennies. Following lunch, a large group was enticed to stay and learn Card Bingo, led by **Larry and Darlene Zuwala**. It was a fabulously fun day!



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

- 10/03 - The Pink Panther
- 10/10 - The Last King of Scotland
- 10/17 - Breakfast at Tiffany's
- 10/24 - Fargo
- 10/31 - The Natural



### SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Do you have a family member serving our country? We are looking for any Senior Center member that has a loved one serving in the Armed Forces of the United States in any capacity. We would like to show support for them through a holiday season letter writing campaign. Please call Gayle and fill out an informational form with their contact information.

### DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are offered only 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. Senior Assistance, 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.

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Flu Shot Clinic

Geneva Township is once again sponsoring a free flu shot clinic on Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Nurses from the **Visiting Nurses Association** of Fox Valley will administer the shots. Seniors covered by Medicare Part B will have the cost of their flu shot covered by Medicare. Please bring your Medicare card. Geneva Township will cover the cost of the flu shot for any Geneva Township resident age 55+ that is not covered by Medicare Part B. For all others the cost of the flu shot is \$25.00 and the cost of a pneumonia shot is \$35.00. For the second year the DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, and Pertussis) shot will be offered. The cost of the DPT shot is \$45.00. A doctor's prescription will be required for any shot other than the flu shot. For those required to pay for their shots, payment must be by cash or check only. As always, free refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Geneva Township Senior Center at 630-232-3602.



**Transportation...** Seniors who need transportation to the Free Flu Shot Clinic should contact Geneva Township at 630-232-3602 no later than October 10<sup>th</sup>. There also will be a golf cart shuttle service from both parking lots at Wheeler Park. There will be one shuttle stop at the east parking lot, entrance off of Rt. 25. There will be two shuttle stops at the west parking lots off of the Stevens Street entrance. Look for the Geneva Township Shuttle Stop signs at each parking lot for shuttle transportation from the lot to the Senior Center.



## Computer Update



Interest in our Tuesday 9:00 a.m. computer classes has increased and we are adapting to your needs. We are going to offer more structured classes and offer

classes on specific topics in which you are interested. On October 7<sup>th</sup> we will offer a basic Beginner Computer class, which will focus on turning on the computer, using the mouse and then move into creating and using e-mail. The first hour of each computer class is geared toward beginners and the second hour is for more intermediate users. We are striving to meet your needs so please tell us what your needs are!

## Spotlight on a Star Volunteer.....



This month we are spotlighting a special volunteer, **Jan Mayerhofer**. Jan's friendly face has been seen around the Senior Center since it opened, September, 2007. As one of our original volunteers, Jan developed the Thursday 1:00 class of 2 dimensional arts and seasonal crafts. Jan spent many years being a creative school teacher and has won several awards. Jan and her husband have lived in Geneva for the past 17 years and live within walking distance to the Senior Center. When asked what Jan likes best about her volunteering, she said, "being with fellow seniors and helping develop their creativity." We are very fortunate to have Jan's creativity and experience at the Senior Center. Thank you Jan!

# ‘Hooray for Holidays’

## *The Senior Center Holiday Outing*

- What:** Trip to Grand Geneva Resort Lake Geneva  
**When:** Tuesday, December 2, 2008  
**Times:** 9:45 a.m. - Leave Senior Center  
12:00 noon - Luncheon  
1:30 – 3:30 - “Hooray for Holidays”  
3:30 - Tea & Cookies & Mingle with Cast  
6:00 p.m. - Arrive back at Senior Center  
**Cost:** \$85.00 per person  
**RSVP:** You **MUST RSVP** by November 1

Join us on Tuesday, December 2nd, for a wonderful celebration of the Holiday season! The Senior Center has organized a trip to the Grand Geneva Resort in scenic Lake Geneva, Wisconsin! We will be taking a deluxe motor coach bus (with restrooms) to Lake Geneva, enjoying a delicious holiday meal with all the trimmings, watching 2 hours of singing and dancing in the Opryland Raymond Production called *Hooray for Holidays!* Tea and cookies will be served before we journey back to the Senior Center. The trip includes the holiday luncheon, musical revue, treats and transportation. The cost for this trip is \$85.00 per person. You must make a reservation by November 1, 2008 by calling Gayle at 630-232-3602