



Senior Center Newsletter



Geneva Township
Senior Center
400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134

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Swedish Day Parade - 2009

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2nd Annual Miniature Golf Outing

It's time once again for our annual miniature golf outing, Tuesday, August 25 at Geneva Park District's Stone Creek Miniature Golf Course in beautiful Wheeler Park. We will meet at the Pavilion between the golf course and the Senior Center. Festivities begin at 11:30 with a box lunch, and 18 holes of miniature golf follow at 12:30. No prior golf experience is necessary. Prizes will be awarded. Please make your reservation by August 20. We need an exact head count to order the lunches. There will be a choice of 4 sandwiches ordered from Michael Angelo's in Geneva. Plan to be a part of this fun afternoon.



FREE Lunch Monday, August 31

Call early for a reservation for our monthly FREE lunch on Monday, August 31 at 11:30. We welcome all Geneva Township residents that are age 55+ in addition to the members of the Senior Center. Our lunch this month is catered from **The Little Owl Restaurant** and is sure to please. We will serve pepper steak, a medley of vegetables, bread and butter and dessert. We can accommodate the first 120 people who sign up. Be sure to make a reservation.

Magician to perform at Grandparent's Day!

Grandparents play a special role in the heart of the family. Our Grandparent's Day celebration will honor the unique relationship between grandchildren and grandparents. You are invited to bring your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the Senior Center on Friday, August 14 from 1:00 – 3:00. **The Amazing Gary**, will be performing his magic show, and **Ju Ju Bee the Clown** will entertain with face painting and ballooning. Refreshments will be served. Please make a reservation for this special event. You are welcome with or without grandchildren., all ages can be amazed by magic.



Kane County Cougars
"Go Team"

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.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 to 4:30

Fabric Covered Plates

Fabric covered plates have been a big hit at the Senior Center the past few months. Here is your chance to learn how to make this simple craft or to add to your collection. We are having a class on Friday, August 7 at 1:00 during Chick Chat. The cost is \$3.00 a plate and you will have your choice of fabric. You may bring your own fabric if you are looking for something specific. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we will have plenty of supplies.

New "Chick Chat"

Chick chat is designed for women to gather on the first and third Friday of the month, at 1:00. Anything goes for this group; we may invite speakers on topics of interest, go on trips, do a project or just share time together. Join us on August 7 and 21 and let's see where Chick Chat will lead us!

Calling all Walkers

This is a reminder that the Wheeler Walkers meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 to stroll beautiful Wheeler Park. This fun group of walkers is looking for more people to join the group. The Wheeler Walkers have battled some challenging weather so far and are looking forward to many more Thursdays of walking; hopefully in sunshine. Start your day with a stroll at your own pace and feel more energized all day long. If you choose, you can stay at the Center for Senior Vitality exercise class at 10:30 or stay and shoot pool.



Looking for Cribbage Players

Interested in cribbage? On Tuesday, August 4 at 10:00 we are gathering cribbage players at the Senior Center to learn to play or to renew your interest in this fun card game. If you are interested but the day and time don't work for you, call Gayle and get your name on an interest list; other players have flexible dates and times!

Senior Center Cookbook

The best recipes are tried and true family creations that are often requested and passed on. The Senior Center will be compiling our member's favorite recipes into a cookbook to be available before Christmas. We will need people to help with advertising, organizing recipes, typing, designing the cover and the layout of the cookbook. Your input is welcome at a planning meeting on Monday, August 10 at 12:00. If you can't help with developing the cookbook, we still need your family favorite recipes. More information will be coming soon.

Twilight Dining at the Senior Center *a la Italian*



Surprise! The Geneva Township Senior Center will be staying open until 8:00 PM on Monday, August 10 for a special event! **The Golden Diners** will be providing dinner and entertainment at the Center, all seniors age 60+ are welcome. The food will be catered by **Hoffman House**. A delicious Italian themed menu is planned for this special evening. The dining room will be open at 5:00, and the dinner buffet will begin at 5:30. After dinner entertainment at 6:30 will feature **George Holmes**, a vocalist performing music of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Pavarotti and Elvis! We are able to accommodate the first 100 people who sign up for this event; first come, first served. A donation of \$3.75 will be accepted at the door. Don't miss this evening of dining and entertainment Call Gayle at 630-232-3602 to make your reservation.

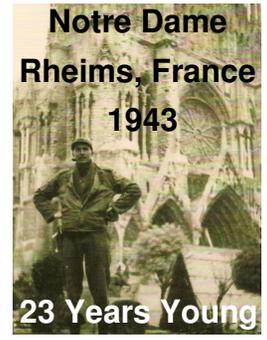
**A Taste of Italy - Italian Buffet and Tenor
5:30 Dinner - 6:30 Entertainment**

To Reach Director Gayle Kennedy call 1-630-232-3602



Someone You Should Know

Sixty-five years after his service in World War II, Merritt King has been honored by the French government with the French Legion of Honor, Chevalier (see picture left). A fascinating, multi-faceted man, Merritt has made a difference in his 90 years. He continues to live a full life; serving our country in World War II, serving Geneva in numerous civic roles and leading a colorful life with “no regrets.” Merritt’s close family roots gave him strong family values and the desire to be a “good citizen.” He attended the Art Institute



and the Lithography Institute in Chicago, which prepared him to become a cartographer in WWII. Merritt’s decorated service to our country has resulted in a Purple Heart and a Bronze star among other awards. Merritt met his late wife, Lynne, at a USO dance in London, England. They married in 1945 and were fortunate to enjoy 50 years of marriage, two daughters, Alison and Leslie, and lost a son Brian. In his leisure time, Merritt enjoys gardening, golfing and reading history. His civic involvement is impressive including being Geneva Mayor *Pro-Tem* for 14 years and an alderman for 28 years. Service is a huge part of his life. Recently, Merritt was part of an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial where he and other veterans were honored. Merritt is a man who loves life, loves Geneva, loves the Geneva Township Senior Center. Congratulations Merritt!

Fourth Friday Lunch Bunch

Geneva offers so many excellent choices for lunch, this month our choice is **Old Towne Pub and Eatery**, 201 W. State Street. Old Town Pub has an excellent location, nice ambiance and good food selection. The Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 at the Pub on Friday, August 28. Please let Gayle know if you plan to attend as we will make reservations for our group to eat together. Consider joining the bowling group following lunch. (see below)

Bowling in August

The bowling group will be returning to the **Bowling Green Sports Center** on Roosevelt Road in West Chicago for their outing on Friday, August 28 about 12:45. The cost is \$5.00 for 2 lanes of bowling and shoe rental. This lively group welcomes new bowlers of any ability. If you choose to join the Lunch Bunch (see article above) at **Old Towne Pub**, Bowling Green Sports Center is just a short trip east on Rt. 38 (State Street). Please call and let us know you plan to attend.



Lincoln Presentations

We are planning a road trip on September 16 to Springfield to explore the life of Abraham Lincoln. But before we go and to add interest to the trip, we’ve scheduled two free programs on Lincoln at the Senior Center on August 12 and the 26. On August 12 at 1:00, **Ellen Neupert**, a member of the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI), will present “**A Team of Rivals**”, based on the book by **Doris Kearns Goodwin**. On August 26 at 1:00, **Sharon Keutzer and Scott McCullagh**, also from LLI, will also present a second program on Lincoln. Scott will talk about Lincoln’s sanctuary and will have written materials for you to examine. Sharon will discuss Mary Todd Lincoln’s influence on her husband the President. Both of these pre-trip presentations will take place on a Wednesday. Please call and let us know you are attending. Consider coming for a Golden Diners lunch at 11:30 before each program (\$3.75 donation). Two day advance reservations are required for lunch.

Green Living

A naturalist from the **Kane County Forest Preserve** will be at the Senior Center to give a presentation on Green Living. The naturalist will share a living eco-friendly power point presentation on the little things you can do to “live lighter on Earth”. This program will be held on Wednesday, August 19, at 1:00. The Golden Diners offers lunch at 11:30 that same day. Lunch requires a 2 day advance reservation and a donation of \$3.75. If you would like to reserve lunch for before the program, call Gayle.

Senior Center Library

The library at the Senior Center has many paperback and hard back books for you to borrow for your reading enjoyment, some with large print. We have daily newspapers, an array of current magazines and talking books on cassettes that are great company for long car rides. We have an assortment of VHS tapes also available for you to borrow.

Check them out!

Membership Update

Our numbers are growing! The Senior Center has 708 members, 539 on the mailing list. 466 are Geneva residents, 73 are non-residents. We currently have 22 members receiving their newsletter online, **in color** and sent to their computer mailbox. If you would like to save a stamp, send us your email address and we will add you to the list. Send emails to:

gkennedy@genevatownship.com

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SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$3.75 PER SALAD BAR, BREAD & MILK SERVED EACH DAY

NEED TO MAKE RESEVATIONS TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE

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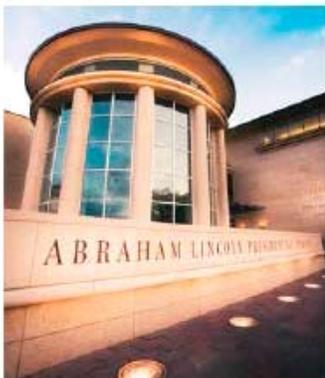
NO SALAD BAR (On Specific Days)

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
4	5	6
BBQ Country Pork Au Gratin Potatoes Multi-Grain Dinner Roll Soup	Chicken Tarragon Peas Baking Powder Biscuit Soup	Navy Bean & Ham Soup Sandwich on Wheat Bun: Chicago Style Hot Dog OR Turkey/ Basil-pesto Mayo OR Salad: Chef's Salad (Ham, Turkey, Cheese) Rye Krisp
11	12	13
Italian Beef Sandwich Calif. Blend Vegetables Sliced Wheat Bun Soup	Smoked Sausage Scalloped Potatoes Rye Bread Soup	Broccoli Cheddar Soup Sandwich on Rye Bread: Hot Sliced Chicken Teriyaki OR Corned Beef & Swiss OR Salad: Santa Fe Ham Salad/Ranch
18	19	20
Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Bread Soup	BLT Chicken Salad/Greens/ Tomato Wedges Rye Krisp Crackers Soup ** NO SALAD BAR **	Soup du Jour Sandwich on Multi-grain Bread: Hot Roast Beef OR Classic Turkey Club OR Salad: Deviled Egg Salad Supreme/French
25	26	27
Oriental Beef & Brown Rice Multi-grain Bread Soup	Fiesta Pasta Bake Green Beans Ranchero Potato Roll Soup	Turkey Vegetable Soup Sandwich: BBQ Riblet on Sandwich Bun OR Southwest Ham Wrap OR Salad: Chicken Caesar
 		

Geneva Township Senior Center

Road trip to
Springfield!



Geneva Township Senior Center
Is heading to
Springfield!

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Time: 6:00 am—11:00 pm

Sights

Lincoln's Presidential Museum
Old State Capitol Building
Lincoln's home
Viewing of Lincoln's tomb
& War memorials

Cost: \$90.00

Includes deluxe bus transportation, entrance fees
and dinner

Lunch-on your own

You **MUST** make a reservation by
September 2

Call 630-232-3602

We require a check to hold your reservation
40 minimum/56 maximum

August Book Selection – Testimony

The book club has chosen a novel by Anita Shreve, **Testimony**, as the August selection. The book club meets at 10:30 on the 4th Monday of each month and members take turns choosing the book selections, either fiction or non-fiction. Join the discussion of Testimony on Monday, August 24 at 10:30.

Computer Seminar with Ken

Ken Johnson, our Tuesday computer instructor, will be presenting monthly seminars on computer-related subjects. The August seminar will focus on photos: organizing photos on your computer and attaching photos to emails. You will learn how to do minor photo enhancements such as cropping and resizing pictures. You will learn how to send and open pictures on your email. Come to the Senior Center on Tuesday, August 11 at 9:00 to learn these helpful skills.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. 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
- Hearing Screening (2nd Monday each month)
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily 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.

To Reach Director Gayle Kennedy call 1-630-232-3602



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