



The Center Newsletter



Geneva Township Center

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602

Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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Sheri McMurray, Director



Mary Jane, Dolly & Irene at lunch

Important Dates

Pat's Chat	5/2,9,16,23
Ladies Tea	5/6 & 20
FREE Lunch	5/9
Swedish Days Float	5/12
FREE Meals	5/23
History Center	5/26
Mah Jongg	5/27
Craft	5/27
Center Closed	5/30
Memorial Day Tribute	5/30
Drury Lane Trip	6/23

DRURY LANE THEATER LUNCH TRIP IN JUNE

Join us for a road trip to **Drury Lane Theatre** in Oakbrook Terrace on **Thursday, June 23rd** for lunch and Neil Simon's classic comedy, ***Broadway Bound***. We'll travel by deluxe motor coach to and from the Center to Drury Lane where we'll enjoy lunch that includes salad, a choice of roast sirloin of beef or baked salmon with dill sauce, a selection of garden vegetables, potato or rice, fresh baked bread, dessert, and choice of beverage.

After a leisurely lunch, we'll be treated to the Tony Award nominated, *Broadway Bound*, a comedy that chronicles Eugene and Stan Jerome's attempts to break into show business as comedy writers in the late 1940's. At the play's conclusion, we'll travel back to the Center. **The all inclusive price for transportation, lunch and the play is \$65 per person.** While the exact departure time has yet to be determined, we expect to leave the Center mid-morning in order to arrive in time for lunch. We need a **minimum of 30** paid reservations to take this trip. Due to the nature of the arrangements, we will be unable to give refunds. If you'd like to make a reservation, please submit cash or a check made payable to Geneva Township **and** your lunch entrée choice **no later than Wednesday, June 1st**. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Sheri at the Center at 630/232-3602.

SWEDISH DAYS FLOAT DECORATING COMMITTEE

Continuing a tradition, the Center will again enter a float in the **Swedish Days** parade held on **Sunday, June 26**. Let's take an active role in the float decoration and design this year! Come to a **brainstorming meeting** with your ideas on **Thursday, May 12 at 10:00**. As in years past, interested members of the Center are encouraged to ride on the float during the parade. A welcome addition to last year's float was a covering to protect riders from the sun. Call Sheri if you'd like to be on the committee or have questions.

The Center will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30

To Reach Director Sheri McMurray call 1-630-232-3602

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.

MAJ JONGG CLASS SET

By popular demand, **Ina Wentzel** will again be teaching a one-day class for Center members designed to give you a good introductory lesson in the game of **Maj Jongg**. The class will meet on **Friday, May 27 from 9 am - 3 pm**. Please bring a sack lunch – drinks and dessert will be provided by the Center. If you're interested in registering for this class, please call the Center at 630/232-3602.

POOL TOURNAMENT RECAP

An update about the St. Patrick's Day pool tournament wasn't included in last month's newsletter...the editor apologizes! Teams of two were chosen by random. A lively competition ensued and made this a fun event with prizes awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams. **Lori Carroll and Lou Kram** captured 1st place with **Darrell Scarff and Sheri McMurray** coming in 2nd. Watch the calendar for future tournaments!

TUESDAY COMPUTER WORKSHOP CHANGE

The Tuesday computer workshop will meet **May 3rd, 24th, and 31st only** this month. Class participants are welcome to practice what you've learned by dropping by on the 10th and 17th at 9:30. As always, the computers in the activity room are available for members to use whenever a class is not in session.

DON'T GET CAUGHT MISSING A FREE MEAL IN MAY

We'll recognize the contributions of mothers everywhere with a luncheon on **Monday, May 9th at 11:30 am** and honor American soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom at our lunch and early bird dinner on **Monday, May 23rd at 11:30 and 4:00**. We've gotten positive feedback from Center members about the availability of three seatings - each with a smaller number of diners. Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may call for a reservation for **ONE MEAL ONLY**. Call 630/232-3602 **no earlier than Wednesday, May 4th**. No reservations will be taken prior to the 4th. All the details for each meal are included below. Remember to call early to reserve your preferred seating and make a note on your calendar for the meal day and time.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE!

1. **Monday, May 9 at 11:30 am Egg Harbor** will cater a lunch of their famous Door County chicken salad with toasted pecans, dried cranberries and crisp apples on croissants, fruit salad, and a side salad with poppy seed dressing. We'll round out the lunch with a slice of cheesecake. Don't miss our salute to mothers!
2. **Monday, May 23 at 11:30 am Little Owl** will provide a casual Memorial Day "indoor picnic" meal of Italian beef sandwiches, coleslaw, homemade chips, and cheesecake for dessert.
3. **Monday, May 23 at 4:00 pm** Your early bird dinner will have the same menu from **Little Owl** described above.



If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call the Center at 630/232-3602 so we can accommodate any waitlisted diners.

FUN FLOWER POT CHARACTER CRAFT

Stop by the Center to see the cute painted flower pot character we'll make this month. **Darlene Harris** and **Joni Salsinger** will help you create a whimsical character complete with a miniature straw hat on **Friday, May 27 at 10:00 am**. It would make a great table decoration - inside or out. There will be a \$2 charge to cover the cost of materials. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Any Questions? Call Director Sheri McMurray at 630-232-3602

GENEVA HISTORY CENTER VISIT AND BOX LUNCH

Maybe you are a **Geneva History Center** member and very familiar with its mission and exhibits, or maybe you'd like to learn more about Geneva's rich and varied history and have an introduction to the History Center. Either way, join us as we gather at the Geneva History Center located at **113 South Third Street** across from the Court House on **Thursday, May 26 at 12 noon**. If you'd like, come a little early and groups can carpool to the History Center. We'll provide a complimentary box lunch to enjoy when you arrive. **Margaret Selakovich**, Educator, will give you a flavor for what's available to you at the History Center and provide a peek into the current **Communication and Storycorps** exhibits. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register for this program. We won't be able to accommodate walk-ins the day of the event.

COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY

Geneva Township will continue its tradition of observing Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 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 graves lie 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.

PETS WANTED!



Don't forget to get Sheri your pet(s) photo for our new **Pet of the Month** feature. Since no member photos were submitted this month, **Township Supervisor Pat Jaeger** volunteered a picture of "Charlie". Charlie is

a nine year old mixed breed, terrier/black lab, rescue dog who began life on the mean streets of Chicago and now enjoys an idyllic suburban lifestyle. She likes: playing tug, long walks (also known as "checking the p-mail"), belly rubs, treats and sleeping most of the day away. She dislikes: thunderstorms, any dog with the audacity to walk on the sidewalk in front of her house, fireworks and not being paid any attention.

If you want your pet featured next month; don't delay! Drop off a photo at the Center or email it to smcmurray@genevatownship.com!

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 be there Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice alone.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars.
- **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.
- **Sony Wii:** bowling, golf, race cars and boxing.
- **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.

MAY BOOK SELECTION

Digging to America by Anne Tyler is the chosen selection this month for the Center book club. This story is about what it is to be an American. After 35 years in this country, Iranian born Maryam must come to terms with her "outsiderness". Join the club for a discussion of this book on Monday, May 23 at 10:00.



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FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM

Friday, May 6

The Lightkeepers

Richard Dreyfuss and Blythe Danner

The film is set on Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1912. It follows the story of two lighthouse attendants who swear to abstain from women, until two women arrive for their summer vacation.

Friday, May 13

Made in Dagenham

Based on a true story... a group of seamstresses at a Ford plant in 1968 in England battle for equal pay.

Friday, May 20

The King's Speech

Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter

The story of King George VI of Britain, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the *speech* therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it.

Friday, May 27

Up

Academy Award for Best Animated Feature Film. An animated comedy adventure about a 78-year-old man who ties balloons to his house and flies away, with an 8-year-old stowaway.

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)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Blood Pressure Check (4th Wednesday)
- Monthly Free Meal

PAT'S CHAT AND LADIES TEA

Two very popular groups continue to attract guys and ladies for coffee or tea, snacks, and great conversation. If you're a new member or just haven't joined in yet, come to the next meeting of **Pat's Chat (every Monday @ 9:30)** or **Ladies Tea** on the **1st and 3rd Fridays @ 11:00**.