



**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
- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Bears Game	12/4
Holiday Decorating	12/5
Holiday Show Rehearsal	12/7
Ornament Craft	12/8
Holiday Show	12/11
Ham Luncheon	12/13
Evening Get-Together	12/14
Holiday Tea	12/16
Book Club	12/19
Lasagna Luncheon	12/21
CENTER CLOSED	12/23, 26



The Center Newsletter

2nd Annual Holiday Show Promises to Delight

Last year’s holiday program was the 1st for the Center and members new and old have something special in store for the audience this year. **On Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm** the social hall will be lined with seats and our performers will again delight their audience with music, theater, laughter, and holiday fun. Our membership is talented! Don’t miss the chance to appreciate your friends and their talents. The program will conclude with a holiday sing-along and rumor has it that a surprise guest will be making an appearance. Refreshments will be served after the show. Call 630/232-3602 to reserve your seat. Please enter the Center through the porch double-doors on the day of the show. The front and side entrances will be **EXIT ONLY** that day.

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY SHOW REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7TH AT 1:00PM

Giving Tree for the Holiday

The Center is sponsoring a family this holiday season through the **Tri City Corps of the Salvation Army**. The **“Adopt a Family Program”** has sent a wish list for a family of six people. Items on their wish list include clothing, toys, gas and food cards, and other types of gift certificates. If you’d like to participate, beginning **Monday, December 5th** come to the Center office and choose an ornament from the “giving tree” that lists one of the individual wish list items. Consider joining with another member or members to purchase an item. A sign-up sheet will be located next to the tree. Please write your name and phone number on the sheet and indicate the number of the tag you’ve chosen. Gifts are to remain unwrapped. Store tags **MUST** be left on the items but gift receipts aren’t necessary. Attach the ornament tag to the gift and return it to the Center office. We **MUST** deliver all items to the Salvation Army **no later than Monday, Dec. 12th**. If possible, please drop your item off at the Center by Friday, Dec. 9th.

Help Deck the Halls

If you’d like to help adorn the Center for the holiday season, join us on **Monday, December 5th at 10:30**. We’ll provide the decorations if you can lend some of your decorating creativity.

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.

Bears Party on Sunday, Dec. 4th

The Bears on Sunday has become quite a party! Don't miss the Bears on the big screen, food and drink in the dining room, or pool and more Bears on the porch. On **Sunday, December 4th** the Center will **open at 11:45** for the Bears vs. Chiefs. Kick-off is at noon. Everyone is welcome but **PLEASE** call the Center to let us know you'll attend so our "party" food doesn't run out!

You Made a Difference!

The generous spirit of our membership was evident in November. We forwarded your donations totaling **\$236** to the **Northern Illinois Food Bank's** holiday meal program. Eight families in need were able to enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal because of your generosity. Thank you!

Holiday Ham * Classic Lasagna

or Chicken Sicilian for December

Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation **no earlier than Monday, December 5th** for **ONE MEAL** from a choice of four separate seatings in December by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 5th. Meals include a Ham Carvery on **Tuesday, December 13th at 11:00 and 12:30** and a Classic Lasagna lunch on **Wednesday, December 21 at 11:30. Wednesday, December 28th at 11:30** is Roasted Chicken Sicilian. See the meal details below. Call early for a reservation... we can't guarantee a specific seating due to the demand for certain times. Each seating is limited to 50 diners. When you make a reservation via voicemail, please leave your phone number if you'd like us to confirm your reservation.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE

1. **Tuesday, December 13 @ 11:00 or 12:30 (choose one)** A lunch of bone in ham, scalloped potatoes, Normandy blend vegetables, garden salad, roll, and caramel apple bar is on the menu.
2. **Wednesday, December 21 @ 11:30** Don't miss the Classic Lasagna with ricotta, Bolognese sauce, mozzarella, and parmesan cheeses. A marinated white bean salad on a bed of fresh spinach, garlic bread, and a gourmet sugar cookie rounds out this lunch.
3. **Wednesday, December 28 @ 11:30** Try the Chicken Sicilian w/garlic, olives & tomatoes, herbed potatoes, salad and lemon dessert.

Holiday Evening Get-Together

It's so busy this time of year... sometimes too busy. Take a break from the shopping and baking... the Center will stay open late on **Wednesday, December 14** for a casual get-together. A classic holiday movie, **It's a Wonderful Life**, will be shown on the big screen starting at 3:00. We'll provide a light, casual dinner in the dining room – available starting at 5:00. The holiday lights will be glowing in the Center... gather around the fireplace on the porch with some friends and just relax. At 6:00 pm we'll be visited by some carolers! A perfect end to a winter evening. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Spread Some Cheer

On Thursday, December 8 at 10:00 stop by and create a simple ornament that will accompany holiday meals delivered to homebound seniors by **Senior Services Associates**. Call Sheri at 630/232-3602 if you're able to "spread some cheer".

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Holiday Tea With Strings

Celebrate the holidays with a **special ladies tea** on **Friday, December 11 at 11:00**. In November our “tea totalers” made plans to decorate the dining room tables for the season... each with a different theme. Bring a “white elephant” gift (no more than \$5) and we’ll have a fun exchange. As always, delicious treats will accompany your tea. If you need an additional incentive... for your listening pleasure, a talented cellist will play a selection of holiday music as we sip our tea. Our intimate holiday tea is limited to 24. Call the Center soon at 630/232-3602 to make your reservation.

A Classic Book for December

The book club has chosen Ernest Hemingway’s **The Old Man and the Sea** for discussion in December. Hemingway’s last major work of fiction to be published in his lifetime centers on an aging fisherman who struggles with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream. Join other book lovers on **Monday, December 19 at 10:30** to share your impressions of this prize-winning novel.

Home Delivered Meals Available

Are you, or do you know anyone who is, unable to shop or prepare meals due to illness or other reason. At your request, the Center will have a delicious daily meal delivered to your home. These meals are the same meals regularly served and enjoyed every month by our membership at the Center. If you could benefit from this program whether in the long or short term, please contact Sheri at 630/232-3602. We are happy to help!

Bowling Meets on December 9th

The bowling group will meet only once in December due to the Center’s holiday schedule. Meet at **Bowling Green** in West Chicago on Rt. 38 on **Friday, December 9th at 12:00**. The regularly scheduled dates (**2nd and 4th Fridays**) will resume in January. Call the Center if you have any questions.

Thank You

If you made a pine cone wreath in November or admired ones made by your friends... be sure to extend a big thank you to **Joni Salsinger** and **Darlene Harris** for their talented instruction in three (yes, three!) wreath classes. These wreaths will be around for years of enjoyment. Thank you Joni and Darlene!



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.



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December 2011

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

Friday, December 2

Seven Days in Utopia (2011)

With Robert Duvall

A talented young golfer escapes the pressures of the game and finds himself stranded in a small Texas town where he meets an eccentric rancher.

Friday, December 9

The Help (2011)

An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960's decides to write a book detailing the African-American maid's point of view of the white families for which they work.

Friday, December 16

Scrooged (1988)

A comedy modernization of Charles Dickens' novella, **A Christmas Carol**, Bill Murray plays a cynical TV executive.

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
- Monthly Free Meal

Friday, December 30

The Tree of Life (2011)

A drama that chronicles the origins and meaning of life by way of a middle-aged man's childhood memories of his family living in 1950's Texas.

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