



**Geneva Township
Center**

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

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

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Important Dates

Garden Club	3/8
Ladies Spring Tea	3/9
The Glass Menagerie	3/11
Pat's Chat Brunch	3/12
Spring Wreath Craft	3/14
Corned Beef Luncheon	3/15
BBQ Rib Luncheon	3/22
Birthday Celebration	3/23
Book Club	3/26
Chicken Caesar Luncheon	3/28
Movies	3/2, 9, 16, 23,30
Elgin Symphony	3/30

March

2012



The Center Newsletter

***The Glass Menagerie* at Steel Beam Theatre**

Have you ever seen a production at the intimate **Steel Beam Theatre** in St. Charles? A Tennessee Williams favorite, ***The Glass Menagerie***, is currently on stage at the Steel Beam. This play premiered in Chicago in 1944 and then moved to Broadway. If you'd like to join us for the last matinee performance at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, March 11th**, call the Center. A senior priced ticket is \$23. The Center will arrange for a block of seats. Attendees can meet at the Center and carpool or meet at the theatre. Call the Center soon (**no later than Wednesday, March 7**) to let us know you'll attend.

St. Patrick's Day Brunch at Pat's Chat

The Center's guys meet on Monday mornings at 9:30 for coffee, snacks, & conversation. If you haven't joined them before, come on **Monday, March 12 at 9:30** and enjoy a **St. Patrick's Day Brunch**. Get into the spirit and wear a little "green". Boys, call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve a spot. The brunch is limited to 24.

Center Weekly Lunch Program Grows

Weekly lunch is alive and "very well" in the Center dining room on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. Service is available from **11:30 – 12:15**. Be sure to check out the March menu included in this newsletter for details. On most days, the salad bar is included with your meal. In order to keep track of the growing number of diners who are signing up for lunch, lunch sign-up will now be located in the Center's office. In order to be guaranteed a meal, you **must** register **at least 2 days** in advance. Let Sheri or Karla know if you want to reserve a spot or sign-up for lunch dates throughout the month. Registered diners will be served first. Walk-ins are welcome if additional meals are available after the registered diners are served. Come join the lunchtime crowd sometime soon!

Book Club Pick

The Hours by **Michael Cunningham** is the club's choice for March. This 1998 novel won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1999. The book concerns three generations of women affected by a Virginia Woolf novel. Join the discussion on **Monday, March 26 at 9:00 am**.

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

Spring Wreath Craft

A grapevine wreath decorated with colored, speckled eggs and spring flowers is this month's craft. A sample is displayed in the office. Center Member and "craft guru", **Joni Salsinger**, returns as the instructor for this project on **Wednesday, March 14 at 10:30**. This craft has a **limit of 13** individuals; a cost of \$8 will be charged to cover materials. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

Ladies Spring Tea on Friday, March 9

The March ladies tea will celebrate the beginning of spring! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to join friends (or, make new ones) at one of the Center's favorite monthly events. A "real" teacup will make your freshly brewed tea taste so much better. We won't forget the treats, either. Ladies, call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Center's Special Meals a Hit!

Center members gather around the large round dining room tables three times each month for lunch and scintillating conversation. These "special" meals really bring the Center community together. We particularly welcome new members to these popular gatherings! Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation **no earlier than Tuesday, March 6 for ONE MEAL** from a choice of three separate seatings in March by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 6th. Meals include a Corned Beef lunch on **Thursday, March 15 at 11:30**, a BBQ Pork Rib lunch on **Thursday, March 22 at 11:30**, and a Chicken Caesar Sandwich lunch on **Wednesday, March 28 at 11:30**. 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 date 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. We can't guarantee a confirmation the same day (particularly on the first reservation day) due to the volume of calls.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE

1. **Thursday, March 15 @ 11:30** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lunch of corned beef, Irish potatoes, cabbage & carrots, rye bread, and Leprechaun pistachio pudding.
2. **Thursday, March 22 @ 11:30** Enjoy the ever popular BBQ Pork Ribs, sweet potato pie, baked beans, and apple cobbler at this meal.
3. **Wednesday, March 28 @ 11:30** Try a lighter lunch with a chicken Caesar sandwich, cucumber & pepper salad, fruit cup, and a cheesecake square.

New Garden Club Meets Monthly

An enthusiastic group of Center members attended the **1st Garden Club** meeting in February. An interest in plants and gardens is all that's required for membership in this club. Many individuals who attended the first meeting wanted to explore indoor gardening and the maintenance of the Center's indoor tropical plants. Come to the next club meeting on **Thursday, March 8 at 1:00 pm** in the dining room to learn some tips for caring for house plants in your homes. We'll also discuss the development of a maintenance plan for the Center's plants. If you have questions, stop by and talk to **Karla** in the Center office or give her a call at 630/232-3602.

Any Questions? Call the Center at 630-232-3602

March Birthday Celebration

We want you to feel special on your birthday! If you have a March birthday, call the Center and let us know you'll join us on **Friday, March 23rd at 1:00** for cake, candles, and ice cream. You may bring up to 2 family members or friends to share in the celebration. When you call to RSVP, please let us know whether you'll be bringing guests.

AARP Tax Return Prep Appointments

Don't wait too long to make an appointment for 2011 tax return preparation. Let us reserve a time for you to have one of the trained AARP volunteer preparers complete your return at the Center. There is no cost for this service. Appointments are available from **10:00am – 3:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday**. Appointments are required. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 for a reservation.

Center Trips Need YOU!

We haven't reached the minimum numbers needed for the two trips detailed in February's newsletter. A concert of Bach, Mozart, and Mendelssohn by the **Elgin Symphony Orchestra (ESO)** on **Friday, March 30** at **1:30** and a matinee performance of the musical, **Hairspray**, at the **Drury Lane Theater** on **Thursday, April 19** need additional sign-ups. The deadline to add your name to the list for the **ESO** trip is **Friday, March 9**. Center members must register for the **Drury Lane** trip no later than **Monday, March 19**. Call the Center with any questions at 630/232-3602.

Bowling Update

Center bowlers meet at **Bowling Green** in **West Chicago (Rt. 38)** on the 2nd and 4th Friday (**March 9 & 23**) at **noon** to bowl two games. We're looking for bowlers' input on the start time. Let us know whether you'd prefer a later start time.

Pet of the Month Returns

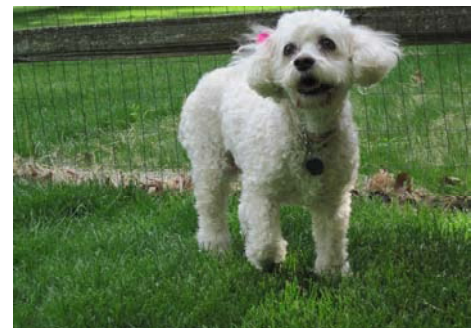
Casey and Rachel Johnson's cockapoo, **Hannah Noel**, turned "Sweet 16" last November. It's reported that she's "a self-directed and determined (read stubborn) girl who likes walks in the park, snacks, and sleeping late". More pets are waiting to be showcased... please let us know if you'd like us to feature your companion!



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.



Hannah Noel



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smcmurray@genevatownship.com

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FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM

ON THE BIG SCREEN!

WITH POPCORN!

Friday, March 2

J. Edgar (2011)

Rated R for brief language

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio

J. Edgar Hoover was feared and admired, reviled and revered. Secrets would have destroyed his image and careers.

Friday, March 9

Hugo (2011) PG-13

Nominated for 11 Academy Awards, this animated, fantasy drama is about a boy who lives alone in a Paris railway station and the enigmatic owner of a toy shop there.

Friday, March 16

Contagion (2011) PG-13

Starring Kate Winslet/Matt Damon/Jude Law

A lethal airborne virus that kills within days becomes a fast-moving, worldwide epidemic.

Friday, March 23

Tower Heist (2011) PG-13

Starring Ben Stiller & Eddie Murphy

The workers at a posh Central Park condo plot to steal back their pensions from a thieving Wall St. billionaire.



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)
- Weekly Lunches and Daily Refreshments
- Yearly Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Monthly Free Meal

Friday, March 30

The Space Between (2010) Not Rated

This independent film is the fictional story of Montine McLeod, hard-edged flight attendant, who finds herself the sudden, unwilling guardian of a young boy when their plane bound for Los Angeles is grounded on Sept. 11, 2001, in the wake of the terrorist attack.