



**Geneva Township
Center**

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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The Center Newsletter

TRIAD Spring Safety Academy in April

If you've attended a **Central Kane County TRIAD Safety Academy** in the past, you know how informative and entertaining these presentations are... the Spring Academy is set for **Friday, April 26 from 9:00 am – noon at the Geneva Park District (Sunset Park) 710 Western Ave., Geneva.** An interactive skit presenting issues surrounding financial and physical abuse of older adults is included in the program. You also won't want to miss a discussion with Kane County Assistant State's Attorney, Debra Bree. She recently prosecuted a much-publicized case of elder abuse and neglect in Aurora. A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch will be served. **RSVP no later than Friday, April 19th at 630/593-4005 if you'd like to attend.**

Wheeler Walkers are Back!

The ice has finally melted off the Wheeler Park paths and the **Wheeler Walkers** are antsy to get back to walking. Some of them never stopped!! Join the walkers for the first day of the new season on **Thursday, April 4 at 9:30am.** **Wheeler Walkers** step out **every Thursday at 9:30am.** The group and individual walkers walk at their own pace on the paths just outside the Center doors. Some members remember the Wheeler Walker shirts and caps that walkers sported in the "early days". We need your help! The Center wants to design a new shirt that walkers could wear while they stroll on the park paths or other places. We'd love your ideas... artwork, wording, etc. You can email Wheeler Walker shirt ideas to Sheri at smcmurray@genevatownship.com, send by snail mail, or drop-off at the Center. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

Knitting Circle

Enjoy knitting and crocheting... or, do you want to learn how? Beginning or experienced; join this new group. Come talk and knit and knit some more on **Thursday, April 18 at 1:00pm.** Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.



Important Dates

Wheeler Walkers	4/4, 11, 18, & 25
Movies	4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26
Arts Interest Group	4/5
Current Events	4/11
Knitting Circle	4/18
Ladies Tea	4/19
TRIAD Safety Academy	4/26
Book Club	4/30
Butterfly House	5/9
RTA Travel	5/23

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.

Ladies Tea is a Center Tradition

On **Friday, April 19 at 11:00**, we'll continue the tradition of **Ladies Tea** at the Center. As activities go... this one is "sold out" every month. From a modest event with one table of Center women in the dining room, this monthly activity has grown to 40 (yes, 40!) members. Sometimes informal and sometimes spectacular; tea continues to feel warm and inviting, an especially good introduction for new Center women. Finger sandwiches, treats, and of course, tea in china cups can all be counted on to enhance the great conversation. April's Committee is hard at work... contact the Center office if you'd like to join the fun and join a tea committee in the future. We can accommodate the first 40 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up.

Tax Preparation Appointments

Tax preparation season is quickly coming to an end. Volunteer AARP preparers will be at the Center on **Tuesday and Thursday** through **Thursday, April 11**. Preparers can help members complete and file their 2012 Federal and IL tax returns. Only a few appointments remain. Don't miss out! There is no cost for this service. **Appointments are required.** Call 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.

Arts Group Planning Meeting Set

The Center **Arts Interest Group** sponsored a very successful first event for the group when 15 members traveled together in March to Elgin to see the Elgin Symphony Orchestra (ESO). Attendees were unanimous in their enthusiasm for this concert and agreed the ESO should be on the list for future trips. On **Friday, April 5**, the **Arts Group** will meet at **11:00am** to brainstorm and choose future arts opportunities. Join this group and contribute your ideas for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related opportunities. Our area is "rich" in possibilities!



Save the dates in May...

Peck Butterfly House Program

Thursday, May 9 @ 1pm

RTA (Train & Bus) Travel

Presentation

Thursday, May 23 @ 10:30am



Keep it Clean

The Center is bustling... help us keep the building clean and tidy. Don't dispose of liquid-filled cups in the garbage cans. Please empty cups in the bathroom sinks, activity room sink, or hand the cup to a Center staffer. We've found walls with coffee stained streaks and staff members are sometimes splattered with liquids when garbage cans are being emptied. We don't want to change the policy of allowing liquids in a cup with a lid in all rooms of the Center. If you see something that needs to be cleaned up anywhere in the Center, let staff know. Thank you!

Miss Timmins School for Girls in April

Join the growing Center **Book Club** this month and read **Nayana Currimbhoy's** novel *Miss Timmins School for Girls*. Set in India during the monsoon of 1974, it tells the story of a conventional young girl who leaves her cloistered small town home to teach at a remote boarding school run by British Missionaries. Join this coed group in the Social Hall on **Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.** for the discussion.

St. Patrick's Day Pool Tournament Winners

Fourteen Center members competed in the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Pool Tournament. Seven 2-member teams enjoyed a delicious brunch from Egg Harbor before the tournament. Tournament players were the first to try out the newly reconditioned pool table - new felt and pockets! All agreed that the play was enhanced by the improvements. Check out the photo of our top three winning teams and their trophies...



- 1st Place **Chuck Olson & Pat Mitchell**
2nd Place **Darrel Scarff & Tom Natanek**
3rd Place **Mike Taormina & Terry Boyle (not pictured)**

New Items on April Lunch Menu

Our April menu calendar includes some new options this month. Baked Rotini with Sausage, Chicken Gumbo, Meatball Sub, and Turkey Pasta Salad are among some of the new main course items. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Reservations are now being accepted for every lunch meal this month. The midday meal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30–12:15. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. **You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...**walk-ins can only be accommodated after registered diners are served. **A free-will donation is accepted at each meal.** Don't be disappointed; call early to sign up for your favorite, special meal! If you're able, please call if you can't make it. We have a waiting list most days.

Computer Use

The Center's three activity room computers really get a workout most days. We'd like to ask that members limit their use to 30 minutes at a time so everyone has a chance to surf the web or use the word processing features. If you find that all computers are in use, stop by the Center office and let staff know you'd like to use a computer. We'll remind current users that there are members waiting... In the future, it may be necessary to institute a computer use sign-in. Thanks for your help!

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 gather Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice solo.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars etc.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Computer Access:** Drop by and log on.

Our *Pet of the Month* Introduces Herself!

Hello, I'm **Chloe**, a Miniature Longhaired Dachshund, and member **Lillian Skaar's** grand-dog. I'm a senior too and have just come back from my driving lesson. I grew up with Laura, she's Lillian's grand-daughter, and we used to



Chloe

have such fun when we were kids. She'd dress me up in a tutu or other outfits from her doll's wardrobe. I guess I looked pretty cute, if I may say so myself! It's been great visiting with you, and have a wonderful day. Bye, Chloe.



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smcmurray@genevatownship.com

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



Friday, April 5
Argo (2012)

Rated R (2 Hrs.)

Starring Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin & John Goodman

Winner of the Academy Award for Best Picture... during the Iran hostage crisis, the CIA and Hollywood collaborated in a life-or-death covert operation to rescue six Americans. Reservations are full for *Argo*; please call if you'd like to be placed on the waiting list.

Friday, April 12
Downton Abby (Season 1)
(1 ½ Hrs.)

Come watch **Episodes 5&6** of the first season of this critically acclaimed PBS Masterpiece Theater series. This British period drama won't disappoint.

Friday, April 19 & 26
Lincoln (2012)

Rated PG-13 (2 ½ Hrs.)

Starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field

Daniel Day-Lewis won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Lincoln. In a nation divided by war and the winds of change, Abraham Lincoln pursues a course of action designed to end the war, unite the country and abolish slavery. **Please call the Center to make a reservation for this popular movie.**

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)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

Current Events Discussion Group a Hit

On **Thursday, April 11 at 1:30pm** the **Current Events Group** will meet in the Social Hall to discuss some topics of the day... come with your ideas. Discussion won't be limited to one subject! This lively, coed, open-minded group welcomes all opinions. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.