



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

January

2014



**The Center Newsletter**

**Toy Drive Update**

A voluntary toy drive conducted by the Holiday Tea Committee was wildly successful! Tea attendees and many members of the wider Center membership donated a total of 111 individual toys. See the photo on the right of a portion of the donated toys arranged around the Holiday Tea tree. The collected toys were donated to the Salvation Army Tri-City Corp. Children in the Tri-Cities identified as being in need by the Salvation Army benefitted from this generous donation. A special thank you goes out to Center member **Joni Salsinger** who volunteered to shop for toys using cash donations from members and packed the toys for delivery.



**Super Bowl Party**

The Center will open at **5:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 2nd** for a party to celebrate the **48th Annual Super Bowl**. As of this writing, the teams have yet to be determined. Do Bears fans dare to dream? Kick-off is at 5:20. The Center will provide a football entrée and drinks. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring **one appetizer, side, or dessert**. Help the Center plan for food... call and make a reservation. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Not a football fan? No problem! Just come to eat dinner and visit with friends, play pool or cards.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Important Dates**

Center CLOSED	1/1, 1/20
Friday Movies	1/3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Computer Workshop	1/7, 14, 21, 28
Topics	1/8
Ladies Tea	1/17
Pie Day	1/23
St. Charles Singers & Mozart	1/26
Super Bowl Party	2/2
Postmortem at Steel Beam	2/9

**Mozart for the Masses with the St. Charles Singers**

The **St. Charles Singers** are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year of great choral music. Join us on **Sunday, January 26 at 3:00pm** when we'll attend **Mozart for the Masses** at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues). We'll meet at the church at 2:40 so we can sit together. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve your ticket.

**Center Holiday Schedule**

The Center will be closed on **New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1** and **Monday, January 20** to observe **Martin Luther King Day**.

## 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.

## Thankful!

Director Sheri McMurray wants to express her sincere appreciation for the **SURPRISE!** birthday celebration at the Holiday Revue. A cake, an extremely generous monetary gift from members to be used to purchase items from her Center wish list, and a beautiful silver nameplate for her office desk (stop by and see it) brought a few tears and reminded her why this great Center community made up of wonderful people is unrivaled.

## Newsletter Vacation Reminder

Please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped if you will be temporarily away for an extended time. The newsletter is not forwarded but returned to the Center if your mail has been stopped. Every month, the postal service returns several newsletters to us. We remove you from our postal list if your newsletter is returned. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to put you back on our active mailing list upon your return – just call to tell us you're back home. If you're away and have computer access, the newsletter is always available at [www.genevatownship.com](http://www.genevatownship.com).

## Topics Group Back

What's on your "bucket list"? Join the **Topics** group on **Wednesday, January 8 @ 1:00pm** to participate and share your very personal "to do" list as this month's topic. The group meets in the social hall each month for an exchange of ideas about varying topics of interest.

## Pie Day

After all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, January can be a little bit of a letdown. The Center wants to change that...Bet you didn't know that **January 23 is National Pie Day**. Stop by the Center dining room on **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30** for a piece of pie.



We'll have a variety of flavors and you can top it with ice cream or whipped cream if you'd like. Call the Center to sign up.

## Postmortem at the Steel Beam Theatre

On the heels of three fun holiday shows, join us on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** for a **3:00pm** performance as we venture again to the **Steel Beam Theatre** at 111 W. Main St. in St. Charles for a Sherlock Holmes whodunit kind of mystery, **Postmortem**. The prolific American playwright, **Ken Ludwig**, has written a thriller loaded with suspense and laughter. Ludwig's first Broadway play, *Lend Me a Tenor*, won three Tony Awards. Tickets for this production are \$22 per person. We'll meet at the theater in St. Charles at 2:40pm. Call the Center soon at 630/232-3602 to reserve a ticket. If you've never been to Steel Beam; come see what this small, intimate community theater has to offer.

## Winter Reminder

December 2013 has been more snowy, icy, and even rainy than usual at this time of year. The Center works hard to keep the parking lot and walks clean and free of snow and ice. The plaza in front of the Center tends to become icy sooner than the walk and parking lot. Help us by reporting any slippery conditions so we can address them. Be especially careful on the walk just past the Center mailbox as you approach the building. A water main leak necessitated removing some asphalt on the path and drive. Gravel was used to fill in the area but the path may be a little uneven. Repair of this area cannot be completed until the spring when the weather warms up. Your safety is our Number 1 concern!

## Computer Workshop

Tuesday computer class with **Ken Johnson** will resume this month after a holiday break. Stop by at **9:45am on January 7, 8, 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup>**; there is no need to sign up. Come with your computer questions.

## Ladies Tea Celebrates National Hot Tea Month

Just in case you needed an excuse to gather in the Center dining room for Ladies Tea... January is **National Hot Tea Month**. Our January tea will be held on **Friday, January 17 at 11:00am**. While we usually serve pot tea along with individual selections at this monthly event, this month we'll have a large assortment of individual tea flavors. Everyone will be able to choose a favorite and we'll provide the hot water. Small sandwiches and treats will be served, too. Hot tea is especially satisfying during the cold winter months! In January, our tea is limited to the first 40 Center women who sign up. Call 630/232-3602 to make your reservation.

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### In Appreciation

A number of local merchants and individuals donated items for our Holiday Tea. Member **Betty Templeton** crocheted beautiful mini Christmas stockings for tea goers to take home as a favor. Thank you, **Betty!** **Villa Verone** donated delicious minestrone soup for our whole group. Thank you, **Pietro!** The following merchants and individuals donated items for the tea and raffle drawing: **Front St. Café, Houlihan's, Tower Car Wash, Nosh, Colonial Café, Egg Harbor, Yankee Candle, Great Harvest Bread, Joni Salsinger, Mary Brault, Fresh Market, Chef Roby at All Chocolate Kitchen, and Graham's**. Please patronize these businesses to let them know how much we appreciate their donations.



Judy, Marie, Joni, & Janene

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### Make a Lunch Reservation

Hamburgers, Chicken Noodle Soup, Parmesan Chicken with Marinara Sauce, and Meatloaf are included on the lunch calendar this month. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. 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 to defray the cost of your meal.

## 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.

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### Join the Book Club

Make a New Year's resolution to enjoy a good book! Make it even more enjoyable by joining our monthly Book Club to participate in a discussion of the month's selection. January's pick is the novel *Ape House* by **Sara Gruen**. In *Ape House* you'll meet apes named **Sam, Bonzi, Lola, Mbongo, Jelani, and Makena**. These apes are capable of reasoning and carrying on deep relationships. They also know American Sign Language! On **Tuesday, January 28 @ 10:00am** the club will gather in the social hall.





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### Save a Stamp

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[smcmurray@genevatownship.com](mailto:smcmurray@genevatownship.com)

## January 2014



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

January 3

*The Hudsucker Proxy* (1994)

Rated PG (1:50 Hours)

Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh &  
Paul Newman

A naive business graduate is installed as president of a manufacturing company as part of a stock scam. A tough reporter smells a rat and begins an undercover investigation of Hudsucker Industries.

January 10

*Jobs* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (1:28 Hours)

Ashton Kutcher

The story of Steve Jobs' ascension from college dropout into one of the most revered creative entrepreneurs of the 20th century.

January 17

*Clean Guys of Comedy Live from Denver* (2013)

Not Rated (1:48)

Dave Coulier & Jamie Kennedy

This provides big laughs for audiences who want adult minded, clean stand-up comedy.

January 24

*Oblivion* (2013)

PG-13 (2 hours)

Morgan Freeman & Tom Cruise

A veteran assigned to extract Earth's remaining resources begins to question what he knows about his mission and himself.

### 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

January 31

*Lee Daniels' The Butler* (2013)

PG-13 (2:12 hours)

Forest Whitaker & Oprah Winfrey

As Cecil Gaines serves eight presidents during his tenure as a butler at the White House, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and other major events affect this man's life, family, and American society.