



**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



**Important Dates**

CENTER CLOSED	1/1/2015
Friday Bridge	1/2, , 9, 16, 23, 30
Friday Movies	1/2, , 9, 16, 23, 30
Ladies Pool	1/13
Topics	1/14
Ladies New Years Tea	1/16
CENTER CLOSED	1/19
Scrabble	1/22
National Soup Month Lunch	1/23
Book Club	1/27

January

2015



**The Center Newsletter**

**Grateful Thanks!**

**The Center at Geneva Township** is full of very giving people. In December, we were all the beneficiaries of that giving nature several times during the holiday season. Whether it was taking the time to help decorate the Center for the holidays, donating decorations, soliciting businesses for Ladies Tea prizes, donating door prizes for the Tea, knowing just when to give a helping hand to Center staff; the list goes on and on... Thank you for your thoughtfulness! Eileen and Sheri want to particularly thank the membership for the unbelievably generous gift that was presented the day of the holiday program to the Center for our use and enjoyment. No words can adequately express our appreciation. Sheri was also touched by the birthday remembrance. This place is unique and its members are second to none.

**It's National Soup Month**

We're going to celebrate! Don't let the cold January doldrums get you down. Stop by on **Friday, January 23 at 11:30** for a mug of hot, homemade **loaded baked potato soup or turkey & bean chili**. Let's add to the more than 10 billion bowls of soup Americans eat each year... **Reservations are required.** Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

**Holiday Food Donation Report**

A big thank you goes to the **Holiday Tea Committee** this year for their very successful food collection. Ladies attending the tea and many other members contributed more than 400 individual items to the St. Peter Food Pantry. The committee spent a great deal of time sorting and boxing the contributions. This time of year is a critical one for the food pantry; the need often exceeds the available stocks of food. Thank you to everyone who participated!

**Center Holiday Schedule**

The Center will be closed on **New Years Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015** and **Monday, January 19, 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.

### *Death Comes for the Archbishop*

Join the book club discussion of **Willa Cather's** novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop* on **Tuesday, January 27 @ 10:00am**. First published in 1927, this book discusses the attempts of a Catholic bishop and a priest to establish a diocese in New Mexico Territory. In 2005, *Time* magazine named Cather's book as one of the best 100 English language novels from 1923-2005. New readers are always welcome; come contribute to the discussion!

### NEW Scrabble

Did you know that **Scrabble** was invented by an out-of-work architect who was a victim of the Great Depression? In 1933, Alfred Mosher Butts attempted to create something that combined chance and skill entwining the elements of anagrams and the classic crossword puzzle into a scoring game. Over the next 15 years, the game and name were refined with Scrabble being trademarked in 1948. Some form of Scrabble is now found in three out of every five American homes. We'd like to start a regular Scrabble group at the Center. If you're interested, stop by the Center on **Thursday, January 22 at 12:30** to play. If there's enough interest, we'll add it to the activity calendar. If you can't attend on the 22<sup>nd</sup> but would like to play in the future, give the Center a call.



## Lunch for January 2015

Baked Chicken & Wild Rice, Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Lasagna, and Egg Salad are on the menu in January. There's fruit at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. 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...A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.

## Album of Center Pictures

Next time you're at the Center, take a look at the picture album with a black and white cover in the dining room (if you haven't already). Photos from 2013 and 2014 are included in this album. Our member resident photographer, **Mary Lemak**, has some wonderful shots of our membership. She has a special way of capturing the moments we share here. Thank you, Mary, for all your contributions!

## Center Building Updates

You may have noticed some physical improvements made in the last few months at the Center. All of the exterior trim on the building was painted. Interior painting will begin in January to freshen up the Center spaces. Over the long Thanksgiving weekend, carpets throughout the building were spot cleaned and shampooed. The furniture upholstery will also be cleaned in the next several weeks. A FAVOR... please let Center staff know about spills or other messes anywhere in the building. The sooner they're addressed, the better!

## Carousel Deposit Due

Eighteen Center members have signed up to attend **Carousel at the Lyric Opera in Chicago on Thursday, April 23 for the matinee performance**. In order to hold your reservation, please mail or drop off a deposit of \$35 (1/2 of the total cost) to the Center no later than **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Cash or checks made out to **Geneva Township** will be accepted. The final payment of \$35 is due no later than **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. It's not too late to make a reservation... we have two extra tickets available. A ticket in the First Balcony and round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center will cost \$70. Call the Center soon so you don't miss out on what will surely be a spectacular event.

### **Topics Group Discussion**

The Center director's Grandmother had a saying she was fond of repeating when leaving a place – "I guess I'll pick up my dolls and dishes and go home". A quick internet search didn't turn up any similar sayings. Maybe it was picked up from her family or from someone in her small Vermont community. In any event, the saying continues to be passed down in her family - to grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Some popular sayings are emblazoned on ball caps and t-shirts. Is there a saying or slogan that is meaningful to you? Whether old or new, why does it resonate with you? What is its origin if you know? Join the **Topics** group on **Wednesday, January 14 @ 1:00** to share your favorite saying or slogan. This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions!

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### **A Cup of Tea for the New Year**

In Spain, the ritual on New Year's Eve is to eat twelve grapes at midnight in order to secure twelve happy months in the coming year. The Dutch burn bonfires of Christmas trees on the street and launch fireworks. The fires are meant to purge the old and welcome the new. **Ladies Tea** will skip the fireworks but on **Friday, January 16 at 11:00** we'll salute 2015 with a hot cup of tea, sandwiches, grapes (just in case there's any truth to the Spanish ritual), and sweets. The tea is limited to the first 48 Center women who sign up. Call 630/232-3602 **beginning on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** to make your reservation. Ladies Tea is special because of the creativity and work of the volunteer members serving on each tea committee. Committees have been formed for the months of April and May. Why not join the fun and reserve one of the remaining ten months for your group? If you don't have a group but want to participate, contact the Center.

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### **Newsletter Vacation**

Every month, the postal service returns several newsletters to us that aren't deliverable due to a member being temporarily away from home. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to return you to our active list upon your return – just call to let us know.

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### **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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### **NEW Ladies Shooting Pool!**

If you've spent much time at the Center lately you probably know that the pool table gets a pretty good workout! There's no doubt that it's a popular game here. However, there's one missing element – **LADIES!** Center women are always welcome to play with the Center men... no experience is necessary. But, we thought it might be fun to set up a time for the ladies to practice and refine their skills. Hopefully, this will lead to some friendly co-ed competition in the future. Stop by the Center at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13** for some "no pressure" pool. Instruction will be provided for novice players.



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### Save a Stamp

Sign up to receive your newsletter, calendar and menu electronically. Just e-mail a request to Sheri McMurray at:  
[smcmurray@genevatownship.com](mailto:smcmurray@genevatownship.com)

## January 2015



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

**JANUARY 2**

*Magic in the Moonlight* (2014)

Starring Emma Stone & Colin Firth

Rated PG-13 (1:37 Hours)

A romantic comedy about an Englishman brought in to help unmask a possible swindle. Personal and professional complications ensue.

**JANUARY 9**

*Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014)

Starring

PG-13 (2 Hours)

When a brash adventurer swipes a powerful orb, he must outsmart a villain with ambitions that threaten the universe and lead a band of misfits to save the galaxy.

**JANUARY 16**

*Boyhood* (2014)

Rated R (2:44 Hours)

A young boy navigates everything from family controversies, first loves, and good times as he grows from a 6-year-old to a young adult.

**JANUARY 23**

*When the Game Stands Tall* (2014)

Rated PG (1:55)

A high-school football coach leads his school to a twelve-year winning streak.

### **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 30**

*Jersey Boys* (2014)

Rated R for language(2:14 Hours)

In this film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, this film tells the story of THE FOUR SEASONS rise to success from their humble Jersey beginnings.