



**Geneva Township
Center**

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630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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The Center Newsletter

Super Bowl Party

The Center doors will open at **5:00 pm on Sunday, February 1** for the **49th Annual Super Bowl (Seahawks vs. Patriots)**. The Center will serve spiral cut ham, bread and rolls, and drinks. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring one appetizer, side, or dessert. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Of course, you're also welcome to play pool, poker, or surf the internet. Join the party!

NEW Reader's Theater

Reader's Theater is a style of theater in which the actors (readers) do not memorize any lines. Each reader, reads his/her lines using only vocal expression to help the listeners understand the story rather than using visual storytelling aides such as sets, costumes, intricate blocking, and movement. Readers Theatre is also known as Chamber Theatre or Interpretive Theatre. It became popular during and following the Second World War when resources to produce plays were scarce. The original Readers Theatre were presented using only scripts and stools or chairs. The material performed was plays, poems, narrative fiction, and non-dramatic literature. The Center welcomes interested actors/readers and audience members to gather at the Center on **Monday, February 23 at 11:00**. We'll provide a script of a short play - no memorization required. Readers and audience members will be seated comfortably for this informal theater. Try something fun and different; call the Center at 630/232-3602 with any questions.

2nd Annual Great American Pie Month

Do you remember our first pie day last year? Yum! February is **Great American Pie Month**. To celebrate, stop by the Center dining room on **Wednesday, February 11 at 2:30** for a piece of pie. We'll have a variety of different pies and you can top off your piece with ice cream or whipped cream if you'd like. Call the Center to sign up. **Reservations are required.**

Presidents' Day Holiday

The Center will be closed on **Monday, February 16**, for a **Presidents' Day** observance.

Important Dates

Super Bowl Party	2/1/2015
AARP Tax Prep	Tues. & Thurs.
Ladies Pool	2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24
Scrabble	2/5, 12, 19, 26
Friday Movies	2/6, 13, 20, 27
Valentine Jar Craft	2/6
Topics	2/11
Great American Pie Day	2/11
MEN'S BRUNCH	2/13
CENTER CLOSED	1/16
Valentine Ladies Tea	2/20
Reader's Theater	2/23
Book Club	1/27

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.

Topics Group Discussion

Join the *Topics* group on **Wednesday, February 11 @ 1:00** to share your three favorite books. Try to narrow it down – as difficult as that might be! Some individuals may reach back into their childhood and choose a book that had an impact...others may prefer to draw from their adult choices. Be it fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, biographies, classics, romance novels; what's your pleasure? This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions! A new topic is chosen by the group each month.

Above All Things is the Book Club's February Choice

Join the Book Club discussion of **Tanis Rideout's** novel *Above All Things* on **Tuesday, February 24 @ 10:00am**. Rideout blends historical fact and fiction. The story of George Mallory's ill-fated 1924 attempt to be the first man to conquer Mount Everest and a single day in the life of his wife as she waits at home in England for news of his return are woven together. This friendly group welcomes new readers!

NEW Scrabble Schedule

Several members played **Scrabble** the last two Thursdays. There's interest in establishing a regular time each week. The Center will now include Scrabble on the activity calendar **every Thursday at 12:30**. Stop by any Thursday to play. The Center will provide Scrabble game boards and tiles.

Center Lunch in February

Hamburger, Hot Dog, Cod Filet, and Chicken Salad are on the menu in February. There's fruit and a salad bar 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.

Lace and Hearts for Valentine Tea

Every month Center ladies pause to take a breath and settle down in the dining room...joining their friends for what has become a very special gathering – **Ladies Tea**. We can't think of a better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a warm cup of tea in a delicate tea cup and special treats. Valentine's Day is for lovers and friends! Our February tea committee will welcome you on **Friday, February 20th at 11:00** with imaginative decorations and tasty eats. The tea is limited to the first 48 Center women who sign up. Call 630/232-3602 **beginning on Monday, February 2nd** to make your reservation. Ladies Tea is special because of the creativity and work of the volunteer members serving on each tea committee. Committees are still needed for **April – December**. Why not join the fun and reserve one of the remaining nine months for your group? Each committee will be provided with funds from the Center to purchase decorations and food. If you don't have a group but want to participate, contact the Center.

Enthusiastic Ladies Shooting Pool!

What's different about the pool table these days? **LADIES!** Center women have been practicing and cheering each other on as they learn the game and refine their skills. There's no better feeling then when you sink a shot in a pocket. It's not too late to join this group as **Ladies' Pool** will now take place **every Tuesday from 10-11**. Absolutely no experience is necessary! Drop by any Tuesday for some "no pressure", laugh out loud pool.

West Side Story Update

Unfortunately, there have not been enough registrations for **West Side Story** and we will have to cancel this trip. However, be sure to check out two other arts opportunities for March in this newsletter.

Valentine Candy Jar Craft

Stop by on **Friday, February 6** from **10-12** and decorate a mason jar with ribbon, glitter, fabric, etc. to hold some Valentine candy. The Center will provide all the supplies, including candy! **Reservations are required.** Call the Center at 630/232-3602.

AARP Tax Preparation Appointments

Volunteer AARP preparers will once again be at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday each week to help members complete and file their 2014 Federal and IL tax returns. Tax preparation appointments are now available for all dates beginning Tuesday, February 3. AARP volunteers are trained and tested in current tax law using materials from the IRS. They can complete most tax forms including 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with schedules. However, please see a professional tax preparer for complicated returns. For a specific list of tax forms that can be completed by the AARP preparers, please contact the Center. There is no cost for this service. Appointments are required. Call 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.

Inspired with the St. Charles Singers

Guest conductor, **Craig Hella Johnson**, has been nominated for several Grammy awards. He will conduct the **St. Charles Singers** in a program titled *Inspired* that includes a five-movement work, *Walden Pond*, based on Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*. Three cellos and a harp accompany the choir. Join us on **Sunday, March 8** when we'll attend *Inspired* at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Avenues). We'll meet at the church at 2:30 so we can sit together. The cost is \$28 per ticket. Payment can be in the form of a check or cash. Call the Center **no later than Friday, February 13** at 630/232-3602 to reserve your ticket.

MEN'S BRUNCH

On **Friday, February 13th at 11:00 a.m.** the Center will host a Men's Brunch. All male Center members and township residents over the age of 55 are invited to attend. Attendance will however be limited to the first 48 men who make a reservation. Brunch will be catered by **Egg Harbor** restaurant. Call the Center **no later than Friday, February 9th** at 630/232-3602 to make your reservation.

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.

No Way to Treat a Lady at Fox Valley Repertory

Fox Valley Repertory at Pheasant Run describes *No Way to Treat a Lady* as a "dark musical comedy thriller". Based on a novel and movie by William Goldman, it is set in New York in 1970 where a serial killer is on the loose. Tickets for this production are \$28 per person. We'll meet on **Thursday, March 5 at 1:30** for this performance at Fox Valley Repertory at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St. in St. Charles. Call the Center soon at 630/232-3602 to reserve a ticket. Tickets must be reserved **no later than Friday, February 13**. Payment can be in the form of a check or cash.



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

FEBRUARY 6

Rudderless (2014)

Rated R for language (1:45 hours)

Directed by William Macy

A grieving father in a downward spiral stumbles across a box of his recently deceased son's demo tapes and lyrics. Shocked by the discovery of this unknown talent, he forms a band in the hope of finding some catharsis.

FEBRUARY 13

The Judge (2014)

Rated R for language and some sexual references
(2:41 hours)

Starring Robert Downey, Jr. and Robert Duvall

Big city lawyer Hank Palmer returns to his childhood home where his father, the town's judge, is suspected of murder. Hank sets out to discover the truth and, along the way, re-connects with his estranged family.

FEBRUARY 20

My Old Lady (2014)

Rated PG-13 (1:47 hours)

Starring Kevin Kline and Maggie Smith

An American inherits an apartment in Paris that comes with an unexpected resident.

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

FEBRUARY 27

The Birdcage (1996)

Rated R (2 hours)

Starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane

A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents.