



**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

Friday Movies	5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Euchre	5/6, 13, 20, 27
Wheeler Walkers	5/7, 14, 21, 28
Reader's Theater	5/11
Topics	5/13
Ladies Tea	5/15
Book Club	5/26
CENTER CLOSED	5/25
Swedish Days Parade	6/28

May

2015



The Center Newsletter

Memorial Day Commemoration

Geneva Township will continue its tradition of observing **Memorial Day Monday, May 25** by placing ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags at each grave in Geneva Township of those killed in defense of our country. To honor those Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime and whose final resting places lay somewhere beyond our township, we will once again erect a 23-flag tribute. The tribute will occur on Memorial Day on the plaza immediately in front and west of the Center. At approximately 6:30 a.m. the Fox River-Geneva American Legion Post 75 Color Guard will perform a 21-gun rifle salute followed by the bugle call *Taps*. **The Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for Township residents who wish to observe this moving tribute.** Refreshments will be served in the Center dining room.

Feelin Groovy on the Swedish Days Parade Float

On **Sunday, June 28** the Center will again participate in the **Swedish Days Parade**. The theme for the 66th Annual Swedish Days is "Through the Decades". We've chosen the 1960's this year. Last year our 1950's inspired float included amplified music. Remember "Come Fly With Us". The addition of a sound system allowed us to broadcast musical selections for people lining the parade route. The familiar tunes had members on the float and people in the crowd singing and moving to the music. ***Feelin Groovy*** is our theme this year. We'll groove to the music again! As in years past, interested members of the Center are encouraged to ride on the float during the parade. You must register by calling the Center at 630/232-3602; seating is limited. When you call to sign up, please let us know your t-shirt size.

Idea Box

Our members have some of the best ideas! A new wooden **Idea Box** is located on the credenza in the Center office. A pad of paper and pen is located on the side; jot down your idea and drop it in the slot. It's not intended for maintenance issues; for those, talk to Sheri or Eileen. If you'd rather communicate your idea in person, we're always glad to talk with you. Can't wait to read your ideas!

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.

Food and Drink Guidelines

A reminder... please be careful with your drinks in the Center. Lids are a requirement on all cups. If a spill is noticed, contact Center staff immediately. Food of any kind must be consumed in the dining room or on the patio. Thank you!

NEW Euchre

Euchre players have spoken! Several members have said they're interested in starting a regular Euchre group. If you'd like to play, stop by on **Wednesday, May 6 at 1:00pm**. Euchre will be on the activity calendar every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Call the Center if you have any questions.

SMILES

*Smiling is infectious; you can catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I walked around the corner & someone saw me grin.
When he smiled, I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about the smile & then realized its worth.
A single smile like mine could travel round the earth.
So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic and get the world infected.*

--Author Unknown

Center member, **Carmen Anderson**, shared this with us... Thanks, Carmen!

Spring Showers Bring May Flowers at Tea

On **Friday, May 15 at 11:00** Center women are invited to **Ladies Tea**. Our May tea committee has a special day planned for you. You'll enjoy delicious pinwheel sandwiches and strawberry shortcake with whipped cream along with a hot cup of tea. We can accommodate the first 48 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up. Tea host committee sign-ups for 2015 continue. Get your friends together and contact the Center office to sign up to host a monthly tea. Or, we will help individual members form a group. The costs associated with the Tea are covered by the Center. Sheri and Eileen will help with set-up and serving!



Wheeler Walkers Strolling

Last month's weather was not too conducive to walking. Let's be optimistic about May; stop by to walk **any Thursday at 9:30am**. Walking and talking makes this a great way to meet new people while strolling on the park paths just outside the Center. The pace is up to you... fast, slow, or somewhere in the middle. Plan to gather in the dining room at 9:25 so the group can start off together. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

Lunch at the Center

Polish Sausage & Onions, Herbed Chicken, and BBQ Riblet are on the menu in May. 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. A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.

IMPORTANT

To ensure that we order enough meals to accommodate all those who wish to dine with us, please make a reservation for each day that you'd like to have lunch. At least a two day notice is preferable. A menu calendar is included in your newsletter and extra copies are available in the dining room. You may make reservations for an entire month at a time. Walk-ins are welcome to join us after all registered diners have been served. Please check with Center staff first if you want to have lunch but have not signed up.

Reader's Theater

The **Reader's Theater** troupe is growing... New short plays are introduced each month. Acting experience is not necessary; just bring your enthusiasm. We're using comedic scripts at the moment and the group (both readers and audience) is really enjoying this interactive process. On **Monday, May 11 at 11:00** (note this is a date change due to the Memorial Day holiday), *The College Reunion & The Dr. Jill Show* will be performed. Copies of the scripts are available in the Center office if you'd like to do a read-through prior to the monthly meeting. No memorization is necessary. An audience is also welcome and encouraging for the Readers. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with any questions.

Life After Life is Book Club Choice

On **Tuesday, May 26 @ 10:00am** this co-ed club will gather to discuss the 2013 novel *Life After Life* by **Kate Atkinson**. On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born, the third child of a wealthy English banker and his wife. Sadly, she dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. As she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in any number of ways. Janet Maslin of the *New York Times* called it "a big book that defies logic, chronology and even history in ways that underscore its author's fully untethered imagination." **Intrigued?** Join the club this month; new readers are always welcome!

Topics Group

How the heck did I evolve & what happened to me? This subject will probably get you thinking! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 13 @ 1:00**. This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions!

The Center will be closed for regular activities on

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day



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.

MOVIES, CONTINUED...

MAY 22

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
(2014)

Rated PG-13 (2:24 Hours)

The Dwarves of Erebor have reclaimed the vast wealth of their homeland, but now must face the consequences of having unleashed the terrifying Dragon, Smaug, upon the defenseless men, women and children of Lake-town.

MAY 29

Still Alice (2014)

Rated PG-13 (1:39 Hours)

Starring Julianne Moore, Kate Bosworth, Alec Baldwin

Alice Howland is a renowned linguistics professor at Columbia University who starts to forget words. When she receives the devastating diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's, Alice and her family find their bonds tested.



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MAY 2015



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

****NEW****

If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please make a reservation by calling the Center office at 630/232-3602.

MAY 1

The Imitation Game (2014)
Rated PG-13 (1:54 Hours)

Starring Benedict Cumberbatch & Keira Knightly
During the winter of 1952, British authorities entered the home of mathematician, cryptanalyst and war hero Alan Turing to investigate a reported burglary. They instead ended up arresting Turing himself on charges of 'gross indecency', an accusation that would lead to his devastating conviction for the criminal offense of homosexuality - little did officials know, they were actually incriminating the pioneer of modern-day computing.

MAY 8

Unbroken (2014)
Rated PG-13 (2:18hours)

Olympian and war hero Louis "Louie" Zamperini, along with two other crewmen, survived in a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in WWII, only to be caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp.

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

MAY 15

Into the Woods (2014)
Rated G (2:00 Hours)

This all-star cast with Meryl Streep, Anna Kendrick, Emily Blunt, and Chris Pine tell the magical story about a couple desperate to have a child. They embark on a perilous journey into the Woods to lift an evil witch's curse. who are on their own quests to make their wishes come true.

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