



Geneva Township Center

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

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The Center Newsletter

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

On Oct. 3, 1999, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery was dedicated as the 117th national cemetery within the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration. It lies in the northwestern area of the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant and when fully developed, this 982-acre cemetery will provide 400,000 burial spaces. **Eileen Stocking** recently took a tour of the cemetery and on **Monday, November 9 at 10:30 am** she'll provide an overview of the monuments and memorials contained within the grounds and information related to military funeral honors.



Thanksgiving Tea Gathering

On **Friday, November 20 at 11:00** Center ladies will have a gathering in the dining room for the **Thanksgiving Ladies Tea**. The tea committee is busy with preparations; don't miss it. Enjoy your Center *family* at this month's tea. Hot tea will be welcome as there's now a chill in the air! Small sandwiches and a seasonal dessert will also be served. We can accommodate the first 48 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up. A waitlist is started and we encourage you to let us know if you're unable to attend so we can add the next person from the waitlist.

Neapolitan Crèche Program

On **Wednesday, Nov. 18 @ 10:00 am** plan to come hear a presentation by the **Art Insights Program of the Art Institute of Chicago** regarding the 18th-century Neapolitan crèche acquired by the Art Institute and first displayed in 2013. One of the very few (another is owned by the Geneva History Center!) and finest examples of such a work outside of Naples, the crèche is an intricate Nativity scene that reflects the vitality and artanship that the city is still known for. The Art Institute's crèche features over 200 figures—including no less than 50 animals and 41 items of food and drink—all staged in a spectacular Baroque cabinet with a painted backdrop. Please call to register for this presentation.



Important Dates

Blood Pressure Screen	11/3
Topics	11/4
Friday Movies	11/6, 11/13, 11/20
Abraham Lincoln Cemetery	11/9
Center CLOSED	11/11
Holiday Appetizers Demo	11/16
Art Insights	11/18
Ladies Tea	11/20
Book Club	11/24
Center CLOSED	11/26, 27
Reader's Theater	11/30
Holiday Decorating	11/30
St. Charles Singers	12/6
White Christmas	12/12

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.

Newsletter Vacation

If you are planning an extended trip away from home, please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped until you return. Every month, the postal service returns several newsletters to us that aren't deliverable due to a member being temporarily away from home. We remove you from our postal list if your newsletter is returned. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to return you to our active list upon your return – just call to tell us you're back.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Last month many Center members took advantage of the new blood pressure screening. A nurse from **VNA Health Care** will be at the Center on the 1st Tuesday of each month to measure your blood pressure. This complimentary service will be available on **Tuesday, November 3 from 9:30 am – 10:15 am** in the social hall near the sign-in book. No appointment is necessary.

Topics Group

From casual card nights to special Broadway shows, entertainment comes in all forms. So many avenues for our entertainment dollars... let's explore our choices and what kind of entertainment you find most enjoyable. On **Wednesday, November 4 @ 1:00** to join the discussion. Note that this is a change from the usual 2nd Wednesday meeting due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Reader's Theater Meets Santa

Haven't tried the Center **Reader's Theater** group yet? On **Monday, November 30 at 11:00 am** stop in to do a read-through of a comical holiday piece – ***Santa Flunks Retirement***. If there's interest, we might perform this short piece for a wider audience in December. Remember, you don't have to memorize any lines! The Center welcomes all interested actors/readers and audience members. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with any questions.

Center Closings

The Center will be closed for regular activities on **Wednesday, November 11** to observe Veterans Day. Thank you, Veterans, for your unselfish service to our country! On **Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th** the Center will be closed for a Thanksgiving observance.

Appetizer Demonstration

In anticipation of the holidays, gourmet cook and food stylist, **Susan DuFour**, will again bring her talents to the Center. On **Monday, November 16 @ 11:00 am** Susan will put on her "Cooking Coach" hat and demonstrate how to make Easy, Quick, & Pretty holiday appetizers. Susan is a wonderful teacher; cooks of all skill levels will take away some new techniques and some great recipes. Best of all... you'll get to sample the completed appetizers! We can accommodate the first 25 people that sign up. Reservations are required. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

Candlelight Carols

The **St. Charles Singers** will again present ***Candlelight Carols***. Familiar, traditional carols along with pieces like Pacalbel's ***Magnificat in D Major*** will be beautifully sung by this group... a great start to the holiday season! There are only 5 tickets remaining for this Sunday matinee performance. The cost is \$20 per ticket. The concert will be held at The Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Avenues) on **Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m.** If you haven't already signed up, please call the Center soon to reserve a ticket. **Payment (cash or check) for all tickets must be received no later than Friday, November 13.** After that date, we will offer any unclaimed reservations to waitlisted members.



November's Book Club Choice

On **Tuesday, November 24 @ 10:00 am** the Center Book Club will gather and discuss *Memento Mori*. It's a 1959 novel by the Scottish author, **Muriel Spark**. Her other notable works include *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, *The Mandelbaum Gate*, and *The Driver's Seat*. The *Latin* title translates to "**Remember you must die**" and is the message delivered by a series of insidious phone calls made to the elderly Dame Lettie Colston and her acquaintances. Who is making the calls and why? The recipients reflect on their past lives while trying to identify the culprit. Join the club this month; new readers are always welcome!

NEW Date for *White Christmas*

It never gets old watching Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*... On **Saturday, December 12** a Center group will travel to the Drury Lane Theatre to see the musical adaptation of the movie. **Note the date change from the October newsletter.** A comfortable coach bus will depart the Center at 2:00 pm. We'll enjoy a pre-show meal at 3:00 pm at Drury Lane and the 5:00 pm performance of this holiday classic. The meal includes a garden salad, **choice of entrée (traditional roast breast of turkey, gravy, herb stuffing, cranberry sauce OR baked whitefish and lemon roasted garlic butter)**, dinner rolls, chef's selection of potato, vegetable, dessert, and one beverage. The all inclusive cost for round-trip transportation from the Center, meal (gratuity included), and the show is \$60. **Only one ticket is left!** All payments (check or cash) and your entrée choice must be received **no later than Monday, November 9**. After that date, we will offer any unclaimed reservations to waitlisted members.

Lunch at the Center

Join us for a lunch meal at the Center on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday beginning at 11:30...lunch includes Cindy's salad bar. **Oven Roasted Greek Chicken, Cheese Omelet, BBQ Chicken Thigh, and Hot Dogs** are options this month. 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.** Walk-ins are welcome to join us after all registered diners have been served.

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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MOVIES continued from last page...

NOVEMBER 20

Wuthering Heights (1992)

Rated PG (1:45 Hours)

The 1992 adaptation of Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* is a lavishly produced rendition of the timeless love story, featuring Juliette Binoche as Cathy and Ralph Fiennes as Heathcliff.

Holiday Elves

If you'd like to help decorate the Center for the holiday season, join us on **Monday, November 30th at 1:00 pm.** We'll provide the tree, decorations, lights, etc. if you can lend some of your decorating creativity. The Center really sparkles during the holidays! Enjoy some holiday cookies and coffee, too.



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NOVEMBER 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.

**NOVEMBER 6
Cinderella (2015)**

**Rated PG (1:45 Hours)
Starring Cate Blanchett**

A new vision of the Cinderella tale... after the death of her mother, Ella's father remarries, and Ella welcomes her stepmother and her daughters, Anastasia and Drisella, into the family home. But when Ella's father unexpectedly passes away, she finds herself at the mercy of a jealous and cruel new family. Despite being relegated to serving the family, Ella is determined to honor her mother's dying words to "have courage and be kind."

**NOVEMBER 13
Mr. Holmes (2015)**

**Rated PG (1:45 Hours)
Starring Ian McKellen and Laura Linney**

In 1947, an aging Sherlock Holmes returns from a journey to Japan, where, in search of a rare plant with powerful restorative qualities, he has witnessed the

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

devastation of nuclear warfare. Now, in his remote seaside farmhouse, Holmes faces the end of his days tending to his bees, with only the company of his housekeeper and her young son, Roger. Grappling with the diminishing powers of his mind, Holmes comes to rely upon the boy as he revisits the circumstances of the unsolved case that forced him into retirement, and searches for answers to the mysteries of life and love - before it's too late. **Continued on p. 3**