



**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
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- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Important Dates**

CENTER CLOSED	1/1
Arts Interest Group	1/8
Friday Movies	1/8, 15, 22, 29
Topics	1/13
Ladies New Year's Tea	1/15
CENTER CLOSED	1/18
Book Club	1/26
Super Bowl Party	2/7
<i>Opera in Focus</i> Trip	2/17

January

2016



**The Center Newsletter**

**Appreciation!**

Just a note to let members know how grateful we are for your giving spirit... it's not only at holiday time that Center members are ready and gladly give of their time and talents. Thank you to everyone who has helped in a myriad of ways during the past year! Sheri and Eileen want to especially thank the membership for the very generous monetary gift that was presented to the Center the day of our holiday party. It's wonderful to be able to purchase items that make their job easier and enhance Center programming. Thank you for your thoughtfulness! In addition, Sheri really enjoyed being serenaded to by members for her birthday and celebrating with cake and ice cream.

***Opera in Focus* Trip**

The puppet production **Opera in Focus** presents fully staged scenes from well known operas in performances that run about one hour in length. Each performance offers between three and five scenes, depending on the length of the individual scene. A demonstration of the operation of the puppets and a tour of the highly technical back-stage area follows each performance. The uniquely articulated rod puppets, the only ones of their kind, are the invention of William B. Fossier, who began work on their design in the late 1930's. The puppets are manipulated from below the stage floor and are capable of very life-like action and dramatic gestures for which opera singers are so famous. Because of their great cost, the puppets were not built until 1956. Their first performance stage was not built until the following year. In September of 1958, **Opera in Focus** was first presented in a rented store on Chicago's north side. On **Wednesday, February 17** a group will travel to Rolling Meadows to see **Opera in Focus** present scenes from "Annie Get Your Gun", "Porgy and Bess", and "LaGioconda" by Ponchielli. **A ticket, box lunch, and round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center will cost \$17(cash or check accepted).** The bus will leave the Center at 12:30. Tickets are limited; please sign up soon.

**Center Holiday Schedule**

The Center will be closed on **New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2016** and **Martin Luther King Day** observance on **Monday, January 18, 2016.**

## 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.

## Blood Pressure Change

The free Blood Pressure Screening will now take place every other month on the first Tuesday. The next screening will be on **Tuesday, February 2nd from 9:30am – 10:15am**. At that time, a nurse from VNA Health Care of the Fox Valley will be at the Center to take members' blood pressure. An appointment is not necessary. Mark your calendars...

## Topics Group Discussion

The New Year often brings with it "resolutions". If you make them, you probably agree that it's easier to make one than it is to keep it. Join the Topics group on **Wednesday, January 13 @ 1:00 pm** to share your resolutions. How do you intend to keep them? This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions!

## Super Bowl 50 Party

The Center doors will **open at 4:30 pm** on **Sunday, February 7th** for the **50th Annual Super Bowl**. As of this writing, the teams have yet to be determined. The Center will serve spiral cut ham, homemade chili, 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, shuffleboard, poker, or surf the internet.



## Holiday Food Collection Thank You

Thank you to all Center members who made a food or monetary donation in December to benefit the St. Peter Food Pantry that serves residents in need in Geneva Township and the surrounding area. Your generosity made a donation of several boxes and bags filled with food possible. This time of year is a critical one for the food pantry; the need often exceeds the available stocks of food. Thank you again to everyone who participated!

## Arts Interest Group

The Center **Arts Interest Group** will meet on **Friday, January 8 @ 11:00am** to review upcoming arts opportunities for the next several months. Join this group and contribute your ideas for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related opportunities. All are welcome.

## NEW Center Additions

If you haven't been by the Center recently, stop in to see some new additions... we have a **new shuffleboard table** on the porch – just to the left as you enter the porch from the dining room. It's seen quite a bit of play this last week. A list of rules is posted on the white cupboard next to the table. A drawer on one side of the table holds the pucks and a manual electronic scoring device is mounted on the opposite side. No previous experience is necessary; grab a friend and give it a try. In addition, a **sound bar** has been added to the large screen TV in the meeting room. Sound quality is improved over the built-in speakers of the flat screen. Our Friday movie attendees can give it a test drive in January.

## Ladies New Year's Tea

Toot your horn and welcome 2016 at the January Ladies Tea. Join us on **Friday, January 15 @ 11:00** for our monthly gathering. Do you make New Year's resolutions? The practice of making resolutions for the New Year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians. They would reportedly vow to pay off debts and return borrowed farm equipment! It may not be the return of borrowed farm equipment, but if you've made a resolution and would like to share it, write it down and bring it to tea. We'll share some of them during the tea without divulging your identity. Center staff will host this month's event. Small sandwiches, fruit, and sweets will be served. Of course, the teapots will be full of hot tea. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

## License Plate Renewal Change

The Illinois Secretary of State's office has suspended mailing out vehicle registration renewal reminder notices to the public due to the lack of a state budget. However, people who have signed up to receive electronic reminder notices will continue to receive them by email. To sign up for this service, please visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Vehicle owners can also visit one of the Secretary of State facilities to renew their vehicle registration stickers.

## January Book Club

The book club didn't meet in December (despite what was detailed in the December newsletter) because of the holidays. They will read and discuss **Bill Bryson's** book *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* on **Tuesday, January 26 @ 10:00am**. After living in Britain for two decades, Bill Bryson recently moved back to the United States with his English wife and four children. Delivering the comic musings that are a Bryson hallmark, *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* recounts his sometimes disconcerting reunion with the land of his birth. The result is a book filled with hysterical scenes of one man's attempt to reacquaint himself with his own country, but it is also an extended if at times bemused love letter to the homeland he has returned to after twenty years away.

## 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 mailing 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.

## Lunch in the Dining Room

Chili Con Carne, BBQ Chicken Thighs, Cheese Omelette, and Meatballs and Marinara are a few entrees in January. 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.

## Daily Drop-In Activities

The following activities are available whenever the Center is open, 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.
- **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch,
- **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 from last page...

severely wounded, and two of her friends were injured, when a masked gunman boarded her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley and pulled the trigger.

**JANUARY 29**

**Burnt (2015)**

**Rated R for language (1:41)**

**Starring Bradley Cooper and Emma Thompson**

Chef Adam Jones had it all - and lost it. A two-star Michelin rock star with the bad habits to match, the former enfant terrible of the Paris restaurant scene did everything different every time out, and only ever cared about the thrill of creating explosions of taste. To land his own kitchen and that third elusive Michelin star, though, he'll need the best of the best on his side, including the beautiful Helene.



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**JANUARY 2016**



**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.

**JANUARY 8**

**Finders Keepers (2015)**

**Rated R for language (1:23 Hours)**

A comic documentary...When his amputated leg is discovered in a grill sold at a North Carolina auction, John Wood finds himself at the center of a worldwide media frenzy. Believing the new-found attention to be his chance at doing some great things in an otherwise disappointing, wayward life, he's quickly swept up in the hysteria as the leg's enterprising buyer, Shannon Whisnant, then sues to regain its custody.

**JANUARY 15**

**The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (2015)**

**Rated PG-13 (1:56)**

CIA agent Solo and KGB agent Kuryakin are forced to put aside longstanding hostilities and team up on a joint mission to stop a mysterious international criminal organization that is bent on destabilizing the fragile balance of power through the proliferation of nuclear weapons and technology.

**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 22**

**He Named Me Malala (2015)**

**PG-13 (1:28 Hours)**

This is a portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban at the age of 15 with her father for advocating for girls' education. She was

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