



Geneva Township Center

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Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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The Center Newsletter

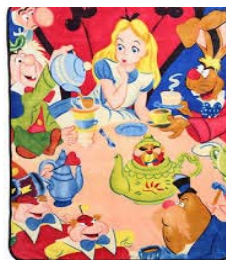
Don't Forget the "Big Championship Game" Party!

If you haven't attended a football party at the Center before; don't miss another year. The Center doors will open at 4:30 pm on **Sunday, February 7th** for the **50th Annual Football Championship Game**. The Broncos will battle it out with the Panthers in San Francisco. Spiral cut ham, homemade chili, bread and rolls, and drinks will be provided by the Center. 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! Please call the Center to register no later than Thursday, Feb. 4.



Alice in Wonderland Valentine Tea

"Yes, that's it! Said the Mad Hatter with a sigh, it's always tea time." Don't be "late for a very important date". On **Friday, February 19 @ 11:00** we'll go down the rabbit hole like Alice to attend the special ***Alice in Wonderland Tea***. A Mad Tea Party with your friends! The dining room will be decorated to take you back to the Lewis Carroll story... Tea 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.



Important Dates

- Friday Movies 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26
- AARP Tax Prep 2/9,11,16,18,23,25
- Championship Game Party 2/7
- Topics 2/10
- CENTER CLOSED 2/15
- Opera in Focus Trip 2/17
- Alice in Wonderland Tea 2/19
- Book Club 2/23
- Steel Beam Theatre 2/28
- Talent Show 3/24
- Drury Lane Theatre Trip 3/31
- Elgin Symphony Trip 4/3

The Clean House at the Steel Beam Theatre

On Sunday, February 28th a group will be attending the 3:00 pm matinee performance of ***The Clean House*** at the **Steel Beam Theatre 111 W. Main St. in St. Charles**. This 2005 Pulitzer Prize Finalist is a funny play about class, comedy and the true nature of love. Put together in a house a Brazillian housekeeper who aspires to be a comic, an eccentric sister who loves to clean, two doctors, one mistress, and a couple who literally died laughing...Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve your ticket. The cost is \$22. We'll meet at the theater in St. Charles at 2:40pm.

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.

Opera in Focus Reminder

Members who have registered for the puppet production *Opera in Focus* trip will leave the Center via luxury coach bus on **Wednesday, February 17 at 12:30**. The group will travel to Rolling Meadows to see scenes from "Annie Get Your Gun", "Porgy and Bess", and "LaGioconda" by Ponchielli. If you haven't paid for the cost of the trip, please do so **no later than Friday, Feb. 5**. A ticket, box lunch, and round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center will cost \$17(cash or check accepted). The trip is currently full. If you'd like us to put you on the waitlist in the event a place opens up, please call the Center.

Topics Group

This month the group will have an open discussion – no set topic. What's on your mind? Enlighten the group... introduce them to a topic that interests you. The group chooses to refrain from discussing politics and religion. Join *Topics* on **Wednesday, February 10 @ 1:00 pm**. This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions!

Blood Pressure Screening Reminder

On **Tuesday, February 2nd from 9:30am – 10:15am** you can have your blood pressure taken by a nurse from VNA Health Care of the Fox Valley. An appointment is not necessary. Mark your calendar for this important, free screening!

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 2015 Federal and IL tax returns. Tax preparation appointments are now available for all dates **beginning Tuesday, February 9**. 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. When you come for your appointment, please bring a photo ID (driver's license, State ID, passport), social security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification notice with the full number, a copy of last year's tax return, all forms W-2 and 1099, and any other information specific to your tax situation. For a 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.

Photo Year in Review

Our resident photographer, member **Mary Lemak**, has chronicled Center activities for many years through her camera lense. She has also compiled the photos and narratives in albums for each year... stop by and take a stroll down memory lane by looking through the 2015 album located on the table in the center of the dining room. Thank you, Mary, for all you do!

Book Club Choice

The Club has chosen to read **David Wroblewski's** book *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose remarkable gift for companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. Edgar seems poised to carry on his family's traditions, but when catastrophe strikes, he finds his once-peaceful home engulfed in turmoil. Join the discussion on **Tuesday, February 23rd @ 10:00am**.

Movie Reservations

Due to the popularity of this month's movies, please remember to call the Center to make a reservation. If necessary, we will schedule another showing at a later time.

More Arts Opportunities

The **Center Arts Interest Group** has planned two additional options in March and April... see details below. Call the Center to register or if you have any questions.

****Hazel** at the **Drury Lane Theater** in Oak Brook on **Thursday, March 31** for the 1:30 pm performance. This musical comedy is based on the character in the 1960's television series. Comfortable, round-trip coach transportation will be provided from the Center to the theater. The all-inclusive cost (ticket and bus) is \$55.

****Elgin Symphony Orchestra** with **Rachel Barton Pine (Chicago violinist)** on **Sunday, April 3** for the 2:30 pm performance. Dvorak's Carnival Overture, violin concerto, and Symphony No. 9 in E minor "From the New World" will be featured at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. Round-trip coach bus transportation will be provided from the Center to the Hemmens. The cost for a ticket and transportation is \$45.

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on **Presidents Day, Monday, February 15, 2016.**

Lunch in the Dining Room

Oven Roasted Greek Chicken, Chicken w/Creamed Pesto, BBQ Riblet, and Chili Con Carne are a few entrees in February. There's fruit or dessert 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 lunch.

Upcoming...

Talent Show

Thursday, March 24

Call the Center if you're interested in participating.



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.
- **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...

FEBRUARY 19

Intern (2015)

PG-13 (2:01 Hours)

Robert DeNiro & Anne Hathaway

Ben Whittaker is a 70-year-old widower who has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site, founded and run by Jules Ostin.

FEBRUARY 26

The Martian (2015)

PG-13 (2:22 Hours)

Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain & Jeff Daniels

Best Picture nominee... During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew.



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FEBRUARY 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.

FEBRUARY 5

Bridge of Spies (2015)

PG-13 (2:21 Hours)

Tom Hanks & Alan Alda

Nominated for Best Picture... James Donovan, an insurance claims lawyer, is thrust into the center of the Cold War when he agrees to represent a Soviet spy captured in New York, committed to ensuring the man receives a fair trial no matter his politics. Later, an American U-2 spy plane is shot down over Soviet airspace, and the pilot, Francis Gary Powers, is captured and imprisoned.

FEBRUARY 12

A Brilliant Young Mind (2015)

PG-13 (1:51 Hours)

Teen math prodigy Nathan struggles when it comes to building relationships with other people, including his mother, Julie. In a world difficult to comprehend, he

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

finds comfort in numbers. And when Nathan is taken under the wing of unconventional and anarchic teacher Mr. Humphreys the pair forges an unusual friendship.

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