



The Center Newsletter



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

- Sheri McMurray, Director



NEW Follow the Wheeler Walkers' Path

One of the Center's longest running activities is **Wheeler Walkers**. The new walking season gets underway on **Thursday, May 5 at 9:30**. Every Thursday at 9:30 am the group and individual walkers walk at their own pace on the paths just outside the Center doors in the park. The Center will provide a cold bottle of water for your trek. Plan to gather in the dining room at 9:25 so the group can start off together. More than walking happens; meet someone new and enjoy some conversation as you walk. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

Mother's Day Tea

An unknown author related the following; "***When it comes to love, Mom's the word.***" Our Ladies Tea this month will celebrate and honor MOTHERS! On **Friday, May 20 @ 11:00** join us as we dedicate our May gathering to Moms. The tea committee will impress you this month with their creative menu and table decorations. If you're a new member, we encourage you to join us. You'll enjoy a china cup of hot tea and meet many Center ladies. Reservations are required and limited to the first 48 ladies who call. Let us add you to the list by calling the Center at 630/232-3602.

Memorial Day Tribute

Geneva Township will continue its tradition of observing Memorial Day **Monday, May 30** 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.

Important Dates

<i>The King and I</i> Trip	5/5
Wheeler Walkers	5/5, 12, 19, 26
Greenhouse Open House	5/7
Friday Movie	5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27
Topics	5/11
Hand & Foot Tournament	5/13
Bingo	5/18
Mother's Day Tea	5/20
Spring Banner Craft	5/25
Memorial Day Ceremony	5/30
CLOSED for Reg. Activity	5/30
Book Club	5/31

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.

Wheeler Park Greenhouse

Have you ever peeked in the windows of the Wheeler Park greenhouse next to the Center (particularly this time of year) and wished you could get a closer look? Now is your chance...the Park District greenhouse is having an open house on **Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 am – noon**. You can see what's growing and ask questions of the staff. Maybe you'll get some ideas for your own garden!

Traditional Bingo and Prizes!

On the third Wednesday of every month (**Wednesday, May 18 @ 12:30**) members can play traditional bingo with a choice of prizes for winners. There is no cost for this activity. Why not sign up for lunch at the Center and stay to play.

Spring Banner Craft

It's time to brighten up our décor at home as we welcome warmer weather. On **Wednesday, May 25 at 1:00 pm** Center member **Loretta Bernahl** will help you create a colorful, three-panel banner with beautiful embellishments hung on a fabric ribbon. A sample will be displayed in the Center office. The cost of this craft is \$5 to cover supplies. Payment will be accepted on the day of the craft. Registration is required; a limited number of spots are available. Call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Hand & Foot Tournament Reminder

On **Friday, May 13 at 11:30** the **2ND Center Hand & Foot Tournament** will begin. A lunch for all registered players will be served at 11:30. Play will begin immediately following the meal. Registration has closed for this event. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

Pool Tournament Results

Eight 2-person teams of players and enthusiastic audience members enjoyed the spring pool tournament and *Portillo's* lunch. Each pairing was randomly drawn from the ladies and guys and therefore brought a mix of pool experience. Trophies were awarded to the first place team of **Tom Natanek** and **Darrel Scarff**, second place was **Rudy Padilla** and **Sue Mercer**, and the third place team was **Lou Kram** and **Fran Weiglein**. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

May Book Club Choice

Souls into the Night, a novel written by the late **Kent Haruf**, is set in Holt, Colorado. Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades; in fact, Addie was quite fond of Louis's wife. His daughter lives hours away in Colorado Springs, her son even farther away in Grand Junction, and Addie and Louis have long been living alone in houses now empty of family. The nights are so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with... Join the discussion on **Tuesday, May 31 @ 10:00**.

Monthly Breakfast Reminder for Veterans

On the 2nd Tuesday (May 10th this month) at 8:00am, local veterans get together for fellowship and breakfast (for purchase) at Abby's Breakfast & Lunch, 11 North Third Street in St. Charles. Information about programs and services available to veterans is provided.

May Lunch

Chicken & Pork Jambalaya, Cheesy Denver Eggs and Hash Browns, and Hamburgers are a few entrees in May. 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 *The King & I* Information

If you are registered for the Center trip to see *The King and I* at the Lyric Opera in Chicago on May 5th and would like to sit with friends at the show, please call the Center no later than Wednesday morning (May 4) to let us know. We will do our best to accommodate your request. However, all of our seats are located in a block on the main floor and everyone will be in close proximity to each other. This trip is full. Participants should arrive at the Center no later than 11:15 on Thursday, May 5. Our coach bus will depart for Chicago at 11:30 sharp. A complimentary box lunch and drinks will be provided. The musical begins at 1:30 with a show running time of three hours including an intermission. The group will return to the Center immediately following the conclusion of the show.

Kane County Recycling Events

Kane County offers monthly recycling events (2nd Saturday of the month). You're asked to stay in your car and items are unloaded for you. See additional details at www.countyofkane.org/recycling.

Where: 540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles (Kane County Circuit Clerk's office)

When: 2nd Saturday of each month

Hours: 8 am – 12 noon

May 14 – electronics/books

June 11 – EXTRAVAGANZA

July 9 – electronics/books

August 13 – electronics/books

Sept. 10 - electronics/books

Oct. 8 – electronics/books

Nov. 12 – electronics, books,
shredding and latex paint



MOVIES continued from last page...

MAY 20

Carol (2015)

Rated R for a scene of sexuality/nudity and brief language (1:58 Hours)

Starring Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara

Six Academy Award nominations... Therese Belivet (Rooney Mara) spots the beautiful, elegant Carol (Cate Blanchett) perusing the doll displays in a 1950s Manhattan department store. The two women develop a fast bond that becomes a love with complicated consequences.

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.

MAY 27

The Danish Girl (2015)

Rated R for sexuality and nudity (2:00 Hours)

Starring Eddie Redmayne & Alicia Vikander

Best picture nominee, winner best supporting actress... In 1926 Copenhagen, artist Einar Wegener is a respected landscape painter. His wife, Gerda, is also an artist, less renowned but steadily working as a portraitist. Theirs is a loving marriage, yet personal and professional epiphanies have eluded them both. That all begins to change when Gerda asks her husband to fill in for a model by putting on a dress. The experience is transformative, as Einar realizes that being Lili is an expression of his truest self and begins living as a woman.



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MAY 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.

MAY 6

Concussion (2015)

Rated PG-13 (2:03 Hours)

Starring Will Smith and Alec Baldwin

Neuropathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu makes the first discovery of CTE, a football-related brain trauma, and fights for the truth to be known. His emotional quest puts him at dangerous odds with one of the most powerful – and beloved – institutions in the world, the league that governs the sport. Based on a true story.

MAY 13

The Big Short (2015)

Rated R for language and some sensuality(2:10 Hours)

Starring Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt, and Melissa Leo

Best picture nominee...When four outsiders see what the big banks, media and government refuse to see, the global collapse of the economy, they have an

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

idea: The Big Short. Their bold investment leads them into the dark underbelly of modern banking where they must question everyone and everything. Based on the book by Michael Lewis.

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