



**Geneva Township
Center**

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

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- Sheri McMurray, Director

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The Center Newsletter

Holiday Celebration and the Canterbury Carollers

On Sunday, December 11 at 1:30 pm members are invited to attend a holiday concert and the party that follows. A live one-hour musical performance by the **Canterbury Carollers** will be followed by a holiday reception in the dining room. The group is a Victorian ensemble that performs wonderful arrangements of traditional carols – all written before 1870. Attired in authentic period costume, they are a live tableau of Victorian England and its strolling carollers. Their perfectly blended a cappella harmonies will give meaning to the season! Beginning at 1:15 on the day of the show, please enter the building through the porch double-doors. The front and side entrances will be “exit only” in the afternoon. **Seats are limited and reservations are required.** Please call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Holiday Coat Drive

Members are invited to donate new or clean, gently used winter coats that will be given to the **Salvation Army** to distribute. Coats for children and women (all sizes) are in the greatest demand. Chicago winters can be miserable for everyone; for many people they are life threatening. Last year, the Salvation Army distributed nearly 2,000 coats to families. **The collection will continue through Monday, December 19.** If you would rather make a cash donation, we will shop for you. Drop off an envelope with Sheri in the Center office with your name and phone number on the outside and donation inside. You’ll get a return call telling you what was purchased.

Christmas Day Open House

The Center will be open on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 from 12:30 – 3:30 if you’d like to stop by for awhile and share some Christmas cheer. The tree lights will be lit and holiday music will be playing! An informal lunch buffet and dessert will be served in the dining room. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will also be provided. The pool table and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, please let Sheri know so we can plan accordingly.



Important Dates

<i>Crazy for You @ Drury Lane</i>	12/1
Friday Movies	12/2, 9, 16, 30
Canterbury Carollers & Party	12/11
St. Lucia’s Ladies Tea	12/16
Guy’s Holiday Brunch	12/19
Center CLOSED	12/23, 26, 1/2
Center Special Hours	12/25
Book Club	12/27
New Year’s Toast	12/30
<i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	1/8

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.

IMPORTANT Trips Reminders

**If you've registered for the Drury Lane Theatre Trip, don't forget that we'll depart the Center at 10:30 am on Thursday, December 1. Members will enjoy lunch at the theater before attending the matinee performance of the Gershwin musical comedy *Crazy for You* at 1:30 pm. The group will return to the Center at the conclusion of the show.

**The Cadillac Palace Theatre in Chicago trip to see a matinee performance of *Phantom of the Opera* on Sunday, January 8, 2017 is full. If you haven't paid for the cost of this event - \$93 (cash or check) for round-trip coach bus transportation and a ticket in the dress circle - please do so no later than Friday, December 9. After that date we will go to the waitlist. Plan to arrive at the Center no later than 12:00 noon. The bus will leave at 12:15. A complimentary box lunch will be served to members on the bus on the way to the theater.

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on **Friday, December 23** and **Monday, December 26** (Holiday observance). It will also be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2017** (New Year's Day observance).

Reader's Theater Change

Reader's Theater will not meet in December. It will resume on **Monday, January 30 at 11:00 am.**

St. Lucia's Ladies Tea

St. Lucia's Day is the festival of lights celebrated in Sweden, Norway, and the Swedish-speaking areas of Finland on December 13 in honor of St. Lucia. The festival is meant to bring hope and light during the darkest time of the year. One of the earliest Christian martyrs, St. Lucia was killed by the Romans because of her religious beliefs. On **Friday, December 16 at 11:00** Center women



are invited to this special holiday tea. A hot cup of tea will be accompanied by traditional Swedish Meatballs from Stockholm's restaurant and other Swedish food items. There will also be a visit from St. Lucia! If you're new to the Center, this monthly gathering is a wonderful way to meet other women in an informal, relaxed setting. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations. Call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Legislative Forum on Aging Issues

Local and state officials will be in attendance at the **Annual Kane County Legislative Forum on Monday, December 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 am** at the Pottawatomie Community Center 8 North Avenue in St. Charles. A free light breakfast and lunch will be served. This forum is sponsored by the Illinois Agency on Aging and Kane County Senior Resources.

December Book Choice

The Last Days of Dog Town by **Anita Diamant** is the book club choice this month. Set on the high ground at the heart of Cape Ann, the village of Dogtown is peopled by widows, orphans, spinsters, scoundrels, whores, free Africans, and "witches." Among the inhabitants of this hamlet are Black Ruth, who dresses as a man and works as a stonemason; Mrs. Stanley, an imperious madam whose grandson, Sammy, comes of age in her brothel; Oliver Younger, who survives a miserable childhood at the hands of his aunt; and Cornelius Finson, a freed slave. At the center of it all is Judy Rhines, a fiercely independent soul, deeply lonely, who nonetheless builds a life for herself against all imaginable odds. Join the discussion on **Tuesday, December 27 @ 10:00.**

Cheers to 2017!

What a busy, wonderful year it's been at the Center! Thank you to our members (new and old) for all your enthusiasm... you make it a very special place. Let's toast to the coming year on **Friday, December 30 at 2:30pm**. We'll provide the sparkling cider and munchies, party hats and noisemakers...you can raise a glass to the New Year that's just around the corner.

Guy's Holiday Brunch

On **Monday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m.** the Center will host a **Men's Holiday Brunch**. Get in the spirit...if you have a Christmas sweater or tie, please wear it! All male Center members and township residents over the age of 55 are invited to attend. Attendance will however be limited to the first 48 men who make a reservation. Brunch will be catered by Egg Harbor restaurant. Call the Center no later than Monday, December 12th at 630/232-3602 to make your reservation.

Topics

The Topics group has decided to take a hiatus. We hope to resume the group at a later date but the current group is very small. There have been some lively conversations! Let us know if you'd be interested in joining a future group.

MOVIES continued from last page...

DECEMBER 16

THE BISHOP'S WIFE (1947)

Not Rated (1:49 Hours)

Starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young, and David Niven

An Episcopal Bishop, Henry Brougham, has been working for months on the plans for an elaborate new cathedral which he hopes will be paid for primarily by a wealthy, stubborn widow. He is losing sight of his family and of why he became a churchman in the first place. Enter Dudley, an angel sent to help him. Dudley does help everyone he meets, but not necessarily in the way they would have preferred. With the exception of Henry, everyone loves him, but Henry begins to believe that Dudley is there to replace him, both at work and in his family's affections, as Christmas approaches.

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.
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DECEMBER 30

FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS (2016)

Rated PG-13 (1:50 Hours)

Starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant

This is the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the legendary New York heiress and socialite who obsessively pursued her dream of becoming a great opera singer. The voice she heard in her head was beautiful, but to everyone else it was hilariously awful. Her "husband" and manager, St Clair Bayfield, an aristocratic English actor, was determined to protect his beloved Florence from the truth.



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DECEMBER 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.

DECEMBER 2

DEAD POETS SOCIETY (1989)
Rated PG (2:08 Hours)
Starring Robin Williams

Painfully shy Todd Anderson has been sent to the school where his popular older brother was valedictorian. His roommate, Neil Perry, although exceedingly bright and popular, is very much under the thumb of his overbearing father. The two, along with their other friends, meet Professor Keating, their new English teacher, who tells them of the Dead Poets Society, and encourages them to go against the status quo. Each, in their own way, does this, and is changed for life.

DECEMBER 9

CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT (1945)
Not Rated (1:42 Hours)

Starring Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan
Journalist Elizabeth Lane is one of the country's most famous food writers. In her columns, she describes

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
- 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

herself as a hard working farm woman, taking care of her children and being an excellent cook. But this is all lies. In reality she is an unmarried New Yorker who can't even boil an egg. The recipes come from her good friend Felix. The owner of the magazine she works for has decided that a heroic sailor will spend his Christmas on *her* farm. Miss Lane knows that her career is over if the truth comes out, but what can she do?

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