



## 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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Scott Queen, Trustee

Sheri McMurray, Director



## Important Dates

Friday Movies	11/3, 11/17
<i>Taming of the Shrew</i>	11/5
Pumpkin Pie Party	11/9
Center CLOSED	11/10
Hearing Screen	11/13
Ladies Tea	11/17
Guys' Thanksgiving Lunch	11/20
Center CLOSED	11/23 & 24
Book Club	11/28
Yule Log Craft	11/30
Candlelight Carols	12/3
Holiday Decorating	12/4
42nd Street	12/6
Arboretum Illumination Trip	12/12

November

2017



## The Center Newsletter

### Guys' Thanksgiving Lunch

We invite Center men (only the guys, this time) to a special Thanksgiving Luncheon on **Monday, November 20 at 11:30**. Get an early start on the holiday! Enjoy a traditional meal of roast turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie. Reservations are required; please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Seats are limited.

### Illumination at the Morton Arboretum

On the heels of a wonderful visit to the Morton Arboretum in October, the Center has planned a trip to experience the Arboretum's "Illumination" on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**. See trees in a different light... Illumination is an award-winning, one-mile outdoor walking tour (no trams or vehicles are allowed) on a paved (somewhat hilly) path winding through the Morton Arboretum's celebrated tree collections. Depending on your pace the tour can be completed in 60-90 minutes. Seating, warming/concession tents, and fire pits are available along the route. So are countless photo opportunities. It's an ideal way to experience the winter woods brought to life with innovative lights, projections, and music. The cost of this trip (entrance to the Arboretum and round-trip luxury coach transportation) will be \$28. The group will tentatively leave the Center at 3:30 pm. Check the December newsletter for final details. Call the Center at 630-232-3602 to make a reservation.



### Pumpkin Pie!

This time of year wouldn't be the same without pumpkin pie and whipped cream! The pie party is a tradition here... Mark your calendar for **Thursday, November 9 at 2:00pm**. Hot coffee and tea will also be served. Call the Center if you'd like to attend; we don't want to run short!



## 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.

## Center Closings

The Center will be closed on Friday, November 10 to observe Veterans Day. We salute our Veterans! On Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th the Center will be closed for a Thanksgiving observance.

## Candlelight Carols Reminder

The St. Charles Singers' "Candlelight Carols" concerts have been an annual tradition since the choir's founding in 1984. This 2017 edition of the Christmas program will offer new arrangements of favorite carols. Six tickets remain for this performance if you haven't already reserved one. If you're interested in attending, call the Center. Payment of \$25 per person is due to the Center no later than Monday, November 13. Note that there is no reserved seating; it's suggested that you arrive 20-30 minutes in advance to secure a good spot. 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. 3 at 3:00 p.m.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Center Holiday**

**Decorating**

**Monday, December 4 @  
10:00am**



## Pumpkin Composting Drop-off

Don't throw your old Halloween pumpkin in the trash this year; compost it instead! On **Saturday, November 4 from 9am-noon**, a local farm (Pushing the Envelope Farm at 1700 Averill Road, Geneva) will accept pumpkins for composting that will ultimately provide nutrients for their gardens. Only pumpkins can be composted; no decorative items, candles, etc. should be included. Questions can be directed to the Kane County Recycling Coordinator at 630-208-3841.

## Monday Bridge Change

The Monday bridge group welcomes all interested Center members to play bridge starting at 1:30pm. Bridge is also offered on Tuesday and Friday at 12:30. Bridge instruction is no longer provided prior to play.

## High School Theater Invitations

Geneva High School and Batavia High School have extended an invitation to Center members to attend a dress rehearsal of their respective fall theater productions. These are FREE shows for seniors. Complimentary refreshments will also be served. Details are included below; please call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you're interested.

\***Alice in Wonderland** at Geneva High School on Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> (doors open at 6:30pm and show starts at 7:00pm). Use the Auditorium door entrance.

\*\***Cats** at Batavia High School on Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 6:00pm.

## Make a Yule Log Centerpiece

Add something new to your holiday decor or create a special gift... on **Thursday, November 30 at 12:00** you can make a decorated Yule Log with Center members **Joni Salsinger, Dolly Hiller, and Anne Stagno**. Candles, greenery, and ribbon will adorn a real wood log. Come to the Center for lunch before the craft if you'd like; just give us a call for a reservation. We can register the first 10 people who call. The cost of this project is \$5 to cover all necessary items supplied by the Center. Call soon to put your name on the list!

## ***The Taming of the Shrew* Update**

A matinee performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier is on the calendar for **Sunday, November 5**. We will depart the Center at 11:45 and a complimentary box lunch and drinks will be provided for our trip into Chicago. **Only ONE ticket remains for the show.** Let us know if you'd like to attend this production. Round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center and a ticket to the production costs \$65. Cash or a check made out to Geneva Township will be accepted for payment.

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## **Ladies THANKSGIVING Tea**

**On Friday, November 17 at 11:00** Center ladies will gather in the dining room - decorated for the season - for the Ladies Thanksgiving Tea. Enjoy your Center family at this month's tea. Hot tea will be welcome as there's now a chill in the air! Light lunch items will be served. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.

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## **42<sup>nd</sup> Street at Drury Lane Update**

Our Drury Lane Theatre trip on **Wednesday, December 6** for lunch and the matinee performance of Tony Award winner 42<sup>nd</sup> Street is FULL. A waiting list has been started. We anticipate leaving the Center to travel to Drury Lane at approximately 10:30 am. We'll enjoy lunch prior to the 1:30 show. If you've already registered, please let us know your entrée choice no later than Wednesday, November 1. The total cost (round-trip transportation, ticket, and lunch) is \$70 and if you haven't already submitted payment, it must be received no later than November 6. Any unpaid reservations will be offered to waitlisted members after that date.

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## **Hearing Screening at the Center**

**On Monday, November 13 at 9:30** an audiologist from Geneva Hearing Services will be here to conduct screenings. No appointment is necessary. Monthly screenings are normally held each month on the 2nd Monday at 9:30. This is a FREE hearing test.

## **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.

## **November Book Choice**

*The Weight of Water* by Anita Shreve is the Club's selection. They will discuss the book on **Tuesday, November 28 at 10:00**. In 1873, two women were found brutally murdered on a small island off the New Hampshire coast. A third woman survived the attack, hiding in a sea cave until dawn. More than a century later, a photographer, Jean, comes to the island to shoot a photo-essay about the unsolved crime. She becomes obsessed with accounts of the dead women's lives in this barren fishing town. New readers are always welcome!



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## NOVEMBER 2017



### **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 3 **MAO'S LAST DANCER (2009)** Rated PG (1:57 Hours)

A drama based on the autobiography by Li Cunxin. At the age of 11, Li was plucked from a poor Chinese village by Madame Mao's cultural delegates and taken to Beijing to study ballet. In 1979, during a cultural exchange to Texas, he fell in love with an American woman. Two years later, he managed to defect and went on to perform as a principal dancer for the Houston Ballet and as a principal artist with the Australian Ballet.

### 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

#### NOVEMBER 17 **THE GLASS CASTLE (2017)** Starring Brie Larson and Woody Harrelson PG-13 (2:07 Hours)

In this moving drama based on a memoir by Jeannette Walls, a young woman reflects on her unconventional upbringing at the hands of her artsy, nonconformist parents. Now married to a man who works in finance in New York, she faces criticism from her parents that she's betrayed their values.