



**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
- Robert Kovacs, Trustee
- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Important Dates**

Friday Movies	2/2, 9, 16, 23
Championship Football Party	2/4
AARP Tax Prep Starts	2/6
Arts Interest Group	2/9
Hearing Screen	2/12
<i>Share the Warmth</i>	2/14
Ladies Valentine's Tea	2/16
Center CLOSED	2/19
Book Club	1/29

**February**

**2018**



**The Center Newsletter**

**Football Championship Party Reminder**

Don't miss this event! Center doors will open at **4:30 pm** on **Sunday, Feb. 4th** for this ultimate football match – Eagles vs. Patriots. Kick-off is at 5:30 pm. The Center will provide spiral cut ham, chili, and drinks beginning at 5:00 pm. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring one appetizer, side, or dessert. Help the Center plan; ...call and make a reservation no later than Thursday, February 1. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Of course, you're also welcome to play pool, table shuffleboard, poker, or surf the internet. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register and join the party!

***Share the Warmth***

On **Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00 pm** come to hear about a wonderful volunteer opportunity. ***Share the Warmth*** provides handmade blankets to area patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. This non-profit was started by Ruth Silverman at the North Shore Senior Center. The fleece blankets are trimmed with a crocheted edging. That's where volunteers come in; they crochet the edging. Materials are provided at no cost. If you don't know how to crochet, instruction is available. Ruth will bring a sample blanket and answer any questions you might have. Let's think about starting a blanket group at the Center. If you can't attend the meeting, call the Center and let us know you're interested.

**NEW Senior Property Tax Freeze Change**

The **Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption** effectively freezes the assessed value at a base year (the year prior to the first year's approval) preventing the net assessment from increasing. This exemption does not freeze a property's taxes, only the taxable valuation of the property. **In 2018, the maximum annual household income to qualify for this exemption increases to \$65,000.** Prior to this year, the maximum income was \$55,000. For more information, stop by the Center and pick up the ***Kane County Quick Guide to Property Taxes.***

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATES!

The **AARP Driver Safety Class** will be held at the Center on **Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

## Batavia Orchid Society Show

The **Batavia Orchid Society** is sponsoring an orchid show and sale at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday, Feb. 18 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Flyers are available at the Center. Let the thousands of beautiful orchids displayed give you a winter lift! There will be all day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting. Admission and parking are **FREE**.

## Arts Interest Group

The **Center Arts Interest Group** will meet on **Friday, February 9 @ 11:00 am** to finalize the spring trip schedule. Join us and help create an exciting list of trips for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related events. All are welcome.

## Monday Exercise Schedule

Note that the **Monday Stretch and Balance** class now meets beginning at 10:10 am. This month's calendar reflects the correct time.

## NEW Trip Guidelines

Center Newsletter articles regarding Center trips include payment and transportation information. Please be sure to check the most recent newsletter or call the Center – on occasion, details change. **Payment for an outing must now be made at the time you make your reservation.** Tickets are often purchased far in advance of the show or event. The Center has on several occasions had to absorb the cost of tickets for unpaid reservations. If a trip is cancelled by the Center, a full refund will be provided. Reservations cancelled by the member will receive a refund if a waitlisted member is available and willing to fill the spot.

## Valentine's Day Tea

On **Friday, February 16 at 11:00** Center ladies will gather in the dining room for the Valentine's Day Tea. Red and pink hearts, pictures of Cupid, flowers, doilies, and chocolate are all familiar symbols of this holiday. Come enjoy tea and a light lunch in the decorated dining room. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.



## Book Club Choice

*Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by **Catherine Rooney** is the February book club choice. It's the last day of 1984, and 85-year-old Lillian Boxfish is about to take a walk. As she traverses a grittier Manhattan, a city anxious after an attack by a still-at-large subway vigilante, she encounters bartenders, bodega clerks, chauffeurs, security guards, bohemians, criminals, children, parents, and parents-to-be—in surprising moments of generosity and grace. While she strolls, Lillian recalls a long and eventful life that included a brief reign as the highest-paid advertising woman in America—a career cut short by marriage, motherhood, divorce, and a breakdown. The club will discuss this selection on **Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00**. New readers are always welcome!

## Center Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on **Monday, February 19 (Presidents Day)**.

## AARP Tax Preparation Starts

Volunteer AARP preparers will once again be at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday each week to help members complete and file their 2017 Federal and IL tax returns. Appointments are now available for all dates beginning **Tuesday, February 6**. They can complete most tax forms including 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with schedules. A photo ID (driver's license, State ID, passport), social security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification notice, a copy of last year's tax return, all income documents like W-2 and 1099, brokerage statements, and any other tax information specific to your situation must be presented at your appointment. A list of essential documents is available at the Center office. There is no cost for this service. Appointments are **required**. Call 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.

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## Winter Health Tips

Wellness matters! The flu season has hit everyone particularly hard. **Its not too late to get a flu shot!** If you get a flu shot but then catch a different strain of flu, your flu symptoms will be less severe than if you did not get a shot. Please read some good prevention advice included below that applies to your time at the Center or elsewhere. Remember, every room in the Center has hand sanitizer and tissues for your use.

1. Follow the "six-foot rule" with anyone who seems sick. When someone with the flu coughs, sneezes, or even talks, the virus is expelled via almost invisible respiratory droplets—which others unknowingly inhale. This is the most frequent way people become infected.
2. **Thoroughly** wash your hands often—after you shake hands, for example, or handle an object someone else was using, such as a computer keyboard, phone or door handle. When you can't wash with soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
3. When out in public, always avoid touching your lips, nose, or eyes. At home, do so only after washing your hands. Wash you hands immediately after arriving home.
4. If you do get the flu, stay home so you don't infect others (typically, adults are contagious for about a day **before** symptoms begin and for about five days thereafter; (children longer). If you must go out and need to cough or sneeze but have no tissue, do it into your sleeve or the crook of your arm rather than into your hand or the air.

## 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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## MOVIES continued from last page...

father. The challenges he faces helps others learn to not judge a book by its cover.

**FEBRUARY 23**

**ROMAN J. ISRAEL (2017)**

**Rated PG-13 for language and violence (1:57 Hours)**

**Starring Denzel Washington and Colin Farrell**

In this fascinating character study, a brilliant, stubbornly dedicated lawyer takes a new job at a tony firm. There, he gets involved in a complicated murder case that offers him an opportunity to get rich if he compromises his ethics.



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## FEBRUARY 2018



### **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 2  
MARSHALL (2017)  
Rated PG-13 (2 Hours)**

Marshall is based on the true story of future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and one of the landmark cases of his life. It follows the young lawyer to conservative Connecticut to defend a black chauffeur charged with sexual assault and attempted murder of his white socialite employer. Muzzled by a segregationist court, Marshall partners with a courageous young Jewish lawyer and together they mount the defense in an environment of racism and anti-Semitism.

**FEBRUARY 9  
GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (2017)  
Rated PG (2:09 Hours)**

This enchanting historical drama details the relationship between children's author A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, which was changed forever when Milne used his child and his stuffed animals as inspirations for the

### **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

Winnie the Pooh stories. As the fanciful tales bring hope to England in the wake of World War I, the family deal with fame and unwanted attention.

**FEBRUARY 16  
WONDER (2017)  
Rated PG (1:53)**

A young boy with a facial deformity begins the fifth grade in a mainstream school with the help and support of his mother and

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