



**Geneva Township  
Center**

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

**Geneva Township Officials**

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**March**

**2018**



**The Center Newsletter**

**Men's St. Paddy's Day Brunch**

Come celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** with a **GUYS ONLY** brunch in the dining room on **Monday, March 19 at 11:30**. You'll be treated to a delicious meal from Egg Harbor Café in Geneva. Egg Scrambler, Cinnamon Roll French Toast, and Fruit will be served. In keeping with the holiday, we encourage you to wear green! Reservations are required; please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

**Arts Opportunities Galore**

The Center is now accepting registrations for the spring trips listed below. **Payment for an outing must now be made at the time of your reservation**. If a trip is cancelled by the Center for any reason, a full refund will be provided.

**\*The Paramount Theatre** matinee production of ***Cabaret*** is on **Wednesday, March 14**. A comfortable coach bus will provide roundtrip transportation from the Center (leaving at 12:15) for the 1:30 performance. The all-inclusive cost (ticket and transportation) is \$48. Cash or a check made out to Geneva Township must be received no later than Monday, March 12.

**\*\*The Baker Memorial United Methodist Church** in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Avenues) is host to the **St. Charles Singers** as they present **Pizzetti's Requiem and English Choral Music** on **Sunday, April 29 at 3:00pm**. We'll meet at the church at 2:40 so we can sit together. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

**\*\*\*The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare** will showcase a matinee of ***MacBeth*** on **Sunday, May 20**. This new theater features nine mobile audience "towers" that can be arranged in a wide variety of ways.

**\*\*\*\*Drury Lane Theatre on Wednesday, June 6** for the matinee performance of ***South Pacific*** is next on the schedule. We anticipate leaving the Center to travel to Drury Lane at approximately 12:15. A box lunch will be provided on the bus. The total cost (round-trip transportation, ticket, and lunch) is \$50.

**Important Dates**

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Share the Warmth</i>             | 2/28 & 3/21    |
| AARP Tax Prep                       | Tues./Thurs.   |
| Computer Workshop                   | 3/6,13,20,27   |
| Friday Movies                       | 3/2, 9, 16, 23 |
| Caregiver Counseling                | 3/9            |
| <i>Cabaret</i> at Paramount Theatre | 3/14           |
| Ladies St. Patrick's Day Tea        | 3/16           |
| Guys' Brunch                        | 3/19           |
| Book Club                           | 3/27           |
| Center CLOSED                       | 3/30           |
| Pool Tournament & Lunch             | 4/9            |
| St. Charles Singers                 | 4/29           |
| AARP Driving Class                  | 5/7 & 8        |
| <i>MacBeth</i> at Shakespeare       | 5/20           |
| <i>South Pacific</i> at Drury Lane  | 6/6            |

## 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.

## Readers' Theater

The Readers' Theater group has lost some members recently and due to the low number of participants it will no longer be included on the monthly activity calendar. In the future, we hope to organize a group to perform for special events.

## Caregiver Counseling at the Center

If you are an adult family member or individual who provides unpaid in-home services to a senior aged 60+, a person aged 19-59 with Alzheimer's Disease or related neurological or organic brain disorder, or a grandparent or older individual (aged 55 years and older) who is a relative caregiver or primary caregiver, Debbie Miller (a licensed clinical social worker with Senior Services Associates, Inc.) will be at the Center on **Friday, March 9** to provide free, private, individual counseling. Self-care is so very important for individuals doing the challenging work of caregiving! Appointments are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to schedule a time.

## Pizza Lunch on March 2<sup>nd</sup>

No special reason... except, everyone loves PIZZA! Plan to join us for a pizza lunch on **Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30**. This is in lieu of the Subway meal that day. Reservations are required and space is limited. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

## Center Lunch Program

For more than ten years, the Center has partnered with the Salvation Army Golden Diners to offer a hot lunch and salad bar to Center members on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. A couple of weeks ago, we were informed by the Salvation Army that they would no longer be providing home-delivered meals or running the numerous congregate lunch sites like the one at the Center. Their last day of operation is Wednesday, February 28. A new organization will be taking over some of the current operation. However, we have not yet been contacted by the new group with details of their program. To fill the gap, beginning March 1 the Center will offer a sandwich lunch Monday – Friday as we seek information from the new provider. As many of you know, the Center began offering a Monday and Friday Subway lunch a while ago to ensure that lunch was available five days a week. Don't hesitate to call the Center with questions. We will keep members informed as more information becomes available. Thanks for your patience during the transition!

## Computer Workshop

The computer workshop will meet at a new time starting March 6<sup>th</sup>. Our computer teacher, Ken Johnson, will now meet with members from 10:30 – 11:45 every Tuesday. Group and individual instruction is offered at this weekly class. Come with your questions! Four brand new computers with wide-screen monitors are available for members to use during class and anytime the Center is open. A new wireless printer is set up as well for your printing and copying needs.

## Book of the Month

*Grief Cottage* by **Gail Goodwin** is the March book club choice. The story opens shortly after Marcus's mother dies in a car accident. As summer begins, he is sent to live at the beach with his only living relative: a sharp-tongued great aunt, a painter with her own demons to contend with. How an 11-year-old grapples with the death of the only "sure" in his life (his friend's term for the people you know will always love you) is a question this novel explores. Copies of the book have been reserved for members at the Geneva Public Library. The club will discuss this selection on **Tuesday, March 27 at 10:00**.

## Ladies Leprechaun Tea

On **Friday, March 16 at 11:00**, Center women will continue the tradition of “the wearing of the green” at the **Ladies Leprechaun Tea**. The tea committee is serving a light “leprechaun” lunch. What a wonderful St. Patrick’s Day treat. We won’t forget the hot tea! Help us set the mood by the wearing of the “green”. We can accommodate the first 48 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up. Thanks to all of you who signed up to help at one of the monthly teas in 2018; can’t wait to see what’s in store!

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## Steppenwolf Theatre Company

The Steppenwolf ensemble first began performing in the mid-1970s in the basement of a Highland Park, IL church, the ambitious brainchild of three high school and college friends. Fast forward 40 years and the Steppenwolf Theatre Company has become the nation’s premier ensemble theater. If you would be interested in attending a play at this innovative theatre, please call the Center. We’d like to add a Steppenwolf Theatre production to our trip schedule in the near future.

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## NEW *Share the Warmth* Project

On **Wednesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 21 at 2:00 pm** come to participate in a wonderful new volunteer opportunity. *Share the Warmth* provides handmade blankets to area patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. The founder of the non-profit program, Ruth Silverman, met with Center members in February to talk about the nine-year old project. The colorful fleece blankets are trimmed with a crocheted edging by volunteers. Materials are provided at no cost. If you don’t know how to crochet, Ruth and experienced Center members will provide instruction. You can crochet with friends at the Center on scheduled days and/or take the materials home to complete. One of our members has already completed two blankets since our February meeting! Call the Center if you have any questions. Men are welcome!!

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## SAVE THE DATE!

8-Ball Pool Tournament & Lunch  
on **Monday, April 9**

## 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...

whose career comes crashing down when her ex-husband orchestrates an attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan.

**MARCH 23**

### THE SHAPE OF WATER (2017)

**Rated R for Language, Nudity, Sexual Situations, Violence (1:57 Hours)**

**Starring Sally Hawkins and Octavia Spencer**

A mute cleaning lady working in a secret U.S. government lab in 1962 befriends an otherworldly creature who’s being held there against its will. In time, she and her friends decide to help it escape from captivity in this stirring fantasy romance.



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**MARCH 2018**



**FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM  
ON THE BIG SCREEN!  
WITH POPCORN!**

**OSCAR MONTH AT THE CENTER...**  
ALL FOUR MOVIES THIS MONTH HAVE RECEIVED ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS. THERE WILL BE **“TWO” SHOWINGS** OF EACH MOVIE (**12:00 AND 2:15**) TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPECTED DEMAND. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – CALL THE CENTER TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

**MARCH 2  
DARKEST HOUR (2017)  
Rated PG-13 (2 Hours)**

As Hitler's forces near the United Kingdom, it is up to Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman) to decide between negotiating peace or fighting against impossible odds.

**MARCH 9  
THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING,  
MISSOURI (2017)  
Rated R (1:55 Hours)**

This is a darkly comic drama. After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes (Academy Award winner **Frances McDormand**) makes a bold move, painting three

**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

signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby (Academy Award nominee Woody Harrelson), the town's revered chief of police.

**MARCH 16  
I, TONYA (2017)  
Rated R for Language, Sexuality/Nudity, Violence  
(2 Hours)**

This electrifying biopic uses the format of a faux documentary to trace the rise and fall of figure skater Tonya Harding,

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