



**Geneva Township
Center**

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Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602

Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Center CLOSED	1/1, 1/21
BINGO	1/2, 1/16
Friday Movies	1/4, 11, 18, 25
Chess	1/8, 15, 22, 29
Soup Party	1/10
Share the Warmth	1/11, 25
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> Trip	1/13
Ladies Snow Day Tea	1/18
Book Club	1/29
Super Bowl Party	2/3
The Producers @ Paramount	3/6

January

2019



The Center Newsletter

SOUP PARTY

Don't miss the party! Members consumed cup after cup of soup last January. On **Thursday, January 10 at 11:30** warm up with a serving of hot, homemade, baked potato or Chicken Noodle soup. Bread and salad will also be served. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Happy New Year!

We all say it... it's hard to believe another year has come and gone! We're looking forward to another wonderful year at the Center. Please accept our appreciation for every Center member – you make this building “light up”. We're thankful for our volunteers who help in so many capacities whether it's serving as a host or hostess, preparing the monthly newsletter for mailing, organizing and leading a craft, lending a hand during a special event, greeting and welcoming new members, or a myriad of other things. Just a note to let members know how grateful we are for your giving spirit... it's not only at holiday time that Center members are ready and gladly give of their time and talents.

Superbowl!

The Center doors will open at **4:30 pm on Sunday, February 3rd** for the **53rd Annual Superbowl**. The Chicago Bears are headed to the playoffs... maybe we'll be cheering on the hometown team! Sandwiches, homemade chili, and drinks will be provided by the Center. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring one appetizer, side, **or** dessert. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Of course, you can also play pool, poker, or surf the internet. Join the party! Please call the Center to register no later than Thursday, Jan. 31st.

NEW Chess

A new activity is being added to the calendar... stop in and play a game of chess with a Center opponent every **Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

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.

Book Club

Anything is Possible by **Elizabeth Strout** is this month's Book Club choice. A short story collection, *Anything Is Possible*, explores the whole range of human emotion through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others. Copies of the book have been reserved for Center members at the Geneva Public Library. Ask for one at the library main desk... A discussion of this novel will take place on Tuesday, January 29 at 10:00. New readers are always welcome!

Food Drive Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items in December for the Center's holiday food drive. All donations were delivered to the St. Peter Church food pantry before Christmas. In addition to the food collection, more than \$100 was donated by Center members and will be used to purchase additional items needed by the pantry.

Newsletter Vacation

If you are planning an extended trip away from home, please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped until you return. The post office does not forward your newsletter. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to return you to our active list upon your return – just call to tell us you're back.

Hearing Screening Change

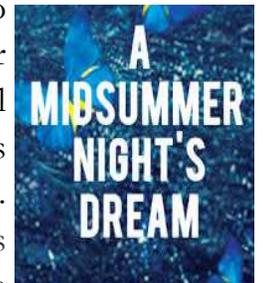
The hearing screenings conducted by Geneva Hearing Services will now occur quarterly. Twice a year, the audiologist will present a short talk on issues related to hearing before the screenings. The Center will take up to five appointments on each scheduled day. The first screening will take place on Monday, March 11 (screenings only). Subsequent dates will be June 10 (talk & screenings), September 9 (screenings only), and Dec. 9 (talk & screenings). If you have questions, please call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 (New Year's Day) and Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King Day observance).

A Midsummer Night's Dream Reminder

We still have **7 tickets** available for the Center trip to see ***A Midsummer Night's Dream*** in Chicago. On **Sunday, January 13** we'll travel to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier for a matinee performance. This musical production of one of Shakespeare's most beloved stories is sure to delight. You'll enter a wonderland where fairies fly and a donkey bursts into song! We will depart the Center at 12:00 and a box lunch and drinks will be provided for our trip into Chicago. Round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center, lunch, and a ticket to the production will cost \$55. Why not call a friend and reserve some tickets? If you have questions, don't hesitate to call the Center at 630/232-3602.



Share the Warmth Update

Our ***Share the Warmth*** group is one of the Center's best activities. Members gather in the meeting room to share their crocheting talents which benefits people like chemotherapy patients and newborn babies. They also gather to visit and laugh! Fleece and yarn are provided at no cost and many participants take material home. In **January**, the volunteers will meet on **Friday, Jan. 11 and 25 from 9a.m. – 11** in the meeting room. Note that this is a change from the previous schedule.

Snow Day Tea

On **Friday, January 18 at 11:00** join us in the Center dining room for the **Ladies Snow Day Tea**. Think snow angels, sledding, snowmen, snowflakes... escaping Midwest winters isn't always possible, so let's enjoy. Tea sandwiches, fruit, and petite desserts will be served. Hot tea will warm you up as well! Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations. Ladies Tea is special because of the creativity and work of the volunteer members serving on each tea committee. Committee spots are available for the remaining months in 2019 (February – December). Why not join the fun; call the Center to reserve your favorite month.

The Producers at Paramount Theater

The Center has reserved tickets for *The Producers* at the Paramount Theater in Aurora on **Wednesday, March 6**. The 2001 Tony Award winner for Best Musical is adapted by Mel Brooks from Brooks' 1967 film of the same name. Under the right circumstances, a producer could make more money with a flop than he could with a hit. Now begins one of the most hilarious cons in musical theatre history. Max Bialystock used to be the king of Broadway, but after producing one too many flops, he's now just a has-been forced into seducing little old ladies for money. After an off-the-cuff comment from his accountant Leo Bloom, dollar signs go off over his head. With the reluctant help from Bloom, Max goes in search of the worst musical ever. Will it be a flop? It better, or they might find themselves in prison. The cost (ticket, round-trip luxury coach bus transportation, and a box lunch) is \$45. Paid registrations (cash or a check made out to Geneva Township) are now being accepted. The bus will leave the Center at 12:15.

MOVIES continued from last page...

Dogs for the Blind, the ultimate canine career. Cameras follow these pups through a two-year odyssey as they train to become dogs whose ultimate responsibility is to protect their blind partners from harm. Along the way, the dogs meet a

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.

community of dedicated individuals who train them to do amazing, life-changing things in the service of their human. The stakes are high and not every dog can make the cut. Only the best of the best. The pick of the litter.

JANUARY 25 FIRST MAN (2018)

Starring Ryan Gosling and Claire Foy (PG-13)

This is a Biopic on the life of the legendary American Astronaut Neil Armstrong from 1961-1969, on his journey to becoming the first human to walk the moon. It explores the sacrifices and costs on the Nation and Neil himself, during one of the most dangerous missions in the history of space travel.



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JANUARY 2019



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

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.

JANUARY 4

FIELD OF DREAMS (1989)

Rated PG (1:46 Hours)

Starring Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones

A classic story... Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella hears a voice in his corn field tell him, "If you build it, he will come." He interprets this message as an instruction to build a baseball field on his farm, upon which appear the ghosts of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the other seven Chicago White Sox players banned from the game for throwing the 1919 World Series. When the voices continue, Ray seeks out a reclusive author to help him understand the meaning of the messages and the purpose for his field.

JANUARY 11

SMILE (2005)

Rated PG-13 (1:47 Hours)

High school student Katie signs up for a trip to China, where she meets Lin, who has a facial deformity that

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

discourages her from ever showing her face, but her friendship with Katie helps her start to see life in a new way.

JANUARY 18

PICK OF THE LITTER (2018)

(1:21 Hours)

This documentary follows a litter of puppies from the moment they're born and begin their quest to become Guide

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