



**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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- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

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| Friday Movies | 11/1, 8, 15, 22 |
| Center CLOSED | 11/11, 11/28 & 29 |
| Ladies Thanksgiving Tea | 11/15 |
| Book Club | 11/26 |
| Holiday Decorating @ the Center | 12/3 |
| Holiday Potluck | 12/8 |
| Hearing Screening | 12/9 |

November

2019



The Center Newsletter

Holiday Potluck in December

On **Sunday, December 8 at 12:30** members are invited to the Center for a holiday potluck. The term "potluck party" has an old-fashioned ring to it. You may picture ladies in their Sunday bonnets and June Cleaver dresses, teetering in high heels while carrying a large dish covered in a checkered cloth. Nothing old-fashioned about it! Get together with your Center friends for a casual celebration



and bring a dish to share. Maybe you have a favorite recipe that's always requested at your family gatherings. Your Center family will love it, too! **We're asking that each attendee sign up and let us know whether you're bringing an appetizer, salad, main dish, side dish, or dessert.** We're trying to ensure a balanced assortment. Beverages will be provided. Holiday decorations, a wonderful meal, friends, and holiday music... what could be better! Seating space is limited; sign up soon by calling the Center at 630/232-3602.

Ladies Thanksgiving Tea

We'll gather in the dining room on **Friday, November 15 at 11:00** for the **Ladies Thanksgiving Tea**. The volunteer tea committee has planned a light lunch of gourmet turkey sandwiches and pumpkin pie. Hot tea and cider will be served, too. There's a chill in the air! It's a holiday for family and friends; enjoy your Center family at this month's tea. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.

****The December Holiday Tea will be held on December 13th****

Hearing Screening Reminder

The last hearing screening in 2019 will take place on **Monday, December 9 at 9:00 am**. Appointments are required and limited; call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you'd like to register.

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

The Great Alone written by **Kristin Hannah** is the October book. Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. She is desperate for a place to belong. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves, even if it means following him into the unknown. 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, November 26 at 10:00.**

Center Holidays

The Center will be closed on **Monday, November 11** to observe **Veterans Day**. We're truly thankful for our Veterans! On **Thursday, November 28nd** and **Friday, November 29th** the Center will be closed for a **Thanksgiving** observance.

Arts and Outings Interest

Help us gauge interest in the proposed outings listed below by stopping in or calling the Center with your feedback...

***Dinner Detective Murder Mystery** – an interactive comedy murder mystery dinner show at the Chicago Marriott in Schaumburg. You'll tackle a challenging crime while you feast on a 4-course dinner. The criminal is lurking somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a Prime Suspect before you know it! Transportation from the Center to Schaumburg would be provided for this evening activity.

****The Christmas Schooner** – this musical presented by the **Vero Voce Theater** in St. Charles is based on the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago.

*****As You Like It** at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater – a music-filled adaptation infuses Shakespeare's comedy with the hit songs of The Beatles.

Toy Drive!

The Center's voluntary toy drive continues. Collected toys will be donated to the Salvation Army Tri-City Corp for distribution to families who can "shop" for their children's toys prior to the holiday. The Salvation Army has more children in need this season than ever before. **Unwrapped toys** (\$10 can buy a great toy) for children newborn through age 12 are requested. A decorated drop box can be found in the Center dining room. The deadline to drop off toys is Friday, December 13; toys may be left at the Center any time prior to that date. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation and have someone from the Center shop for you, stop by the Center office to pick up an envelope for your donation. A toy will be purchased and a receipt for the sale will be mailed to you. Please make your cash donation no later than Monday, December 9th so we have time to shop. If you have questions, call the Center at 630/232-3602.



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nursing home to follow his dream of attending the professional wrestling school of his idol, The Salt Water Redneck. A strange turn of events pairs him on the road with Tyler (Shia LaBeouf), a small-time outlaw on the run, who becomes Zak's unlikely coach and ally.

NOVEMBER 22 THE FAREWELL (2019) Rated PG (1:38 Hours)

A headstrong Chinese-American woman returns to China when her beloved grandmother is diagnosed with terminal cancer. Billi struggles with her family's decision to keep grandma in the dark about her own illness as they all stage an impromptu wedding to see grandma one last time.

Holiday Decorating at the Center

If you'd like to help decorate the Center for the holiday season, please join us on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:00 am.** We'll provide the tree, decorations, lights, etc. if you can lend some of your decorating creativity. The Center looks so cheerful during the holidays! Enjoy some holiday cookies and coffee, too.



Computer Workshop

The Computer Workshop is taking a hiatus. We plan to resume regular meetings soon; watch the newsletter for more information. Members are encouraged to use the computers in the activity room any time the Center is open. A printer is available for your use as well. If you need assistance, please let us know.

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.

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. **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.

Helpful Reminder

Please assist us in keeping the Center tidy and safe... dispose of your cups and plates in the garbage (Please ... empty liquids in the sink or ask a staff member to help), push your chair in when leaving the table so people can easily and safely move around, consume food items in the dining room ONLY and remember to place a lid on your cup. Don't hesitate to let Center staff know if you see something that needs attention anywhere in the building. Thanks!



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NOVEMBER 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.

NOVEMBER 1 SERGEANT YORK (1941) (2:14 Hours)

Starring Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie
Prize-winning Tennessee marksman Alvin York, a recent convert to Christianity, finds himself torn between his non-violent beliefs and his desire to serve his country when recruited to fight in World War I. Kindly Major Buxton convinces York to engage in battle, where the pacifist's prowess with a rifle earns him honors as he continues to struggle with his decision to kill.

NOVEMBER 8 TORN CURTAIN (1966) Rated PG (2:08 Hours)

Starring Paul Newman and Julie Andrews

An American scientist publicly defects to East Germany as part of a cloak and dagger mission to find the solution for a formula resin before planning an escape back to the West.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES Services are free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screen (Quarterly)
- 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
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

NOVEMBER 15 THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON (2019) Rated PG-13 (1:37 Hours)

Starring Shia LaBeouf and Dakota Johnson

A modern Mark Twain style adventure story, THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON tells the story of Zak, a young man with Down syndrome, who runs away from a residential

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