



**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		
Holiday Decorating @ the Center		12/3
Santa Bingo		12/4
Friday Movies	12/6, 13, 20, 27	
Holiday Potluck		12/8
Hearing Screening		12/9
Ladies Holiday Tea		12/13
Center CLOSED	12/24, 1/1/20	
Christmas Day Lunch (12:30-3:30)		12/25
2020 Toast		12/31
Guys' Only Lunch		1/22
<i>As You Like It</i> @Shakespeare Theater		5/10

December

2019



The Center Newsletter

Ladies Holiday Tea

This month we'll come together on **Friday, December 13 @ 11:00** for our annual holiday tea. Take note - this is earlier in the month than usual due to the holidays. The Center is decorated and there are extra touches for the season. The committee will treat you to a winter warm-up meal. A mug of homemade potato soup with toppings, rolls, cranberry sauce, and a delicious dessert will be served. Hot tea will complete the lunch. Don't miss it! You must have a reservation; we can accommodate the first 48 ladies. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation.

Center December Schedule

The Center is **closed on Tuesday, December 24**. See the article below for details about the Christmas Day gathering and **special hours on Wednesday, December 25th**. The Center will also be **closed** to observe New Year's Day on **Wednesday, January 1, 2020**.

Christmas Day at the Center

The Center will be open on **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 from 12:30 – 3:30**. Join us for an informal lunch buffet, drinks, and dessert served in the dining room. Drop in anytime – stay for a little while or spend the afternoon. It's always a treat to share some special holiday time with friends! The tree lights will be bright and holiday music will be playing. The pool & shuffleboard tables, and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, please let Sheri know so we can plan accordingly.

Holiday Elves Wanted!

Twinkling lights, wreaths, trees, stockings, ornaments... you get the idea! Starting at **10:00 am on Tuesday, December 3rd** elves will be busy giving the Center that warm holiday feeling. 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!

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 Center **Book Club** will take a break in December. Watch the January newsletter for the next book selection. Don't stop reading...there's nothing better than curling up on the couch with a good book! New readers are always welcome.

Santa Bingo

Don't miss **Santa Bingo** on **Wednesday, December 4 at 12:30**. Note that this is the only date for traditional bingo in December. Special holiday prizes will be awarded to the winners this month.

Holiday Potluck

Don't miss the Center's holiday potluck on **Sunday, December 8th at 12:30**. Get together with your Center friends for a casual celebration and bring a dish to share. **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. The decorated Center, a wonderful meal, friends, and holiday music will greet you. Seating space is limited; sign up soon by calling the Center at 630/232-3602.

**** NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS CAN BE DONATED DURING THE POTLUCK FOR OUR CENTER TOY DRIVE**

Toy Drive Reminder

The holidays are sneaking up on us! Please consider participating in the Center toy drive and donating a **new, unwrapped** toy for a newborn through age 12 child. 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. Salvation Army has more children in need this season than ever before. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!
GUYS' ONLY LUNCH
ON WED., JAN. 22

2020 Here We Come!

On **Tuesday, December 31 at 2:00 pm.** we'll raise a glass of sparkling cider to the coming new year and enjoy some munchies in the dining room. Don't miss the countdown on New Year's Eve... as always, party hats and noisemakers provided by the Center will add to the fun!

Hearing Screening Reminder

A friendly reminder for those who registered for the hearing screening this month... members who signed up will be seen on a first come first served basis on **Monday, December 9 at 9:00 am.** No additional appointments are available on that date.

Winter Safety

Winter weather has officially arrived... The Center will work to keep the parking lot and walks as clean and free of snow and ice as possible. Please, always use caution!

MOVIES continued from last page...

DECEMBER 20

THE HOLIDAY (2006)

Rated PG-13 (2:18 Hours)

Starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law

Dumped and depressed in England, Iris agrees to swap homes with similarly unlucky in love Californian Amanda for a much-needed break. Iris finds herself in a palatial Hollywood mansion while Amanda navigates the lanes of a picture-perfect English village. Soon enough, both lovelorn ladies bump into local lads perfect for a romantic pick-me-up.

DECEMBER 27

DOWNTON ABBEY (2019)

Rated PG (2:00 Hours)

Starring Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern

Excitement is high at Downton Abbey when the Crawley family learns that King George V and Queen Mary are coming to visit. But trouble soon arises when Mrs. Patmore, Daisy and the rest of the servants learn that the king and queen travel with their own chefs and attendants -- setting the stage for an impromptu scheme and other shenanigans.

NEW Center Bird Feeders

When a community gets consistently cold (below freezing) in the winter or has extended periods of snow and ice on the ground, it's not surprising to learn what a huge difference you can make by feeding wild birds outside. A large-scale winter storm, with deep snow or ice cover, cuts off many birds from their natu-



ral food supplies and can cause them to starve by the thousands and even millions. Backyard bird feeding can make a real contribution to their survival and even thriving during the winter months. We want to do our part! A couple of feeders will be placed on a shepherd hook just outside the Center porch windows. We're consulting with our resident birder, Art, to choose the best food. Enjoy the "bird show"!

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.

As You Like It

Join us as we travel to the **Chicago Shakespeare Theater** on Navy Pier on **Sunday, May 10** to enjoy a matinee production of ***As You Like It***. Mark your calendar; additional details will be included in next month's newsletter.

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.



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DECEMBER 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.

**DECEMBER 6
THE SANTA CLAUSE (1994)
Rated PG (1:47 Hours)
Starring Tim Allen**

Divorced dad Scott (Tim Allen) has custody of his son (Eric Lloyd) on Christmas Eve. After he accidentally kills a man in a Santa suit, they are magically transported to the North Pole, where an elf explains that Scott must take Santa's place before the next Christmas arrives. Scott thinks he's dreaming, but over the next several months he gains weight and grows an inexplicably white beard. Maybe that night at the North Pole wasn't a dream after all -- and maybe Scott has a lot of work to do.

**DECEMBER 13
POCKETFUL OF MIRACLES (1961)
(2:16 Hours)
Starring Glenn Ford, Bette Davis, Hope Lange, Arthur O'Connell**

Beggar Apple Annie (Bette Davis) learns that her daughter, escorted by an aristocratic suitor, plans to

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

visit. It's great news -- except that she has tricked her daughter into believing she is a wealthy socialite. Fearing her true identity will disappoint, Annie petitions a superstitious mobster (Glenn Ford), who thinks the apples she sells are lucky, for help. Hesitant at first, the mafioso is persuaded by his girlfriend (Hope Lange) to disguise Annie, if only long enough to fool her daughter.

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