



**Geneva Township
Center**

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

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Important Dates

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| Friday Movies | 12/2, 9, 16, 30 |
| Holiday Decorating | 12/5 |
| Winter Car Care Tips | 12/6 |
| Pinochle | 12/6, 13, 20, 27 |
| Sound of Music @ Paramount | 12/7 |
| Card Bingo | 12/8 |
| Pinecone Wreath | 12/9 |
| Ornament Craft | 12/12 |
| Traditional BINGO | 12/15 |
| CLOSED for Holidays | 12/23, 26, 1/2 |
| Book Club | 12/28 |
| New Year's Toast | 12/30 |
| Hand & Foot | Tues. & Fri. |
| Train Dominoes | Mon. & Fri. |
| Poker | Tues., Wed., Thurs. |

December

2022



The Center Newsletter

Holidays!

The best part of the holidays is spending time with family and friends. The Center community is invited to **Holiday Party 2022 on Monday, December 19 from 2-4**. The dining room will be reserved for the party that day. Make a special hot chocolate at the Hot Chocolate Bar where you can personalize your drink with add-ins like peppermint sticks, chocolate chips, whipped cream, marshmallows, and more... enjoy appetizers and holiday sweets at your table. Members of the Writers' Group will share some memories and remembrances from their own holidays. Don't we all have special memories? Enjoy the decorations and a little holiday music. If you plan to join the fun, call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Help Support the Food Pantry!

The Center will be collecting **monetary donations** (cash or check) during December that will be donated to the St. Peter Church food pantry in Geneva. **Checks should be made payable to the St. Peter Community Food Pantry.** This pantry serves hundreds of individuals in the area twice a month regardless of denomination or belief. Rising grocery prices have increased the number of people utilizing food pantries. Money donations help food providers purchase staples that don't often end up in donation bins and purchase food items in bulk at a greatly reduced cost. Call the Center at 630-232-3602 if you have questions.

Center Holiday Decorating: Elves Needed

Twinkling lights, wreaths, trees, stockings, ornaments... you get the idea! Starting at **1:00 pm on Monday, December 5th** 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!

Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on **December 23rd and 26th** as well as **Monday, January 2** to observe the holidays.

Bejeweled Ornaments

On Monday, December 12 at 1:00pm join visitors from Arden Courts in Geneva and create a colorful ornament with lots of bling. You'll be able to dot the ornament ball with sticky-backed jewels for a little extra sparkle. A piece of ribbon for hanging will complete it. After the craft, enjoy some holiday refreshments in the dining room. All materials will be supplied by the Center; there is no cost for this project. Please call the Center at 630-232-3602 to sign up.

December Book Club Choice

Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by **Catherine Rooney** is this month's 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 **Wednesday, December 28 at 10:30**. New readers are always welcome! Readers can pick up a copy of this book at the Geneva Library.

Pinecone Craft Creations

On **Friday, December 9 at 11:00** join Center member **Lynn McHale** in the activity room. She'll help you create a pinecone wreath or ornament that you'll love to display during the holidays and beyond. Lynn is donating the pinecones and all other supplies will be provided by the Center. There is no cost for this craft. Contact the Center if you'd like to add your name to the list; this craft is limited to 10 members.

NEW Parkinson's Support Group

If there is interest, a Center member living with Parkinson's disease has offered to be the facilitator for a non-medical support group that will meet at the Center. If you have interest in participating, call the Center. We plan to add the group to the activity calendar in January 2023.

Winter Car Care Tips

We've been reminded recently that winter has arrived with cold temperatures and a little bit of snow. We've had to dig out our winter coats and warm sweaters. It's easy to forget that our cars need some preparation for the upcoming weather, too! Center member, **Cliff Tebeau**, has volunteered to lead a round-table discussion on **Tuesday, December 6 at 10:30am** on steps that should be taken to ready and maintain our vehicles for wintertime. After all, cars are a big investment... come learn Cliff's tips and share your own advice with other members.

NEW Pinochle on Tuesday

Members have spoken! Pinochle is now on the activity calendar **every Tuesday at 10:30am**. Play will take place in the meeting room. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

Holiday Bingo

Don't miss Holiday Bingo on **Thursday, December 15 at 1:00pm**. Note that this is the only date for traditional bingo in December. Some special holiday prizes will be awarded to the winners this month.

Card Bingo

Card Bingo will be played on **Thursday, December 8 at 1:00pm**. This is the only date in December.

A Few Spots Left for *Sound of Music*

You don't want to miss the Center trip on **Wednesday, December 7** to see the Paramount Theatre's production of *Sound of Music*! The \$65 cost includes luxury coach bus transportation, lunch, and a matinee presentation of the *Sound of Music*. To ensure that we use all available tickets, Members may ask a guest to accompany them. The luxury bus will depart the Center promptly at 11:15am; please arrive 10-15 minutes early. We anticipate that we'll arrive back to the Center around 5:00pm. The bus company requires that individuals wear a mask during travel. The Center will provide masks to anyone who needs one. Mask wearing at the Paramount is optional. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

New Year's Toast

Toast to 2023! Come raise a glass to the coming **New Year on Friday, December 30 at 2:00 pm**. Sparkling cider and munchies will be served in the dining room. Don't miss the "virtual" countdown to New Year's Eve... party hats and noisemakers will add to the fun! Call the Center to sign up.



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.
- **Complimentary Bottled Water**
- **Magazines:** the latest are in the lounge area.
- **Newspapers:** Daily Herald, Chronicle, Tribune. 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.

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.

MOVIES continued from last page...

DECEMBER 30

THE TRUFFLE HUNTERS (2020)

1:24 Hours * Rated PG-13

A documentary... Deep in the forests of Piedmont, Italy, a handful of men - seventy to eighty years old - hunt for the rare and expensive white Alba truffle. To date, it has resisted all of modern science's efforts at cultivation.



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DECEMBER 2022

FRIDAY MOVIES

@ 1:00PM

ON THE BIG SCREEN!

WITH POPCORN!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please call the Center of office at 630/232-3602.

DECEMBER 2

GIGI AND NATE (2022)

1:54 Hours * Rated PG-13

Starring Charlie Rowe, Marcia Gay Harden, and Jim Belushi

Inspired by a true story... A young man's life is turned upside down after he is left a quadriplegic. Moving forward seems near impossible until he meets his unlikely service animal, Gigi – a curious and intelligent capuchin monkey.

DECEMBER 9

THE GOOD HOUSE (2021)

1:44 Hours * Rated R for brief sexuality and language

Starring Sigourney Weaver and Kevin Kline

Life for New England realtor Hildy Good begins to unravel when she hooks up with an old flame of hers from New York.

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
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Free Flu Shot Clinic**
- Lunches**
- Computer Access

** Not currently offered

DECEMBER 16

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS (2017)

1:44 Hours * Rated PG

The journey that led to Charles Dickens' creation of "A Christmas Carol", a timeless tale that would redefine Christmas.

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