

May

2023



The Center Newsletter

Anderson Japanese Gardens

Join the adventure! On **Thursday, June 8** we will travel via luxury coach bus from the Center to the **Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford**. Upon arriving we will take a docent-led guided walking tour of about 90 minutes. Garden paths are either paved or made of crushed limestone. Some areas have steps or uneven terrain and are only accessible on foot; good walking shoes are recommended. We will learn the history and unique features of the Japanese gardens. Construction of Anderson Japanese Gardens began in 1978, when Rockford businessman John Anderson was inspired by a visit to the Portland Japanese Garden in Oregon. With the ongoing assistance of renowned Master Craftsman and designer Hoichi Kurisu, the Andersons' swampy backyard along Rockford's Spring Creek was transformed into a Japanese-style landscape. Paid registrations (cash or a check made out to Geneva Township) are now being accepted. The cost (garden tour, round-trip luxury coach bus transportation, and a box lunch) is \$50. Don't miss it; reservations are limited. We estimate a departure from the Center close to 11:30 a.m. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.



Let Them Eat Pie!

Yum! Stop by the Center dining room on **Thursday, May 25 at 1:30** for a piece of pie. Just because! We'll have a variety of different pies, and you can top off your piece with ice cream or whipped cream if you'd like. If the weather cooperates, the patio will be open. Call the Center to sign up. Reservations are required.

**THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED
FOR REGULAR ACTIVITIES ON
MONDAY, MAY 29
MEMORIAL DAY**



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

Writers' Group	5/2
Paramount Theatre Trip	5/3
Friday Movies	5/5, 12, 19, 26
Traditional BINGO	5/10, 24
Card Bingo	5/17
<i>Let Them Eat Pie</i>	5/25
CLOSED for Reg. Activities	5/29
Book Club	5/31
Anderson Japanese Gardens Trip	6/8
AARP Safe Driving Class	6/21, 22
Hand & Foot	Tues. & Fri.
Train Dominoes	Mon. & Fri.
Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Pinochle	Tues.

Memorial Day: Honor and Sacrifice

On **Monday, May 29** Geneva Township will commemorate the sacrifice made by those killed in defense of our country – particularly Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime. This annual tradition includes the placement of ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags at each grave of military personnel in Geneva Township cemeteries. To honor those Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime and whose final resting places lay somewhere beyond our township, we will again erect a 23-flag tribute on the plaza in front and west of the Center. At approximately 7:00 a.m. the Fox River-Geneva American Legion Post 75 Color Guard will perform a 21- gun rifle salute followed by the bugle call Taps. The Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for Township residents who wish to observe this moving dawn tribute. Refreshments will be served in the Center dining room.



In addition, at approximately 10:20 a.m. the American Legion will hold a service at the war memorial on the green in Wheeler Park in front of the Center following the Memorial Day parade. The Center will reopen at 10:00 a.m. Township Seniors will be able to enjoy coffee and pastries and the use of the Center as a comfort station until 11:30 a.m.

AARP Driver Safety Class Registration

The AARP Driver Safety Class is being offered at the Center on **Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 22 from 12:30 – 4:30 pm both days**. The participation fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members (payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Completion of the 8-hour class may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance. Check with your insurance agent. Registration is limited. Call 630/232-3602 to register.

Writers' Group

The Writers' Group is resuming its normal schedule and will meet on **Tuesday, May 2 at 1:00 pm**. Going forward the group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. New writers are always welcome. Why not attend this month and see what it's all about!

Traditional Bingo

Traditional BINGO will be played on **Wednesday, May 10 and 24** in the meeting room at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners!

Paramount *School of Rock* Reminder

The Center trip to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *School of Rock* at the Paramount on May 3 is FULL. If you are registered and find that you are unable to attend, please contact the Center as we have a waitlist. We will provide a refund to you for the cost of the trip. The bus will depart the Center at 11:30 a.m. for the drive to Aurora. Upon arrival we'll enjoy a buffet lunch prior to the start of the show at 1:30 p.m. The running time of the show is two hours and forty minutes. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

Book Club Pick

The Center book club meets in the social hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. for a discussion. All are welcome! The May selection is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Hedy Kiesler is lucky. Her beauty leads to a starring role in a controversial film and marriage to a powerful Austrian arms dealer, allowing her to evade Nazi persecution despite her Jewish heritage. But Hedy is also intelligent. At lavish Vienna dinner parties, she overhears the Third Reich's plans. One night in 1937, desperate to escape her controlling husband and the rise of the Nazis, she disguises herself and flees her husband's castle. She lands in Hollywood, where she becomes Hedy Lamarr, screen star. *The Only Woman in the Room* will be discussed on **Wednesday, May 31 at 10:30**. Copies of the book are available at the St. Charles Library; stop in to pick one up.

MOVIES continued from last page...

MAY 26

THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY (1980)

1:49 Hours * Rated PG

Described as an epic comedy... A Bushman in the Kalahari Desert encounters technology for the first time-- in the shape of a Coke bottle. He takes it back to his people, and they use it for many tasks. The people start to fight over it, so he decides to return it to the Gods-- where he thinks it came from.

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.

Health Reminder

If you have a cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fever, or otherwise are not feeling well -- PLEASE stay home until these symptoms resolve. Many Center activities (i.e., movies and card games) involve close contact; keep yourself and other Center members safe!



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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-
fice at 630/232-3602.

MAY 5

GRAN TORINO (2008)

1:56 Hours * Rated R

Starring Clint Eastwood

After a Hmong teenager tries to steal his prized 1972 Gran Torino, a disgruntled, prejudiced Korean War veteran seeks to redeem both the boy and him.

MAY 12

80 FOR BRADY (2023)

1:38 Hours * PG-13

Starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno, and Sally Field

The movie is inspired by the true story of 4 best friends and New England Patriots fans who take a life-changing trip to Super Bowl LI to see their hero Tom Brady play, and the chaos that ensues as they navigate the wilds of the biggest sporting event in the country.

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
 - Central Kane County TRIAD
 - Free Flu Shot Clinic**
 - Lunches**
 - Computer Access
- ** Not currently offered

MAY 19

RADIO (2003)

1:49 Hours * PG

Starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., and Ed Harris

Set in 1976, real life Coach Jones befriends mentally disabled student, Radio. They then form a friendship and bond over the football season. Though things take a turn for the worst when certain fans and parents feel that Radio is a distraction and is getting in the way of the team succeeding.

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