



**Geneva Township
Center**

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

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- Sheri McMurray, Director

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The Center Newsletter

Pine Cone Wreath Classes

Signups are now available for the **pine cone wreath classes** scheduled in November. Due to the generosity of Center members and others who heard about our “call” for pine cones, we have accumulated enough pine cones to offer three separate classes this month. The dates are **Wednesday, Nov. 9, Tuesday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 18**. Each session (**limited to 8 individuals per session**) will start at **10:30** and last approximately 2 ½ hours. Center members, **Joni Salsinger and Darlene Harris**, will assist craft participants in making this outstanding project. If you haven’t been by the Center office lately, stop in and see the beautiful wreath samples. You will need to bring 3 ½ yards of 1 ½” wide **wired** ribbon if you want to make a bow for the wreath during the class. We also suggest that you bring rubber gloves to handle the sometimes “sticky cones”. The wreath form and decorative “picks” will be provided at a cost of \$4.40. Glue guns and glue will be supplied. Contact the Center at 630/232-3602 to register for **one** class date. Be sure to let us know if you’d like to sign up for lunch afterwards; it’s served from 11:30-12:15 in the dining room.



Important Dates

Arboretum Movie	11/3
Holiday Show Meeting	11/4
Pine Cone Wreath	11/9, 15, 18
Beyond the Dots	11/9
Geneva Library	11/10
Ladies Tea	11/11
Bears Game	11/13
Bowling	11/11, 25
BBQ Lunch	11/17
Turkey Carvery	11/22
CENTER CLOSED	11/24, 25

Make a Difference with a Thanksgiving Donation

At the recent “idea” meeting it was suggested that we collect voluntary monetary donations in November to be donated to a local food pantry. **The Northern Illinois Food Bank** has said that a \$30 donation can provide a traditional holiday meal for a family of eight! Let’s make a difference... if 60 Center members donated \$2 each, we could help 4 families. All donations will stay in the local area. If you’d like to contribute, drop off your donation to Sheri at the Center. If you have questions, please call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Bears vs. Lions on November 13th

The Center will be open on **Sunday, Nov. 13 at 11:45** for the Bears game. There’s something “cool” about getting together with other members and watching the game on the Big Screen, having lunch, and maybe playing pool...Ask anyone who’s taken advantage of the football Sundays. If you’d like to join the fun, call the Center at 630/232-3602 and sign up.

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.

Treat Yourself to Ladies Tea

Three tables of Center ladies enjoyed tea and treats in the dining room last month. This is a wonderful introduction if you're new to our membership. We'll gather on **Friday, November 11 at 11:00** for tea and a "food" activity. Join us and make a creative dessert item. We'll also make plans for the December holiday tea. Ideas include a cookie exchange and table decorating. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Art Insights Program Reminder

There's still time to sign up for the **Art Insights** program, **Beyond the Dots**. The program will be held at the Center on **Wednesday, November 9th @ 10:00**. Don't miss this Art Institute of Chicago outreach presentation that looks at artists who worked between 1890 and 1920 including Matisse and Toulouse-Lautrec. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

Thank our Veterans and Celebrate Thanksgiving in November

Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation no earlier than **Wednesday, November 2nd** for **ONE MEAL** from a choice of three separate seatings in November by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 2nd. Meals include a BBQ pork ribs lunch on **Thursday, November 17 at 11:30** and a two-seating Turkey carvery lunch on **Tuesday, November 22 at 11:00 and 12:30**. See the meal details below. Call early for a reservation... we can't guarantee a specific seating due to the demand for certain times. Each seating is limited to 50 diners. When you make a reservation via voicemail, please leave your phone number if you'd like us to confirm your reservation. We can't guarantee a confirmation the same day (particularly on the first reservation day) due to the volume of calls.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE

- 1. Thursday, November 17 @ 11:30** We'll thank our **Veterans** for their service and enjoy a lunch of BBQ pork ribs, sweet potato pie, baked beans, whole wheat bread, and apple cobbler.
- 2. Tuesday, November 22 @ 11:00** Join us for a turkey carvery Thanksgiving meal with all the traditional fixings.
- 3. Tuesday, November 22 @ 12:30** Our 2nd seating repeats the turkey menu above.

*In observance of Thanksgiving,
the Center will be closed on
Thursday, November 24th and
Friday, November 25th.*

The Holiday Show Needs You!

We're making plans for the member-produced 2011 holiday show. Last year's production showcased the talents of our members and everyone left with that special holiday feeling. On **Friday, November 4th at 11:00** come to the Center to talk about this year's show. Whether you're comfortable "on the stage" or your talents are of the "backstage" variety, we need you! All ideas and participants are welcome. If you can't make this meeting but want to be involved, call the Center so we can notify you of our next meeting.

Fine Arts and Crafts Fair at the Geneva History Center

On **Saturday, November 19 from 11a.m. – 4:00p.m.**, fine arts and crafts made by seniors will be on display and available for purchase at the **Geneva History Center** 113 South Third St., Geneva. Paintings, hand-made cards, jewelry, quilted items, Christmas crafts, and photography are some of the items included.

Any Questions? Call Director Sheri McMurray at 630-232-3602

Morton Arboretum through the Seasons

Our recent trip to the **Morton Arboretum** was a great reminder of how calming nature can be. We did some wandering on the Arboretum's paths and took a docent-led tour on our bus through some of the varied landscape. It was quite an education! Center member, Dawn Robinson, has offered to share the Arboretum's slideshow DVD of photos taken during all four seasons. Join us in the meeting room on **Thursday, November 3rd at 1:00** to watch it on the big screen. The DVD is set to music and will certainly make you want to experience nature at its best. It's already been suggested that we return for a spring trip.

What's New at the Geneva Library?

The Center has a strong "community of readers". On **Thursday, November 10th @ 2:00**, **Jamie Weaver**, who does outreach for the **Geneva Public Library**, will be here to give an overview of current services and happenings at the library. Besides browsing in the library "stacks", one can now choose a movie or audio book; or borrow a book the "electronic" way and have it wirelessly delivered to a Nook, Kindle, or other compatible device. Jamie will enlighten us about these and other options. Maybe you're new to the community or want to learn about some of the new technological advances... call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register for this program.

Bella is November's Pet of the Month

We have our first "grand dog" as **Pet of the Month!** **Bella** is Center member, **Barb Campbell's**, "grand dog". She seems to be living a "dog's life" on a grand scale.



Bowling Rolls On

The bowling group met once in October and has decided to bowl on the **2nd and 4th Friday (Nov. 11th & 25th this month) @ 12:00** going forward. Bowlers meet at **Bowling Green** in West Chicago on Rt. 38. Call the Center if you have any questions.

Book Club in November

The Murder Room by P.D. James will be discussed this month on **Monday, November 28th at 10:30**. A Scotland Yard detective undertakes a mysterious murder investigation in this month's novel. There were some new faces in October... why not pick up this book and join the discussion. All readers are welcome!

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 be there Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice alone.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars.
- **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.
- **Sony Wii:** bowling, golf, race cars and boxing.
- **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.

Are You Missing Anything?

We seem to always have items in our "lost and found" that we'd like to reunite with the rightful owner. If you're missing something stop by the Center office and take a look. Umbrellas, a scarf, sweater, watch, cane, etc. are waiting for you.



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

Friday, November 4
Soul Surfer (2011)

With Dennis Quaid & Helen Hunt

Based on a true story... a teenage surfer girl summons the courage to go back into the ocean after losing an arm in a shark attack.

Friday, November 11

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (1979)

Living a premature and somewhat humbling retirement, elderly British spy George Smiley (Alec Guinness) is abruptly resurrected by his former boss with an ultra-secret mission.

Friday, November 18

Water for Elephants (2011)

A veterinary student abandons his studies after his parents are killed and joins a traveling circus as their vet.

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
- Notary Service (No Cook County real estate docs.)
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Blood Pressure Check (4th Wednesday)
- Monthly Free Meal