



**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



Karla Lynch

Important Dates

CENTER CLOSED	1/2 & 16
Turkey Luncheon	1/11
Holiday Show Viewing	1/12
Beginning Computer	1/18 & 25
Meatloaf Luncheon	1/18
Evening Get-Together	1/23
Chicken Florentine Lunch	1/26
Mah Jongg Class	1/27
Super Bowl Party	2/5
AARP Tax Prep Begins	2/14
Movies	1/6, 13, 20, & 27



The Center Newsletter

Celebrate Chinese New Year with Evening Get-Together

The Chinese New Year is also known as the Lunar New Year or Spring Festival and it's the first day of the Chinese calendar. Celebrated by Chinese people around the world, it is a major holiday where friends and family gather for a reunion dinner and celebration. Our December evening get-together proved very popular... so this month join your "Center family" and enjoy a Chinese meal and fellowship with friends on **Monday, January 23rd from 4:30 – 6:30** when the Center stays open late. A complimentary dinner (fortune cookies, too!) will be served at 5:00 p.m. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up. **Reservations are required.**

Center Staff Addition

If you haven't already met or talked with her, stop by the Center and meet our new part-time staffer, **Karla Lynch**. Karla joined the staff during the Holidays and she's quickly learning her way around the Center. She's a long-time Geneva resident and most recently worked at the Morton Arboretum. Introduce yourself to Karla... there are a lot of new names for her to learn! She'll be working closely with **Sheri** to help the busy Center run smoothly. Welcome, Karla!

Wish List Fulfilled

Last month Center members chose from among 20 ornaments on our giving tree representing holiday wish list items for a needy family of six. Individual members and groups purchased **every** wish list item including warm coats, kids' stuff, gift certificates, and work-related items among others. Thanks to everyone who purchased a gift(s) for this family. A special thank you goes to Center members **Barb Campbell and Anne Stagno** for spearheading this effort!

Upcoming...

Mark your calendar for the Center **Super Bowl Party** on **Sunday, February 5th**. Doors will open at 5:00 pm. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Center Closed on Monday, Jan. 2nd for New Years Day Observance

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Monday, Jan. 16th for Martin Luther King Day

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.

Holiday Thanks

A special thanks is extended to everyone who helped make the Center a beautifully decorated, warm and welcome place in December. **Merritt King** donated and hung the beautiful wreaths at the front entrance, the dining room door, and decorated our garden urns with greenery. Our thanks, too, to **Mary Brault** who loaned the Center countless holiday decorations and serving pieces; her creativity and generosity helped make our **Ladies Holiday Tea** a very special occasion. Many thanks to all who

Beginning Computer Class Starts

If you've been promising yourself that you'll take the first step to learning some basic computer skills, this series of four classes is for you. Don't miss **Richard Schrank's** popular beginning computer class scheduled to start on **Wednesday, January 18 at 9:00am**; subsequent classes will meet on **January 25, February 1, and February 8**. This class has a maximum enrollment of six students... so don't delay in contacting the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Have you been curious about the clinking of the tiles on Thursday afternoon when Mah Jongg is being played on the porch at the Center? Satisfy your curiosity and learn what it's all about. **Ina Wentzel** will be conducting another one-day **Mah Jongg** class at the Center beginning **Friday, January 27 from 9:30-3:30**. **No experience is necessary**. Ina suggests that participants order a Mah Jongg card from the **National Mah Jongg League** for this class and future play. Information about ordering a rules card can be obtained from the Center. Please bring a sack lunch – drinks and dessert will be provided by the Center. If you're interested in registering for this class, please call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Enjoy a Center Meal This Month

Some of the best conversation happens when people are sharing a meal together. Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation **no earlier than Friday, January 6th** for **ONE MEAL** from a choice of three separate seatings in January by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 6th. Meals include Roast Turkey on **Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30**, Meatloaf on **Wednesday, January 18 at 11:30**, and Chicken Breast Florentine on **Thursday, January 26 at 11:30**. 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. If 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. Wednesday, Jan. 11 @ 11:30** A lunch of roast turkey w/corn bread stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean medley, wheat French roll, and Dutch apple pie will be served.
- 2. Wednesday, Jan. 18 @ 11:30** Enjoy a lunch of home-style meatloaf, smashed sweet potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, watermelon & blueberry salad, and a chocolate chunk brownie.
- 3. Thursday, Jan. 26 @ 11:30** Don't miss this lunch of stuffed chicken breast Florentine w/roasted red pepper cream sauce, vegetables, savory rice, fresh pineapple wedges, dinner roll, and chocolate cream pie.



Holiday Show 2011 on the Big Screen

If you were in the audience for the Center's holiday spectacular in December... you can attest to the spirit of the season that was in the air. The performance was recorded and now you'll have the opportunity to view it again (or, for the 1st time if you missed it) on the Big Screen. Watch the replay of Center members acting, singing, playing musical instruments, and generally spreading cheer on **Thursday, January 12 @ 1:30**. The movie seats and popcorn will be waiting for you! We extend a big thank you to **Glen Patterson** (Karla's brother) for volunteering to film the show and create a "lasting memory" for all to enjoy. Call the Center if you'd like us to reserve a seat for you to view the holiday spectacular.

AARP Tax Prep Starts in February

Let us make an appointment for you to have your 2011 tax return completed at the Center by one of the AARP volunteer tax preparers. Appointments are available from **10:00 am–4:00 pm** beginning **Tuesday, February 14**. Tax preparation will continue every **Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00–4:00**. **Appointments are required**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve a time. In addition to the Center, AARP volunteers will prepare your taxes at Delnor Hospital on Wednesdays from 12-3 beginning Wednesday, February 15.

Euchre, Anyone?

Euchre is a trick-taking card game most commonly played with four people in two partnerships with a deck of 24 standard playing cards. A popular Midwest game; it was introduced to Americans by early German settlers living in Michigan. Would you be interested in getting together with other Euchre players? Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and let us know. We'll help find a time and day to play that's good for everyone.

Book Club "Good Read" for January

There's no better time to renew your interest in reading than the cold days of winter. Read **The Prince of Tides** by Pat Conroy in preparation for the club's discussion on **Monday, January 23rd at 10:30**. This book chronicles the life of Savannah and her twin brother, Tom. Tom's current troubled life is overshadowed by his sister's cry for help and the subsequent unraveling of their dark and violent past growing up. Join this welcoming group for the discussion in the social hall!

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.

Tuesday Bridge Group Wants You!

If you're looking to enrich your time at the Center, consider joining the folks that meet **every Tuesday at 12:30** for an afternoon of Chicago-style party bridge. The current group welcomes all skill levels... stop by any Tuesday and play a game. Call the Center if you have any questions.



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

Friday, January 6

Cowboys & Aliens (2011) PG-13

Starring Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford

A spaceship arrives in Arizona, 1873, to take over the Earth, starting with the Wild West region. A posse of cowboys and natives are all that stand in their way.

Friday, January 13

Atlas Shrugged Part One (2011) PG-13

A powerful railroad executive, Dagny Taggart, struggles to keep her business alive while society is crumbling around her. Based on the 1957 novel by Ayn Rand.

Friday, January 20

The Hunters (1958)

Starring Robert Mitchum & Robert Wagner

A romantic melodrama with an aviation angle. Robert Mitchum plays veteran Air Force pilot Maj. Cleve Saville, in charge of a group of young flyboys in 1952 Korea.

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
- Monthly Free Meal

Friday, January 27

Ides of March (2011) Rated R for language

Starring George Clooney and Paul Giamatti

An idealistic staffer for a newbie presidential candidate gets a crash course on dirty politics during his stint on the campaign trail.

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