



**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
- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Important Dates**

Super Bowl Party	2/2
Art	2/3, 10, 24
AARP Tax Prep Begins	2/4
Friday Movies	2/7, 14, 21, 28
Steel Beam Theatre	2/9
Topics	2/12
CENTER CLOSED	2/17
Ladies Tea	2/21
Book Club	2/25

**February**

**2014**



**The Center Newsletter**

**Super Bowl Party Reminder**

The Center doors will open at **5:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 2nd** for the **48<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Bowl (Seahawks vs. Broncos)**. Kick-off is at 5:30. The Center will provide a catered dinner of Mostaccioli, Baked Chicken, Italian Beef with sweet & hot peppers, and drinks. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring **one appetizer, side, or dessert**. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Of course, you're also welcome to play pool, poker, or surf the internet. Join the party!

**The Valentine Cupid Invites Ladies to Tea**

We're in the mood for some "warm hearts" this month! Come in from the cold and celebrate Valentine's Day at **Ladies Tea on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am**. Our committee is looking forward to welcoming you with open hearts and bright Valentine colors. Please bring a Valentine card (handmade or store bought) and include a message and your name. You can deposit the card in our Valentine box when you arrive and later each attendee will receive a card. Sandwiches and treats will be served, too. We'll be around to pour the pot tea or choose your favorite flavor and we'll supply the hot water. In February, our tea is limited to the first 40 Center women who sign up. Call 630/232-3602 to make your reservation.



**\*Upcoming Events\***

*Rivers Casino Trip in March*

*Shedd Aquarium Trip (Chicago) in April*

If you have an interest in one or both of these trip opportunities, please call the Center to let us know so we are able to plan for transportation. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

**Topics**

Technology has changed our lives! How has it affected you personally? Whether it's the newest computer, a cell phone, an answering machine, E-readers, electric cars, etc... Join the **Topics** group on **Wednesday, February 12 @ 1:00pm** to share your thoughts. The group is co-ed and meets in the social hall each month for an exchange of ideas about topics of interest.

## 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 in February

Our winter weather interrupted the January book club meeting. In February the club will discuss January's selection, *Ape House*, as well as our February novel, *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*. **Carson McCullers** was only 23 years old when *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* was published in 1940. The deaf-mute John Singer becomes the confidant for various types of misfits in a Georgia mill town during the 1930s. Each one yearns for escape from small town life. When Singer's mute companion goes insane, Singer moves into the Kelly house, where Mick Kelly, the book's heroine (and loosely based on McCullers), finds solace in her music. On **Tuesday, February 25 @ 10:00am** the club will gather in the social hall.

## Holiday Closing

The Center will be closed on **Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17.**

## Update Your Info

Please let the Center know if your phone number, address, or other membership information has changed. Some members completed a Center application many years ago. If several items have changed, please fill out a new application. Applications are available at the Center, online at [www.genevatownship.com](http://www.genevatownship.com), or, we're glad to mail a copy. Call us at 630/232-3602 with any questions.

## Postmortem at the Steel Beam Theatre

On **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** a group will be attending the **3:00pm** matinee performance of *Postmortem* at the **Steel Beam Theatre** 111 W. Main St. in St. Charles. This Sherlock Holmes whodunit kind of mystery is loaded with suspense and laughter. **Only one ticket remains for this production.** Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve it. The cost is \$22. We'll meet at the theater in St. Charles at 2:40pm.

## AARP Tax Preparation Appointments

Volunteer AARP preparers will once again be at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday each week to help members complete and file their 2013 Federal and IL tax returns. Tax preparation appointments are now available for all dates beginning Tuesday, February 4. AARP volunteers are trained and tested in current tax law using materials from the IRS. They can complete most tax forms including 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with schedules. However, please see a professional tax preparer for complicated returns. For a specific list of tax forms that can be completed by the AARP preparers, please contact the Center. There is no cost for this service. Appointments are required. Call 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.

## Monday Art in the Afternoon

Are you a painter, sketcher, crafter, or would like to be? Come at 1:00pm on any Monday and join other members in the activity room - some are acrylic painters. Acrylic paints and brushes are provided by the Center. Do you have suggestions of other art supplies that could be provided by the Center? Let us know.

## Wrigley Field's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The **Geneva Library** is hosting the nationally known author and sports historian, **Charles Billington**, on **Monday, February 10 from 6:30 – 8pm** to speak to the historical context that inspired his book, *Wrigley Field's Last World Series: The Wartime Chicago Cubs and the Pennant of 1945*. If you're interested in attending this talk, call the Center.

## Thank you, Girl Scout Cadet Troop #4351

The girls of Cadet Troop #4351 spent a few hours last month assisting staff with tasks at the Center. We appreciated their enthusiasm and willingness to assist us. Thank you!

## Senior Assessment Exemption and Freeze

Kane County residents 65 years of age or older may be eligible to receive the senior assessment exemption, a reduction of \$5000 in the Equalized Assessed Value of their property. To be eligible, a property must be the principal residence of the owner, and the owner must be 65 or older by December 31 of the tax assessment year. In addition to the senior assessment exemption, the senior assessment freeze effectively freezes your assessment at a base year causing your net assessment not to increase. This does not freeze your taxes, only your assessment. To be eligible, a property must be the principal residence of the owner for the beginning of two consecutive years, and the owner must be 65 or older by December 31 of the tax assessment year and meet certain household income requirements. The maximum household income for this exemption is \$55,000. Applications for both the senior assessment exemption and the freeze are available at the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments office and for download at [www.KaneCountyAssessments.org](http://www.KaneCountyAssessments.org). The Center office will also have copies of both applications.

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### OK, Winter, Enough!

It's not necessary to chronicle this winter's weather. We're all living through it... As a reminder, please be careful negotiating the parking lot and walks as you exit cars and walk to and from the Center. Go slow! The Center works hard to keep the parking lot and walks clean and free of snow and ice. Let us know if you encounter a slippery area. The plaza in front of the Center tends to become icy sooner than the walk and parking lot. Your safety is important to us!

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### Warm Up with Hot Drinks!

Warm up... it's a theme this winter. Stop by the Center and enjoy our never-ending cups of coffee and hot tea selections. In addition, we've added hot chocolate and mini-marshmallows and French Vanilla Cappuccino. On Mondays and Fridays in February we'll be serving Dunkin Donuts regular coffee. Enjoy your hot beverage with a snack.

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### Board Games

Did you know that the Center has several board games available for your use? Scrabble, Chess, Checkers, Rummikub, and Yahtzee are a few in our inventory. Stop by the Center office and check one out.

## 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 gather Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice solo.
- **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.

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### Make a Lunch Reservation

Cheesy Potato Soup, Strip Steak with onion and peppers, Pancakes and Sausage, and Beef Chili are included on the lunch calendar this month. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. Reservations are now being accepted for every lunch meal this month. The midday meal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30-12:15. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...walk-ins can only be accommodated after registered diners are served. A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.



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### Save a Stamp

Sign up to receive your newsletter, calendar and menu electronically. Just e-mail a request to Sheri McMurray at:  
[smcmurray@genevatownship.com](mailto:smcmurray@genevatownship.com)

## February 2014



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

February 7

*Blue Jasmine* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (1:38 Hours)

Cate Blanchett

After everything in her life falls to pieces, including her marriage to wealthy businessman Hal, elegant New York socialite Jasmine moves into her sister Ginger's modest apartment in San Francisco to try to pull herself back together again. Nominated for 3 Academy Awards.

February 14

*Captain Phillips* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (2:14 Hours)

Tom Hanks

The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips, and the Somali pirate captain, Muse, who takes him hostage. Best picture nominee.

February 21

*Last Vegas* (2013)

PG-13 (1:45 Hours)

Michael Douglas and Robert De Niro

Billy, Paddy, Archie, and Sam have been best friends since childhood. So when Billy, the group's sworn bachelor, finally proposes to his thirty-something girlfriend, the four head to Las Vegas with a plan to stop acting their age and relive their glory days.

### 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)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

February 28

*All is Lost* (2013)

Rated PG-13 (1:46 Hours)

Robert Redford

This film is a gripping, and powerfully moving tribute to ingenuity and resilience. Deep into a solo voyage in the Indian Ocean, an unnamed man wakes to find his 39-foot yacht taking on water after a collision with a shipping container left floating on the high seas.