

April

2015



The Center Newsletter



Geneva Township Center

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

Geneva Township Officials

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Important Dates

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| Wheeler Walkers | 4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| CENTER CLOSED | 4/3 |
| AARP Tax Prep | Tues. & Thurs. |
| 2nd Time Movies | 4/8, 4/29 |
| Topics | 4/8 |
| Friday Movies | 4/10, 17, 24 |
| Arts Interest Group | 4/10 |
| Bingo | 4/15 |
| Ladies Tea | 4/17 |
| Benefits Presentation | 4/22 |
| Carousel Trip | 4/23 |
| Reader's Theater | 4/27 |
| Book Club | 4/28 |
| Welcome Plaque Craft | 4/30 |

Welcome Wooden Plaque Craft

It's time to put away our coats, feel the sun on our face, and welcome spring and warmer weather. **On Thursday, April 30 at 12:30pm** Center member **Joni Salsinger** will help you create a whimsical painted wooden **Welcome** plaque. A mini birdhouse and other pop-up items make this a really fun sign to hang on a door or include in your spring decorating. A sample will be displayed in the Center office. The cost of this craft is \$11 to cover supplies. Payment will be accepted on the day of the craft. Registration is required; a limited number of spots are available. Call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Friday Movie Reservations

Our Friday movie attendance has increased tremendously for many popular flicks. In order to make sure moviegoers are comfortable and everyone has a good view of the Big Screen, we're now requiring reservations for Friday movies. If a waitlist develops for a film, we'll plan another showing of that movie at a later date. Two movies from March will have another showing this month. See the article for **2nd Time Movie Wednesday**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation.

Last Chance For AARP Tax Preparation

AARP tax preparation season is almost over... the last day to have your taxes done at the Center is Tuesday, April 14. Volunteer AARP preparers will be at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday each week to help members complete and file their 2014 Federal and IL tax returns. However, many appointment times have already been reserved. Appointments are required; call right away if you still need one. **There is no cost for this service.** Call 630/232-3602 to reserve a time.

Arts Group Meeting

The Center **Arts Interest Group** will meet on **Friday, April 10 @ 10:00am** to review upcoming arts opportunities for summer and fall. Join this group and contribute your ideas for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related opportunities. All are welcome.

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.

NEW Let's Go Wheeler Walkers!

Although our weather is still a little iffy, the **Wheeler Walkers** are ready to get out on the paths. The ice and snow are gone so join them on **Thursday, April 2 at 9:30** for this season's start and **every Thursday at 9:30am**. The group and individual walkers walk at their own pace on the paths just outside the Center doors in the park. Plan to gather in the dining room at 9:25 so the group can start off together. More than walking happens; meet someone new and enjoy some conversation as you walk. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

Five Days at Memorial is April Book Club Pick

The Center book club is mixing it up a little this month by choosing a non-fiction book by American journalist **Sheri Fink**. ***Five Days at Memorial*** details the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans in August 2005, and is an expansion of a Pulitzer Prize-winning article written by Fink and published in *The New York Times Magazine* in 2009. It describes the events that took place at Memorial Medical Center over five days as thousands of people were trapped in the hospital without power. On **Tuesday, April 28 @ 10:00am** this co-ed club will gather. **New readers are always welcome!**

2nd Time Movie Wednesday

Our March showings of two movies were so popular that we've added a second showing of both of them. On **Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00pm** ***My Old Lady*** will be shown. ***The Theory of Everything*** will be on the Big Screen on **Wednesday, April 29 at 1:00pm**. If you missed one or both last month or would like to see them again, **2nd Time Movie Wednesday** is for you.

Carousel at the Lyric Opera Reminder

A luxury coach bus will transport registered members to ***Carousel* at the Lyric Opera in Chicago on Thursday, April 23** for the matinee performance. Please plan to **arrive at the Center at 10:45am**; our motor coach will depart the Center at 11:00. A complimentary box lunch and beverage will be provided to everyone to enjoy on the bus. Snacks and drinks will be available on the return trip to the Center. If you haven't made the second trip payment, please do so no later than **Friday, April 10**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with any payment questions.

****There are 2 extra tickets available for this event.**

Join us! Call the Center to reserve one...

TRIAD Spring Safety Academy

If you've attended a **Central Kane County TRIAD Safety Academy** in the past, you know how informative these presentations are... the Spring Academy is set for **Wednesday, April 15 from 9:00 am – noon at the Geneva Park District (Sunset Park) 710 Western Ave., Geneva**. Topics include self-defense for seniors and avoiding car repair scams. A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Raffles and prizes, too! Please RSVP no later than **Friday, April 10th to Delnor Glen Senior Living at 630/443-8220** if you'd like to attend.

Reader's Theater

Have you tried this NEW creative, interactive option at the Center? Short plays, many written specifically for Reader's Theater groups, are chosen with parts for women and men. Copies of the scripts are available in the Center office if you'd like to do a read-through prior to the monthly meeting. However, no memorization is necessary. Put your own stamp on the character during the reading. An audience is also welcome and encouraging for the Readers. Join us for some fun on **Monday, April 27 at 11:00**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with any questions.

Celebrate Earth Day at Ladies Tea

The Center's park setting reminds us of the importance and desirability of clean, natural open spaces – **Earth Day** is every day. On **Friday, April 17 at 11:00**, Center ladies are invited to celebrate Earth Day. We'll try to bring a little "park" into the dining room on this day. Small sandwiches, fruit, and sweets will be served along with a hot cup of tea. We can accommodate the first 48 reservations. Call 630/232-3602 early to sign up. Tea committee sign-ups for 2015 are underway. Get your friends together and contact the Center office to sign up. Or, we will help individual members form a group. Simple or fancy; it's up to you! You're not alone in this effort... Sheri and Eileen will help, too!



Benefits at 65 – what's the 411?

What happens when you hit that magic age of 65? Are you wondering when to begin taking social security benefits, what about Medicare, prescription drug plans, and supplemental health insurance. On **Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 am Betty Erickson** will provide those answers and others for Center members. You may know Betty from the time she's spent at the Center as a staffer (now a volunteer) with **Senior Services Associates, Inc.** You don't have to be 65 to benefit from this information; it's an ongoing process in many respects. Betty is also looking forward to answering all of your questions. Call the Center to register.

Pool Tournament Results

Eight 2-person teams of players and their adoring fans enjoyed the annual pool tournament and lunch. Due to a random draw for teams, each pairing brought a mix of pool experience. In the end, it added to the fun. The **first place** team was **Casey Johnson and Lou Kram**, **second place** was **Jim O'Flaherty and Larry Calhan**, and the **third place** team was **Jerry Dorf and Mike Foote**. **Congratulations!**

Traditional Bingo

On the third Wednesday of every month (**Wednesday, April 15 @ 12:30**) members can play traditional bingo with a choice of prizes for winners. Come to lunch at the Center and stay to play.

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.

Euchre Interest

Are you a **Euchre** player? We'd like to start a group if there's interest. Call the Center to put your name on the list.

Topics Group

This month's **Topics** group will discuss how you determine the difference between what you "want" and what you "need" in the current economy. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 8 @ 1:00**. This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions!

Spring Holiday Reminder

The Center will be closed on **Friday, April 3** for the Spring Holiday.



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APRIL 2015



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

****NEW****

If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please make a reservation by calling the Center office at 630/232-3602.

APRIL 10

St. Vincent (2014)

Rated PG-13(1:42 Hours)

Starring Bill Murray and Melissa McCarthy

Maggie (McCarthy), a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year old son, Oliver. Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbor, Vincent (Murray), a retired curmudgeon with a penchant for alcohol and gambling.

APRIL 17

Interstellar (2014)

Rated PG-13 (2:49 hours)

With our time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertakes the most important mission in human history; traveling beyond this galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars.

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

APRIL 24

Sound of Music (1965)

Rated G (2:54 Hours)

Starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer

A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to the children of a Naval officer widower. A classic musical!