

### Geneva Township

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Near N. Third Street Geneva

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# Senior Center

#### Beth Rose Tecza - 1973 - 2008

This article was originally intended to introduce the Senior Center's new Director Beth Tecza to our membership; sadly, it is announcing her untimely passing at the age of 34. Beth died suddenly on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, as a result of complications from double pneumonia. While Beth was with Geneva Township for only a month, she made a lasting positive impression at the Senior Center.



**April 2008** 

Senior Center Director Beth Tecza

Her genuinely warm and welcoming personality, immensely positive attitude, great sense of humor and overall zest for life were inspiring. Beth was loved by the membership who had a chance to get to know her and by Township staff who worked with her. Beth is survived by her two children Megan (12) and Matthew (7). Join us in expressing our deepest sympathy to the Tecza family for their overwhelming loss. Donations are being accepted for her children's educational fund.

#### YOUR MONTHLY FREE LUNCH!



Newly Opened Porch

You are invited to a complimentary (that's right – FREE!) Swedish meatball and noodle lunch on the day before the federal income tax filing deadline. Lunch is on us! There is no charge! Just call in your reservation, show up, enjoy a great meal and momentarily forget about your income tax filing deadline!

This delicious lunch is offered to all Geneva Township senior citizens and will be served on April 14th commencing at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited however! You must call 630-232-3602 no later than Monday, April 7th to make your lunch reservation. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Reservations are on a first come basis. Call today!

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Geneva Township Senior Center shall be to act as the primary community resources to serve all citizens of Geneva Township by decreasing the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age; enriching the social and intellectual life of our older adults; helping our older adults meet practical problems attendant with aging; 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; an organizing community interest in improving the overall climate of living for our older residents.

# Township Direct Phone Lines Hours - Monday - Friday. 8:30 to 4:30

Senior Center Director: 630-232-2603 Assessor, Aubrey Pratte: 630-232-3604

Deputy Assessor,

Leah Anderson: 630-232-3605 Supervisor, Patrick Jaeger: 630-232-3606

Administration,

Sheri McMurray: 630-232-3607

Highway Comm.,

John Carlson: 630-232-3608

Township Clerk,

Barb Olson: 630-232-3609

Senior Services Assoc. Inc.,

Judith Smith: 630-232-2737

If not sure of your contact, and need assistance, dial 630-232-3600, Extension 0



# DON'T FORGET THE AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Twenty Senior Center members have signed up for the AARP Driver Safety Program. There are only five spots left! This 2-day, 8-hour refresher course is specifically designed for drivers age 50 years and older. The class will be held on April 16th and 17th from noon to 4 pm. Learn about Rules of the Road, current roadway features and how to drive defensively, deal with aggressive drivers, adjust to vision and hearing loss. A minimal fee of \$10 is required. Call the Senior Center at 630-232-3602 today to sign up!

# JOIN THE SENIOR CENTER WALKING CLUB THE WHEELER WALKERS.

The Wheeler Walkers are on the March! Want to get some great low impact exercise in a beautiful park setting? Call today and join the Wheeler Walkers. Walk at your own pace through a couple of different courses on the walking paths in beautiful Wheeler Park. Our walking club is a great way to get some exercise, burn off calories, soak in some fresh air and sunshine, enjoy the birds and meet some really nice people. Bring your friends! We will provide all members with a free pedometer so you can track your distance walked and calories burned. You will also get your own water bottle! Refreshments are available before and after your walk at absolutely no charge. The club member with highest total pedometer reading at the end of the walking season will receive a valuable prize!



# LEARN HOW TO USE A COMPUTER

The Senior Center continues to offer free computer classes. Beginner and intermediate classes are offered.

Classes are taught by local computer expert, Ken Johnson. They are very informal and with a relaxed atmosphere. There is no homework, no tests, learn at your own pace; come as often as you like! Call Sheri at 630-232-3602 and join other class regulars in the computing fun!





Stop by and bring your friends! We'll pop up a bowl full of popcorn and give you a bagful to enjoy. Check out the scheduled movie titles:

#### Monday Movies: 10:00 am —

April 7: Field of Dreams: Kevin Costner, Ray Liota & James Earl Jones: A baseball classic for the fan in the stands.

April 14: The Searchers: Dir. John Ford, John Wayne, Vera Miles & Natalie Wood – A landmark western – beautiful! April 21: Forest Gump; Tom Hanks, Sally Field and &Gary Sinise; The story of an everyman of simple innocence.

April 28: Breakfast at Tiffany's: Dir. Blake Edwards, Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard - Sparkling love story.

#### Friday Flicks: 1:30 pm —

April 4: A League of Their Own: Tom Hanks, Geena Davis and Madonna – A woman's baseball classic

April II: The Natural; Dir. Levinson, Redford, Duvall, Glen Close –Baseball story of personal redemption

April 18: Roman Holiday: Dir. Billy Wilder, Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck - A classic romantic comedy

April 25: The Pink Panther: Dir. Blake Edwards, Peter Sellers, David Niven, and Robert Wagner; Clever slapstick.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Some of our members have asked about forming a book club. Are you interested in participating? Members plan to meet at the Senior Center to discuss their latest book selection and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Call Sheri at 630-232-3602.

# Have You Checked Out The Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch is served three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday and Wednesday are hot lunches with a great salad bar. Thursday is a nice deli-type sandwich with the salad bar. Lunch is served 11:30-12:15 p m. Menus are provided in advance so you can choose from many choices. Reservations are required to be sure everyone is served. Call Sheri and make reservations by the prior Thursday. Best lunch in town, provided by Hoffman House of Batavia, and served by the Golden Diners, and only \$3.00 per senior. Get a group, come down for lunch, play cards, games, or puzzles afterward. Call 630-232-3602, or drop in to sign up.

#### **AARP** Foundation Tax-Aide

A big round of thanks go to the dedicated volunteers working through the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program providing free tax preparation service for seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year at the Senior Center. Bob Beavan, John Doran, Alice Cairo, Ron Limbrick and Harry Kucewicz have provided friendly, quality tax preparation. They have gone above and beyond to extend their time to accommodate our seniors.



## Don't Forget the Monthly Birthday Party

Do you have an April birthday? Come celebrate your birthday at the monthly birthday party on April 4th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.



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#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are critical to the success of the Senior Center and are needed to assist in daily operations. Current critical volunteer opportunities are:

Volunteer Coordinator: Assist in developing and managing the Senior Center's entire volunteer

effort

Front Desk: Answer telephone calls and assist in office administration.

**Greeter:** Welcome patrons as they enter the Senior Center. Help assist our guests

to feeling at home.

Mail Assistants: Label, fold, stuff, bundle and drop mailing at post office

# ATTENTION ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS – YOU ARE WANTED!

Interested in playing bridge on weekday afternoons? Your bridge playing contemporaries at the Senior Center are looking for partners! Please call Sheri at 630-232-3602 to participate in and enjoy some lively bridge games.

#### DRAWING WORKSHOP

Geneva artist David Reichert continues to coordinate a drawing workshop on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. These fun workshops are offered from 10-11 a.m. both days. Janice Mayerhofer offers arts and crafts classes every Thursday from 1-2 p.m. Learn some of the fundamentals of art techniques. To sign up for these enjoyable workshops call the Senior Center at 630-232-3602. The next time you are at the Senior Center, please view the art work displayed in the large display case in the main hall; we have some talented budding artists in our midst!