



Fabyan Japanese Garden embraces winter

Preservation Partners will be holding Winter Walks through the Fabyan Japanese Garden located in the Fabyan Forest Preserve on select dates in January and February. A special way

to experience this unique garden, Winter Walks are scheduled on Jan. 11, Jan. 21, Feb. 8, and Feb. 18 from 1–2pm. A donation of \$2 per person is requested. As snow-covered ground is necessary, those interested in attending should call 630-377-6424 the day of to confirm tour status. ppfv.org

Free training for literacy volunteers

Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley will hold free tutor training on February 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 6:30–9pm at the St. Charles Public Library. The four-session workshop will teach volunteers how to help an adult read, write and speak English. Each volunteer tutor will be matched with an adult learner. Volunteers will meet for one hour each week at a time and location that is convenient. Volunteers can register at lvfv.org or by calling 630-584-4428.

Elderday Center provides support and care

Elderday Center is committed to providing quality day services for older adults through structured programming that stresses cognitive stimulation and socialization. Elderday also offer a counseling program and several support groups free of charge to support and educate caregivers. Elderday Center is located at 8 S. Lincoln St. in Batavia. Tours can be scheduled by calling 630-761-9750 or elderdaycenter.org.

Wine Festival benefits LivingWell Cancer Resource Center

On Sat., Feb. 18, Ed and Karen French will open their home to 300 guests for the 7th Annual Winter Wine Festival. This invitation only event benefits LivingWell Cancer Resource Center of Geneva. While the event is private, the auction and raffle drawings are open to anyone and include seven days and nights at a 17th century Tuscan farmhouse, attendance to the 2012 Ryder Cup, a getaway to a 10,000 square-foot villa in Mexico, plus a raffle for his and her Rolex timepieces. lwwinterwinefestival.com

Lazarus House serves those in need with help from the community

Lazarus House, a shelter in St. Charles serving persons from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, and rural Kane County, who are homeless or on the brink of homelessness, welcomes donations of supplies for its operations. A current needs list as well as events and volunteer information is available at lazarushouseonline.com.

Lazarus House would like to thank the community for reaching out to help others in need.



Geneva's stars dance to raise funds

Dancing with the Geneva Stars will be held at Eagle Brook Country Club on Sat., Feb. 4. Voting is underway at genevarts.org for the six couples who will be competing for the top honor. Votes are \$1 and all proceeds benefit the Geneva Cultural Arts Commission and the Geneva Academic Foundation. This year's contestants are Laura Rush and Derek Swanson performing the Jive, Steve and Beth Bales Olson performing the Waltz, Eric and Kari Bartel performing the Cha-Cha, Mike and Heidi Jacoby performing the Tango, Art and Connie Wagner performing the Fox Trot, and Jim Radecki and Maureen Emma performing the Salsa. genvarts.org

Pancake breakfast kicks-off planning for Bridge Walk

LivingWell Cancer Resource Center's Bridge Walk Kick-Off Party & Pancake Breakfast is open to the public on Sat., Jan. 21 from 9-11am at the Baker Memorial Church in St. Charles. Attendees will enjoy a pancake breakfast, courtesy of the St. Charles Unity Masonic Lodge #48, with inspirational speakers, the LivingWell video, and information tables with fundraising hints, registration information, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer support, team building tips and more. LivingWell's 7th annual Bridge Walk will be held Sat., May 18. livingwellcrc.org

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kicks off its Girl Scout Cookie Program from January 2-22. Community members can donate cookies to the military and local organizations. GSNI will introduce Savannah Smiles, a cookie for the Girl Scout 100th Anniversary. girlscoutsnri.org

Zonta Club of St. Charles-Geneva-Batavia opens doors

Becoming a member of Zonta Club of St. Charles-Geneva-Batavia is a great opportunity to meet wonderful people while getting involved in the community. Zonta opens doors to networking and friendship while enhancing the status of women locally and globally. The next meeting will be held on Tues., Jan. 3 at 6pm at Urban Grille in Geneva and will celebrate Amelia Earhart, one of the pioneer members of Zonta. zontawest-sgb.org or call Christie Plotzke at 847-931-2292.

Program lends assistance to cope with grief

Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice offers a six-week pro-

gram, "Our Grief Journey," to help cope with the grief of losing a loved one. It will cover topics such as: understanding the grief process, coping with grief, spirituality, and embracing change and growth. The group meets Feb. 2 through March 8, from 6:30-8pm at FVVH, 200 Whitfield Dr., Geneva. The program is free to all community members, but registration is required at 630-232-2233 or info@fvvh.org. Spanish interpretation is available. fvvh.org

Elementary school hosts craft fair

Fabyan Elementary School will host the Spring Splurge craft and vendor fair, Sat., March 3 from 9am-3pm. All are welcome to come and support local crafters and businesses. There will be many unique businesses represented from crafters to caterers. Anyone interested in selling should email springsplurge@fabyanpto.org for more information.

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Moms of tweens and teens connect

Moms Connected, a program for mothers of tweens and teens, serves as a ministry to encourage and support moms in this stage of parenting. Moms Connected mornings include a speaker, discussion, and breakfast at First Baptist Church of Geneva. On Jan. 26 Dave Veerman will present "Parenting Passages: Navigating Those Critical Transitions That Every Parent Faces." On Feb. 23 Diane Overgard will present "Lets Talk Teens: 10 Questions to Connect Parents, Teens and God". fbcg.com

Trivia Night "Brain Drain" winners (from left): Martin Pinnau, Loy Williams, Linda Williams, Josh Boies, Beata Monisuszko, Leslie Mann and Harrison Schneider (not pictured—Susan Shivers).

Trivia contest raises funds for families in need

Participants packed the Batavia Moose Lodge on a Saturday evening in November to take part in the popular Trivia Night fundraising event hosted by TriCity Family Services (TCFS). Over 25 teams made it the largest turn-out yet with top honors going to team "Brain Drain". The event raised over \$3,000 to help Tri-City Family Services provide quality, counseling services to all ages and all incomes in



the community. Trivia Night will be back in March 2012. tricityfamilyservices.org

Firewood and cookbook sales help keep downtown Geneva beautiful

The Geneva Beautification Committee (GBC) is selling bundles of mixed firewood for \$5 at the Geneva City Hall parking lot by the utilities bill payment box (between City Hall and the Geneva Public Library) now through early spring. Volunteers and friends of Geneva Beautifi-

cation have compiled 250 of their favorite recipes into a colorful cookbook for just \$10. Cookbooks can be purchased at City Hall, Monday-Friday. Proceeds from both sales will help purchase flowers and plant materials for the downtown Geneva gardens. plantgeneva.org

Geneva History Centers wants your pocket change

Geneva History Center (GHC), 113 S. Third St., is asking residents to help raise much needed funds through a Pocket Change fundraiser. Those wishing to participate can stop by the GHC to pick up a Pocket Change canister. When the canister is filled, return it to The State Bank of Geneva, 22 S. 4th St. For more information, and to find out about January and February programs visit genevahistorycenter.org.

Two LWV Candidate Forums coming up

On Mon., Jan. 23, The League of Women Voters of Central Kane County will present a Candidates Forum featuring the two Democrats and two Republicans seeking their party's nomination for Kane County Board Chair in the primary election on March 20. The event will begin at 7pm at the Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles. Candidates in contested county-wide races for circuit clerk, coroner and auditor will also be invited to participate.

The League will host a sec-

ond forum on Thurs., Feb. 23, at Batavia City Council Chambers at 7pm for candidates in contested races for the 25th and 33rd state senate districts. Candidates in the newly redrawn 14th Congressional district will also be featured if there are contested races, but because of a delay in court approval of the new districts, their deadline for filing petitions has been extended to Dec. 27, well after our publication deadline.

For updated information visit lwvckc.org.

Winter Market moves to new location

The Geneva Winter Farmer's Market has moved to 27 N. Bennett St. in the Geneva Place complex. The market will be selling a surprising array of fresh vegetables

and other produce. Shoppers will also find farm fresh eggs, Roedger Blueberries, grower produced jams, salsas, sauces and a variety of freerange meats. The market is held every Saturday from 9am-1pm.



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