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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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April 2026

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT

Early Saturday morning, the Club came to life as volunteers fired up the griddles and prepared a delicious breakfast for our community. With support from local partners like LV Deli, Dunkin' Donuts of Bethpage and donations of bagels, coffee, and everything was set for a warm and welcoming morning.

Families enjoyed a full breakfast, festive arts and crafts, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Kids created spring wind chimes and decorated eggs before heading into the highly anticipated annual egg hunt—moved indoors due to rain, but just as exciting!

Our Keystone and Torch Club members played a huge role in making the event a success, from organizing activities to stuffing eggs. It was a joyful and memorable morning for all.

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MARCH MADNESS AT THE CLUB: 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

Every March, the Club is buzzing with basketball, and one of the most anticipated highlights is the GBBGC 3-on-3 Tournament. Held this year on March 13, the event brought energy, excitement, and friendly competition to every corner of the Club.

Both gyms were filled with players and fans as teams competed in a fast-paced, double-elimination format. From start to finish, the atmosphere was electric, with great sportsmanship and impressive talent on display.

This year's tournament welcomed 120 young participants, making it not only a competition, but also a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Clubhouse to the broader community.

A special thank you goes out to the Palagonia, Ort, Yarian, Calonita, Doshi and Davis families for their generous support in helping make the event such a success. We also extend our appreciation to the many staff members across all program areas who played an essential role—organizing brackets and serving as referees, timekeepers, and scorekeepers throughout the day.

The 3-on-3 Tournament continues to be a favorite Club tradition, bringing our community together through teamwork, dedication, and a shared love of the game.

Heartfelt Thanks!

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YOUTH OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION INSPIRES ALL

That special time of year arrived once again as we proudly celebrated and announced our 2026 Youth of the Year. On March 25, families, friends, board members, staff, and Club members came together to recognize an exceptional group of young leaders.

This year, seven remarkable candidates—three seniors and four juniors—represented the Club with pride, commitment, and heart. Each completed a comprehensive application, including a personal essay, and participated in a 15-minute interview.

During the event, candidates shared their favorite Club memories and offered advice to younger members. Their stories of growth, resilience, and ambition made for an inspiring and memorable evening.

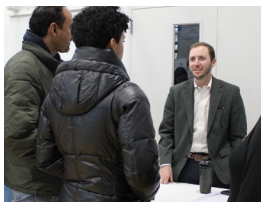
After much anticipation, we were thrilled to announce Yeraldy as our 2026 Youth of the Year. We are incredibly proud of all our candidates for their dedication and for serving as role models within our Club community.

Special thanks to Rick Dugan, Pete Schapero, Alizon Martinez, and Kathy Gelfand for serving as this year's judges.

CAREER FAIR CONNECTS TEENS TO THEIR FUTURES

On March 18th, our annual Career Fair welcomed 25 local businesses and organizations to the Club. Teens and tweens had the opportunity to explore different career paths, ask questions, and learn about future opportunities.

With interactive conversations and a fun raffle incentive, members engaged with professionals across a variety of industries—gaining insight, confidence, and inspiration for what lies ahead.



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NEW PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: GIRLS ON THE RUN

Expanding our K–5 programming is always a priority at the Club, as it helps spark curiosity, build new friendships, and introduce members to new opportunities for growth. This spring, we're excited to partner with Girls on the Run, a program dedicated to empowering young girls through both physical activity and life skills development.

Through this program, participants are learning valuable skills such as managing emotions, resolving conflict, helping others, and making confident decisions—all while building a strong sense of belonging and teamwork.

Members meet twice a week for an hour, where our staff facilitate engaging lessons that combine movement with meaningful life skill discussions.

At the end of May, the girls will celebrate their hard work by participating in a 5K run—we can't wait to see their progress and cheer them on every step of the way

K–5 WINTER SHOWCASE

Our K–5 Winter Showcase gave families a glimpse into all that members explored and accomplished this season. From creative projects in Imagination Station to healthy snack-making in Healthy Habits, students proudly shared their work. It was a great celebration of creativity, confidence, and growth.

MARCH MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Tween: Dylan

Dylan joined the Club at the beginning of the year and quickly made new friends while getting involved in programs. During the month of March, he really stood out for always helping others and supporting his peers in any way he can. Dylan makes an effort to connect with both staff and members, creating positive relationships throughout the Club.

Teen: Scarlett

Scarlett has been a dedicated member of the Club, attending every day and consistently participating in all programs. Over time, she has stepped out of her comfort zone, built confidence, and formed many meaningful friendships. Now in 10th grade, Scarlett has become highly active in Keystone, always stepping up when she's needed and showing strong leadership. She also takes part in programs like Money Matters, City Club trips, and more.

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BASKETBALL SEASON TO REMEMBER

Our basketball league season wrapped up with an exciting Club playoff series, bringing energy, competition, and plenty of friendly banter to the gym. Players were introduced before each game and stood proudly for the national anthem, making the experience feel truly special.

The playoffs featured incredible matchups, highlighted by a standout upset as a lower-seeded team defeated the previously undefeated top team—proving that anything can happen when it matters most.

Just as meaningful was the sportsmanship on display, with Club members filling the stands to cheer on friends from both teams, creating a positive and spirited atmosphere.

We closed out the season with our basketball awards, recognizing players for their hard work, dedication, and growth throughout the year. We also took time to honor our dedicated volunteer coaches, whose commitment, guidance, and support made the season possible.

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MONDAY – FRIDAY
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SUMMER CAMP DATES:
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KEVIN LOHRIUS – THE GLEN COVE PRINTERY

This month's Aviator profile shines on Club legend Kevin Lohrius, proud proprietor of The Glen Cove Printery and a man deeply woven into the fabric of the community.

Kevin's connection to the Club began in 1962 at just nine years old, when his mother, Geraldine—later the first woman installed in the Locust Valley Rotary—drove him to baseball tryouts. Drafted to the Pirates by Coach Frank Armstrong of Armstrong Dairy, he began a journey that would shape his life. Over the years, Kevin and his brothers played baseball and basketball at the Club, building lifelong friendships and a strong sense of belonging.

The Club became a family cornerstone. All nine Lohrius siblings were members and graduates of Locust Valley High School, and his sister Diane later helped support the Club's evolution into a Boys & Girls Club, expanding opportunities for future generations. That legacy continued as Kevin's children—and now grandchildren—followed in his footsteps.

In 1987, Kevin began his coaching career at the Club. Over nearly four decades, he has coached well over 100 teams, often mentoring the children of former players. For Kevin, it's about more than the game—it's about creating a positive team experience that can shape a child's life, just as the Club shaped his.

"The Club has always been a second home to me," Kevin says. "It's where I grew up and where my kids found their footing. Being part of it all these years isn't just something I'm proud of—it's something I'm grateful for."

For more than 20 years, Kevin has owned and operated The Glen Cove Printery with his wife, Patti, and son-in-law, Alex Papas, supporting local organizations and small businesses along the way. Through decades of dedication and generosity, Kevin shows that community isn't just something you belong to—it's something you build.

Aviator Circle Spotlight: Each month, we're proud to highlight members of our Aviator Circle—a distinguished group of donors whose generosity fuels our mission year-round. These dedicated supporters sponsor three or more events or programs annually, including the Gala, Golf Outing, Basketball Program, and Day for Kids. Their ongoing support makes a lasting impact on the lives of the young people we serve. Interested in joining? Contact Tara Butler-Sahai at (516) 759-5437 ext. 214 or tara.butler-sahai@gbbgc.org.